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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

No Paper Next Week.

The WATCHMAN wishes all of its readers and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous first year of the new century.

No paper will be issued from this office next week. All the employees in the newspaper department will take a rest, but the business office and job printing department will be open and ready to welcome any who may call.

F. W. Cridler is confined to his home on West Linn street, with a sprained ankle.

The shop windows are more attractive to children now than at any other time of the year.

Maj. R. H. Foster, formerly of this place, is reported to be hopelessly ill at his home in Harrisburg.

In Centre county there are 1,227 square miles or 785,280 acres. How much of it do you own?

Wait for the old favorite home talent minstrels. Every thing will be pure, clean and bright.

Everyone should attend the Y. M. C. A. anniversary exercises in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening.

William Alters, of Millheim, has been granted a pension of \$6 per month and Frederick Senon, of Fleming, \$12 per month.

The orchestra concert at the Racket made that great store very popular Monday night. It was crowded in all departments.

Miss Eleanor Irwin, of Walker, will be married to J. B. Rosser, of Mill Hill, on the 26th. The wedding will be solemnized at the home of the bride.

Mail carrier Woods appeared in all the splendor of a new uniform on Monday morning. It would have done you good to have seen him trying to look unconscious.

Harvey Lingle, of Philadelphia, well known in this place, is very low with typhoid fever at his home in Philadelphia. His Belleville friends all hope for the best.

A. Scott Harris, superintendent of the Belleville Lime Co's operations at Salona, has been laid up with sciatica at his parents' home in this place for the past ten days.

Dr. J. W. McEntire, of this place, had two fingers broken while alighting from a street car in Williamsport on Tuesday. He had his hand caught in the guard.

Let everyone buy tickets and make the Logan ball on New Year's eve the greatest in the history of the many successful dances conducted by that organization.

Many letters have come to this office during the week, containing remittances of persons who are taking advantage of our \$1 rate. Had n't you better send yours in and save money while you can.

Several boys were tending a vicious horse at Mitesburg, on Friday morning, when the animal unexpectedly turned on them and bit one of the boys, a 12 year old son of Frank Wallace, very badly about the face.

Michael Hess Esq., and his family intend moving to Belleville soon. Mr. Hess will turn his fine farm at Shingletown over to his son Ernest and will retire from active work. Welcome to such desirable citizens.

A new seven ton safe has lately been placed in the Millheim bank. It was so large that a portion of the building had to be torn out before it could be taken in. The safe is a Mosler-Corliss patent, solid steel, without joints or rivets.

The Thespians, the dramatic organization of the students of The Pennsylvania State College, will present a double bill when they appear here on February 26th, next. They will play "Lend Me Five Shillings" and "David Garrick."

W. Harrison Walker Esq., who has been confined to his apartments in the Brookerhoff house for a week or more with a high fever and other complications, is getting much better. If his improvement continues he will be able to get out soon.

Warren wants all of his friends to know that he departed, yesterday, for Dave Thomas' home at Lovelife, where he will spend Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will certainly receive their reward some day for the happiness they have given Warren so often.

Mrs. William Jennings Bryan presented a handkerchief to the Methodist ladies of Belleville, for their fair last week. It was greatly admired, not alone because of its distinguishing donor but also because it was a dainty little kerchief. Mrs. Robert F. Hunter, of Curtin street, was the purchaser.

Christmas in the Lutheran church will be observed by special services. At 6 a. m. there will be a sermon and special music. In the evening at 7:30 the Sunday school and congregation jointly, will render a beautiful program. The principal feature of this will be music and exercises by the children. The usual Christmas treat will be given to the school.

LOST TWO VALUABLE HORSES.—Liveryman Abe Baum lost two valuable horses yesterday. The one had died with colic during the night and in the morning they were making preparations to haul the dead animal out to burial when another one was killed by an exciting accident.

At the rear of Lyon & Co's. store there is a walled excavation, about eight feet deep, that was made with the intention of extending the store room that much further back at some future day. Between that opening, which is not protected by a fence, and the end of the Baum livery is an area way wide enough for a wagon, which had been backed up to the end of the stable so that the dead horse could be loaded on more easily.

When all was ready for the team Harry Baum started to hook to it with two horses that had been harnessed up and were connected with a neck yoke. In some manner, not exactly explained, while he was endeavoring to back the team into the pole of the wagon one of the horses fell over the wall and down into the cellar, dragging the other one on top of it.

The first horse to fall was badly hurt in its hind quarters, but after awhile was gotten to its feet and taken out to the street through the Lyons store.

The other one had its back broken. It was lifted out of the cellar and carried into the stable, where it was swung up, but when it was later discovered that nothing could be done for it, it was chloroformed.

A LONG DRAWN OUT CASE.—Probably the longest drawn out case ever tried in the Centre county courts was that of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs the Beaver Lumber Co. which came to an end on Tuesday morning, a verdict having been rendered in favor of the defendant. The case involved the title of lands in Rush township and affected lines in Union as well. It was taken up on Monday morning, Dec. 3rd. Judge Martin Bell, of Blair county, was on the bench and Orvis, Bower & Orvis represented the plaintiffs, while Hon. A. O. Furst and W. E. Gray were counsel for defendants.

There were not so many witnesses called, but the length of time some of them were on the stand was very unusual. For instance, Wm. P. Mitchell, the surveyor, was two days in direct examination, without counting the time he was recalled. The case was probably the last big land suit these courts will see and was a voice from the past when Centre county was famous for this class of litigation.

From Monday, Dec. 3rd, until Monday, Dec. 17th it dragged along and at 5 o'clock the latter evening Judge Bell began his charge. He had finished by 7:30 and the jury retired. It remained locked up until about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning when it returned with a verdict for the defendant.

THE MILL WILL RUN, SAY THE PHOENIX PEOPLE.—For several days rumors have been afloat to the effect that the big Phoenix flouring mills in this place are to be closed on January 1st, and the plant dismantled for the purpose of installing an auxiliary match manufactory for the Pennsylvania Match Co.

Several causes have been advanced in support of the rumor. Among them are these two: Last week the Phoenix Milling Co. issued a statement that it would no longer receive grain on storage at the mills. And it has been known for some time that the already enormous plant of the Penn. Match Co., is entirely inadequate to supply the demand for its product, hence it is necessary to erect more buildings at once.

The present works cover about an acre of ground, occupy 26,016 sq. ft. of floor space and employ 140 people, but additions to the value of \$30,000 are now being planned.

These two facts have probably given rise to the surmise that the Phoenix mills are to be dismantled and turned into the match works equipment, but a WATCHMAN representative called on manager Joseph L. Montgomery, on Wednesday afternoon, to ascertain the truth of the rumor and failed to have it verified.

WAS AN USEFUL MAN.—In commenting on the recent session of the State Grange at Lock Haven the papers of that place speak very flatteringly of George L. Ebbs, of Stormstown, this county, who was the newspaper representative of the session. One of them said:

"One of the most useful men to the Grange this week was George L. Ebbs, who furnished the proceedings to the newspaper men. Mr. Ebbs had a herculean task to sift from the great mass of reports and discussions that which was acceptable for publication, but he proved himself equal to the emergency."

SOLT-BURLEY.—Miss Nora A. Solt, daughter of Mrs. Dennis Monghan, was married on Wednesday at 2 o'clock to Joseph B. Burley, of Altoona. Rev. T. W. Perks performed the ceremony which took place at the home of the bride's mother at Verona. The young people will make their home in Altoona.

Thomas Kaler, a section boss on the L. & T. railroad, with headquarters at Coburn, was seriously hurt at Beaver Dam tunnel last Saturday afternoon. He had gone down to the tunnel on his hand car and hearing a west bound freight train approaching, he turned back to make for a turn-out point. Before he reached it the train had gained on him so that he jumped to escape being struck and, in doing so, alighted on his head. The train crew picked him up in an unconscious condition and carried him to his home, where he was so long in regaining consciousness that it was first thought he was seriously hurt. Report from his home yesterday afternoon was to the effect that he is much better and will recover, unless unforeseen complications develop.

Don't forget the great Logan ball on New Year's eve.

"Human Hearts," at Garman's Thursday night, Dec. 27th.

Lieberman is advertising a closing out sale of his big stock of clothing. He has bargains for everyone.

The remains of Charles Bolapue were buried at Eagleville on Monday. He had died at Renovo. The services were held in the Baptist church.

Pay attention to the amount of reading matter the WATCHMAN gives you every week. It always contains more than any other paper in the county.

Diell and Barlett's grocery store, near the Phoenix mill, has changed hands. The young men have sold it to Wash Irvin and his son Harry and the new firm will be known as Wash Irvin & Son.

Ira D. Garman, who has been in the jewelry business for himself at 101 South Eleventh street, Philadelphia, since his service with the Conover Co., of that city, has issued a cute souvenir in the form of a vest pocket stamp book and calendar.

James Ernest Jackson, colored, and in the employ of Wm. P. Humes, will be married in Baltimore, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th, to Miss Mary Frances Boston, a daughter of Rev. Richard R. Boston, of that city.

A crisp, new \$1 bill, tucked away in a letter, arrived yesterday morning from Miami, Fla., where Robert Mann and his family of Mill Hill are spending the winter and the WATCHMAN will carry the home news to the "Land of Flowers" for them.

Jacob Yarnell, of Yarnell, writes to the Daily News, under date of December 15th, 1900, that his family can beat that of Jesse Woodring, of Port Matilda, in the matter of votes for McKinley. The Woodrings polled ten, but Mr. Yarnell says that with himself, his six sons-in-law—five of whom vote straight—his two sons and his wife's five sons, they polled thirteen.

"Human Hearts," that comes to Garman's Thursday night, Dec. 27th, is an idyllic melo-drama founded on the story of a blacksmith's life among the Arkansas hills. There are two companies on the road playing "Human Hearts." The one that will appear at Garman's is known as the eastern company.

In announcing the contribution of \$15.50 by Geo. L. Potter Post 261, of Mitesburg, to the soldier's monument fund last week the WATCHMAN made it appear that that amount was all the Post has given, when it was really only the first installment on a handsome contribution of \$100 made by said Post. The amount represented the net proceeds of the recent lecture by Hon. A. O. Furst.

Mrs. Clara B. Keator, of Sumpter, Oregon, who was formerly Mrs. Charles McCauley, of Philadelphia, this county, is in the Cook county, Ill., jail and has been there for six months occupying a debtor's cell. A Chicago firm claims that she owes it \$30,000 for jewelry and had her placed in jail, paying \$4 a week for her board. Mrs. Keator has books, flowers, a good bed, a rocking chair, gets her meals from a restaurant, sees her friends and says she is comfortable in jail.

Andrew J. Cook, whose years of service with the Berwind-White Coal Co. are set off in regular epochs by merited promotions, has just been moved a peg higher by that corporation and given a place of greater responsibility. He had been general superintendent of the company's operations in Jefferson county, but the wide territory covered by the DuBois district has lately been placed under his charge so that to-day Mr. Cook probably has supervision over a more extensive and harder worked coal field than any other in Pennsylvania and the pleasantest feature of it all is that he is thoroughly competent to render the Berwind-White Co. the best service.

The wholesale clothing firm of Snyder, Harris, Basset & Co., incorporated, doing business in Philadelphia, made an assignment on Wednesday in favor of their creditors. Their liabilities are \$275,000, with assets in bills, stock and gold securities of \$350,000. The only cause given for the assignment is the unprofitable business of the last year, which, the stockholders say, decided them to go into liquidation. Assignee Arnold Kohn said Wednesday that it was one of the cleanest failures he had ever known in his business experience. This is the firm of which the late James R. Harris, of this place, was president for a number of years before his death.

At a meeting of Belleville Conclave No. 111, Improved Order Heptasophs last Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: Archon, George Hazel; provost, Geo. W. Rees; prelate, Theo. Hazel; secretary, H. H. Harshberger; financier, F. E. Naginay; treasurer, C. F. Cook; inspector, Thomas Shaughensy; warden, H. D. Gherret; sentinel, A. Hamilton; trustees, W. A. Isler, Herman Holtz and W. P. Kuhn. Delegate to Supreme Conclave F. E. Naginay; alternate, W. P. Kuhn. This Conclave was organized June 1st, 1892, with 23 charter members. The Conclave has now a membership of 87. In the eight and a half years of its existence Belleville Conclave has lost by death six of its members, aggregating \$15,000 in insurance paid to beneficiaries named in the several certificates of deceased members.

FRANCIS P. MILES.—Francis P. Miles, who was born at Mitesburg, Jan. 1st, 1847, died with Bright's disease, at his home in Tyrone at 8 o'clock last Friday evening. He grew to manhood at Mitesburg, but then moved to Tyrone, where he had resided for the past thirty-two years; having been a conductor in the Tyrone yards at the time of his death.

He was married twice. One son, Harry Miles, to his first wife, survives. On the 14th of February, 1894, he was married to Mrs. Hannah Gearhart, with one son, Leonard Gearhart, survives. A sister, Mrs. David Gardner, survives also, and resides at North Bend, Clinton county; a brother, Alfred Miles, resides in Tyrone; a half brother, Lincoln Miles, is living, and a sister, Susan Miles, resides at Mitesburg.

The deceased was a member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief and belonged to the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors.

ABRAHAM ULRICH PASSED AWAY AT ALTOONA.—Once a well known farmer in the lower end of this county Abraham Ulrich, worn out with years of honest toil, died at his son's home in Altoona on Sunday afternoon.

He was born in Lancaster county May 3rd, 1823, but had been a resident of Centre county for forty years and when years grew too heavy on him he went to visit his son in Altoona and while there passed peacefully away.

Deceased was married three times, his third wife being Sarah Bechtel, to whom he was married in 1867. The following children survive: Mrs. Sarah A. Garrison, of Iola, Kan.; Mrs. Matilda Wingard and Mrs. Jane Kote, of Coburn, Centre county, and A. H. Ulrich, of Altoona. Funeral services were conducted at the home of his son by Rev. Lewis Robb, and the remains were taken to Aaronsburg, where interment was made on Tuesday.

Mrs. Margaret Goodwin, wife of William Goodwin, died at her home at Pennsylvania Furnace on Thursday of last week with pulmonary trouble. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and is survived by a husband, three daughters and two sons. Rev. Love officiated at the funeral on Saturday.

Miss Katharine Kellor, a daughter of H. A. Kellor, of Harrisburg, died suddenly Friday evening. She was well known at State College, where her brother went to school.

The notorious "Brack" Charley Powell got into trouble again on Tuesday and as a consequence Burgess Blanchard has again banished him. "Brack" will have to leave Belleville for good on the day after Christmas.

L. B. McEntire has sold his store in Bush's Addition to David Miller, who will conduct it in the future. Mr. McEntire expects to spend the winter with his son in Williamsport and relatives in the western part of the State.

News Parly Personal.

Miss Jennie Morrison, who is in the Phillipsburg public schools, is home to attend institute and spend the holidays with her sister, Miss Elizabeth.

Edgar T. Burnside, of the Standard Scale and Supply Co. Ltd., returned from New York on Wednesday morning. He had been in Gotham for ten days, on business for his corporation.

Marshall H. Lewis, formerly a resident of Centre county, but now of Kyrletown, Clearfield Co., was in Belleville yesterday on business. Mr. Lewis figures in Democratic politics quite a little out of his way.

Mrs. Edna McClellan McCaskey, of Beech Creek, passed through town yesterday enroute to Manila to join her husband, Lieutenant Walter B. McCaskey who is on duty with his regiment, the 21st Inf.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Hayes returned home on Tuesday after an absence of four weeks. Dr. Hayes was doing special work in Johns Hopkins' hospital in Baltimore, while Mrs. Hayes was visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Brien, of State College, were in town during the forepart of the week doing some holiday shopping and visiting friends. They expect to close their house at the College and spend the winter at their other home at Pine Grove Mills.

A. Herbrand Beck, a son of John H. Beck the well known farmer and politician of Nittany valley, was in town yesterday, but was entirely too busy with other matters to pay any attention to institute. Mr. Beck is successfully managing the farm adjoining his father's in Walker township.

Jerre Donovan, of Ax. Mann, junk dealer and farmer, was in attendance at the meeting of the State Grange at Lock Haven recently, and it was the first time he had been there for a long stay in that town. He found many changes, of course, and was much impressed with the change in business since the days when Lock Haven was famous for its rafts and crowds of noisy rivermen.

Among the army of teachers in town this week is G. F. Weaver, of Penns Cave, whose name will be familiar to many of our readers in this county through his political aspirations. Last year Mr. Weaver entered the arena for registration honors and while he did not make the nomination, he made a very favorable impression and lots of friends wherever he went. Mr. Weaver did not say what his future intentions are, but he did drop a bit of good, common sense when he remarked that henceforth the Democracy can't pay too particular attention to the character and fitness of its nominees.

We don't know just at what unearthly hour they took possession but when we arrived at our office Tuesday morning Al Fletcher, of Nittany, was here with another bad gang. Though he was minus those two kings of institute ways, Tom DeLong and Dick Snyder, he had Philip Meyer, L. H. Youm, who teaches in Walker township, Prof. J. C. Bryson, of the Boalsburg schools and Chas. David Moore, of Harris township in tow. They were in the midst of a heated discussion as to whether a married man's life is really longer or only seems longer than that of a single fellow when we dropped in and then, to add to the terror of the situation F. A. Foreman, a teacher and clerk of the Centre Hall council, dropped in then we "stank" back into our corner and they reigned supreme for half an hour. Charley Moore didn't get settled down until yesterday, when some fellow walked in with his new hat, leaving an old plug in its stead, then he just tumbled to the full import of the institute definition of his middle name as meaning "beloved," for he certainly thought the other fellow must have loved him a great deal to run off with his hat.

Former sheriff W. M. Cromister, of Port Matilda, was in town on Tuesday.

Burgess Edmund Blanchard spent the fore part of the week in Philadelphia.

Col. and Mrs. W. Fred Reynolds departed for Philadelphia on Monday morning.

Clarence Osmer has arrived home from Niagara Falls to spend Christmas with his parents.

Belle Lowry, of east Logan street, is entertaining her friend Grace Reed, of Huntingdon, this week.

Paul Holloway, a son of Dr. H. C. Holloway, is in Belleville to spend Christmas. He arrived from Arizona on Saturday.

Joe Fox is home from Youngstown and will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Fox, of east Bishop street.

Col. and Mrs. J. L. Spangler have closed their home on North Allegheny street and gone to Philadelphia for the winter.

Capt. C. T. Fryberger, of Philadelphia, was a business visitor to Belleville on Monday. He tarried only between trains.

Mrs. John M. Bullock, with her two children, arrived home from Mechanicsburg on Saturday. Her mother, Mrs. John Owens, came up with her and will remain for a visit.

Squire William Pealer, of Spring Mills, was a distinguished visitor to Belleville on Tuesday. He said he really hadn't much business, so had no excuse for tarrying over night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Meyer Andrews have closed their home on north Allegheny street and Mr. Andrews has already departed for Philadelphia to arrange for the opening of their winter home there.

Joe. Hoy, of Marion township, is in town this week rendering his last service as a jury commissioner, for in January the Robb brothers succeed to the office. Of course, Joe, has a new joke with him and the school teachers are getting it right along.

Mrs. A. P. Burchell, of Philadelphia, who had been here for quite an extended visit with her friend, Mrs. John Noll, of Pine street, departed for her home on Friday morning. Mrs. Burchell is a very vivacious, attractive woman and proved a charming visitor at the Noll home.

Cashier Wm. B. Mingle of the Pennsylvania bank, and Rev. Kerschner, both of Centre Hall, drove over the mountain Tuesday afternoon and while a stranger might have imagined them to be institute fasteners we recognized the visitors at once. They were just over spending the afternoon, without any particular business in view, but enough to have a good reason for coming.

Mr. N. E. Hess, of Ferguson township, was in town on Tuesday: having brought his son Samuel down to look around the stores a little and attend to some more important business. Mr. Hess is a son of Michael Hess Esq., the wealthy Shingle-Creek farmer, and lives on one of his father's farms at the Branch. He is the superior for the eastern district of Ferguson township, and is said to be a good one.

Our young friend A. N. Brungart, of Wolf's Store, a son of H. A. Brungart Esq., is in town attending institute this week and carrying the index finger of his right hand in a sling, as the result of having had a little too close an acquaintance with an ax. Mr. Brungart is still teaching in Creston township, where he began his work as an instructor, which is to say that he is evidently giving satisfaction.

W. M. Kerlin, of Centre Hall, was in town on Friday, on his way home from a business trip to Altoona and other points west. During the few moments he had to stay he dropped into the WATCHMAN office, but it was with regret that we learned that his father, A. S. Kerlin Esq., is still confined to the house as a result of the general break-down he suffered some months ago. The Kerlins are extensive produce dealers.

D. H. Bortoff, of Lemont, was mixed up with the crowd that arrived in town Monday morning and our natural surmise was that he had come to take a look at institute, but that wasn't the case at all. He says he has all he can attend to on his farm at Lemont, and as he is a farmer and not a school teacher there is where his interest is centered. And when we come to think about it Mr. Bortoff talked good hard sense in the matter.

Former County Commissioner Jas. Strohm came in with the first flood of teachers Monday morning and when he found that it would be impossible for the work to begin regularly that day he spent the time calling on the many friends he made during his years of public life here. Though his hair is quite gray now Mr. Strohm has the vigor and activity of a young man and takes the reasonable view that he is not old and is never going to be old, if he can help it.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Miller, of Pine Grove Mills, were in town on Saturday doing some holiday shopping. Mr. Miller was the former postmaster of that village and is one of the affluent citizens of the place. He owns several fine farms and while he worked hard in his early days his thrift bore its fruit in the comfortable retirement he is enjoying now. His two sons are both away from home now, S. C. being a successful educator at Towey City, while John G. is in York, Pa.

H. A. Detweiler, of Rebersburg, who has come to be one of the old stand-bys at Institute, was at work bright and early Monday morning selling course tickets for the week's attractions. Like the others, who come for the real good to be gleaned from these annual educational gatherings, he was much chagrined that they were unable to get into the court house for their opening, but he took a philosophical view of it and said all the harder work after they did get down to it.

A. G. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, whom we remember as a boy as "Tony" and at that time he was making shoes in a little building that stood out on piles over the side of the old corner now occupied by the Harris hardware building, has blossomed out into a lumberman. And it is a matter of pleasure for us to learn that he is a successful one too. He is now operating at "Black Hawk" on the Penns-Valley side of the Nittany mountain, where he has a steam mill and manufactures all kinds of bill and square timber.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Tyson, of Vail, with the promising boy in whom all their hopes and affections are centered, spent Saturday and Sunday with Centre county friends. Mrs. Tyson was a guest at the Gerberich home on Thomas street; Will was at the Bush home, where he was the bright particular attraction for a crowd of the old minstrels with whom he once made music and fun for Belleville theatre goers. Master Lloyd died honor the town with his presence, for the idea of Mitesburg was too great a temptation for him, so he stopped off to cut a few spread eagles, grapevines and other artistic skating stunts for his juvenile friends at that place.

Mrs. Sarah Dillon, of Julian, was among the Wednesday shoppers in town. Mrs. Dillon is somewhat of a stranger in Belleville, because she doesn't have time to leave home often. Her domestic duties are such as demand her constant attention and in raising her large family of boys she became so accustomed to being at home to make it cheerful and bright for them that now it is hard for her to leave, even for a short time. Her eldest son is a minister at Three Springs, Huntingdon county, another is a check-weighman at Osceola, the third has an apothecary and candy store at home, the fourth is lumbering, and Frank, the youngest, is teaching this year. He has the Sellers school in Patton township, and is reported as being a very popular and efficient teacher. Mrs. Dillon certainly has reason to be proud of the family of fine sons she has raised and in their sturdy, reputable character is to be seen the effects of good home training.

Mrs. Robert H. Irwin, of north Spring street, has returned to her home, after a short visit with friends in Altoona.

Mrs. Charles McLain, of north Penn street, with her two bright little children, has gone to Jersey Shore to spend the holidays at her home in that place.

T. A. Anuman, of Rebersburg, a teacher who has been prominent in Institute work for several years, is in town this week getting all out of it that is possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lytle, of Centre Hill, were in town yesterday on a little pleasure and shopping excursion, and while here they dropped the information that in the spring they intend moving back to old familiar scenes in Ferguson township. They will occupy the Snyder farm below Pine Grove Mills and Miss Carrie Houseman will go with them.

Joseph Hoy Jr., one of the wide-awake young farmers of Ferguson township and a school director, was in town yesterday attending the meetings of the Director's Association. We were very sorry to learn from him that his beloved father, Squire Albert Hoy, of State College, is still suffering with the physical break-down that has incapacitated him for nearly a year.

S. S. Meyers, the eldest son of D. W. Meyers, of Boalsburg, was in town yesterday. He is not a school teacher, but came over to take a look at the institute and make a few holiday purchases. Mr. Meyers is just home from York State, where he had charge of a big creamery. He expects to spend the winter with his parents at Boalsburg.

As might have been expected Pat McDonald, of Unionville, was in town yesterday. It was directors day at institute and Pat, they say, is one of the best directors that Unionville ever had. Of course he has only earned such a reputation by keeping up with educational ideas and when we saw him, last evening, he was fairly bubbling with enthusiasm. He said he thought the instructors this year the best he had ever heard of at institute.

Emmanuel Noll, who fills the double bill of baggage and yard master, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., in this place, and fills both to the entire satisfaction of his employers and the public alike, in addition to having time to occasionally knock the conceit out of some would-be champion checker player and be one of the mainstays of the Mitesburg Presbyterian church and the new Union chapel, was—Well, I guess we won't say anything about it either. We were going to tell how "Manny" proposes playing Santa Claus for some people on Christmas, but that would spoil it all.

Two of the largest men in town yesterday were here attending the meeting of the school directors of the county. They are large, not only in stature, but also in the past they play in educational matters in their local school districts. Abram Markle, of State College, was one of the fine new school building, and the advanced ideas of instruction in that borough will be a lasting memorial to the progress of its directors. The other was our old friend Henry Whiteleather, of Adams, who comes as regularly as the institute rolls around. Mr. Whiteleather was a little afraid we would be mad when he offered to pay his subscription, but he soon found out that nothing suits us any better than being made mad in such a way.

Ira Gates and his little son Harry arrived in Belleville Wednesday afternoon, all the way from Orangeville, Ill. They went on up to Pine Grove, where they will spend four or six weeks with Mr. Gates' mother. Eighteen years ago Ira left Ferguson township to grow up in the West and he has done it with a vengeance. He has a fine farm just outside of Orangeville and a wife and three children to make a happy and interesting home. The last time Mr. Gates visited this county he was accompanied by his wife and they had scarcely arrived when they were called back by a telegram announcing sickness in the family. We hope that no misfortune befalls the members of the family in Illinois during this trip.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.—On and after December 15th, we will not take any kind of grain on store at our mill. We will however, be in the market for cash grain constantly and will pay the highest prices.

PHOENIX MILLING CO.

Public Sale.

Dec. 27th.—At residence of late John A. Weaver, 1/2 mile north of Fairbrook, horses, cows, implements, hay, fodder, straw, grain in ground Sale at 1 o'clock.

March 28th.—At the residence of W. H. Coldren, 2 miles east of Pleasant Gap, farm stock and farm implements of all kinds.

Philadelphia Markets.

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

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, and various flour types.

Belleville Grain Market.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, and various flour types.

Belleville Produce Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Potatoes, Onions, Eggs, Lard, Country Shoulders, Sides, Tallow, and Butter.

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Papers will not be sent out of Centre county unless paid for in advance. A liberal discount is made to persons advertising by the quarter, half year, or year, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Space Occupied, Rate per Line, and Total Rate. Includes rates for one inch, two inches, three inches, and various other ad sizes.