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" "	P. W. Young	Port Matilda

Caucus Meetings.

The Democrats of Centre county will hold their caucuses for the nomination for borough, ward, township and precinct officers on or before the 26th day of January, 1901. The committees of the several precincts and wards will take notice hereof and fix the hour or time for the holding of these caucuses. Instructions and blanks will be received by committeemen, in due time.

JOHN J. BOWER, County Chairman.

How to Get Good Township Officials.

The heaviest burden of taxation are those imposed for local purposes. Almost eighty per cent of all the money that is raised and needed for public uses goes to maintain our public roads, our schools, our poor and our county pays assessors and other expenses that can be considered purely local. It is this fact that adds to the importance of spring elections.

It is at these that officials who have charge of such matters are chosen, and so far as the matter of the amount of money he must pay as taxes is concerned the February election is of more importance to the taxpayer than is the general election in the fall.

A sensible, discreet, up-to-date man on a school board, as a supervisor, or as overseer of the poor, will do much to keep the schools, or the roads, or the poor of his district in the best condition for the very least amount of money. Good judgment in these matters will save many a dollar to the taxpayer, insure to the public the best that can be had, and services of which there will be little complaint. A man with a head for the business will make more and better roads with a hundred dollars than many an other fellow would with two hundred. And so in any other official position. It is the man who is fitted for the place, knows what ought to be done—how to do it—and has the energy and independence and interest to go ahead and do what he does right, who should be selected by both parties for their local positions and then, no matter which side wins, the people will have good service from their public officials.

It is at the primaries, that will be held now within a very short time, that these local officials will be chosen. And it is in these that every taxpayer should take an interest. Then is when the work of making tickets is attended to. It is the most important duty connected with the election. Good men, named for official places by both parties, insure good officials at the election let whatever party may win. A poor ticket named at the primaries insures a poor choice at the election, no matter how many may come out to vote, or how much kicking and scratching is resorted to.

At the primaries you can take your choice from all the voters of your district. At the election your choice is narrowed down to the few who may be upon the different tickets.

It is at the primaries then that you can secure the best men for local places. Therefore every citizen should attend and see that only the best men are chosen.

—Could it be possible that those new and strange illuminations that have been discovered on Mars within the past few days are the exultant demonstrations of the Marsians over the news that QUAY has organized the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Boggs Township Not to be Divided.

At a special election held in Boggs township on Tuesday to decide whether that township should be divided and a new one erected from it there was a majority of 82 votes against the proposition. The intention was to start the dividing line at the northern boundary of the township, then run south and east so as to make up a new township from the eastern precinct and part of the northern, leaving the balance in the old township.

Viewers were appointed on a petition filed June 25th, 1900, as follows: S. D. Ray, A. A. Scheck and W. F. Hall. They reported in favor of a division of the township. Dec. 3rd the court issued a decree directing a special election to be held on Jan. 8th, 1901. It resulted as follows:

	For	Against
North precinct.....	96	7
East precinct.....	79	7
West precinct.....	9	223
Majority against division \$2, 148		230

—The BURLEIGH bill, which passed Congress on Tuesday, provides for the increase of the membership of the lower House from three hundred and fifty-seven to three hundred and eighty-six. Just as if the country hasn't about all the Congressmen it knows what to do with now. Under this new bill, if the Senate concurs and the President approves, no State will lose any of its present representation, but some will gain. Pennsylvania will get two more.

—Mr. MCKINLEY's imperialistic ideas, efforts and purposes, are just now undergoing a period of innocuous desuetude. For the present he is wrestling with a grip that takes closer hold than he has on the struggling Filipinos, and that tends more strictly to the business it is after than do his invading armies. It is to be hoped, however, that the President's illness may be of but short duration, and that when he does recover his ambition will turn to other ends than subjugating and holding a weak and helpless people.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded during the past week by recorder N. E. Robb:

- Jos. H. Long et ux to Edwin L. Yearick, Dec. 21st, 1900, 14 acres 100 perches in Walker Twp. Consideration \$392.50.
- Jacob E. Stover's Exrs. to Thos. Harper, April 9th 1863, 15 acres in Halfides Twp. Consideration \$150.00.
- Col. W. Fred Reynolds et ux to W. G. Musser Dec. 22nd, 1900, lot in Bellefonte. Consideration \$800.00.
- Jeremiah Hoy's Exrs. to Sarah Rachau, Jan. 5th, 1901, 10 acres in Gregg Twp. Consideration \$1080.00.
- Wm. Vangn to Susan Stine, Oct. 15th, 1900, lot in Worth Twp. Consideration \$214.35.
- Wm. T. Fulton et baron to Catherine Thomas May 9th, 1899, lot in Milesburg. Consideration \$490.
- Sarah Fansley et al to Mary E. Sheffer, Sept. 29th, 1900, lot in Spring Twp. Consideration \$175.
- Jacob E. Stover's Exrs. to Thos. Harper, March 1st, 1879, 100 acres 4 perches in Haines Twp. Consideration \$70.00.
- Levi Bord et ux to Samuel Leitzel, April 6th 1861, 80 perches in Haines Twp. Consideration \$25.00.
- Marion B. Bauer et baron to E. A. Hampton, Dec. 21st, 1900, 2 lots in Snow Shoe. Consideration \$120.00.
- Annie E. Cooper to Lizzie M. Jacobs, Nov. 10th, 1900, 7425 square feet in Harris Twp. Consideration \$450.00.

Victims Now Number Thirty.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., January 9.—Two additional deaths of the asylum fire. The list of dead as a result of the terrible conflagration at the Rochester Orphan asylum Thursday morning reach a total of thirty. Two more of the unfortunate inmates died today. Allen Bell, aged 2, died early this morning at the city hospital. He was terribly burned about the head and upper part of the body. Miss Mary Brad, one of the nurses in the hospital ward, the third victim, died at the Homoeopathic hospital at 9 o'clock to-night. Miss Brad, when the alarm was given, hastily snatched up two of her little children suffering with diphtheria, but was overcome before reaching safety. Miss Brad was frightfully bruised all over the body and both of her charges died.

A Walking Fern.

There is a fern which, by its peculiar habit of growth, may almost justly claim to the popular name of the "walking fern." The fronds arch over, and the fine, slender points coming in contact with the soil take root. New growth again proceeds from the latter, which, in its turn, roots also, so that the locale of the plant is continually moving forward and suggesting the idea of walking.

This peculiar fern is quite hardy and succeeds well in a soil of peat, leaf mold and sand, in a shady position which is moist in summer and fairly dry in winter. The fronds are heart shaped, bright green in color, 6 to 12 inches long.—London Globe.

Willie's Logie.

Willie—Pa, you're the head of the house. Is that so?
Pa—It is if he says so.
Willie—And, pa, Uncle Harry says I'm a chip off the old block. What's "the old block."
Pa—I suppose that's me.
Willie—Well, then, pa, you're an old blockhead, ain't you?—Philadelphia Press.

Heard at Oxford University.

Professor Max Muller was greatly amused by a young lady from America to whom he was exhibiting the old world attractions of Oxford. She stopped, entranced, to gaze at Magdalen college until an undergraduate suddenly appeared at a window, when she "started like a guilty thing," exclaiming: "Oh, my! Are these ruins inhabited?"—London Truth.

The intemperate use of tea and coffee produces results as real as those of drunkenness. Total blindness is often the result of excessive coffee drinking.

Bright Light on Mars Excites Astronomers.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—An announcement that Mars had probably signaled the world, attributed to him, was called to the attention of Prof. Edward C. Pickering of the Harvard astronomical observatory to-night. Wilfred Fouville, of Paris, through the European edition of the New York Herald, declared that Professor Pickering had given notice to astronomers that a series of bright lights had been observed on the Icarium sea by Prof. A. E. Douglass at the Lowell observatory, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

M. Fonville said the nature of the lights, which had proceeded geometrically, indicated voluntary action, and gave color to the belief that Marsians had endeavored to attract the attention of the sister planet. Prof. Pickering said the only thing that could have suggested the idea was a telegram on December 8th from Flagstaff saying: "Mr. A. E. Douglass while observing the planet Mars on December 7th saw a projection on the north edge of Icarium Mare, which lasted 70 minutes." Prof. Pickering said the only thing that could have suggested the idea was a telegram on December 8th from Flagstaff saying: "Mr. A. E. Douglass while observing the planet Mars on December 7th saw a projection on the north edge of Icarium Mare, which lasted 70 minutes."

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—A movement is on foot to reorganize the old Bellefonte Club.

—A Scott Harris is critically ill with rheumatism at the home of his parents on Linn street.

—The dairy school at The Pennsylvania State College has opened with a membership of forty pupils.

—Miss Ella Switzer, of Philipsburg, left, Monday, for Orlando, Fla., to visit her sister, Mrs. Curtis, until March.

—The hardware firm of Potter & Hoy tendered their employees a banquet at Cader's last Thursday night. Seventeen of the firm's men were in attendance.

—There is more "Commercial expansion" for the ordinary business man, in a keg of printer's ink than in all the armies a government can get together.

—On Tuesday a notice was posted in the Mill Hall ax works announcing cuts of 25 and 12 per cent. in various sizes of wages. The men resolved to strike rather than accept the reduction. There are 187 employes in the works.

—Clarence Hamilton gave a large party at his apartments in New York last evening in honor of his sister Miss Mary Hamilton, of this place, who has been in New York for some time visiting her brothers and several school friends.

—James W. Runkle, of Snyder county, formerly of Potter township, has purchased the Centre Hall hotel property from Wm. H. Runkle. The new proprietor will take charge as soon as he can get the license transferred. The consideration was \$8,100.

—Mrs. Maggie Hess, wife of Newton Hess, of Pine Grove Mills, suffered by a very painful accident at her home on Tuesday night. She was passing the stove when a vessel of boiling water was turned over by her scalding her, lower limbs and feet very badly.

—The Millheim and Coburn Pike Co. held a meeting at Woodward on Tuesday and elected the following directors:—A. Harter, Coburn; S. M. Campbell, Millheim; and B. F. Rickard, Millheimburg. A. J. Harter was elected president and J. C. F. Motz was made secretary and treasurer.

—Newton W. Fredericks, head of the firm of Fredericks, Monroe & Co., and interested in the First National bank and other Lock Haven enterprises, died at his home on Main street, in that city, at a late hour Wednesday night. He was born on a farm near that city in 1820 and was regarded as one of Lock Haven's foremost citizens.

—S. G. Rote has bought the old Erle mill above Coburn and will put in a new roller process in the spring. He has rented the store in conjunction with it to E. C. Finkle, of Madisonburg, and will try to revive the place to something of its pristine form as a commercial centre. There was a time when that mill was one of the famous trading points in that locality.

—ONLY ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.—Register Arcey has issued only one marriage license since the last edition of the WATCHMAN was published. It was to Clyde E. Shney and Della May Duey, both of Benora.

During the year 1900 363 licenses were issued, which was one more than the 1899 record. The banner month was December, when 54 were taken out. If business would keep up like late every month in the year there would be no danger of Centre county's falling behind in population when the 1910 census is heard from.

—George L. Potter Post, 261, G. A. R., of Milesburg, held public installation ceremonies on Saturday night that attracted a good crowd to the post rooms, as nearly all such events in Milesburg do. James Harris, of Bellefonte, was installing officer and Col. Austin Curtin was in charge of the camp fire and that meant a good time for everyone, of course, for the Colonel is a veteran, not only in blue but in the knuck of promoting sociability. Among the Bellefontes in attendance were Rev. W. P. Shriner, Col. D. F. Fortney, Senator W. C. Heinle, Gen. J. I. Curtin, Chas. Smith, Capt. Hugh S. Taylor and Clement Dale Esq.

—The Coleville band will give a musical in Garman's opera house on the night of February 5th. If there is any organization in the county that deserves the patronage of Bellefonte people it is this one. They will give a fine concert and ought to have a fine house.

—Mully Snyder met with a hair-raising accident at McCool's crossing, below Spring Mills, one day last week. He stopped a few feet from the railroad track to wait until an approaching passenger train would pass. He never dreamed that his faithful old horse would scare but it did, and Mully, wagon and all went tumbling over an embankment. Nothing was hurt but the wagon, which was demolished.

—Several very pleasant social events were enjoyed during the week, even though they were disguised under the designation of "quiet little affairs." Wednesday evening Miss Mame Ceder gave a handsomely appointed dinner of eighteen covers for her girl friends, and Thursday afternoon Mrs. Thomas A. Shoemaker entertained a party of ladies at lunch in honor of Miss Mary Thomas, of Philadelphia, who is the guest of Mrs. John M. Dale.

—Homer Harry, the young Rebersburg woodsman, who has his back broken while working on a lumber job at Cross Forks, Potter county, some time ago, still lives and the report is current that he is getting better. Such is hardly the case, however, for while it is true that he can now experience feeling sensations in various parts of his body his sister Annie, who has been at his bedside for some time, writes that his general condition is practically hopeless.

—THE NEW U. B. CHURCH AT PHILIPSBURG DEDICATED.—The new United Brethren church in Philipsburg was dedicated on Sunday, the Rev. Bishop E. B. Kephart, having officiated in a masterly way at both morning and evening services.

Notwithstanding the recent heavy drain on the resources of the community through the remodeling of the Methodist church the public took an enthusiastic interest in paying off the debt of \$2,400. The amount was raised with comparatively little effort.

The church was built at a cost of \$4,500 and fills a long felt want in the community in which it is located.

—MILESBURG FORGING TO THE FRONT.—As you say that you want all the news of the county, I thought perhaps you would like to hear from Milesburg. Well, we are forging to the front. We have just completed as fine a water system as there is in the county on the gravity plan, with a head at the reservoir of 400 feet, giving us a pressure of 175 pounds to the inch, and a reservoir containing over 200 thousand gallons of the finest water. The plant was put in by A. M. Thomas, of Lock Haven, and we can't give him too much praise for excellent work and material used and the energy with which he pushed the work. He came on Nov. 1st to commence work and by Dec. 1st he had more than 2 miles of pipes laid and water in some of the houses and would have completed the work in less than six weeks had he not been delayed by want of pipes. Now we can enjoy all the modern conveniences of the times.

—CITIZEN.

—APPROPOS OF THE TEACHERS INSTITUTE.—The following story from the Washington Post, which would have been very apropos in our issue during the session of the public school teachers' institute, seems still so amusing that we give it space at this time:

A brief but interesting paragraph in an esteemed contemporary, the *Maryville Times*, is just now receiving wide dissemination through the medium of the press: "John Lewis, a popular young man of this community, and Miss Ida Jones, a long hollow school teacher, were married last week."

There are several Maryvilles in this country, one in Missouri, another in Tennessee, and still others scattered about promiscuously. The name is an attractive one, suggestive of pretty little girls going to school with dear little "lambie" following them; their tails all done up in proper tucks, impatiently to Matrimony as a designation for sweet buxom villages immersed in verdure and threaded by purling silver streams. We do not wonder, therefore, of the existence of this particular Maryville or the presence there, as part of the population, of a Miss Jones. What we do wonder at, though, is the coincidence that the Miss Jones in question should be a long, hollow school teacher. That one should be, under such mellow, pastoral circumstances, we can believe. Surrounded by trees, flowers, birds, fed upon rich milk, fried eggs, yellow-legged chickens, the toothsome flapjack and the fat, seething sylvan, it is easy to grow long. There are no midgets reared in the rural districts of Missouri and Tennessee. Under those braiding and productive influences men and women alike attain great size and stature. Nor do we see why Miss Jones, or Miss Anybody else should not have undertaken the training of the youthful mind. It is a gentle and most deserving occupation, full of usefulness and honor. The youthful mind of Maryville needs training, like the youthful mind elsewhere, and who is more likely to be competent than a Jones, and a Miss Ida Jones at that? What we do not understand is that Maryville should have had a long, hollow school teacher. We have never heard of such a thing before.

Still we wish the young couple every happiness in their now blended lives. If John Lewis could not content himself with any other than a long, hollow school teacher as the partner of his sorrows and his joys, who, pray, has a right to criticize? Maybe that is just the kind of a bride he wanted. Everybody doesn't want a short, stuffed girl for his sweetheart. Tastes differ. It is all very well for the poet to sing:

Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long.

Perhaps John Lewis is not a poet. Perhaps John Lewis knows his business. Let us give them both our blessing and our prayers.

JOHN J. MUSSEY'S DEATH.—John J. Mussey, a well known farmer who resided about a mile and a quarter south of Bellefonte, in Spring township, died Monday morning about 4:30 o'clock, after an illness that had continued ever since last spring. While attending the funeral of Mrs. Pratt he became overheated and later took cold, that resulted in the grip; stomach troubles developed then and his health continued to fail until four months ago he was compelled to take his bed.

He was born in Penns-valley 72 years ago. When only eight years old he moved, with his family, to this vicinity and has resided here ever since. He was first married to Miss Nancy Baird, of Bellefonte. She passed away about 20 years ago leaving him with three children: Frank W., of Shiloh; Mrs. Eva Kirk, wife of Dr. M. A. Kirk, of this place, and Mrs. Carrie Rhine-smith, of Clearfield. Later he married Sara Jane Miller, also of this place, and she also survives with the one daughter, Catharine, born to their union.

Mr. Mussey was essentially a farmer. His entire life was spent in the peaceful, profitable pursuit of agriculture. He was devoted to his home and in it was always all that a christian gentleman could be. He was a Republican in politics, but sought no preferment at the hands of his party, though he did capably fill a number of township offices.

Interment was made at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Union cemetery. Rev. Dr. Laurie of the Presbyterian church, of which deceased was a member, officiated.

HE WAS BORN IN CENTRE COUNTY.

—Jacob C. Smith who died at his home in Altoona, on Monday evening, from the effects of bronchitis, was born in this county September 10th, 1859. Seventeen years ago he moved to Altoona to accept a position in the railroad shops and had resided there ever since.

—He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was much esteemed by his friends. He is survived by his wife and one son, Jacob P., at home, and one daughter, Mrs. Orville Loucks, of Belle-wood. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Miller, of Altoona. The funeral took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, services at the house. Interment in Hutchison's cemetery.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Calderwood, who died in a Philadelphia hospital, on Friday evening, where she had gone for treatment for cancer, from which she had suffered nearly a year, was a native of Centre county. Deceased was born in the Bald Eagle valley and was aged about 59 years. She was the daughter of Leonard and Maria Merryman, and was married to George Calderwood in early life. Her husband died at Pennsylvania Furnace about fourteen years ago. She had been a resident of Philipsburg the past eight or nine years. Besides her two children, L. F. and Edith in Tyrone, one son, Harry Calderwood, survives and resides at Philipsburg. One brother and two sisters also survive and reside in the Bald Eagle valley, namely: Thomas Merryman, Miss Josephine Merryman and Mrs. Joseph McMonigle. Deceased was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The remains were brought up for interment in the Bald Eagle cemetery.

—David Krape, aged 81, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward Stump, at Aaronsburg, on Monday morning. For years he had resided in the vicinity of Fiedler, but last spring, when his health failed, he moved to his daughter's. Several weeks ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which was followed by other ones, causing his death. His only children are Mrs. Stump and W. J. Krape, of Fiedler. Interment was made in the Reformed cemetery at Aaronsburg yesterday morning.

—COUNCIL MEETS, BUT DOES LITTLE.—President Gerberich and members Walkey, Wetzel, Destinie, Gherrity and Knieley were present at the meeting of council Monday evening. Aside from the usual routine very little was done. Several bad pavements were reported and the mayor was present to condemn the "elevated boardwalk" on north Allegheny street. Aside from that and Mr. Treasurer Cook's complaint that Bishop street is made dangerous by the excess of drainage water on it there was nothing done but to show a balance of \$7,474.03 due the treasurer on January 7th and approve the following bills for payment:

Defendant's bill of costs in Barnhart case	\$80.63
A. Baum, hauling engine.....	6.00
Fred R. Miller Blank Book Co.....	12.75
Bellefonte Gas Co.....	37.00
E. E. Hill Co., light public buildings.....	12.00
Thos. Shaughnessy, janitor.....	5.00
Police pay roll, coal for W. W.....	42.50
R. J. Shad & Bros., repairing pipes.....	4.07
Potter and Hoy, supplies.....	1.14
P. B. Crider & Son, lumber.....	1.00
B'te Fuel & Supply Co., coal.....	59.46
A. Allison, pipes and fittings.....	21.29
L. C. Wetzel, repairing.....	8.35
R. B. Taylor, coal for W. W.....	16.20
Ardell lumber Co., lumber for W. W.....	3.65
E. E. Hill Co., light for water works.....	12.00
Water pay roll.....	270.00
Potter & Hoy, hardware for streets.....	20.70
P. B. Crider & Son, lumber.....	7.62
Street pay roll.....	32.35
E. E. Hill Co., lighting streets in Dec.....	25.91
A. Allison, terra cotta pipe.....	15.20
James Schofield, grease.....	1.03
McCalmont & Co., lumber for streets.....	17.13
R. B. Taylor, hauling engines to fires.....	12.00
Total.....	\$1068.19

—Tell your friends that the WATCHMAN costs only \$1.00 a year when paid in advance. It is always reliable and invariably a week ahead of its competitors in the matter of important local news.

THE CENTRAL COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE CO.'S ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Central Commercial Telephone company was held in the offices of the company in Temple Court on Tuesday. The meeting attracted quite a number of gentlemen to town and the conditions developed were quite flattering to the new corporation.

The following men were elected directors, namely, Ellis L. Orvis, John I. Olewine, F. E. Naguery, Harry Keller, John T. McCormick, William Thompson Jr., William Peeler, H. T. Harvey and T. M. Stevenson.

The financial standing of the company was very encouraging. The company now has six exchanges in operation, with almost eight hundred 'phones, five hundred and eighty miles of copper and iron wire, metallic circuit, eight thousand two hundred and ninety-two feet of cable, two hundred and twenty-three miles of poles. A large increase in 'phones is awaiting the company's capacity to place them, while several new important exchanges are in contemplation for the early spring.

It is understood that when the newly elected directors meet they will declare 2 1/2 per cent. dividend on the stock; making the second semi-annual dividend of that amount. In addition to this disbursement among the stockholders there will be about \$10,000 net earnings to be set aside for improvements.

The showing of the Commercial is most gratifying and reflects great credit on the business sagacity of the men who have been directing it. For the most part they were entirely unacquainted with the telephone business when the local organization was effected but by dint of hard work and constant investigation have proven themselves thoroughly competent to handle such business.

Those who were in attendance at the meeting were: E. L. Orvis, J. P. Aikens, Sol. Peck, Ernest Hipp, Francis S. Rhoads, D. G. Meek, G. R. Spiglemeyer, A. Allison, Wm. Allison, M. F. Musser, T. B. Boddinger, T. M. Stevenson, Jno. I. Thompson Jr., John J. Bower, G. L. Strohecker, W. K. Alexander, Robt. F. Hunter, Wm. Peeler, C. C. Shuey, Daniel Heckman, Philip S. Dale, J. T. Lucas, H. Meyer, F. E. Naguery, M. I. Gardner, W. E. Tate, Lewis Nichols, Jno. Bilger, N. E. Robb, N. H. Yearick, Geo. A. Beezer and Jno. I. Olewine.

A DEER STORY THAT IS A DEER STORY.—Recently the *Daily News* published a deer story that was sent out from the region of Snow Shoe and, no doubt, there are lots of people who did not believe it. But if all had been personally acquainted with the prowess of the principals in the story as deer slayers it would have been accepted as gospel. No finer gentleman ever lived, or truer sportsman, than the late Robert Haynes and if any one in Centre county can name a character who can beat John Uzze we'll make it good.

These are the two principals in the *News* story and at that account we believe it.

John G. Uzze, proprietor of the Washington house, Snow Shoe, has a pair of deer antlers which have a history. The poor animal that wore them was shot by Robert Haynes in 1853, at Rolling Stone, half way between what was then known as Salt Lick and Buttermilk, now Catawot and Belford, in the Susquehanna. The peculiar part of its history is that the animal was shot while swimming down the river with a small black and tan hound in his horns. Wash Wasson was the "starter," and this was one of his hounds which had ventured too close to the buck and he promptly pinned him through with his horns, and then, being unable to shake him off, started for the river, where he was shot as above described. The antlers are a magnificent specimen and the object of admiration by all hunters. Mr. Uzze was one of the "watchers" when the animal was killed and is very proud of his relic, as it reminds him of the good old days when deer were plenty and the mountains were a dark glen under the towering timber before the woodmen had robbed them of their beauty and splendor.

—Pine Grove Mention.

L. M. Kimport, of Boalsburg, married while in our town Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Piper is under Dr. Wood's care at her Main street home.

A splendid new picket fence now encloses the grounds of J. W. Miller on Main street.

The venerable Wm. Bronse spent Sunday with his son-in-law, Ross Grove, at Fairbrook.

Mrs. Harry Gates, of Guyer, with her bright little boy was a Branch visitor last week.

Wm. Thomas, of Ironton, Union county, is visiting his former Centre county home here.

Mr. Jacob Bottorf and wife of Lemont, enjoyed merchant O. B. Krel's hospitality on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Y. Meek, of Tyrone, has gone to Pittsburgh to enter a hospital for treatment.

Fred Bottorf, our broad gauged and well-known miller, is laid up with sciatica with no improvement in the last ten days.

From what we can learn the bidding will be quite spirited at the Collins farm sale just east of town. The farm is to be sold on the 29th at the court house in Bellefonte.

Robert Meek, a life long resident of this community and one who stood high in its church, political, commercial and social life, for he is big and splendid in body and soul and whose father, grandfather and great-grandfather were important personages in the township's growing and developing days, is seriously ill at his home in Altoona. He is suffering from a stroke of paralysis which affected his mind and left side. He has improved, however, sufficiently to give his family some encouragement.