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A Need that has Been Overlooked.

The proposed purchase of a property for a hospital in Bellefonte and the many suggestions that have been made in public print recently as to what would prove the most beneficial and dutable memorial to dependent experimenter and thinker and the soldiers and sailors of Centre county is most ably, and scientifically practiseems to have conspired, with other agen- cally equipped for the position he cies, to bring about the crusade against vice that has already resulted in material good itics, but we know the man and his to the town

It is possible that some people will be case of waking up the people to conditions der discussion it is not confined to any particular means of accomplishment.

But while the fever is on we want to spread other bacilli that we hope will produce a contagion in favor of a gymnasium. There is an agent for morality in the community that should not be under estimated. In a recent article in the Republican a writer asked this rather significant ques- 23rd, the entire village of Spring Mills was tion : "Parents where do your boys spend their evenings ?" And we venture the assertion that not one-fifth of the parents in Bellefonte can give themselves or anyone else a reassuring answer to it.

Theories as to what the boys should do at night are all right. Everyone knows previous to being discovered. An alarm that they should be at home, but they're not, so, as GROVER CLEVELAND says, "it is a condition, not a theory, that confronts They speedily communicated to the buildus." If we are honest we will recognize ing occupied by H. F. Rossman as a generthis fact at once and set about to circum- al store. His entire stock, which was large vent the attractiveness of the bar room, the ly increased for the holiday season, togethbilliard hali and the little clubs where gambling is permitted.

It has been a matter of experience all the family had hardly time to escape from over the country, even here in Bellefoute, that nothing has proven so effective in its attraction for young men as a gymnasium. the only avenue for escape they had. In A place where they can spend their even- a few moments dense volumes of smoke ings and idle moments during the day in friendly rivalry in athletic sports. Besides, it holds out a very attractive and Finkles general store a few steps above. health giving past ime for business men of sedentary habits, developes the brain along with the body and tends to a higher moral flames leaped across the street in a mad tone in any community.

Bellefonte should have a gymnasium. How it is to get one in the face of so many other public enterprises just now demand- and the buildings were finally saved with ing attention is a question, but that scorched and blistered fronts. doesn't remove the need for it. Isn't it possible that the Y. M. C. A. or the Allison. This building was on fire several Academy could devise a way for securing times and as speedily quenched. The heat such an institution, by placing it on such here became so intense from the burning

this position and it would have been well for the State had Governor STONE induced Dr. Fernald's continuance in the work as he was well equipped by inheritance and EDITOR training to make a great success along these lines, as he is attesting now in his economic work for the State of Massachusetts

Prof. SURFACE is a graduate of Ohio University, a graduate student of several of our largest Universities, has been a successful and widely known instructor, lecturer and editor in zoological subjects for

many years, has already done much in Pennsylvania to arouse and stimulate the interest of farmers, teachers, students to the value of this subject. He is an indefatigable and enthusiastic worker, an inis seeking. We do not know his polreputation and that is what ought to be

considered in making choice for State unable to trace the cause to effect in the Zoologist and not whether he represents a preceding paragraph, but it is simply a constituency or whether he deserves the benefit of the victory of a certain party. As about them. One thing developes another rational citizens of a great State we can cerand when the matter of public good is un- tainly afford, for purely selfish reasons-as we may all derive benefit from such an office capably filled-to allow certain offices

to be non partisan.

Big Fire at Spring Mills.

Principal Losers to the Extent of \$10,000.

apparel, were all consumed. He saved noth

the building and some members of the

waters of the creek in their night clothes

and the interior became a raging furnace.

The post-office and shoe store of C. A.

Krape is directly opposite and C. J.

These buildings were continually being

drenched with water, but at one time their

destruction seemed inevitable. Huge

fury and the heat was so intense that it

was utterly impossible to stay the devasta-

tion. Fortunately the wind suddenly

changed when efforts were again renewed

The fire made such rapid strides that

Early on Tuesday morning, December

Annual Institute Sessions. The Public School Teachers of Centre County Im-

HENRY T. FERNALD, of State College, to The Teachers of the County in Their

proving Their Time at Institute-Their Annual Gathering Well Attended-The Sessions to Conclude To Day.

The fifty-sixth annual session of the was being held. teachers institute for Centre county organized in the court house here on Monday afternoon and will continue until noon today, when adjournment will be made. Owing to the lateness of the trains on Monday the time of opening the institute Supt. Gramley gave his views, and at the was deferred until afternoon, the morning same time called attention of the Direchaving been given over to the enrollment of those teachers who had been able to heart, will do an immense amount of get here.

At 1:30 Supt. Gramley called the body to order and even then the roll call showed many absentees, though by evening all of the 290 teachers in the county were present or accounted for. After Dr. H. C. Holloway had pronounced the invocation the teachers were gradually mellowed into institute form with several familiar songs lead by director P. H. Meyer. Then Prof. W. W. Parsons, of the Indiana State Normal school, at Terra Haute, Ind., was introduced and took up the first period for institute with a talk on "Way, Rule, Principle and Method in Education." Following him Miss. Elizabeth Lloyd, of Philadelphia, spoke on the "Teaching of Phys-iology. Dr. Lincoln Hulley, of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, was the next speaker, taking for his talk "Teaching the Common Branches." By the time he had concluded the hour for adjournment had arrived.

TUESDAY'S SESSIONS.

On Tuesday institute began to assume its natural proportions. Nearly everyone of The Gregg Township Metropolis Narrowly Escapes the teachers were in their places and all the Total Destruction by Fire.—Several Stores the unoccupied space they left was speedily crowded by spectators; some of them bent on getting the most from the interesting talks of the day; others merely looking for a warm place to kill time. And in this conthreatened with destruction by a fire that nection it might be suggested with entire raged until it had licked up fully \$10,000 propriety that in the future little children worth of property. The origin of the fire is unknown. It be excluded from the room. Crowds of was first discovered in the back part of the them congregate there daily, who are either too young or are not inclined to grasp the bicycle building, in which there had been no fire since the previous Saturday, and lessons that are to be learned by the older people and their presence is annoying in had gained very considerable headway the extreme. It should be added, in all candor, that there are a few teachers present, was immediately sounded, but so rapid was the fire that before anything could be who seem as supremely indifferent to the real object of the sessions as some of the little ones, who must necessarily bear the censure for all the giggling, whispering and cupboard-love affairs that are so distracting. er with his household effects and wearing

On Tuesday Rev. T. W. Perks, of the United Brethren church, led the devotional exercises, and the instructors of the day were Miss Lloyd, Prof. Parsons, Dr. Hulley and Prof. J. I. Woodruff, dean of Susquebanna University at Selinsgrove, who family did so by wading through the icy talked on "Reading for Culture." The sub jects discussed by the others covered everything from "Fads in Education" to "Causes of Degeneracy," and were, for the most part, very interesting.

The only business of the day was the announcement of the following dates for holding the several district institutes; the places for holding them being left to the selection of the teachers and directors of the respective districts.

Jan 30-31, district No. 4, composed of Milesburg, Boggs, Curtin, Howard, Howard borough. Liberty and Marion. Jan. 16-17, district No. 2, composed of Centre Hall, Potter, Harris, Ferguson, College and State College Boro. Feb. 67, district No. 6, Philipsburg,

On the west of the store building stands South Philipsburg, Rush, Snow Shoe and Burnside.

Feb. 13-14, district No. 1, Miles, Penn, Millheim, Haines and Gregg, 45 teachers.

rapid strides the Public school system taking in that direction, he also paid beautiful tribute to the memory of Miss Marion Petrikin, who during her life waa School Teacher, and who had presented the ground upon which stood the handsome building in which the convention

John A. Daley, Wm. E. Grove and G. t. Fink also made appro rate remarks on the anestion under discussion 'The Consolidation of Rural Schools' was the next subject to receive attention tors to a few matters which if they take to good to the cause of education. Supt. Gramley knew what he was talking about and shows his interest in his work. Hou. W. C. Heinle was to have made an address but the dinner hour having arrived he did not deliver it, much to the regret of many who had remained to near him. The Committee to name officers for he ensuing year reported as follows :

President, S. H. Bennison; Marion. Vice-pres., Dr. S. M. Huff; Mil -burg. J. P. Heckman; Gregg.

Sec. and Treas., H. C. Quigley, Belleinte Delegates to State Convention : D. F.

Fortney, Bellefonte: Austin Curtin Bogge; C. T. Gramley, Centre Co.; C. F. Fryberger, Philipsburg; Dr. T. S. Chii-t, State College.

Executive committee : Hon. W. C. Heinle, Bellefonte; S. W. Smith, Centre Hall: Dr. J. A. Thompson, Storiustown: C. H. Pletcher, Howard, A. N. Brun gart, Miles.

The above report was adopted and the following resolution was also unanimously sdopted :

Resolved That the thanks of the School Directors of Centre county are due and we hereby cordially extend to John C. Miller our high appreciation of his kindness in mailing to the School Directors of Centre county, as well as the school teachers, the DAILY NEWS for the month of December, which includes a full report of the Institute now in session

The convention then adjourned.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Lamar. -The new Lock Haven band made its

first appearance on Christmas day. -Fred Morris, of Philipsburg, has

been granted a pension of \$10 per month, with \$700 back pay.

----- A fine program has been published for the farmer's institute to be held at Millheim on the 15th and 16th.

-McCalmont & Co. announce a great reduction in the price of horse accoutrements, skates and other articles in their big store in the Arcade. Twenty per cent off their regular prices makes bargains

worth going after.

-----Capt. Donnesburg, of the Salvation Army, has been transferred from this place to Buffalo and departed on Tuesday evening. Capt. Urban is still holding the barracks here and was reinforced on Wednesday by her brother, who is a very fluent talker and quite a musician.

and Mrs H. G. Miller, of Pine Creek, were formed the ceremony.

NONE LIKE IT .- A reader of the WATCH----- Its a great pity that other counties in the State do not have the same kind of a MAN, whose home is away off in the South, writes the following appreciative lines congame warden that Lycoming county boasts cerning the paper : of. There would be some out-look for "It would be like losing a good friend to game in the future and much less rejoicing

give up the WATCHMAN. I have been in a among the numerous pot-hunters and good many towns and seen a great many country papers but have never seen the one yet that compares at all with the dynamite fishers that disgrace every locality in which game or fish are to be found. WATCHMAN." The Williamsport Sun, in speaking of the

-There is in store for the people of Bellefonte and vicinity one of the finest entertainments ever given in this place. Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco, will present their finely illustrated and interesting lecture, the Oberammergau Passion Play. This magnificent entertainment will be given in the court house on Friday evening, Feb. 6th, 1903. under the auspices of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church. An admission of 25 cents only will be charged for the entertainment, in order that all may have an opportunity to enjoy the evening together. Dr. Burnett is well-known to many of

our people, being here once before with an excellent entertainment given in the Luthagain.

RINE-FISHER.-The engagement of Miss Nellie B. Rine, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Rine, of south Spring street, and George N. Fisher, of Boalsburg, was announced several months ago, but no hint of their wedding was broached to anyone

outside their more intimate friends, until after the event had been celebrated on Friday evening, December 19th. The ceremony took place at the Lutheran parsonage in Tyrone at 5:30 o'clock, with Rev. F. L. Bergstresser officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher arrived home Saturday morning and after visiting for a few days at the home of the bride's parents departed for Boalsburg, where they will make their home for the present. The groom is a traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house and his ---- Ice nine inches thick is being cut at bride is a vivacious and popular young woman.

> -----Ralph W. Hipple, of Pine Glenn, and Miss Ella Bowmaster, of Unionville, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Christmas evening. Rev. W. H. Brown, of the Bellefonte Evangelical church, performed the ceremony.

---- On Christmas morning John H. Miller, of this place, was married to Miss Blanche Gettig, of Roland, the ceremony having been performed at the bride's home by the Rev. W. H. Brown, of the Evangelical church.

----Mr. Barton Lorrah and Miss Laura Hampton were united in marriage at the home of D. H. Meredith, in Snow Shoe, on the day after Christmas. Rev. T. S. Faus performed the ceremony.

-Thomas P. Bitner, of Winburne, and Miss Edith Gunsallus, of Snow Shoe, were married at the home of the bride's parents

-Last Thursday evening while Mr. on December 24th. Rev. T. S. Faus perparents at Tyrone.

Miss Maud Moore and Mr. Miller, of East

den Berrier, to whose indefatigable efforts is due the strict enforcement of the game laws in this county. Mr. Berrier has done some fine detective work in this part of the State, and he makes it warm for the pot hunter when he gets on his trail. The illegal game killer seldom escapes righteous punishment when the game warden gets after him, and as a result the number of cases of game law violations grow less yearly. It is gratifying to know that the state game commission has in this field a man who performs his duty conscientiously and without fear or favor, and game wareran church. He delighted all and will den Berrier should have all the assistance in his laudable work of preserving the

efficiency of the Lycoming official says :

"Lycoming county hunters should have

a warm spot in their hearts for game war-

game that the local sportsmen can render him."

Lemont.

David Dale is home from Philadelphia spending his Christmas vacation. Samuel Houser spent Thursday of last week at the home of J. R. Williams. Mrs. Alvin Grove and her two sons spent a few days at the home of H. F. Evey.

Edward Lingle has returned to Beech Creek at which place he is employed.

Miss Bess Thompson has returned from a two weeks' sojourn in New York City.

Chas. Thompson, of Logansport, Ind., is spending a few days in these parts.

Miss Cora Naylor, of Tyrone, made a pleasant visit at the home of Miss Ina Payne, this week.

Jacob Shuey lost a valuable horse last week by being so badly kicked that it had to be killed.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Homan are the happy parents of another big boy of whom they are very proud.

Linn Bottorf and family visited at the homes of Cornelius Dale and Jacob Bottorf this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Shaffer, of Altoona, were visitors at the home of John I. Thompson over Christmas.

Mrs. William S. Williams spent a few days among her many friends in these parts this last week.

Mrs. John Glenn was quite ill this week. Heart trouble was the cause of her illness but she is much better now

J. C. Etters, who has been employed for some time in the Altoona shops is enjoying a few days' vacation in these parts.

James Schreck and Hamill Bathgate are in town taking in the sights and trying to enjoy the institute.

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Heckman are spending their Holiday vacation at the home of his

a basis that it would be open to the public at a rominal membership fee? It seems for it is reasonably certain he would be ing in an atmosphere that would be wholly Allison Bros. and the adjoining property beneficial.

Let us have a gymnasium.

An Appointment that Should be Made on Merit.

It is with much pleasure that we hear of Pennsylvania.

The real importance and significance of this office has never been properly appre- country. ciated in this State, else it would never be ciated in this State, else it would never be made the victim of the spoils system for it two story building 75 by 22 ft. H. F. Rossis a place where partisanship should be man will it occupy when completed. But laid aside and merit alone considered. We Mr. Rossman will resume business at once are a vast State, endowed with great nat- in temporary quarters in the neighborhood. ural resources, have been pioneers in many builds or not. Mr. Musser, if my inforprogressive and liberal movements but are mation is correct, will resume the hicycle second to lesser States in this appreciation | business on the "hill." of the practical value of scientific zoological knowledge.

Massachusetts has resorted to state legislation to protect her magnificent elms lation to protect her magnificent elms against the disastrous ravages of certain insects, the work of the extermination being always carried on under the supervis- Insurance \$325. ion of a trained entomologist of acknowledge ability.

Professor FORBES, state zoologist of Illinois, has won the interest and support of scientist, farmer and politician of that State, for he has made them appreciate the practical value of the work he has and is doing for them.

Our State is not immune against the inroads of insect and other pests upon grain, fruit, forest and gardens. Through nursery stock and in various ways new species are constantly being imported. In the wholesale grocery business alone millions of dollars worth of goods are destroyed bar. annually by insects. There is no way to stamp out or keep in check these growing disasters but thorough recourse to means as discovered and prescribed by scientific knowledge and research. Sporadic efforts are not sufficient nowadays but there should be a concerted and well directed movement with a director capable of impressing the economic . value and importance of this work upon every man, woman and child in this State.

Former Governor HASTINGS properly appreciated this when he appointed Dr. for Gøvernor.

buildings, that the firemen were forced to retire. In the barn was stored plank flooring and boards. Apparently the barn was to us that every parent in Bellefonte would doomed and the men commenced removing give such an undertaking the heartiest ap- everything from the building. Immediate proval, for the benefits to be derived ly upon the first alarm of fire, W. P. Alex. would be so many. With a finely equipped adder one of the employees of the mill quiet-ly removed a large quantity of dynamite gymnasium in the town fewer parents stored in the barn to a place of safety. He would be afraid to ask themselves the and H. M. Allison, another employe of the question "Where is My Boy To-night ?" mill, assisted by others worked like heroes to stay the conflagration and prevent the flames from spreading west. They knew if there. Free from temptation, improving the fire once started in the barn the entire his body and thereby his mind, and moy- destruction of the large flouring mill of

would be certain to follow. About thi time a fire extinguisher owned by C. P. Long was brought into requisition. (Why

was not this engine thought of before ?) and after hard work and by its use the fire was finally subdued and the barn saved.

This was the most disastrous fire we ever had in our village. Owing to the lateness Professor HARRY A. SURFACE's candidacy of the hour very few persons reached the for the position of Economic Zoologist of fire in its infancy and many knew nothing of it until next morning. The Heavens were brilliantly illuminated and the light was witnessed for miles in the surrounding

> Wm. Pealer will rebuild as soon as the It is uncertain whether J. F. Rearick re

The losses, as reported, will be about as follows : H. F. Rossman stock of goods. furniture and wearing apparel \$7,000. Insurance \$4,500. Wm. Pealer store building \$2,000. Insurance \$1,000. J. F. Rearick bi-

Decorated for Dewey.

Porto Ricans Turn Out En Masse at Ponce, and Give Admiral an Ovation.

PONCE. Port Rico, Dec. 28.-Admiral Dewey arrived here yesterday evening overland from San Juan and received an ovation. He was warmly greeted by a committee of native officials and citizens and was escorted by them from Juan Diaz to

The city was decorated in honor of the admiral's arrival, which was followed by a procession with bands of music through streets. Later the admiral boarded the United States ship Mayflower, which

was waiting for him, and sailed for Cule-

Stone Gives a Place to Houck.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 31.-Paul W. Houck, of Shenandoah, was appointed by Gover-nor Stone to day a member of the State Pharmaceutical Board, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. George W. Kennedy, of Pottsville.

Houck is given credit by the machine managers for having delivered to Quay the legislative vote of the pledge-breaker Galvin, of Schuylkill. He is a son of the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, and was one of Attorney General Elkin's most active workers in his campaign

Feb. 20-21, district No. 5 Unionville. Union, Huston, Worth, Taylor, Half Moon and Patton, 35 teachers.

Feb. 28, district No. 3, Bellefonte, Spring Benner and Walker, 56 teachers

WEDNESDAY'S SESSIONS.

On Wednesday Rev. George I. Brown, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, prayed for the spiritual welfare of the gathering and after a few rousing songs were ung the committee on elections announced the nominees to be voted for as follows:

Vice-President, Misses Anna Bartholo mew and Ella Levy and Messrs. W. H. Markle and A. A. Pletcher. Two to be voted for.

Secretary, Miss Maud Rankin and John H. Blair. Assistant Secretary, Miss Ella Ward and W. T. Winkleblech.

After the balloting Prof. Parsons con-

menced the discussion for the day by taking prepare for a final grand reunion of all the up "Motives in Education Springing from the Nature of Human Organism." The corps of instructors was augmented by the presence of Prof. H. A. Surface, of The gathering to talk over the matter, but Pennsylvania State College, whose interesting talks along the lines of zo-ology, embryology and nature study were not giv. en the attention they merited. It is painfully apparent that the teachers have a keener relish for something with a humor-

ous vein than for earnest, more serious discussions of life and its attributes. During the afternoon Prof. Patty, the

liquid air demonstrator was introduced and gave the audience a brief introduction to that mysterions new element. The elections for the ensuing year we

aunonnced to have resulted as follows: Vice Presidents-Miss Anna Bartholomew, of Centre Hall; A. A. Pletcher, of Howard.

Rec. Sec.-Miss Maude Rankin, of Mosh annon

Assistant Secretary-Miss Ella Ward, of Philipsburg.

THURSDAY, THE BIG DAY,

Thursday was a record-breaker from every stand point. They were standing C. Quigley E-q. commissioner in bankruptup all day. From the time that Rev. Snriner made the opening prayer to the ast remarks of the instructors last evening. All of them had periods except Miss Lloyd, who left early in the week. The discussions were very comprehensive yesterday, and it was noticeable that some of the edu cators, who had been shooting over the heads of many of the teachers, either fgot down to a lower plain or lifted the teach ers up to theirs. Whichever it was there was more interest manifested in the talks.

THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING.

Much of the enthusiasm and interest of resterday can be rightfully attributed to the presence of the directors who came to town for their 17th annual meeting. They were called to order in Petriken Hall, by president C. T. Fryberger, of Philipsburg, and notwithstanding the cold the directors staid to the finish.

H. C. Quigley, secretary, called the roll, and read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were adopted

On motion of John A. Da'ey a committee consisting of Messrs, John A. Daley, A. C. Mingle and Newton Cameron was sppointed to name officers for ensuing year, Chairman Fryberger announced that the sulject, "Bural High Schools" would be discussed. Col. Austin Curtin read a carefully prepared, and comprehensive paper on the subject showing the

from a visit to Mrs. Miller's parents, Elias Stovers, of Penn township, their little baby died. When they left the baby was all right, but when they got home it was dead.

-A jolly sleighing party went to the Old Fort for supper, Tuesday night. They were Misses Margaret Thomas, Sara Potter, Elizabeth Gephart, Tomazine Potter, Lillian Muffley, Mary Weaver, Gussie and Cris Merriman, Messis. Wilson Gephart, John Munson, Laird Curtin, Donald Potter, Randalph Hoy, Harold Lingle and Fred Larim-

with them also.

-The Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, the ranks of which are thinning fast, will meet in the Supreme court room, in Harrisburg, next Wednesday evening to men who are left, who stood together in McCall's Division, in 1861. The meeting is merely in the nature of a preliminary every member of the famous old corps is invited and if he cannot be there an expression of opinion by letter would be en-

Miss Jean Furst and John Curtin were

couraging.

---- In order to have his two rooms occupied Ed Brown Jr. closed out his business on Dec. 10th, since which time the room, formerly occupied by Mr. Bauer, lately deceased, was made vacant so he opened it on Dec. 31st with a stock of fruits, vegetables, fish and ovsters and in the near future expects to add a line of confectionery and nuts. He will sell at reasonabl prices, quality considered, the best goods and the price of New York count oysters will be only 35 cts. Telephone your or ders and they will be promptly filled.

H. C. QUIGLEY HONORED .- The announcement was made, on Wednesday, that the United States court, has appointed H. and Clinton counties. Mr. Quigley succeeds the late W. E. Gray, and will have charge of the latter's death.

The appointment came without solicitaion on the part of the young attorney who has recently disassociated himself from part-uership with Col. Wilbur F. Reeder and is in assurance of the success that was predicted for him when he opened offices of his own.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF POMONA GRANGE -The first regular meeting of Centre coun-ty Pomona Grange No. 13 for the new year will be held in the hall of Progress grange, at Centre Hall, on Friday, Jan. 10th, at 1 o'clock p. m. All fourth degree members and fire insurance directors are requested to be present.

Special meetings will be held during the month as follows :

Jacksonville, Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 1 p.

Howard, Wednesday, Jan 14th at 10a. m and 1 p. m. Unionville, Thursday, Jan 15th at 1 p.

Benner, Friday, Jan. 16th at 1 p. m Milesburg grange will go to Unionville,

and Logan and Zion will go to Benner.

SHOULD BE A LESSON. -Bellefonte merchants complained that their Christmas trade during the recent holiday season was

the smallest it has ever been. If they will be but fair to themselves and take into consideration the fact that with less than cess. one-half dozen exceptions not a single invitation as inducement for people to come to Bellefonte and procure their holiday

goods was sent out they ought to understand the why of this falling off in the Christmas trade. The advertising columns of the town papers show this. There was

no Christmas trade solicited-none seemingly wanted. The country people who read the papers simply took it that Bellefonte merchants either had nothing to offer or did not desire their trade and went elsewhere for what they wished.

A GOOD ORGANIST.-Simplicity is the keynote of everything successful in the fine arts.

It is perfectly fitting that in the service of the Master the beautiful and best should be offered but it is a question whether much of the pomp and elaboration, now a seemingly necessary part of church service, is not incense rather to the human than the Divine pleasure. Skill and imagination could produce nothing more magnificent than Solomon's Temple and yet was any service held amid this grandeur comparable to those where the Great Teacher, in all simplicity, taught the multitudes on mountain, plain or shore? He needed no

accompaniment of harp, cornet or pipeorgan. Is the real worship in the church where is harmony to the eye and ear, or,as may yet be found in certain parts of the country-where the principles of harmony are lacking, where the hymns are lined out with no accompaniment but where there are those worshipping from a true

spirit of devotion ? Did Pope Vitalian I do a commendable deed when he introduced the organ into church music? * * One may indulge in reflections on New Years eve ! Why this trend ? We Methodists yearned for a pipe organ. We got it, but possession does not always

bring happiness and then there is the organist. We regret greatly that with the closing of the year Mr. Joe Katz closes his work as our organist, which position he has ably and most creditably filled for more than a year. Although always an enthuthe piano Mr. Katz was practically an all retired, having been delightfully enteramateur in organ music when he began his tained. engagement but has so assiduously devoted A bridge at last over Sinking Creek, but his success is pronounced. His voluntaries one erected by a partnership between the translate as pleasingly as he has done and be his closing successes.

Strousburg, are making their annual visit at the home of Mrs. Ellen Moore.

Willis Grove will make his future home in Bellefonte, as he moved to that place on Thursday of last week. Wish him much suc-

Miss Maud Mayes and Miss Miriam Dreese are home from the Central State Normal to spend the vacation at the homes of their parents.

Mrs. Etta Tate moved from this place to Philipsburg on Friday where she intends making her home, keeping house for her brother Harry Homer.

All the teachers of College township are in Bellefonte for a few days' recreation attending teachers institute. Hope they will have a pleasant time, also a profitable one.

Boyd Williams and Miss Alice Meese were joined in the holy ties of matrimony, on Wednesday evening and we trust they may me ke a success of the voyage of life.

Our enterprising miller at Centre Furnace, F. Asbury Holderman took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Mary A. Smith, of Tyrone, one day last week. Success to them. James Longwell, of Philadelphia, has taken one of our Centre county ladies to wife in the person of Miss Margeretta Miller. Many happy days to both of them, is wished by all of their many friends.

P. B. Crider & Son purchased the 400 acre tract of land held by the Christian Dale estate about one and one half miles north east of Lemont along Nittany mountain for \$1,-500. They intend taking the timber off the same.

Elmer Ross received a small car of chestnut coal and it reminded one of a case of starvation the way they contended for a few hundred weight, but the best that could be got or given was three-fourths of a ton. Oh, how the people wish that the scarcity would soon be turned to plenty.

Spring Millis.

Christmas here passed off about as usual. Exchange of presents, huge turkey dinners and visiting seemed the order of the day.

Squire Herring, Michael Shires and R. G. Kennelley have been on the sick list for the last ten days or two weeks. All are slowly mending.

The Sunday school entertainment in the M. E. church last week was a delightful affair. The music and singing was fine and the recitations by the children excellent. The interior of the church was very handsomely and artistically decorated for the occasion. All the children received packages siast in music and devoting much time to of candies and oranges, and at an early hour

his leisnre to its study and mastery that not the \$6,000 state bridge, only a temporary and offertories of the past month have b_{f} en | county and township. T. B. Jamison securselections requiring no ordinary skill to built a substantial bridge across the creek. this but accents the regret that they must political job, the bridge might have been thrown across in four months—possibly not.

Judge Archibald, of the middle district of cy for this district, which includes Centre of all the business unfinished at the time