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Democratic County Committee for 1903.

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Has the Courage to Tell the Truth.

We are glad to know that there is one religious paper, at least, that can tell a wrong when it sees it; that is not so politically hide-bound that it fears to speak the truth or subserviently partisan that it would hide a crime because it was committed in the interest of the party with which its managers sympathize.

It Wasn't Him.

Some conscience stricken felt returned to the State last week \$38.20 that he had in some way at some time wrongfully taken.

A Zephyr from the South.

The following letter from a gentleman who was a resident of Belleville many years ago has been received at this office.

GRAND ISLE, La., Dec. 25th, 1902. Dear Sir: You will no doubt be a bit surprised when you get this, and learn the identity of "Yours Truly."

I know that many of the old settlers have crossed the silent river into the great beyond and are "resting in the shade of the trees."

of Saunders' or many other shops for a chair, winding up at Kurtz's bowling alley and the Republican office, and the WATCHMAN office.

Still there are the many green spots, over which the mind loves to linger. Where are they? Geniat Joe Furey, Jolly Old Abe Susman, Dave Wagner, "Pop" Shugert, the Harris' Frank Green, Jerry Butts, Harry Stitzer, and a host of others.

I don't know why I am telling you all this, but one thing brings on another. The events of a life time are but an endless chain, whose every link bears some relation to every other no matter how remote the time of the forging, or the intervening distance.

Proprietor Cole's Idea of January Weather.

What Storms and Signs has to Predict for this Month. Prof. Coles in "Storms and Signs" says: As we write, the year 1902 has completed its cycle and will soon be numbered with the things of the past and we now see the dawn of another New Year.

December gave us a surprise, as predicted, and January is liable to do the same. By looking at the calendar in Storms and Signs you will notice that all the storm periods are marked down. Unsettled weather will prevail during the first part of the month, there will be a few bright days followed by high gales, rain, and snow.

At all moon, on the 12th, watch out for more destructive gales sweeping inland. Early horsehold should burn half a teaspoonful of coffee, and a pinch of saleratus every morning, at least for it will drive away many of the disease germs that are accumulating for the purpose of making an attack upon some member of your family.

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To CUSTOMERS AND THE PUBLIC. - Having associated with me in the hardware store and tinware business, at State College, D. G. Meek, of Fairbrook, I call your attention to the fact, that he will always be found there, and should be caught short of anything you may need in our line we will procure it for you at once from the wholesale trade without extra charge.

Should you at any time wish an estimate on work it will be furnished promptly. We will be glad to have you call. - Our prices will, in all instances, be as low as the trade will justify. L. OLIN MECK, (Hereafter) College Hardware Co.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

—Mrs. Margaret Alexander is seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Yarrington, in Richmond, Va.

—Semi annual clearance sale of overcoats and suits 1-4 off; overcoats and suits 1-3 off; overcoats and suits 1-2 off. Montgomery & Co., Clothiers.

—F. D. Lee, who farms the Israel Kauffman farm below town, has purchased a fine short horn bull calf from Fergus Potter, of Linden Hall, and expects to raise short horns hereafter.

—After being laid up for eight weeks with blood poisoning Richard Lutz was able to get out on Monday. He had a very serious time of it and for awhile his life was despaired of. His trouble began with a pimple on his leg, which he punctured.

Farmers Institutes. As previously announced the state board of agriculture has arranged for the holding of two farmers institutes in this county this season. One at Millheim and one at Rock Springs.

THE MILLHEIM INSTITUTE. The institute at Millheim will be held in the town hall in that place on Thursday and Friday, January 15th and 16th. The following program has been prepared and it includes so many matters of interest to farmers and others that there should be a large attendance.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1.30. Opening Prayer. - Rev. J. D. Shortess, Music. My Success in the Use of Commercial Fertilizers. - M. S. Bond. Danville, Pa.

Farmers as We Find Them, W. F. Smith, Penn Township. Care and Application of Manure. James Y. Patton. New Castle, Pa. The Farmer of To-day, A. N. Corman, Rebersburg, Pa.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7.00. Query Box. Nature Study in the Public School, Prof. Hosterman, Penn Hall, Pa. Insect Enemies of Farm and Garden, Prof. George C. Butz, State College, Pa.

What Constitutes a Country Home, R. S. Seeds, Birmingham, Pa. FRIDAY MORNING, 9.00. Breeding Poultry, J. S. Meyer, Penn Township. Preserving Soil Moisture, Jas. N. Patton, Peach Culture, Prof. Butz, How the Girls Can Make Money on the Farm, M. S. Bond.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1.30. Query Box. Profit and Loss in the Dairy, D. D. Royer, Rebersburg, Pa. How to Grow Good Clover, J. Y. Patton, Value of Fertility and Cheapest Way to Get it, R. S. Seeds. How Can We Reduce Local Taxation, M. S. Bond.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7.00. Query Box. Silos and Silage, J. W. Shook, Spring Mills, Pa. Modern Treatments of Apple Orchards, Prof. Butz. Mistakes of Life Exposed, R. S. Seeds.

Several of Millheim's amateur electioneers will contribute to the entertainment of the audience by recitations at the several sessions. The committee in charge is composed of the following:

H. E. Duck, chairman general committee; Prof. C. R. Neff, chairman program committee; J. S. Meyer, chairman music committee; W. F. Smith, chairman advertising committee; Luther Catherman, chairman decoration committee.

THE ROCK SPRING INSTITUTE. The institute at Rock Spring will be held in the Grange Hall on Friday and Saturday, January 30th and 31st. An unusual effort is being put forth to make the sessions more than ordinarily interesting. The program is as follows:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1.30. Music. Invocation, Rev. C. T. Aikens. A Welcome, Rev. J. M. Campbell. Response, Dr. I. A. Thayer, New Castle, Pa.

Poultry Raising, Miss May Tressler. Value of Fertility and Cheapest way to get it, Mr. R. S. Seeds. Birmingham, Pa. Recitation, Mr. Robert Hess.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7.30. Music. Query Box. Recitation, Miss Maud Irwin. Parents and Scholars, M. E. Heberling. Concentration of Schools, Prof. H. M. Maris. Cedar Springs, Pa.

Graded Schools, Mr. Joel A. Herr. Nature Studies, Dr. Thayer. SATURDAY MORNING, 9.30. Query Box. Recitation, Miss Mame Miller. Selection and Care of Cows, Mr. Herr. Recitation, Miss Anna M. Goheen. Soil Improvement the Keynote of Agriculture, Mr. Seeds.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1.30. Query Box. Music. Recitation, Miss Anna Dale. Preparation of the Seed-bed, Dr. Thayer. Boys and Girls on the Farm, Hon. D. F. Fortney.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7.30. Query Box. Music. Recitation, Mr. Harold M. Williams. The Clovers as Fertilizers, Dr. Thayer. Recitation, Miss Myrtle Patton. Mistakes of Life Exposed, Mr. Seeds.

Although this institute is designed for the education of farmers, yet all are invited to attend, and particularly ladies, and members of all organizations of farmers. The door will be wide open and admission free at Centre county air. Come and help. The committee in charge includes the following:

Capt. W. H. Fry, chairman general committee; J. B. Goheen, chairman program committee; Harry McCracken, chair-

man advertising committee; H. John Miller, chairman building committee; Wm. Van Tries, chairman transportation committee; Frank Bowersox, chairman entertainment committee; C. B. Hess, chairman decoration committee; Ezra Tressler, chairman music committee.

Both institutes are under the personal direction of Col. John A. Woodward, whose enthusiastic work for the state board has made him a much sought after man at such gatherings.

—Jerry Zettle, of Beech Creek, killed a wild cat with a club on Tuesday. —Semi annual clearance sale of overcoats and suits, 4 off; overcoats and suits, 4 off; overcoats and suits, 4 off. Montgomery & Co., Clothiers.

—John Stiger was brought to jail on New Year's night by constable John Maize, of Penn Twp. Stiger had filled up with liquor and wanted to lick all of Coburn.

—A fire brick works is to be erected at Howard, where a party of gentlemen have purchased ground and purpose getting a plant into manufacturing order at once.

—Miss Kathryn Sandford, of Philipsburg, was married to Fred G. Bartow, of Reynoldsville, on Monday evening, and one of the decorative features of the wedding supper that was served at the bride's home afterwards was a pair of candle sticks over one hundred years old. They had been a gift to the bride's grandmother at the time of her wedding.

—Miss Annie Miles Gray, formerly of Patton township this county but who has resided in Tyrone for many years, and Mr. Arthur Hayes Shank, were married in the parlor of the First Methodist parsonage in Altoona, on Wednesday evening by the Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs. Mr. and Mrs. Shank went to Philadelphia on their wedding journey and will make their home in Tyrone, where Mr. Shank is a clerk in the post office.

—Professor Charles F. Bell, who was head of the department of chemistry at The Pennsylvania State College in the 80's, died of Brights disease on Sunday at the home of his brother, Dr. William A. Bell, in Somerville, Mass., where he was spending the holidays. Professor Bell was recognized as one of the eminent chemists of the country and at the time of his death was head of the department of chemistry in the University of Minnesota. A widow, brother and sister survive him.

—At a recent meeting of the Centre county Medical Society a resolution was unanimously passed requesting all of the newspapers of the county to refuse to publish "medical advertisements of an immoral tendency," a copy of which has been received at this office. Inasmuch as the WATCHMAN never has accepted any business of this character or never expects to it is easy for it to comply with the request. It has always tried to be a clean, wholesome journal for the home and the high prices offered for space for advertisements of the "Before and After" remedies have never been the slightest temptation to deviate from this policy.

—About 2 o'clock last Sunday morning Harry Gheret discovered fire in the room occupied by Mrs. Yeager as a millinery store at the old McBride corner. An alarm was rung in and the department was soon on the ground. It was found that a large hole was burned in the middle of the floor. How it caught is a mystery and the impression is general that it was of incendiary origin. It seems that the old building will not burn down. As a matter of history it will be news to many to know that it once stood on the corner where Blair jewelry store is now located and was hauled to its present location by Gen. Benner, with oxen. He then built the old Pennsylvania house on the site now partially occupied by the Brokerhoff house.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF POMONA GRANGE. -Special meetings will be held during the month as follows: Jacksonville, Tuesday, Jan. 13th, at 1 p. m.

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

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

The first regular meeting of Centre county Pomona Grange No. 13 for the new year will be held in the hall of Progress grange, at Centre Hall, on Friday, Jan. 23rd, at 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. All fourth degree members and fire insurance directors are requested to be present.

RIVAL MINSTREL STARS. -Harry Shunk, "the man who sings and talks" with the Gus Sun Minstrels, who are heralded to appear at Garman's tonight, had an amusing experience with a rival minstrel star while he was appearing with Dumont's Minstrels in Philadelphia some years ago. It appears both comedians were singing the same song. Shunk having the advantage of appearing on the program first. The rival was furious because Shunk got all applause and went to the manager flushed with the heat of anger and jealousy, demanding that Shunk's number be changed to the bottom of the bill and his place at the top. Next day, to avoid controversy the singers changed places on the program and to the chagrin and astonishment of the rival Shunk again carried off the honors amid deafening applause. The manager decided Harry was the champion and his opponent was compelled to step down from his former exalted position.

—This evening the Hon. William G. Ewing, of Chicago, Ill., will lecture on "Christian Science," in the opera house in Lock Haven. Inasmuch as the lecturer is an ex-judge of the Superior court of Illinois and a member of the board of lecturership of the first church of Christ, scientist, of Boston, a very interesting and intelligent dissertation on the new doctrine should reward those who attend.

A BIRTHDAY GATHERING. -A very interesting and social birthday event took place at the home of Wm. Spotts, 2 1/2 miles from Unionville on the 29th ult. Celebrating the seventieth birthday of Wm. Spotts. Relatives and friends began pouring into his home until more than thirty were assembled. The aged gentleman had not been apprised of the fact that his friends were coming to see him on that day. Every body seemed to enjoy the situation, especially when the table began to groan under the load of eatables.

There was plenty for all and a good bit left. Bush Hollow people and others know how to prepare good things to eat; or at least you would have thought so had you been there and seen and tasted for yourself.

Mr. Henry Spotts, who is older than Wm. Mr. David Spotts, Mr. Jacob Spotts, brothers in the same family, were present with their hoary heads and care worn, but smiling faces. Quite a number of suitable presents were received.

After singing and prayers were offered to God for His merciful goodness and kindness toward mankind, the friends began to separate and go to their different homes. May God bless Wm. Spotts, wife and family and may he be permitted to see many more birthdays. (Observer.)

CULMINATION OF A PRETTY ROMANCE. -The Lock Haven Express, one day last week, contained the following which will interest a number of our readers for Mrs. Shearer, the heroine of the story, is a cousin of S. A. and William Bell, of this place, and has visited here frequently. Her husband to be, J. H. Meyer, is formerly of this county and during his last visit here in October attended the dedication of the Reformed church at Boalsburg and presented to it the pulpit and furniture.

"A marriage that will be solemnized in this city on the 21st day of February next will be the outcome of a beautiful romance in its real life that began many years ago. The bride to be is Mrs. R. A. Shearer, the widow of the late J. T. Shearer, and the prospective groom is J. H. Meyer, a wealthy Kansas farmer. Mr. Meyer in his youthful days lived at Spring Bank in Brush valley, Centre county, where he formed the acquaintance of Miss Rachel Bell, a winsome maiden whose friendship he enjoyed. In fact, Mr. Meyer paid some special attention to Miss Bell, but merely as an admiring friend of the young lady. Forty-one years ago the young man went west to seek his fortune and later married a woman whom he met and loved. Miss Bell also married, her husband being J. T. Shearer, a gentleman, who during his life time, was an honored and respected citizen of Lock Haven. Nine years ago Mr. Shearer died and his widow has continued ever since to reside at her home on East Bald Eagle street.

"Seven years ago the wife of Mr. Meyer died, leaving him a widower. From the time he left Brush valley forty one years ago until about a year ago, Miss Bell, now Mrs. Shearer, who was the girl friend of his boyhood's days, had heard nothing of him and did not know whether he was living or dead. In February last Mr. Meyer, who served in the army during the Civil war, came east to attend the reunion of his regiment at Belleville. Hearing a comrade address another as Mr. Bell, the recollection of his friendship for the Miss Bell of his early days was recalled and he inquired of the gentleman whether he knew the Miss Bell in question. The gentleman proved to be W. W. Bell a cousin of Mr. Meyer's early day friend and he then learned that she was a widow and was living in Lock Haven. He came here and called upon her and the friendship of the past was renewed. After Mr. Meyer returned to Kansas, correspondence followed and numerous letters were exchanged. Last October Mr. Meyer again came east and when he left Lock Haven to return home he had the promise of Mrs. Shearer to become his bride in February next. He will arrive here on the 18th of the month and the wedding will take place on the 21st.

Mr. Meyer resides seven miles from the town of Hiawatha, Kan., and has a beautiful home.

Irvin Zeigler and Mitchell Garbrick are home for their vacation. Miss Myrtle Garis was married to William Snyder at Spring Mills Sunday. Clyde Boyer and bride returned home Tuesday from their wedding trip.

Miss Minnie Diehl, of Millburg, is the guest of her brother John this week. Mrs. Ambrose Sloteman and family of Belleville spent several days with Perry Cole last week.

Miss Day Brooks, after spending several weeks with her parents, returned to Belleville Monday. George M. Hall, of the firm of McNaught and Hall, of Johnstown, was a guest at the Hess home last week.

Miss Luella Ross has gone to Altoona to spend the winter with friends in that place. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClellan entertained in their usual hospitable manner quite a number of the young people of this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lemon, of Morgantown, West Va., and squire Miller and Miss Maud Miller, of Rock Spring were guests of F. E. Wieland during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Miller stopped over night with F. E. Wieland on their way to Philadelphia to visit their son Prof. S. C. Miller, who is principal of the schools at Norwood, a suburb of that city.

Among those visiting in the neighborhood recently were Mrs. Elmer Houtz and family of Millheim; Will Bilger, of Pleasant Gap; Miss Annie Long, from the Fort and Philip Bliss Meyer, of Virginia, who spent several weeks with relatives near Linden Hall.

Oak Hall. A. W. Dale has bought the Kramer property. A. J. Tate transacted business in town Tuesday.

Maurice Klinger returned to Lock Haven Saturday evening. Mrs. Calvin Etters, of Centre Furnace, called in town Thursday.

A. W. Dale and daughters spent Wednesday in Belleville at institute. David Glasgow and family, of Tusseyville, spent Thursday at Cornelius Kline's.

Miss Isora Rupp, of Boalsburg, called on friends here on Monday evening. Al Dale, one of Belleville's legal lights, transacted business in town Tuesday.

Leah and Mary Kline spent Sunday with their grandmother Osman at Lemont. George Dale and daughter, Miss Lillie, of Shiloh, took dinner at A. W. Dale's on Sunday.

Rev. C. T. Aikens and wife, of Pine Grove Mills, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Edwin Smith. John S. Dale and family and Miss McBride, of Dale's Summit, spent Sunday with Mrs. Henrietta Dale.

Hubbardsburg. The Love family held a reunion during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Johnstown, are visiting friends in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kessinger visited friends at Mill Hall Monday and Tuesday. Irvin Bierley, of Parvin, is spending this week at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. L. Markle.

George Kerns and wife of Lewisburg returned home after spending several weeks with his parents. David Love and family of Pittsburg returned home Monday after enjoying a week with mother Love.

Master Max Markle is slowly improving after a severe attack of pneumonia but he is now afflicted by an attack of measles. Mrs. Wm. Carner returned home from Mill Hall to which place she had been called by the serious illness of her son's children.

Grace Markle and nephew Loyd accompanied by E. V. Correll, of the Easton Sunday Call, spent a very pleasant holiday vacation at the home of James Markle, at Pitcairn.

Charles Myers, of Johnstown, visited his mother at the old Willow home for the last time; the property having been sold to John Weaver, of this place, who will occupy it in the spring.

Wm. Whitman and bride, formerly Miss McDonald, of Cross Forks, were married at the Irvin house Lock Haven, on New Year's day and after a trip to Harrisburg and Middleton arrived in town Tuesday evening to spend a day with the groom's parents. After which they will return to Cross Forks where he is employed. May happiness attend them is the wish of all.

Lemont. F. Woods Bathgate and family of Altoona are at present visiting among friends in these parts. Our new commissioner Philip Meyer has moved to the county seat to enjoy the next few days.

Joseph Edmonston and wife returned home after taking a very pleasant vacation from the toils of the farm. Mrs. Theodore Boal and sister were entertained at the hospitable home of John I. Thompson on Thursday, the 1st.

Norris Martz and family, of Altoona, were home to attend the funeral of his uncle, Henry Pennington, of State College. Jacob S. Murray is home for a few days enjoying the fresh country air again as his employment takes him to the city of Pittsburg.

William E. Grove, John Shuey, and Jacob Herman attended the meeting of the Directors Association held in Petriken hall on Thursday. This place was represented at the teachers institute last week and all report having had a pleasant time, as well as being benefited by the instruction.

As D. B. Getz was on his way from institute Wednesday night he found out by experience how cold it was for he froze the end of his nose. John Shuey's little daughter is suffering from scarlet fever but thus far she has had a very light attack, and we trust the disease will not spread.

Austin Dale, of Oak Hall, purchased the Jonathan Kramer property, or the home occupied by Jacob Klinger, on Thursday. The sum paid for it was \$700. Rev. Shultz opened a protracted meeting in the United Evangelical church of this place on Sunday evening and it is hoped that it may be for the up-lifting of many who have been traveling the road to destruction.

Harvey Tressler purchased the property that Emanuel M. Shuey made his home up to the time of the death of his wife. I think the young folks will find it a pleasant place to round out their days when they wish to retire from farming.

As the train was about to start away from this place, on Saturday afternoon it was found that the engine was broken, so they were delayed until the 3:50 p. m. train made its trip to Belleville, and then Mr. Theodore Cherry, hauled them to Montandon and then took the broken engine to Belleville. One day this last week, as Hale Ross was coming down the hill west of this place, on the pike leading from State College, the one side of the sled tongue came loose and the horses started to run, and when they struck the bridge that spans Spring creek the sled broke loose and they ran around town for some time before they were caught. The only damage done was to the horses and sled. Elliot Armstrong, while helping his uncle William Glenn put his horse in Jacob Herman's stable, on Saturday evening, was kicked by the horse and received two severe bruises, but they are not thought to be dangerous. It should be a warning to parents to keep children away from all horses as all that saved the boy's life was his being too near the horse, thus not getting the full sweep of the kick.