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Steel Combine's Enormous Bookings.

Greater Than Ever Before, Says Gary, in Awarding Shares to Employees Those Getting \$800 Salary or Less Were Given Preference. Rumor as to Purchase of Jones & Laughlin is Denied.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Some scaling down of the subscriptions of employees of the United States Steel Corporation to the corporation's preferred stock, under the profit sharing plan, was announced after a meeting of the directors of the steel corporation this afternoon.

The employees were divided in classes, according to the amount of wages received, and to those in class F, of men who get \$800 or less in wages, are allotted all the shares for which they subscribed. They got 15,038 shares for which they subscribed. They got 15,038 shares, representing 12,170 individual subscriptions.

This is the official statement given out by Chairman E. H. Gary after the directors' meeting.

"The subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation at the present time have orders on their books for over 5,500,000 tons, which are the largest unfilled bookings that they have ever had.

"The books for subscription to stock under the profit-sharing plan closed on Saturday evening, Jan. 31, and the stock was subscribed for as follows: 27,633 men subscribed for 51,125 shares. Class E, composed of men who receive salaries of \$800 to \$2,500 a year, subscribed for 29,013 shares, 14,260 men subscribing.

Class F, which is composed of men who receive \$800 or less in wages, subscribed for 15,038 shares, 12,170 men subscribing.

"The board of directors voted to allot to class F all the stock they subscribed for, and to class E, 90 per cent; class D, 80 per cent; class C, 70 per cent; class B, 60 per cent; and class A, 50 per cent, of the stock for which these respective classes subscribed.

"The board unanimously adopted resolutions deploring the death of the late Abram S. Hewitt."

There was a Wall street report that the United States Steel Corporation had made a proposition to purchase the steel properties of Jones & Laughlin, limited, at Pittsburgh, for \$80,000,000.

No confirmation of this could be had, and a dispatch from Pittsburgh to-night represents William F. King, one of the largest Jones & Laughlin stockholders, as declaring there is no truth, whatever, in the story.

The monthly meeting of the directors of the United States Steel Corporation takes place this afternoon.

This afternoon Jacob Field, John Wallace and Charles DeWitt held United Steel common up to 38 1/2. Field bidding for any part of 100,000 shares, and it closed at 38 1/2, Clinton Miller's order.

There is understood to be a large professional bull pool in the preferred. The Waldorf crowd is believed to figure.

It was reported that a decision favorable to the corporation had been rendered in the Hodge suit, and other rumors were that the J. J. Hill ore properties had been leased and that other companies had been absorbed. All of these lacked confirmation.

English Navy Supremacy.

Emperor William Himself Prepares Chart Showing Germany's Weakness.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The Vice-President of the Reichstag, Count von Stolberg-Wernigerod, in calling that body to order to-day, said the Emperor had presented the house, with a diagram in his own hand, contrasting the British and German navies.

The drawing shows that Great Britain has 42 battleships and Germany 12; that Great Britain has 14 armored cruisers and Germany 2; that Great Britain has 103 protected cruisers and Germany 17; that Great Britain is building 12 battleships and Germany 6; that Great Britain is building 20 armored cruisers and Germany 3, and that Great Britain is building 8 protected cruisers and Germany 8.

Increase in Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The Sunday appropriation bill reported to the House today by Representative Cannon, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, carries an aggregate appropriation of \$78,007,929, which is \$8,886,432 less than the estimates and \$17,355,870 more than the current appropriated. The committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the relief of distress in the Philippines.

Settlement of Dispute Desired.

They are of an Important Nature, but Assurances are Given that They were Sent Prior to the Submission of the Last Proposition and Affected only a Detail of the Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Feb.—Every effort is being made by the representatives of the allies here to secure an early settlement of the Venezuelan dispute without referring it to The Hague. In this effort the Italian and British Ambassadors and the German minister, Baron von Stenberg, are receiving the endorsement of Mr. Bowen, as well as the cordial approval of the government of the United States. It is understood that the President, while in no way connected with the negotiations, is personally in favor of a final agreement being reached at Washington. This fact, it is believed, will have an important bearing on the decision of the British and German foreign offices.

The British Ambassador and the German Minister have both cabled to their governments the fact that Mr. Bowen has expressed his willingness to give the allies preferential treatment for three months, in order that they may emerge from the controversy without injury to their honor. The allies have not yet answered the last representations of their envoys here urging an acceptance of this plan.

Advices reached here from Berlin this afternoon of an important nature, but assurances are given that they were sent prior to the submission of the last proposition and affected only a detail of the controversy.

PURPORT NOT DISCOURAGING.

Their purport was not discouraging. It may be some days yet before a final answer reaches Washington but all the negotiators feel hopeful of a successful outcome.

At a joint conference at the German embassy to-day, the three months' proposition was discussed at length and the question of the possible reference of the case to The Hague was considered.

It was considered that the claimant nations will suffer far more than Venezuela if the Washington negotiations fail. Mr. Bowen, in his note rejecting the last proposition of the allies that they receive 20 and the other credit powers 10 per cent. of the customs receipts of La Guayra and Porto Cabello stated that Venezuela would assent to the reference of this point to The Hague, there is a strong possibility that weeks would elapse before a preliminary protocol even along these simple lines could be drawn up. And once the question of settling the entire dispute at The Hague is raised, Venezuela stands ready to interject countless details into the protocol that the allies' representatives are quite sure they cannot allow to be arbitrated. All this will serve only to complicate further an ugly situation, and the negotiators feel that its main effect will be an increase of unrest throughout the United States and South America against the allied powers.

BRITISH AND GERMAN TRADE SUFFERING.

British and German trade, it is pointed out, is suffering greatly from the maintenance of the blockade.

The British Ambassador had a long conference with Secretary Hay to-day and in the meantime Baron von Stenberg was calling on Mr. Bowen. The British Ambassador was desirous of knowing the attitude of the Washington government respecting a reference of the dispute to The Hague and the fact that the administration favors a prompt settlement by the Washington negotiators themselves induced him to lay before his government the reasons why acceptance of the preferential treatment for three months was desirable.

It is regarded as fortunate here that the negotiators themselves are acting in harmony. Early in the Venezuelan negotiations the British Ambassador pledged himself to do all in his power to settle the Venezuelan dispute as soon as possible, and all his efforts in this direction are receiving the endorsement of the Washington government.

It is stated in an authoritative quarter that the President and the German Emperor are both taking a keen interest in the early adjustment of the dispute, feeling that no good can come of prolonging the blockade.

What it Costs to Run the State.

General Appropriation Bill Carries Items Amounting to Over \$15,000,000.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 3.—The general appropriation bill which passed first reading, carries an appropriation of \$15,226,089.60 for the current expenses of the State Government and supports the public schools for the next two years.

Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, gave notice that he would call the bill up on Tuesday for second reading, and as soon thereafter as possible for third reading and final passage.

Following is a list of the items in the bill: Executive department, \$53,400; state department, \$87,500; auditor general's department, \$116,000; treasury department, \$31,000; department of internal affairs, \$136,350; banking department, \$104,000; department of public instruction, \$41,000; Adjutant general's Dept., \$48,700; State library, \$47,350; State reporter, \$16,000; public grounds and buildings, \$98,200; sinking fund commission, \$3,800; board of pardons, \$7,600; department of agriculture, \$130,000; department of forestry, \$18,800; public printing and binding, \$7,400; revenue commission, \$8,400; factory inspector and deputies, \$100,000; harbor officers, \$172,100; medical council, \$2,000; college and university council, \$1,000; judiciary department, \$1,346,800; associate judges, \$64,000; mileage and extra, all judges, \$75,000; Senate, \$145,941.40; House of Representatives, \$420,707.40; miscellaneous, \$917,041; public schools, \$11,000,000.

King Overlooked Mrs. Miles.

Failed to Invite Her to Windsor With Her Husband.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—While General Miles dined and supped with King Edward and Queen Alexandra, at Windsor Castle, Mrs. Miles was at a hotel wondering why she was not invited. It was given out to-day that it was through oversight that she had not been asked to go up to the castle, and General Miles says nothing when asked what he thinks of the matter.

The King was to have gone to-day to Chatsworth for a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, but Sir Francis Laking, the royal physician, forbade it because of the King's cold. At noon to-day, however, the King was planting trees at some distance from the castle and appeared to be in good health.

General Miles says the King hopes to have the Prince and Princess of Wales visit America, but no plans for the trip have been discussed as yet.

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The Second Week of Court.

Only a Few Cases Finally Disposed of Before Court. A Number were Settled or Continued. The Session Ended on Wednesday.

The second week of quarter sessions court was concluded on Wednesday evening, the following cases having been disposed of:

Subpoenas in divorce were awarded by the court in the following cases:—
William B. Krape versus Mary J. Krape.
John McKinley versus Mary M. McKinley.
Carrie A. Fry versus William T. Fry.
Adelia C. Frankenberger versus Chauncey C. Frankenberger.

The following cases were settled: J. M. Kephart versus W. H. Williams and Jennie B. Williams, administrators of Aaron Williams, deceased. Feigned issue.
Edwina Rider versus Emma C. Rider, subpoena in divorce.

The following cases were continued:—
The Lehigh Valley Coal Co., versus The Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation.
The Moshannon Lumber Company, M. H. Boyer et al. Ejectment. Plea "Not Guilty."
Lehigh Valley Coal Company versus George Lucas, et al. Replevin. Plea "non cepit and property."
Lehigh Valley Coal Company versus John Arpelt, Jr., et al. Replevin. Plea "non cepit and property."
Lehigh Valley Coal Co., versus A. J. Griest. Replevin. Plea "non cepit and property."

Sadie A. Rothbrock versus Elizabeth F. J. Rothbrock. Summons in Dower. Plea, "non assumpsit."
The court directed a nol pro sit to be entered in the following criminal cases:—
Commonwealth versus Peter Jones charged with carrying concealed weapons and threats to kill. Prosecutor Alfred Stuart.
Commonwealth versus Henry Holobough charged with larceny and conversion of stolen goods. Prosecutor Daniel E. Gross.

The case of T. F. Wolf vs John Stoner, E. L. Shaffer and G. E. Homan, trading as Homan and Shaffer was the last case called for trial at last week's session. From the evidence it appears that Mr. Wolf loaned \$55.00 to the defendant partnership, accepting from them a note signed by Homan and Shaffer. The firm became insolvent and could not pay the above debt. Mr. Wolf contended that notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Stoner had not signed the note, he was, nevertheless liable, he being one of the partners to the contract of partnership. After the evidence on part of the plaintiff was closed the case was settled.

John C. Hoy vs Z. W. Hoy and J. A. Hoy executors of the estate of John S. Hoy, et al. Summons in assumpsit. Plea "non assumpsit."
J. I. Wagner vs David Robb an appeal from judgment of a justice of the peace. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for eight dollars and thirty cents.

John W. Johnson vs. overseers of the poor of Union Twp., appeal from judgment of H. H. Hansberger, justice of the peace. Compulsory non suit entered.

Gettrude B. Reber vs. W. H. Williams, and Jennie B. Williams, administrators of Aaron Williams, deceased; J. W. Kephart vs. Charles Feigned issue, plea general issue. Cases settled.

Com. of Penna. ex-relations E. E. K. Schadman and A. C. Blowers, legatees of Mary Cortley, heirs and legal representatives of Jacob Kepler, Dec'd, vs. Jacob M. Kepler and Howard Masley who survives E. W. Hale co-obligor, summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Voluntary non suit entered.

John I. Olewine vs. John Jacobs, Mary Boyer, R. P. Long, T. A. Long, et al. summons in scire facias re mortgage. This suit was brought to recover on a mortgage given by John Jacobs the first named defendant to the plaintiff, and subsequently sold the property to Conrad Long now Dec'd. There was no defense and a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for the principal and eighty-three dollars and fifty-five cents.

James A. Davidson guardian of Julia A. Shope vs. N. Shope, summons in ejectment, plea not guilty. This action was brought to recover thirty-six acres of land in Boggs Twp., which the defendant alleges was given to him by his mother Julia A. Shope some twenty years ago and that she had lived on the premises for more than 21 years. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the land described in the writ, subject to the questions of law reserved by the court.

Wm. Colyer vs Wm. M. Grove, Amos Bedleyon and Mrs. Amos Bedleyon, summons in ejectment, plea not guilty. Voluntary non suit entered at cost of the plaintiff.

Phoebe Brown by her next friend Geo. Kline vs. Mary A. McFall summons in trespass, plea not guilty. This case was from Phillipsburg; and from the evidence it appears that the plaintiff and Geo. W. Brown were married at Phillipsburg in 1887 and then took up housekeeping at Unionville where they lived until 1881 when they moved to Phillipsburg and subsequently moved to 8th street in the same town, and his present residence is 7th street in the same town and on the same square and from the rear of the one house the rear of the other house could be seen. The Brown family it appears lived happily together, at least no outbreaks until after Aug. 1899. During the summer Mrs. McFall, mother of the defendant was sick and subsequently died and being a large woman the defendant frequently called on the Browns to assist in lifting her and the assistance given by both Mr. and Mrs. Brown and after the death of Mrs. McFall the plaintiff alleges she noticed undue intimacy between Mr. Brown and the defendant and subsequently saw the defendant lying on a lounge and her husband sitting along side of it. The following March defendant's father died, and in Oct. 1900 articles of separation were signed by Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mr. Brown went to a hotel to board and later took boarding with the defendant and according to plaintiff's allegations the defendant and Mr. Brown were seen in the same bedroom. The defendant is a washerwoman and does domestic work and denied any undue intimacy existing between her and Mr. Brown and alleges that she had hired Mr. Brown to build some fence and boardwalks for her at the solicitation of the plaintiff and that she had no knowledge of the separation of Mr. Brown and his wife and denies following Mr. Brown or that they ever occupied the same bedroom, but on the other hand the plaintiff alleged her great deal and she would not take him to board until he showed her the articles of separation from his wife and alleges that she had nothing to do with allowing the defendant to follow Mr. Brown from his wife. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for seventy dollars.

Mary C. Loder, formerly M. C. Reardon vs The Gen. Amer. Ins. Co., of New York, summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Sept. 19th, 1900, the defendant company insured a dwelling house for the plaintiff in Union Twp. for \$500 and July 31st, 1901, the house was destroyed by fire and notice given to the company of the fire. From the evidence in the case it appears that the house was unoccupied from the 1st of April until the fire and the policy of insurance provides that if the house shall be vacant or unoccupied for 10 days the policy becomes void. Plaintiff showed that there was a stove, bed and some chairs in the house. Verdict in favor of the defendant.

The case of Morgan D. Richards against the B. E. V. R. Co., tried last week for injuries to a cow, resulted in a verdict of \$90 for plaintiff.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. E. R. Chambers is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis with which she has been confined to her home for the last five weeks.

Charles H. Wolfe, junior member of the firm of G. W. Wolfe & Son, of Feidler, was married to Miss Lottie Keister at the Lutheran parsonage in Aaronsburg on Monday evening.

While singing with the Sicilian quartet from State College at the organ recital in St. John's Catholic church, Wednesday evening, C. I. C. Waller, a colored student, fainted while they were singing "The Lost Chord."

The urgent needs of the Bellefonte hospital just now are towels—small ones for operating purposes, a clothes hamper and a tin or galvanized iron can to disinfect bed linen. In just as soon as it is decided when the hospital will be moved to its new home in the West ward, a date will be selected and a general donation asked throughout the county.

Geo. Thompson, of Salona, was driving through Mill Hall on Monday and when near the ax works his horse shied and careered over a 15 ft embankment, taking buggy and all with it. Mr. Thompson and another gentleman who was in the buggy with him escaped unhurt. No damage was done except the shafts broken.

The marriage of Harry P. Bush, youngest son of Mrs. Louisa T. Bush, of this place, and Miss Ella Hanley, of Medford, Oregon, has been announced from Chili, South America. The bride is a typical western girl, vivacious, bright and like her husband muchly traveled. Several friends of his family have met her in San Francisco and declare her to be both pleasant and accomplished.

The management under which Willis Granger will appear at Garman's next Wednesday night is the same as that under which Miss Mildred Holland presents her captivating play "The Lilly and the Prince." If "Gypsy Jack" is up to the standard of excellence maintained by the Holland company it will be one of the most finished productions of the season at Garman's.

Horton S. Ray, who has been running the Brookerhoff house in this place for several months under contract with the late Henry Brookerhoff, has rented the hotel from the estate and will hereafter run it on his own responsibility. Mr. Ray has demonstrated since coming to Bellefonte that he is a very careful, practical hotel man and the Brookerhoff bids fair to become more popular than ever under his affable management.

VAN BILLIARD-CRITTENDEN.—Weddings are always interesting and that of Mrs. Emily A. Van Billiard and Rev. Richard Crittenden in St. John's Episcopal church, Wednesday evening, at 6 o'clock was of more than usual importance owing to the prominence of the groom and his late in life romance.

The wedding was designed to be and was a very quiet, small affair with only a few friends present. In the absence of the organist of the church Mrs. Frank P. Blair played Mendelssohn's wedding march and the bride and groom, unattended save by little Miss Rebecca Grider, the brides grand-daughter as flower girl, proceeded up the aisle to the chancel. There they were met by the rector, Rev. George Israel Brown, who solemnized the ceremony. The bride, who is a decided blonde, was gowned in gray crepe de chine and wore a white bonnet. Following the ceremony a reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burns Grider, on Linn street, whence Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden departed on the evening train for New York.

The bride is a native of Bethlehem, but has made her home in this place since the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Grider, several years ago. While the happy groom is so well and favorably known throughout this and adjoining counties. He is Congressional minister who has been a resident of this place for more than thirty years. His active connection with the Huntington Presbytery as a home missionary has been so productive of good that he is respected throughout the length and breadth of the land. His special work is in the interest of the American Sabbath School Union and he has been so diligent in his efforts and with all so thoroughly good and honest that a host of friends wish him only happiness and comfort.

Among the many handsome presents received were twenty dollars in gold from his brother ministers in town and the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Another purse of fifty dollars attended in a small way to the respect which several of the monied men of the place have for the groom and from all classes and conditions were evidenced appreciation and kind wishes for the marriage.

—Elmer E. Rhine, of Mackeyville, and Miss Eva Conklin, of New York State, were married in this place and when they arrived home on an evening train over the Central they were met by nearly the entire population of the village, who turned out to welcome them.

—Mr. Joseph Strone, of Ferguson township, brought a large basket of delicacies down as a present to the patients in the hospital on Monday. Such kindness is characteristic of the Strouse family and it is needless to say how much the patients and nurses at the hospital appreciated the donation.

A HIGH SCHOOL SOCIABLE.—On Friday evening, Feb. 13th, the members of the Junior class of the Bellefonte High school, will have a sociable in the High school building, on east Bishop street. The Bellefonte orchestra will be present and refreshments will be served, so that a pleasant evening is assured all who attend.

The class is taking a part in the very laudable effort being made by the High school scholars to furnish a room at the hospital and it is hoped that all of their friends will attend the sociable that is designed to contribute slightly to the fund.

MOST POPULAR MAN AT ANNAPOLIS.—His Bellefonte friends will be pleased to know that Alfred T. Brisbin, who was so generally liked here before he entered the United States naval Academy at Annapolis, lost none of those traits that make for popularity in boys while in the Academy. For upon his graduation from that institution last week the event was noted in the city papers that he was regarded as the most popular man at Annapolis. In speaking of him the Philadelphia Press says:

"Midshipman Alfred Terry Brisbin is probably the most popular man in the Academy. As manager of the football team he has shown business capability, in addition to which he has played quarterback on the 'Hustlers,' the second team, using his influence to bring out a strong score. He was born at Boise City, Idaho, September 30th, 1882, and was educated at the private schools of Boise City and Bellefonte, Pa., which he claims as his residence. He is the son of Colonel James Sanks Brisbin, U. S. A., and was appointed as candidate by the Hon. James Knox Polk Hall. He was admitted to the Academy May 23rd, 1899, at sixteen. In his class he stands number twenty-six, and is a first class petty officer."

SEEK IF HE HITS IT.—Rev. Hicks, the weather prophet, says we will have comb of this sort during February. It will be interesting to observe how accurately he prognosticates.

A very rapid fall of the barometer, attended by a marked rise in temperature, cloudiness and more rain and snow will be natural on and to the 3rd and 4th. The inferior conjunction of Mercury on the 2nd will help to precipitate these disturbances. Change to rising barometer, much colder and clearing weather will fall about the 5th to the 7th.

As this period comes on look for decided change to warmer weather, with very marked depression of the barometer. As early as the 8th or 9th cloudiness or rain will appear in the west and southwest, and during the 9th to the 11th inclusive storms of rain, and wind and perhaps thunder in the south will traverse the country generally from west to east. In central to north western States it will be wise to expect these storms to assume a blizzardous character about the 10th to 11th.

Should the high temperature and low barometer of the regular storm period preceding not break down until about the 13th, the culminating blizzard will fall about the 14th and 15th, and be followed for several days by severe cold.

The Mercury, Venus and Vulcan periods are central on three consecutive days, 19th, 20th and 21st. During the first stages of this period look for change to very much warmer, with general thawing. The barometer will fluctuate, finally falling to unusually low reading beginning, as is the rule, in western extremes. Storms of rain, wind and thunder will develop first in the same sections, and during Thursday the 19th, to about Monday the 23rd, these storms will widen in area, grow more tense and violent in force, and sweep progressively from west to east across the whole country.

During the last two days of the month it will turn very warm for the season, the barometer will fall decidedly, and electric storms of much energy will culminate on and about the 28th. This is also a period in which very high tides are to be expected around all coasts and islands in southern direction. An increase of seismic and volcanic disturbances would be perfectly natural under conditions existing at this time. February will close with rising barometer and a cold wave following close on the heels of some wicked storms of rain, wind, thunder and sleet.

Habersburg.

Mrs. Christ Robb, of Eagleville, is visiting Mrs. Julia Brown.

J. C. Carner and Regina Hubler spent Sunday with friends at Aaronsburg.

Mrs. Lizzie Bartholemew, of Curwensville, is visiting at the home of Wm. Decker Jr.

Miss Kate Harpster went to Lock Haven last Saturday to visit her aunt Mrs. Young.

Willis Williams and Alva Bitner, of Beech Creek, spent Sunday at the home of Albert Williams.

Jake Berk and Grace Markle were pleasantly entertained at the home of Marie Holmes, at Nittany, Saturday evening.

The protracted meeting being conducted by Rev. Price in the Evangelical church is progressing nicely. Thus far three persons have been converted.

The sick of our community are Mrs. Julia Brown, who is confined to her home with sciatic rheumatism and Patrick Kelly suffering an attack of congestion of the lungs and heart trouble.

A PASSING THOUGHT.

To Miss G.—

As the shades of evening gathered,
Into night's settled gloom,
And the brightness of day departed
From the half-light of the room,
She paused to rest a moment,
Who had spent all the day,
In lightening the burdens of others
And driving their pains away.

Some were there who were not so weary,
They sang of beckoning hands—
From the distant shadow lands,
Then came the request, half pleading,
"Sing 'Beckoning hands' no more!"
Her hands sought her eyes as if to hide
A glimpse of the shadowy shore.

An instant and all was over,
Her face was calm again,
'Twas only a passing weakness
That sought to be free in vain,
Deep down in her heart's own sanctum
With all the treasures there—
Treasures too sacred for prying eyes—
'Tis locked with the joys that were.

And the brave, dark eyes are bending
Each day o'er some hopeless one—
Relieving the sorrows of others,
Forgetting about her own,
But as evening's shadows gather
The truant thoughts will fly—
Returning with some sad token
Of the glad days gone by.

M. V. THOMAS.

Snow Shoe.

The kindergarten school has closed until spring.

Rev. Faus started protracted meetings at Clarence on Monday night.

T. B. Buddinger chased his hat all around Uzzie's barn on Wednesday night.

John Thompson, who has been on the sick list, we are glad to say, is improving.

We are glad to note that Mr. Sichel, father of our druggist, who fell and broke his arm about a month ago, is recovering slowly but surely.

The Catholic church held a bazaar in Buddinger's hall on Friday and Saturday nights, which was well attended. Chicken and waffles were the leading feature of the supper, served on Saturday night and oysters on Friday night.

The last few days of soft weather has caused a falling off in the amount of coal hauled across the mountains. Some days from thirty to forty loads were taken across the mountain in a day.

A sled load from Moshannon, on returning from the bazaar here on Saturday night, were so unfortunate as to upset at the watering trough. Some of the ladies lost their combs, others got a foot bath in the trough, while still others succeeded in jumping clear over the trough. No one was seriously hurt, but some of the young ladies were knocked senseless for a few moments.

We note that J. K. Johnson is a candidate for collector of taxes in the Boro. of Bellefonte. The writer is personally acquainted with Mr. Johnson and knows something of his qualities, which are such as we believe would make him the right man in the right place, if elected, and would say to all who would look after their own interests they would do well to support Mr. Johnson at the coming election.