

Bellefonte, Pa., June 12, 1903. P. GRAY MEEK, Editor

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.—Until further notice this paper will be furnished to subscribers at the following rates:

The Post Office to be Moved. Wednesday morning postmaster W. W. MONTGOMERY received orders from the Department to be ready to move the post-office from its present location in the Arcade building to the room recently occupied by V. J. BAUER, the shoe dealer, in Temple Court.

As a matter of fact the location of the postoffice in Bellefonte is of very little concern to any one except the owners of rooms that are for rent. Since the establishment of free delivery here the post-office is very rarely frequented except by the runners for the banks and a few business concerns that can not wait until the delivery of their mail.

What public purpose is to be served by changing the location of the office the Department, probably, alone knows—or it would be better to say that the overly important inspector who was sent here to pass upon the question is the sole possessor of a reason. Certain it is if the office is to be moved that the government will be involved in the additional expense of carrying the mails both to and from two railroads. This will not only materially increase the expense of the service but cripple its efficiency and promptness.

To cite one case. Under present conditions if the 9 o'clock train from Montandon, which brings our heaviest, the eastern, mails, is ten or fifteen minutes late, as is often the case, the carrier has ample time to get them to the postoffice, where the clerks are waiting to begin the distribution, and get back in time to receive the 9:32 or western mails. Suppose the carrier has four or five times as far to deliver the mail. It will be impossible for him to make the trips as above and he will be compelled to hold the 9 o'clock mails at the station until the 9:32 arrives, thus delaying the work of distribution and, consequently, the deliveries by the carriers.

Such delays will not only be occasioned in the incoming mails, but it will become necessary to close the outgoing ones earlier than has been the case. We might repeat that it is a matter of little concern to our people where the office is located, except that they have a right to demand of the Department its location where its greatest efficiency as a postoffice will be served.

We don't want to think or believe that there is any "graft" at the bottom of this movement but when those who are doing this thing will add anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 dollars of expense yearly to the costs of handling the mails in this place, without bettering the service in any way, it has a decidedly suspicious look about it. Possibly the same gang that has brought the scandals on the Department at Washington, or one like it has something to do with this job.

Stitched Wound in a Man's Heart. An Unusual Operation Performed by Dr. Furnival, a Long Surgeon—Case Successfully Treated After Delicate Handling.

LONDON, June 6.—Surgeon Furnival successfully stitched a wound in a man's heart this week in the London Hospital. John Long, a laborer, was stabbed through the heart in a saloon row, and immediately after he was brought in Dr. Furnival decided to make an effort to get at the very center of the wound. Long had lost a deal of blood, but his life was saved in the first instance by the blood being congealed and closing the wound.

Sink Holes in Kansas.

Mysterious Depressions in the Western Part of the State.

An interesting phenomenon in Western Kansas is described and pictured in a recent report of the United States geological survey, says the New York Sun. One of the natural curiosities of the great plains region is known as the Meade salt well, in Southwestern Kansas. It made its appearance very suddenly in 1889.

On March 3rd in that year the famous Jones and Plummer cattle trail extended right over the spot where this depression was soon to appear. A wagon passed along the trail over the level ground. It is not known that this spot was seen again until twenty-three days later, when it was found that the ground for a considerable area had sunk into the earth and the hole was partly filled with water from an underground source.

The cavity was circular and the tracks of wagons and cattle on the trail were still plainly seen on either side of the hole. A considerable area around the hole had been depressed to a smaller extent.

The sink hole remains on either side of it are still to be seen the road cuts and cattle trails along which for years scores of thousands of ranch cattle were driven from Northern Texas into Kansas. There were very few routes of travel across this wide plain. But the accident to the surface occurred on the most important of them.

The geologists say that the Meade salt well is only the most striking of the Kansas sink holes, for there are many other depressions of similar nature in the state. Large sections of the high plains which stretch across the western part of Kansas are fairly pitted with large or small saucer-like depressions, sometimes so near together that a stone may be thrown from one to another.

Many of these sinks are shallow, but others are deep, like the salt well here described. The depressions are so numerous that farmers are talking of utilizing them for the storage of the spring rains, and thus conserving the water that falls into them for irrigation purposes. It may be worth while to make them serviceable in this way, for irrigation is all that the great region needs to make it wonderfully fertile.

We have long known of the countless sink holes in the great cave regions of this country which are formed by water percolating through the limestone rocks, dissolving their mineral particles and thus carrying the rock away in solution. No such explanation, however, can be given of the sink holes of Western Kansas. They are still constantly forming and are gradually lowering the surface over large areas, but how they are formed is not yet fully determined.

The study that has recently been made of them by the geological survey seems to show that the existing is due in the smaller cases to the gradual compacting of the soil particles by the percolation of water which collects from rain in particular spots and by the chemical solution and washing away of the more soluble particles which compose the ground.

In the larger sinks which appear suddenly, like the Meade salt well, there seem, however, to have been a carving in the underlying rock bed, which is thin in places and has probably been decomposed and carried away by the underlying waters.

Fatal Wreck Near Osceola.

Freight Trains Came Together at Slats Cut—Three Killed and Three Injured.

About 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon one of the most destructive accidents that has ever occurred on the T. & C. branch, took place at Slats Cut, a mile and a-half above Osceola, when a coal train ran into the south bound freight, killing three men outright and badly injuring three others.

As nearly as we can learn, a local train also south bound, and the rear end of it crashed into the engine of the local, carrying destruction with it. Engineer Boger, of the local, his brakemen, Robert Wilson and Andrew Friday, were killed, their bodies being horribly mangled. Fireman Ogle Burley, of the coal train, and his brakemen, Harry Lane, were also badly injured. All the victims of the horrible happening were from Tyrone, except Wilson, who lived in Curwensville.

The mangled remains of the dead men were tenderly placed in a casket and taken to Tyrone to be prepared for burial, and the injured were also taken to the same place.

It was a terrible affair and casts a gloom over the entire line. David Wierman was shipping a car load of horses and mules to Broad Top and 6 of them met death in the wreck. All trains were delayed by the casualty.

Mary is Overlooked. From the Atlantic Constitution. Although the President is quick to send for every local author he has ever heard of, while in swing, and gives him a "we salute you" letter, we did not hear that he inquired for Mary MacLane when in Butte, Mont.

Negro Waves Red Paper Vainly. Six miles out from Sumter, S. C., an excursion train on the Atlantic Coast line, loaded with negroes coming into Columbia to spend the day, early Wednesday morning ran into a washout caused by a cloud-burst the night before.

Conductor Clements was instantly killed, as were also four negroes, one being a woman. About 30 passengers were injured. Engineer Wilson was badly scalded, but not seriously injured. Surgeons were sent on extras from both Sumter and Columbia.

A negro who saw the washout made a desperate effort to warn the train with a piece of red paper in his hand, but the engineer either did not see his signal or saw it too late.

The killed are: J. J. Clements, Wilmington, conductor; Frank Ross and his wife, Minnie Ross, of Sumter, colored; Joseph Davis, of Marion, colored; Edward Weston, of Sumter, colored. Weston died on the relief train on the way to Sumter, S. C.

—Mr. and Mrs. Garthoff, of this place, have gone to Coburn to take charge of the store and home of James E. Harter while Mr. and Mrs. Harter are off on tour of some of the western States.

—Green Decker and his son Joseph have returned to their home at Beech after a trip to North Dakota, where they each took up a quarter section of land near Fleisher. They expect to move there in the fall.

—The Bellefonte Central passenger train left the tracks at Bloomsdorf yesterday morning and the train due here at 9 o'clock did not get in until 12:10. No one was hurt as only the engine left the rails.

—The engagement of Mr. Charles Mensch, foreman of the Gazette office, to Miss Elizabeth Musser has been announced. They will be married early in June and their honeymoon will include the meeting of the National Editorial Association at Omaha, Neb. Mr. Mensch is a nephew and Miss Musser a niece of editor T. H. Harter of the Gazette.

—Tonight the Academy reception will be held and immediately afterwards the annual dance will be given in the armory. Fiske's orchestra will play for the dance. The patronesses will be Mesdames Reeder, Spangler, Montgomery, Dale, Burnett, Munson and Miss Alice Wilson. The committee in charge includes Wilson Gephart, G. C. Harris, W. H. Montgomery, M. A. Mitchell and Elliot Vaudeventer.

STUNNED BY LIGHTNING.—A peculiar accident occurred on High street, near the residence of Daniel Garman Monday afternoon. During one of the several thunder showers that passed over this place that afternoon Mrs. Jas. Rote, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Rote, were driving down the street in their buggy. There was a blinding flash of lightning that stunned their horse so that it fell on its knees, breaking the shafts. Neither one of the ladies was injured by the stroke.

—The Bellefonte amateur operatic minstrels played to a crowded house at Garman's last Friday night and, if the public is to be believed, gave general satisfaction. In truth the comment on the show seems to be far more enthusiastic than it merited, for while the amateurs did the very best they could under the circumstances the actual talent in Bellefonte is capable of far better work. However, it served the purpose of amusing a great house full of people and netting about \$130 for the hospital.

HE ESCAPED THROUGH THE CAR WINDOW.—Chief of police Lanier, of Lock Haven, was on his road from Altoona to that place, last Friday night, with a prisoner who was wanted for jumping a board bill at Peter Metzler's hotel. When nearing Milesburg the prisoner asked to be permitted to go to the lavatory and when he did not return for some time chief Lanier went to look for him and discovered he had escaped through the car window.

Chase was given for a short distance, but the fugitive could nowhere be found.

CENTRE COUNTIANS IN BLAIR TO REUNITE.—The executive committee of the former Centre countians now residents of Blair county met at the Garman house in Tyrone, on Saturday evening, and decided on Saturday, August 22nd, as the date for the next annual reunion of their association. The place was fixed at Glasgow's grove along the line of the Bellwood extension of the Logan valley trolley.

Those present at the meeting were: Samuel A. Bucher; vice presidents, President Musser and A. Struble; secretary, J. W. Smith; treasurer, Samuel Felty and Messrs. W. H. Bollinger, J. A. Dunkle, A. S. Garman, H. C. Shney, John Glenn Jr., John Thomas, J. M. C. C. Lightner, W. P. Hill, W. Woodring, S. C. Lightner, J. M. Grubb, J. S. Gillman, F. J. Gates, John M. Thomas, Martin Harnish, H. M. Stover and O. A. Krebs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, A. G. Arohey, during the past week.

Jacob A. Welch, of Romola, and Nora E. Allen, of Milesburg. Wm. H. Richards, of Julian, and Elizabeth C. Martin, of Marthas.

Omer O. Goss, of Phillipsburg, and Ida May Ougrot, of Hawk Run. John T. Shammers and Amber M. White, both of Phillipsburg.

John Tokasby and Katie Sisko, both of Clarence. Clarence B. Mallory, of Rebersburg, and Rose Irene Smith, of Millheim.

Irta Prondfoot, of Altoona, and Elizabeth Gross, of Axe Mann.

SPECIALS TO THE COLLEGE NEXT WEEK.—On account of commencement at the Pennsylvania State College the Bellefonte Central R. Co. will add the following special trains to its regular schedule:

On Monday—Specials will leave Bellefonte at 1:50 p. m., and 7 p. m., for the College. A special will leave State College at 10 p. m., for Bellefonte.

On Tuesday—Specials will leave Bellefonte at 8:30 a. m., and 7 p. m. Returning, leave the College at 10 p. m.

On Wednesday—Specials will leave Bellefonte at 8:30 a. m., and 7 p. m. Returning, leave the College at 12 noon and after the Senior assembly that night.

CENTRE COUNTIANS ABOUT PHILADELPHIA.—As announced in the WATCHMAN of two weeks ago the native Centre countians now resident in and about Philadelphia picked up at Belmont Mansion, in Fairmont park, last Saturday afternoon and from all accounts it was far more of a success than was anticipated. The Sunday North American said:

All the former Centre countians residing within twenty-five miles of Philadelphia, or at least 600 of them, came to the reunion held yesterday at Belmont Mansion in Fairmont Park. The party was prepared by Centre county's own daughters. All the vegetables, the games and even the flowers that graced the groning table came "from home."

Thomas Farnor, of Chester, and his "Roosevelt" family were the first on the scene, arriving shortly after 1 o'clock, and about that time the guests came on every trolley car.

During the lull in the eating old time songs were sung and old time stories told by the talented folk from Centre. There was also much with trills in it by Professor William T. Meyer.

Six hundred lusty voices closed the reunion with "Auld Lang Syne." The following gentlemen took charge of the merrymaking: Dr. Roland G. Curtin, Dr. S. Gray Matter, L. Olin Meek, Wm. S. Furst, E. M. Magee, W. F. Reber, Dr. Stuart C. Runkle, Professor George P. Bible, Ira D. Garman, Dr. George E. Rishel, Thomas Loughrey, Clayton Brown and Charles McCafferty.

Addresses were made by Dr. Roland G. Curtin, Gen. Benj. F. Fisher, Rev. R. Harkinson and Prof. G. P. Bible. A permanent organization was there formed as follows: President, Dr. R. G. Curtin; Vice Pres. R. M. Magee; Sec. Dr. S. Gray Matter; Treas. L. Olin Meek; Ex-Committee—Gen. B. F. Fisher, Ira D. Garman, Dr. Geo. P. Bible, J. E. Hoy, Frank Shaffer, Rev. Robt. Harkinson, Prof. Geo. Bible, Wm. T. Meyer, Thos. Loughrey, Dr. Runkle; Thos. R. Foster, Chas. McCafferty.

Among the many there were:

- Adams, Sarah J. Klepper, Harry Ammerman, A. H. Mrs. D. Ardell, G. W. Mrs. Lillian Bell, Mrs. H. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harold. Miss Edith J. Klepper, Emanuel Bonine, Chas. W. Mrs. J. M. Bowen, W. M. Mrs. Klein, M. Blair, H. A. Laveright, Max Bowman, F. C. C. Leopold, Mrs. N. R. Bowman, Mrs. L. M. Loughrey, J. N. Bowen, Mrs. Nellie Lohr, J. N. and family. Bowler, Harry G. W. W. Loughrey, J. N. Beale, Jennie Ritter Loughrey, J. N. Beezer, Miss Mollie Meyer, Wm. T. Mattern, Nellie A. Mattern, Paul G. McCafferty, Chas. McCafferty, C. B. Musser, C. D. O'Connor, John O'Connor, Mrs. A. C. O'Connor, Catherine Rich, Mrs. Anna C. Rich, Eva J. Brooks, Ella M. Rankin, John I. Beld, Robert Rumberger, Laura Reber, Miriam Reber, Mrs. G. B. Runkle, Stuart C. Runkle, Emma S. Runkle, John C. Rothrock, Julia Rothrock, Silas Rothrock, Henry Schmidt, Henry Sanderson, Miss S. Sanderson, Mrs. A. S. Schaeffer, E. G. Snyder, Paul J. Snyder, A. L. Snyder, E. L. Sonner, Jessie E. Sonner, W. T. Underwood, Ida J. Whiteman, Mrs. Sallie Warner, Clara H. Warner, Wm. G. Watkins, Mrs. Wm. O. Wright, Mrs. W. O. Wright, Mrs. May Webb, Beniah H. Yerick, P. Gross, Yeager, John E. Yeager, Evelyn B.

NOLL-PARKS.—The marriage of John L. Noll to Miss Amber Parks, of Tyrone, which was solemnized in St. John's Episcopal church, in Huntingdon, on Wednesday evening, June 3rd, at 8 o'clock, was an event of more than passing interest to our readers because of the fact that the groom is very well known here, where he made his home before associating himself in business with C. F. York, the proprietary medicine manufacturer of Warriors-mark. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Noll, of north Allegheny street.

The Tyrone Herald publishes the following account of the wedding: The wedding party comprising the happy couple and a large company of their relatives and friends, left Tyrone on the evening train for Huntingdon where the ceremony was performed in St. John's Episcopal church by the rector, Rev. F. C. Cowper. Guests were present from Tyrone, Bellefonte, Alexandria, Warriors-mark, Huntingdon and other places. A brief congratulatory reception was held in the flower-decked rector's room after the ceremony. Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Noll were tendered a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. York, at Warriors-mark. Mr. Noll is a brother of Mrs. York.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parks, of Tyrone, and is an estimable young lady whose talent and amiability are recognized and admired. The groom is the son of Emanuel Noll, of Bellefonte. He has attained success as a traveling representative for C. F. York, the Malena manufacturer of Warriors-mark, and is a young man of energy and capability. Mr. and Mrs. Noll at once settled down to housekeeping in their pleasant new home at Warriors-mark, which the groom had complete and ready for their occupancy. Thus they may have a long, joyous and prosperous life in the ardent wish of their many friends.

—Last Saturday Antonio Puitoh, a Polester who had been apprehended at Jersey Shore for burglary at Snow Shoe, escaped from the officers by jumping from the window of a room in which he was confined in Snow Shoe. Notwithstanding he was securely handcuffed he roamed about in the mountains for two days before he was re-captured and brought to jail here.

Spring Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Bietz and son Leonard, of Mt. Eagle, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Corman last week. They came here for their daughter, Maude, who has been attending school, and during the session made her home with Mr. Corman.

The school board of Gregg township organized for the next year by electing the following officers: H. H. Rachen, president; H. Braucht, secretary; and P. Hosterman, treasurer. The examination for teachers resulted in the success of Luitia Goodhart, Theresa Rachen, Clara Condo, Tibbens Zabler, Elt Grove and G. F. Weaver.

This community is very much incensed and indignant over an outrage committed here a week or ten days since, by a fellow evidently little more than a brute. His maidenly, bright eyed girl of about twelve or fourteen years of age, visited a neighbor one evening, and it seems remained a trifle longer than her father designated. Accordingly he bravely armed himself with a buggy whip, called on his neighbor and brutally lashed his daughter from the company, notwithstanding her entreaties and pleadings but continued his brutality until they reached home. There was some considerable talk of having him arrested, and his very certain that if an agent for the prevention of cruelty to children resided here, his arrest would not be simply talked about, but he would be now in the clutches of the law, to answer for this dastardly and cowardly outrage.

Haberburg. Talitha Hoy spent Sunday with Helen Rockey, of Zion. Mrs. A. G. Kramer spent Sunday with friends in Lock Haven.

Mrs. Frank Ishler and children are visiting friends in Penns valley. Bert Webber, of Lamar, spent Sunday at the home of George McAnaly.

Mr. and Mrs. Noll, of Madisonburg, visited their son Saturday and Sunday. Irvin Bierly, of Beech Creek, spent Sunday with friends in our midst.

Mrs. Jacob Glossner, of Lock Haven, visited at the home of Mrs. L. H. Vocum, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, of Loveville, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kessinger and family spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Callahan, of Mill Hall.

Mrs. Bertha Yeager, of DuBois, returned home Tuesday after spending a month with her aunt Mrs. Frank Miller.

Mrs. Fanny Rolfe and daughter, Mrs. White, of Mill Hall, spent Friday at the home of Joseph Kessinger.

Mrs. Jennie Vernon has gone to Chicago to join her husband after spending several months with her mother, Mrs. Love. Theodore Crow and mother from down near Harrisburg spent Sunday at the home of their son and brother Rev. Crow.

The members of the Reformed Sunday school will hold their children's day services Sunday evening, June 14th, at eight o'clock. Services were held in the Evangelical church Saturday evening by Rev. Rumbler, presiding elder, and communion services Sunday morning. The stereopticon show held in the old Presbyterian church Tuesday night was a failure on account of the apparatus not being in good working order. Rev. Crow was to Lancaster part of the week attending commencement; it being the Jubilee year at Franklin and Marshall college of which he is a graduate. Howard Best, who is employed at Clearfield, drove through here Sunday en route to that place, having spent Saturday night with his parents near town. The lecture delivered by the Rev. Ezekiel, an Armenian and an ordained Lutheran minister, was very interesting and instructive. His lecture was based mainly on the children of that country whose parents were martyrs of the Armenian massacre by the Turks.



The Worlds Greatest Female Impersonator who will be here during carnival week.