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State Grange in Session.

Patrons of Husbandry Assembly in the City of Wilkesbarre, Pa. Has Been Prosperous. New Granges Have Been Organized and a Number of Old Ones Brought to Life.

WILKESBARRE, December 8.—The state grange met in annual convention here today. This morning's session was devoted to the reading of the report of the worthy master, W. F. Hill, of Mount Alto, and the appointment of committees. Master Hill, in his report, stated that the year just closing, has been a very fruitful one; new granges have been organized and six re-organized. But two other states have made as much gain as the Pennsylvania grange. The Grange Press bureau is in successful operation and news letters are sent weekly to 300 newspapers.

Commenting on the work of the legislative committee, Master Hill said: "Several measures of interest to farmers were acted upon at the last session of the legislature, but road bills seemed to be most in evidence. Finally, a road bill was passed that represented something of interest to all concerned. The law was not what the farmers wanted. While the appropriation of \$1,250,000 is shamefully small for so vast a subject, it is nevertheless a step in the right direction and will have the effect of committing the state to its public roads."

During routine business in the afternoon behind closed doors, A. M. Connel, of Bradford county, reported that he attended sixty meetings throughout the state and organized several local and county granges.

Secretary J. T. Allman, of Juniata county, in his annual report shows that the membership had increased 5,000 during the year, twenty-six granges were organized and seven dormant organizations were reorganized, all of which were in a flourishing condition, both financially and numerically.

H. H. Goodesher, of Cambria county, gave an account of the work done by the grange in his county. He said that sixteen granges owned their own halls valued at \$25,000, and there were twenty-two in the county.

Many resolutions were presented which will be referred to the proper committees to-morrow. The most of them dwell principally with state and county legislation.

At this evening's session the doors were thrown open to the public and a reception was tendered the delegates, who were welcomed to this city by Judges Rhone and Troutman, of Wilkesbarre. Responses on behalf of the Grange were made by H. A. Sprague, of State College, Centre county, and Mrs. V. B. Holliday, of Tioga county, followed by E. Pomeroy, of East Orange, N. J., president of the national legislative committee, who took up the business of the session, dwelling upon the principle of direct legislation.

Will Quit America Forever.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—If members of the American National Red Cross Society fall at tomorrow's meeting to sustain Clara Barton, president of the society, in her administration of its affairs, Miss Barton will retire from the work and leave America forever. An intimate friend of Miss Barton is authority for this statement.

Miss Barton's friends are deeply aroused by the declaration of the minority members, or "insurgents," of the society that they will appeal to Congress for an investigation. It is pointed out that Congress has no jurisdiction, and that the society's funds are subscribed by private individuals, and are not subject to inquiry by Congress. Miss Barton's adherents further declare that she has been falsely represented, mis-stated and maligned, and that the "insurgents" by so doing have drawn prominent men to their ranks that they otherwise could not gain.

Friends of Miss Barton who have secretly investigated in Geneva the report that she received funds for Cuban reconcentrados, which had never been accounted for, assert that it was learned in Switzerland that the aid was found unnecessary, and the money was never sent.

The Difference.

From the Philadelphia Record.
The country has not failed to contrast the firm and dignified attitude of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney toward Great Britain in the Venezuela question with the precipitate, indecent and violent action of President and Secretary Hay in Panama, in the former case Great Britain was warned that this Government would not permit that mighty Power to forcibly wrest from an American Republic any portion of its territory. In the latter case the Roosevelt Administration meanly conspires with insurrection and secession to distract and divide a feeble American Republic that is incapable of resenting a flagrant violation of the laws of nations. Cleveland's Administration did not hesitate a moment to assert the integrity of an American Republic against the greatest naval Power on earth. President Roosevelt's Administration has not scrupled to lend the aid of its naval force to a junta of conspirators for the purpose of dismembering an American Republic in face of the solemn obligation of treaties. Let the supporters of Roosevelt's transaction in Panama take what comfort they can get from its contrast with the high-minded attitude of a Democratic Administration on the Venezuelan question.

Foot Ball Season Cost Lives of 19.

Nineteen lives were lost on the foot ball field during the season of 1903. One boy was driven insane from injuries. Thirteen players were severely injured, some of them being disabled for life. The number of minor but painful accidents goes into the hundreds, and the list of the severely injured necessarily also is incomplete.

The feature of this tabulation is that it shows the serious casualties particularly were confined to untrained players. No member of any of the first class eleven was killed or permanently disabled. One Yale player and one Harvard player suffered a broken leg.

In consequence of the injuries sustained by their players, several of the minor schools have forbidden the game of foot ball. Two towns, Columbus Junction, Pa., and Greenfield, Ohio, have stopped the sport as the result of petitions circulated by parents.

BABIES IN ARABIA.

The Way the Unfortunate Mites Are Clothed and Doctored.

They (Arabian babies) are rubbed with brown powder as soon as they are born, and their eyelids are painted; then instead of being dressed in soft flannels they are wrapped in calico and tied up like a bundle so tight that they cannot move hands or feet; then tight hoods are put on their heads with blue beads sewed on the front to keep off the evil eye. These babies cry a good deal, and I should think they would. They cannot move, and flies and other insects crawl over them and bite them, and the sand gets in their eyes and hurts them.

When a baby is about six weeks old a sacrifice is offered, and the baby's hair is cut and weighed, and the same weight in silver is given to the poor. If he hasn't more hair than some of our six weeks' babies its weight in gold or even diamonds might be given and not make the poor much richer or the parents much poorer. The mother puts charms on his neck and arms, and a verse from the Koran is written and put in a little silver or leather case and hung about his neck to keep off evil.

If he is sick this is his medicine: A verse from the Koran is written with ink on paper; then the ink is washed off, and the inkly water is given him to drink. I wish you could see the funny little cradles these babies sleep in. They are made of date sticks fitted together. The rockers are almost flat, so when the poor thing is rocked he is so shaken up that it is a wonder if he is not seasick. I am sure any good American baby would rebel at such treatment.—Record of Christian Work.

Origin of the Tent.

An ancient Talmudic legend relates that Adam on his expulsion from paradise encountered a cutting north wind, against which his scant girdle of fig leaves proved poor protection. As he wistfully cast his eyes over the desolate plain of Shinar he perceived at a great distance a dead thorn bush. Running thither, he crouched behind it, and while still shivering he saw a wild ass come by. And Adam cried to the beast to lie down alongside and keep him warm. But the ass spake out: "For asses sometimes spake in those days as since," saith the commentator, and derided him for not having a warm coat of fur, whereupon Adam waxed wroth and slew the ass with a piece of the thorn tree and, with teeth and nails stripping off the ass's coat, wrapped it around himself. But toward noon, the sun growing hot and a scorching wind arising, Adam conceived the happy thought of hanging the skin over the bush and reposing in the shade thereof. It was done, the tent was invented, and civilization began.—Outing.

Mrs. Stanton and Bad Children.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was fond of children, though not of bad ones. Once in Boston she was calling on a young woman whose little son, a particularly vicious urchin, played about her while she conversed. The child would pull his mother's hair, kick and thump her, nor did he hesitate to try now and then these tricks upon Mrs. Stanton. She said calmly, "You are a bad boy, aren't you?" "He is a bad boy," his mother in a sad, hurt tone confessed. "I prefer bad children, though," said Mrs. Stanton. "Do you?" cried the young mother. "Why?" "Because," said Mrs. Stanton, "they are usually sent out of the room."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Longevity of Animals.

Statistics of the longevity of animals may not be very accurate, but they are interesting reading. Among the larger species of cattle there is some approach to uniformity. Thus for the horse and donkey the extreme limit is about 35 years and for horned cattle about 30. For the dog it is given as 25, while sheep, goats, pigs and cats are grouped at 15. Among birds the disparities in length of life are very remarkable. While a goose may live to be 30 years of age, a sparrow 25 and a crow 100, ducks, hens and turkeys die of old age at 12. The palm for longevity is divided between the elephant and the parrot, which both often pass the century. The swan and the eagle also are very long lived.

Twelve Miles an Hour.

At the beginning of the last century the royal college of Bavarian physicians sought to forbid steam railway travel because it would induce delirium furiosum among the passengers and drive the spectators crazy, while an English quarterly said that it would as soon expect the people to suffer themselves to be tied to one of Congreve's rockets as to trust themselves to the mercy of a locomotive going at the prodigious rate of twelve miles an hour.

Why They Parted.

He—Their engagement is broken off. She—For what reason? "Why, he told her one night that when he was at his work her face was ever before him."

"Well?" "Why, he's a cartoonist!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Knowledge.

Knowledge ought to bring us happiness, whether it brings us money or not; for knowledge is life, and no man lives in this age who has not knowledge; for ignorance has neither life nor happiness more than comes to that which grazes in a field.—Schoolmaster.

Time never drags nor does life ever seem monotonous to those who are always working, thinking, learning and growing.—Maxwell's Talmisan.

COSTLY PRICE FOR A BATH.

It Was So Much a Pound, and the Woman Was Heavy.

"When I was connected with the hotel at Lake Minnetonka several years ago," remarked a hotel man, "we had as a regular summer guest a woman from the south who was remarkably stout, weighing something over 200 pounds. One day she called a bell boy and inquired:

"What do they charge for a bath?" "I don't know," said the boy, "but I'll find out."

"After being gone a short time the boy returned and said:

"Seven cents a pound." "What?" "Seven cents a pound," said the boy a second time, while the woman's face became scarlet as she made her way to the clerk's desk.

"I want my bill," she exclaimed. "I have been grossly insulted and shall leave your house."

"She stated her grievance, the boy was sent for and explained:

"She asked me what they charged for a bath. I told her I didn't know, but would find out. I asked the steward and he said 7 cents a pound."

"As the ludicrous blunder of the boy dawned upon them both the clerk and the guest made the hotel office resound with their laughter."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Mr. Dolan's Carriage.

Mr. Dolan, through the agency of butter and eggs, had reached that stage of prosperity where he was able to set up an establishment with a horse and carriage, and nobody begrudged him his success.

"But what's the reason your wife drives round in a carriage with the letter C on it?" inquired one of Mr. Dolan's friends. "You've not changed your name, Terry?"

"Now, man," said Mr. Dolan gayly; "my name has stood me fifty years, and it'll last out me to me. But the carriage was a great bargain at second-hand, man, and the 'C' was on it. 'T'wud cost a bit to change it to a 'D,' and I says to Mary Ann, 'D is a kind of a broad lukin' letter, whole C is more delicate and ornamental,' I says, 'And, besides that, it's the very next to D in the alphabet, and, more than all, I says, 'It stands for contented, and that's what every Dolan that rides in the carriage will be, so let it stand,' and Mary Ann agreed wid me."—Youth's Companion.

Burglarious Bees.

To the person who knows nothing about bees they represent the supreme type of industry. But even the bee communities are disturbed by those of their own kind who break through and steal. Robber bees are always a source of anxiety to beekeepers, says the London Chronicle, and in the autumn the marauders seem particularly active. Having gathered no honey, or, at any rate, an insufficient supply for themselves, they will descend upon a hive, kill its industrious occupants and carry off the golden treasure in an astonishingly short space of time. We know of one instance in which the attack was developed and the home bees killed in a couple of hours. Sometimes hives will attack neighboring hives. In such cases the old straw "skip" was better than the modern arrangement, for a knife thrust through the top would break the comb and set the honey free, at which the thieves would instantly return to seal up their own store. It is not primarily in their industry that bees are human.

A Funny Chase.

Lord Orford, an eccentric English nobleman, once had a team of red deer stage that he frequently drove to a light coach. All went well until one day there happened to be a pack of staghounds on the road from London to Brighton, along which Lord Orford's picturesque team was merrily feeding. There followed the strangest chase that ever mortal man witnessed. The hounds hunted the team and its owner back to Newmarket, and with such a smash into the Ram Inn yard the whole lot went that there was no more coach left and little more of driver. Lord Orford took to horses after that.

Conquering a Critic.

William Simpson, a British artist, who accompanied the army during the Crimean war, said that Lord Cardigan, the commander, examined his early sketches of Balaklava with a vacant stare, curiously remarking, "It is all wrong." Still Simpson persevered and was rewarded in the end "with the expression of Lord Cardigan's highest admiration." "The real truth was," he adds in his simple way, "that in the last sketch I had taken greater care than in the first two to make his lordship conspicuous in the front of the brigade."

The Debt Was Forgotten.

Trotter—Why haven't you been in to see me lately? Ballaw—Well—the truth is I was afraid that you might regard my visit as a reminder of the money you owe me.

Trotter—Why, my dear fellow, I had forgotten all about it. Sorry it troubled you.

Too Grabby.

"Some of the young girls nowadays," said Miss Ann Teck, "are positively terrible. The idea of a girl being engaged to two young men at once! It's shameful!"

"And," suggested Miss Pepprey, "it's aggravating, too, isn't it?"—Philadelphia Press.

Her Bread.

Walter—Have you ever made bread before, Marie? Marie—Oh, yes; I used to make it for my father until his doctor made me stop.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Attorney T. M. Stevenson and commissioner Gammo, of Lock Haven, were in town Monday conferring with the commissioners of this county on the question of an inter-county bridge across Beech Creek, near Beech Creek.

—Kokaks for Xmas, at Bush's.

—If a man or boy wears it, it's at Faubles.

—FORMERLY OF THIS COUNTY.—Mrs. Henry C. Pennington who died at her home in Abilene, Kan., on Saturday, Nov. 23rd after an illness of only four days of pneumonia, was born and raised at Pleasant Gap. Her maiden name was Clara Miller and she was a daughter of Robert Miller, who at one time lived on the farm now owned by his son, county commissioner A. V. Miller. Mrs. Pennington was 56 years of age and is survived by her husband and two children.

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—James Musser, who was born at Penn Hall, Jan. 17th, 1843, and was one of the nine children of Jonas and Maria Drost Musser, died at Orangeville, Ill., from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. He went west when only fourteen years of age and from there enlisted in Co. A. 46th Ill. Vols. and served throughout the war. In 1885 he established a bank at Orangeville and had lived there ever since. His widow and five children survive him. Mrs. George Dale of Lemont, is a sister.

—If you think a traveling bag would answer take a look at Fauble's. We have 'em as cheap and as fine as you will want.

A REMARKABLE OLD WOMAN.—In these days of electrical rapidity and strenuousness it is a relief to hear of a woman who has had time to live ninety-three years and yet who has neither dimmed her eyesight nor intellect and whose nerves are as good as ever. This remarkable woman is Mrs. Mary L. Steele, of near Pleasant Gap. Recently when Squire J. H. Hazel, of Axe Mann, called upon her relative to an affidavit he found her just finishing the last of two quilts on which she had been sewing her leisure time. The quilts are three feet square and each one of them contained twenty-five squares of sixteen plain squares—making a total of 850 pieces. If Mrs. Steele lives until March she will be ninety-three and she disdains the use of glasses, for she can see as well as ever without them. Neither has her intellect faded with her years and her memory is very good.

—If you think a traveling bag would answer take a look at Fauble's. We have 'em as cheap and as fine as you will want.

—Mince meat—our own make—fine as it can be made at Seehlers.

COUNCIL IN SESSION.—Monday night's session of council was void of anything spectacular; the members appearing inclined to get together to clear up as much of the old business hanging fire as possible.

After the customary reports of committees and officers that developed nothing of particular interest, Col. W. F. Reeder was heard on the question of a franchise for the new electric street railway. There was some discussion as to the kind of poles to be set to support the rails and their distance apart. Col. Reynolds suggested that the words "neat iron" poles be inserted, but Col. Reeder replied that if such an expense were put upon the company it would be forced to drop the project altogether. [Then Mr. Fenlon spoke on the matter, stating that he thought the borough ought to have some guaranty that this company intends building the road, that it is not seeking the franchise merely for speculative purposes. Dr. Kirk concurred in Mr. Fenlon's interrogatory and the matter was held over until the next meeting.

Jared Harper, W. T. Speer and Geo. R. Meek appeared in the interest of a sewer for the west ward. Cesspools in that section of town having been condemned by the board of health the gentlemen asked council for its co-operation in securing a sewer. It was referred to the Street committee and borough engineer.

The Water committee reported that it had agreed upon a settlement with the contractor and meter consumers who had appealed from the rates levied. The agreement carries a 50 per cent. raise on all bills from the 1st of April, 1902, to October 1st, 1903, and from that time until April 1st, 1904, at a flat rate of 6 cts per thousand gallons. Council voted to approve the settlement and that much mooted question was wiped off the "old business" slate.

Then, the contract for the Thompson pavement along Water street was taken up for final approval along with the contractor's bond for the faithful execution of his contract. Dr. Kirk objected to approving it on the ground that this council should not enter into a contract that cannot possibly be started until after a new council has been elected and sworn in. The proposition carried, however, and Col. Reynolds, who was presiding in the absence of president Cunningham, was authorized to execute the bond and contract.

After the approval of the bills council adjourned.

—Maybe its an umbrella? The Fauble Stores are showing the kind men like to carry. A big variety. You will be sure to find what you want.

—For Christmas shopping the Fauble Stores will meet with your approval. Everything that man or boy can use.

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

John A. Fye and Minnie V. P. Borger, both of Moshannon.

Earle C. Tuten and Rebecca Cole, both of Belleville.

John H. Turner and Kathryn A. Irvin, both of Julian.

John Kelly and Mattie Cowher, both of Worth Twp.

Samuel Trumble, of Morrisdale, and Susan K. Lilly, of Hawk Run.

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HUBLERSBURG.

Wm. Hoy is suffering an attack of tonsillitis. Miss Sue Stagar is very ill at the home of her sister Mrs. Kramer.

T. L. Kessinger is able to be out after a serious illness of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Brooks spent Friday at the home of T. L. Kessinger.

Miss Alice Crow, of Liverpool, is visiting at the home of her brother Rev. Crow.

Mrs. Mary McCormick came home from Wilkesburg after being absent a month.

The Reformed Sunday school will hold Xmas services on Christmas evening.

Mr. Harve Confer and wife, of Millheim, spent Sunday at the home of D. M. Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams visited the former's parents at Beech Creek Sunday and Monday.

James Rathmell and Nora Whitman suffered slight attacks of sore throat the beginning of the week.

Mrs. James Seibert and daughter Betty, of Belleville, accompanied by Mrs. Karstetter and little niece, of Phillipsburg, spent Friday evening last, at the home of Mrs. Seibert's father, E. J. Markle.

Rev. Crow had two weddings last week. Miss Anna Dorman and Wm. Waltz, of Clinton county, Tuesday evening at the parsonage, and Martha Dunkle and Philip Zong at the home of J. T. Dunkle, near town.

—The Fauble Stores are showing more bath robes than all of Belleville's other stores, combined. The right kind, at prices that will please.

—Cranberries—never so fine. Olives, olive oil, ketchups, flavoring extracts. Seehlers.

Down Nittany.

There is considerable sickness in the vicinity. Charley Lee's little daughter has been very sick but is better. Rev. Stover's two little girls have tonsillitis. Mr. Joe Emerick has been quite sick but is better, there is a whispered rumor that a big butcher dinner had something to do with Mr. Joe's sickness and there are several other cases.

Snydertown is a bustling little place at present. McNitt Bros. & Co., are building saw and stave mills near the station. They have had a siding put in connecting with the Central and are getting ready to cut the timber from the Ridge which they bought some time ago. They have put down a tram road and haul the logs with a dinky engine. They have built a very complete mill, with all convenience for hauling logs and lumber.

The crops down the valley have been very good this season. The wheat crop is unusually good. Beck & Hoy have shipped about a dozen cars of wheat already this fall. Mostly from Zion station. The farmers about Zion have a very fine crop of wheat of extra good quality and clean. The quality of the wheat and freedom from other seeds shows care in seed and keeping the farm free from obnoxious weeds. We do not believe a finer lot of wheat can be found in the county coming from the same acreage.

An item in the WATCHMAN two weeks ago stated that it was a Woman's Edition of the paper as the senior editor was sick and the junior away. While we hope that both have recovered and are enjoying life, yet we will say for part of your readers at least you need not hurry to get back. By the way, the item stated the junior editor was off for his annual hopeless deer hunt, but we have forgotten whether it was spelled Deer or Dear. [Either one would do so far as the hopelessness of it is concerned.—Jr. Ed.]

One of the oldest, if not the oldest citizen in Walker township, is Mr. Philip Walters, "Uncle Philip" as he is familiarly called by everyone. He is up in the 80's and yet his walk is as smart as that of many men of 50.

A millwright by trade he worked for years around the Valentine, Hecla, Curtin and Howard furnaces and hardly an old grist or saw mill in the county he did not help build or repair. A great reader, his memory is very retentive and his recollections of past occurrences in the county are interesting. A radical Republican all his life time he has taken a deep interest in politics, but never aspired to office more than township. He is enjoying a good old age, having his home with Mr. Ira C. Mechtley; Mrs. Mechtley being his oldest daughter, and they try to make his old age pleasant for him.

The report from our schools throughout the township is very encouraging. The general attendance is good and teachers and pupils are interested in their work. The High and intermediate schools at Hublersburg are doing good work. And we are glad to note that the citizens of the township are becoming interested in the success of their schools. The attendance is increasing and parents are beginning to realize the importance of their work. And we feel safe in saying the High school work in Walker township has "come to stay." The Walker township board congratulated themselves on having a corps of teachers this term of whom they are proud. But there is one thing lacking on the part of both board and parents. Schools are not visited by either as they should be. A few minutes spent in the school room, a few encouraging words to the teacher and to the school have an influence for good. And even if nothing is said your presence shows an interest.

Pine Grove Mention.

Sheriff Taylor was in this section on Tuesday on official business.

Mrs. Maria Gosf is making her annual visit to J. N. Bell's home at Eden Hill, Pa. Mrs. Wilson Gardner is quite sick at her home in the Glades. Last report says she is some better now.

George Bell, with his wife and interesting little family, spent several days last week among friends in the Glades.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shugerts, of Shingle-town, are visiting relatives and friends in the Mountain city this week.

Our young friend George Meyer is housed up holding down a big arm chair with a bad cold and symptoms of pneumonia.

J. D. Nearhood and H. W. Thomas lumbermen at Penna Furnace were in town the beginning of the week greeting old friends.

Charley Thompson, one of Half Moon's progressive young farmers, was in town the beginning of the week on a mission of charity.

In the Boalsburg section a number of committeemen are engaged in soliciting for the Belleville hospital and are meeting with success.

Adam Felty, one of Frank McFarlane's farmers, lost his best horse last Monday with that much dreaded and fatal disease pneumonia.

Dan Zones, who spent several weeks in Elk county hunting, resigned and is back in his old quarters at James Peters' in the Glades.

John A. Kline, of Oak Hall, passed through town Monday evening homeward bound; sporting a new carriage built by W. J. Meyers, at Alexandria.

Wm. K. Goss came in last week with an eighteen pound wild turkey. Alex D. Tanyer followed suit on Monday and brought in a fourteen pound gobbler.

Miss Priscilla Stuart bade adieu to her legion of friends last Friday when she took her leave for Pittsburgh where she will spend the winter with Col. J. T. Stuart's family.

George W. Weaver, of New York, came home last Friday and for the time being is assisting his father, D. H. Weaver, to arrange his big store for the heavy fall trade.

John M. Homan, a Branch farmer, lost a valuable cow last Tuesday by a vicious bark sinking his tusks deep into the cow's abdomen, rupturing the large artery and tearing the entrails out.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Meek are now snugly fixed in their new home at State College. They were life-long citizens of Fairbrook and are the kind of neighbors any community can ill afford to lose.

N. T. Cole Esq., of Allegheny, is off duty nursing his right hand which is minus two fingers caught in the machinery. Newton is one of our boys who saw service in the Cuban war and was heartily greeted by his old chums here.

Squire Housman, one of the representative citizens of Tusseyville, attended to some business in this section recently. He is one of the old reliable Democrats down in that Democratic Gibraltar and is serving his fourth term as justice of the peace.

John F. Garner's sale on last Tuesday brought a large crowd together. The day was an ideal one for the occasion. Bidding was not very spirited, farm implements sold low. Pigs and sheep brought fine prices. Cows sold most as high as horses.

Wm. Decker, of Michigan, is making his annual all winter visit at the home of J. A. Decker on Water street. Mr. Decker is not so robust as he once was, and to avoid the cold blast of real winter has been spending his winters among Centre county relatives.

Mrs. J. G. Hess and Miss Sue Dannelly, who have been visiting relatives in northern Ohio for the last month, returned home last Friday; perfectly delighted with their visit. Most of their time was spent with the Dannelly brothers and our former townsman Charley Smith. All are reported as doing a land off business.

—The Fauble showing of suit cases will help you solve the Xmas gift problem. From a dollar to twenty—and every price between.

Smalltown.

Chas. Geary has gone to his home at Tusseyville.

Annie Harry has gone to Sugar valley to do some sewing.

Samuel Faust is spending a few days at Spring Bank, among friends.

While cutting wood Clyde Waite accidentally cut a gash in his foot.

Miss Lizzie Brindle is visiting her sister, Mrs. Perry Smith, at Fielder.

On Saturday Mrs. Henry Detwiler Sr., will have sale at her home in this place.

Mrs. G. H. Small returned on Wednesday from an extended visit in Philadelphia.

Mr. Henry Winklebeck came last Friday to assist his father-in-law in butchering.

Mrs. John Mallory pleasantly entertained her sister, Mrs. Weiland, of State College.

Prof. Edwin Brungard and wife, of Mifflinburg, spent Thanksgiving under the parental roof.

William Emerick, from Punxsutawney, spent a few days with his sick mother, Mrs. John Emerick.

Mrs. Perry Smith spent a few days of the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Brindle.

After spending a few days in Nittany valley and Lock Haven Mr. and Mrs. Israel Haugh returned home on Sunday.

After spending a few weeks with her son Samuel, of Pleasant Gap, Mrs. John Walte Sr., Mrs. returned and at present is staying with M. Wance.

The following are on the sick list: W. E. Bair, Mrs. John Emerick, Ammon Strayer, Miss Maude Winters and Mrs. Henry Detwiler Jr.