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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—The Knisely brothers will open their pool room at State College next week.

—Miss Elsie Bible has resigned her position in Oesterich's photograph gallery, which place is now filled by Miss Grace Witmer.

—The Baileyville Sunday school will hold a Christmas entertainment on Christmas evening, the exercises being confined to the intermediate department.

—The residence of Jacob Smith, in Sugar valley, was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock last Friday morning. Not a thing was saved and the family were compelled to make their escape in their night clothing.

—Painters are now at work on the exterior woodwork of the Y. M. C. A. building. The equipment for the gymnasium arrived last Saturday and is being put in place, and it is expected that the building will be opened for use in a week or so.

—From the rapid work that force of workmen have been digging that hole in the ground for the foundation of the new depot for the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania there is little doubt but that they will have the building completed in time for the fitting on April first next.

—Mrs. Mary L. DeHaas, widow of the late Jacob L. DeHaas, of Howard, came to Bellefonte, on Tuesday, and was paid by the agent, W. Miles Walker, a check for \$5,000, the full amount of the policy held by her late husband in the Union Mutual Life Insurance company, of Portland, Me.

—The commission recently appointed by the court to inquire into the mental condition of Dominic Constance, the Italian confined in the western penitentiary, found him to be mildly insane and recommended his removal to an insane asylum. Judge Orvis has not yet acted on the case.

—The barn of Harvey Miller, near Madisonburg, was burned to the ground last Saturday evening. All the horses were gotten out but nineteen head of cattle, crops and farm implements were destroyed. The barn was insured in the Grange fire insurance company and the stock and crops in the Anville company.

—A Coburn correspondent writes that in that town there is a population of 243 persons and that to supply that number with pork during the coming year 150 hogs, averaging in weight 300 pounds, have been butchered. This would make a total of 45,000 pounds of pork or 187 1/2 pounds for each man, woman and child, an average of over one-half pound per day. At the price pork is selling at now, 7 cents a pound, the aggregate value of the above would be \$3,150, and each person's yearly allowance would cost him or her just \$12.93.

—Bellefonters want to be on the lookout for a dapper young man who has been working residents of neighboring towns by representing that he was canvassing for the Saturday Evening Post and offering it for \$1.25 a year with one of the standard books of the day as a premium. The swindler reaped a rich harvest in Sunbury where he landed over one hundred victims. The best way to get any paper is from some reputable dealer or direct from the office of publication.

—Don't forget to make your arrangements so you can attend the charity ball in the armory on the evening of December 27th. It will be the one event during the Holidays worth while attending. The price of tickets will be but fifty cents, a mere bagatelle when the worthy object—a benefit for the Bellefonte hospital—is considered, and every man in Bellefonte should buy one. There will be good music by a first class orchestra. Before the dance the orchestra will give a concert from 8:30 to 9 o'clock. Choice refreshments will be served at 11 o'clock. Remember the day and date.

—THE INJUNCTION CASE.—Judge Ellis L. Orvis this week heard testimony and argument in the injunction proceedings of the Pennsylvania railroad company against J. Edward Horn & Co. The difficulty arose over the latter firm attempting to build a branch railroad from the New York Central to their newly developed coal operations at One Mile run. In doing so they were compelled to cross an old right-of-way of the Pennsylvania and when they attempted to do this the Pennsylvania company got out an injunction to restrain them. The case excited considerable interest in Philipsburg and vicinity and a score or more witnesses were brought to Bellefonte, though all were not heard in the testimony which was taken on Monday. Tuesday morning argument was made on the case, John Blanchard Esq., representing the railroad company and ex-Judge David L. Krebs, of Clearfield, arguing for J. Edward Horn & Co., the defendants. Up to this time Judge Orvis has not handed down an opinion in the case.

—Jared Kremer and wife, of near Rebersburg, have closed up their home and gone to Philadelphia to spend the winter with their daughter Mary.

—A party of Pennsylvania telephone company officials, out in an automobile on a tour of inspection of their lines, spent Wednesday night in Bellefonte.

—The drop signal system recently installed at the Pennsylvania depot here has been found unserviceable because it is too hard to operate. It will be replaced with the double system.

—The public schools of Bellefonte are making preparations for quite elaborate Christmas exercises next week, prior to closing for the ten days holiday vacation; which exercises the public is invited to attend.

—W. H. Musser went over to Philipsburg, on Monday, and that evening acted as inspecting officer at the annual inspection of John W. Geary post, finding the same in a very good condition in every way.

—Mrs. Mary M. Paacker, one of the most prominent ladies in Sunbury, through whose assiduous work the hospital at that place was built and after whom it was named, died, Wednesday evening of last week. She was a niece of the late Senator Simon Cameron.

—Because their parents objected to their marrying Charles L. Hollick, a fireman of Osceola Mills, and Miss Belle Lakehart, of Tyrone, eloped on Tuesday and went to Columbus, O., where they were married the same day. Both young people were of age.

—While out driving, last Thursday afternoon, in the vicinity of Milesburg, Misses Mattie Mayes and Carry Ginter were thrown from the buggy by the horse frightening and running away. Miss Ginter sustained a fracture of the small ankle bone while Miss Mayes was uninjured.

—Rev. W. M. Rearick will shortly move with his family from the house he now occupies on east Lamb street to the Harbaugh house on west Curtin street, Mrs. Harbaugh intending to make her home, for a time at least, in Downingtown with the woman she raised from girlhood and who prior to her marriage was Miss Sallie Cochran.

—A large congregation was present in the Lutheran church, last evening, to witness the formal installation of Rev. W. M. Rearick as pastor. Rev. C. L. McConnell, D. D., of Millinburg, delivered a very able charge to the incoming pastor, while Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Centre Hall, a brother of the Bellefonte minister, delivered the charge to the congregation.

—Superintendent Taylor is having some much needed improvements made down at the gas and steam heat works, chief among which is a large brick stack, in course of erection by the Wallace, of Milesburg. The stack, when completed, will be seventy-five feet in height and five feet square. Another new boiler has been added to their already large battery and a torpedo boiler cleaner installed. In addition a large amount of new distributing pipe has been put down this fall so that the plant will soon be in better shape than it has been in years.

—On Tuesday Henry Sampsel, of south Spring street, was seventy-two years old and his good wife and children planned a surprise party for him that evening. Thirty-five guests were present and a more astonished man than Mr. Sampsel when the guests began to arrive would be hard to find; while he was deeply affected by being made the recipient of many suitable presents. The evening proved a most delightful one and one of the gayest of the gay was Mr. Sampsel himself, who took not only a lively interest but an active part in all the games, etc. Choice refreshments were served during the evening.

—S. S. CONVENTION.—The ten Sunday schools of Ferguson township will hold a convention at Baileyville today. Three sessions will be held, this morning, afternoon and evening. A good program has been prepared and a most interesting time is anticipated. The ministers of the country who will be present and take an active part in the exercises are Rev. J. M. Rearick, Centre Hall; Rev. A. A. Black, Boalsburg; Rev. Edgar Heckman, State College; Rev. J. E. Stonecypher, Boalsburg; Rev. E. J. Hayner, Spring Mills, and Rev. Campbell, Baileyville. The officers of the Ferguson township association are as follows: President, William E. McWilliams; vice president, Howard Barr; secretary, William H. Rosoh; treasurer, Geo. W. Keichline.

—THE NEW Y. M. C. A.—Now that the new Young Men's Christian Association building is almost ready for occupancy the young men of the town should be ready to join hands for its support by enrolling their names as members. Never before in the history of the local association has it been housed in such style as it will be in the new building. The quarters are large and comfortable, affording ample facilities for reading rooms, library, assembly hall, etc., while the gymnasium will be large and equipped with the most modern appliances. In addition there will be the bowling alley, a new feature for most of the young men of the town, so that all in all it will prove not only a fit place for moral and spiritual but a place for good, wholesome amusement and proper physical training; and there is not a young man in Bellefonte who can afford to ignore the opportunity to become a member.

CONCLUSION OF COURT.—The three weeks term of court ended last Friday. The cases not already reported were disposed of as follows:

O-osola Lumber company vs Mrs. Edward Barrett; this was an action to recover on a mechanic's lien filed for lumber furnished by the O-osola Lumber company to Edward Barrett, the husband and agent of this defendant. Verdict on Thursday evening in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$18 62.

Mary J. Gates, N.G. Gates, Anna Bertha Houser, Viola Gates, Golda Pearl Gates, by N. S. Gates, their guardian ad litem, vs Minnie Gertrude Rowan and Alfred Rowan, and same vs Daniel Meyers, being two cases in ejection; both continued under terms of settlement.

Charles Dreifus, doing business as Chas. Dreifus & Co. vs Harry R. Curtin and Florence Fox Dale, excoitrix of John M. Dale, deceased, co-partners, doing business as the Curtin Forge company; continued.

J. Frank Hatch and John Adams, trading as Hatch-Adams Carnival Co. vs J. C. Thompson and James P. Hale. Judgment confessed.

O. F. Felmele vs John H. Robb. Continued.

James C. Gilliland vs J. H. Ross, Peter Zones, Adam Blazer, Joseph Stone and Joseph Krumbine. Continued.

C. T. Fryberger vs Sterling Simcox, defendant and Charles H. Culick, garnishee. Continued.

Druella C. Hess vs J. H. Ross. Continued.

James I. Lytle and Lawrence Lytle vs Samuel H. Griffith; plaintiff suffers voluntary non-suit.

Louisa Bush vs John G. Dabbs. Continued.

David O. Eiters vs the School District of Bellefonte borough. This case was brought to recover an alleged balance of \$275 due the plaintiff for services as supervising principal for the Bellefonte schools. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$280, but as the case is mostly a question of law it will be passed upon by the court at some future date.

TURNER-WOODRING—Quite a pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Bella Woodring, of Port Matilda, last Thursday, when her daughter, Miss Edith Lena Woodring, was united in marriage to LeRoy Turner, of Avonmore, Westmoreland county. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion and filled with invited guests who came from Avonmore, Altoona, Tyrone, Bigler, Williamsport and nearby towns. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bergen, of the Presbyterian church, while Miss Alice Duncan, of Williamsport, played the wedding march. The attendants were Miss Lulu Adams, of Avonmore; Miss Frances Martz, of Lemont; L. Howard Turner and George Woodring. The bride looked quite charming in a gown of white laundowne made en train and trimmed with valenciennes lace. She carried a bouquet of brides roses. The bridesmaids were gowned in cream-colored cloth and carried pink roses. The presents received by the bride were quite numerous and valuable. Following a delicious wedding dinner Mr. and Mrs. Turner left on a honeymoon trip to eastern cities, after which they will take up their residence at Avonmore, where the groom holds a good position as telegraph operator.

HANSOOM-GILL.—A very quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Rev. Benjamin Gill, at State College, on Thanksgiving eve, when his daughter, Miss Helen Gill, was united in marriage to Edward Hansoom. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Dr. Gill, assisted by Rev. Edgar Heckman, of the M. E. church. The wedding was a quite a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Hansoom left, Thanksgiving morning, for a wedding trip to Chicago and other western points.

KERR-SPANGLER.—A belated wedding notice is that of David L. Kerr and Miss Amanda Spangler, both of Potter township, who were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. G. W. Curran, at Newberry, Lycoming county, on Wednesday evening, November 29th, in the presence of only a few friends of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. G. W. Curran.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The following marriage licenses were issued the past week by Register A. G. Aroby. James Combe and Ida Lewis, both of Philipsburg. Theodore A. Haverstein, of Tyrone; and Fannie M. Green, of Unionville.

Daniel C. Treessler and Mable V. Evey, both of Lemont.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—At a meeting of Millheim camp, No. 9833, Modern Woodmen of America, held last Friday evening, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: Consul, Dr. G. S. Frank; Advisor, J. C. Hosterman; clerk, Dr. F. E. Gutelius; banker, J. H. B. Hartman; escort, W. S. Shelton; watchman, S. M. Campbell; sentry, J. J. Gephart; manager, G. R. Stover (3 years.)

An invitation for the Hospital Benefit in the armory Wednesday night, December twenty-seventh, is given by the committee, to every person in Centre county interested in charity work. A concert by Stopper and Fisk orchestra will last until half after nine, the latter part of the evening being devoted to the regular Xmas dance. Tickets of admission to every one will be fifty cents.

Attempt to Blackmail Warren.

\$1,000 Demanded of the Pure Food Commissioners as Hush Money.

Under date of Friday, December 8th, the following dispatch was sent out from Harrisburg, appearing in the Philadelphia and Pittsburg newspapers on Saturday:

Charging that an attempt had been made by R. U. Wasson, of Lemont, to blackmail him out of a large sum, Dairy and Food Commissioner Warren to-day turned over to the postal authorities the correspondence on the subject, claiming that the mails had been used in an endeavor to extort money from him. Dr. Warren shows by two letters that in the first instance Wasson demanded \$1000 to prevent the publication of an attack on the Dairy and Food department, and in the second letter \$150 for each case the writer had against Dr. Warren's department is set as the price of silence.

When the first letter was received by the commissioner, he explains, he placed the matter in the hands of a newspaper reporter, who looked him the information that Wasson, while a student at State College, was connected with the editorial department of the college paper, and that subsequently he had a desire to make journalism his profession.

VERY PECULIAR LETTERS.

The letters are now in possession of a postal inspector, the first received reading as follows:

State College, Pa., Nov. 30, 1905. Mr. H. P. Warren, Harrisburg, Pa. Dear Sir—I have just about completed the article I have written for the Mountain, the leading newspaper of Curwensville, Pa. I am a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College and have been indirectly connected with the Dairy and Food Department with editorial work. I have been asked to attack your department and, realizing your position and also your connection with newspapers and reporters, I make you the offer, that you may have the opportunity to make your position secure, and will, for a loan in advance of \$1000, write me immediately or telegraph me. I am at Curwensville today, but shall be at home—State College—tomorrow.

Let me know immediately if you desire to control the paper or give this amount.

R. U. WASSON. Reference: Hon. John G. Love, Bellefonte, Pa.; H. C. Quigley, Bellefonte, Pa.; Professor H. A. Surface, State College, Pa.; Telegraph station, Lemont, Pa.

USED A REPORTER DETECTIVE.

It was after receiving this letter that Dr. Warren sent the newspaper man to see Mr. Wasson, and the Dairy and Food Commissioner says that Wasson told that, while he had no specific cases, he had a number of general complaints that would cost the Commissioner \$150 each to keep out of print. Not being able to come to any terms with the newspaper man, who, as Dr. Warren's representative, endeavored to learn Wasson's plans, the communication was resumed. The second letter to Dr. Warren was as follows:

State College, Pa., Dec. 5, 1905. Mr. Warren, Dairy and Pure Food Department, Harrisburg, Pa. Dear Sir—I have been asked regarding your representative being here on the 30th of Nov. yet I have not given out that he was your representative or connected with any State Department. Do you have any objection to me giving out to the press and the public regarding your representative having an interview with me on the 30th instant? The fact that you had a representative out instead of writing a letter to me, with other facts, would make an interesting article for the press, especially some papers that seem to have taken a new start since the election. If you wish to close up this matter at once, without anyone knowing the nature of your man being here, \$150 cash will do it. Then I shall merely say that the gentleman was interested in the sale of a newspaper. Otherwise I shall prepare an article for the press, stating the facts and your weakness in the case.

You can correspond with me, using a fictitious name, and that matter will be treated as confidential. Do not send another representative without having a stated place for me to meet him. His presence will cause more anxiety to the public. I expect this matter to be closed up satisfactorily not later than December 8, as the article will be written and the amount stated from the press. Awaiting an early reply, I am, truly yours,

R. U. WASSON. Word has been sent by the Attorney General to the post office authorities that the matter ought to be sifted to the bottom, as Dr. Warren declares his readiness for prosecuting the case, as well as being desirous of having Wasson produce in court whatever he may be possessed of that might incriminate either the Commissioner or any member of the department.

THE R. U. WASSON referred to above lives near Houseville. He graduated from State College in the class of 1903. He taught the Midway school in this place for the term of 1903-04. Last winter he taught a school in Huntingdon county. This year he gave up teaching and when Alexander Hart Jr., left State College to accept a position on the New York American Wasson was given his position as managing editor of the State College Times. This was his first venture in the newspaper business. From the above he evidently aspires to a wider field of journalism.

Some time ago he applied for a position on the staff of this paper and it was understood that he had been talked of as being the proper person to take charge of the Republican and Daily News during Mr. Tuten's term as Register of the county.

A GRAND BAZAAR.—Tickets are now out for a grand bazaar for the benefit of the new Catholic convent in this place. The holder of a ticket will have a chance on each of the following valuable articles. 1. A silver tea and coffee set. 2. A lady's gold watch and chain. 3. Buffet. 4. Morris chair. 5. Washing machine and wringer. 6. Writing desk. 7. Hat rack. 8. Hall seat. 9. Enamelled brass bed. 10. Two-burner oil stove. 11. Extension table. 12. Swing. 13. Chiffonier. 14. Gentleman's gold watch. When all the tickets are sold the time and place for the drawing will be announced. Price of tickets, 50 cents.

—Mill Hall is favored with a most liberal gentleman in the person of the landlord of the hotel at that place who offers to furnish every family in the town with their Christmas turkey for sixteen cents a pound; even if he has to pay twenty or twenty-five cents a pound for the fowls. So far we have no record of how many Mill Hallites will avail themselves of the man's generous offer.

Why?

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner.

The Sioux City Journal, a Republican paper says: "A very place to initiate reform there is the congress-men's mail. No doubt there has been improvement in that regard, but the chance for betterment is open." Then the Journal offers a list of "Don'ts" from which the following are taken:

Don't offer the congressman money for a postoffice. Don't offer to divide with him the first month's salary for a place. Don't ask him to represent a claim that would not have standing in a justice court. Don't ask him to try to beat the civil service commission. Don't ask him to be accessory to a fraud on the pension office.

Don't ask him to correct a record by law that has never had correction in morals. Don't appeal to him to support a measure because there is a graft in it for a constituent. Don't ask him, in any kind of language, to be a grafter.

Once upon a time there was a member of the Nebraska Legislature who had the habit of intimating in his speeches to the assembly that he had been "approached." This gentleman became famous as "the approached member." On one occasion after his fame in this line had been established, this gentleman, addressing the house, intimated that an attempt had been made to purchase his vote on the pending measure. Another member addressing the speaker asked permission to submit a question to the "approached member." The speaker replied that the question might be put with the "approached member's" consent. Consent being given the other member with marked deliberation asked the "approached member" this question: "What is there about you that makes everybody try to bribe you?"

Silence prevailed and, greatly discomfited, the "approached member" took his seat. The very pertinent question cured him, for that session, at least, of his habit of making public reference to the many alleged attempts to corrupt him. Some of the "Don'ts" offered by this Republican newspaper recall this more or less interesting story, and suggest the question: "What is there about a Republican Congress that it is necessary for a Republican newspaper to request that men having axes to grind refrain from efforts to corrupt the members of that body?"

Titlers of the Soil.

Harrisburg, Pa., December 13.—Important figures bearing on the agricultural products of Pennsylvania for the past year form an interesting chapter in the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture Critchfield, forwarded to day to Governor Pennypacker. The report states that Pennsylvania raised 21,857,961 bushels of wheat, worth \$15,109,491; 48,538,748 bushels of corn, worth \$28,636,091; 38,761,818 bushels of oats, worth \$15,109,491; 5,367,108 bushels of rye, worth \$3,810,646; 4,599,025 bushels of buckwheat, worth \$2,897,386; 204,620 bushels of barley, worth \$114,687; 27,174,266 bushels of potatoes, worth \$14,674,104; 4,499,425 tons of hay, worth \$53,183,204.

—One day last week James Wilson, of Liberty township, started with a load of hay for Lock Haven, was thrown from the top of the load to the ground, sustaining a number of cuts and bruises, though no serious injury.

Lemont.

Frank Whitehill was nursing a large boil on his arm, last week. J. B. Mayes has been down at Watson town the last couple weeks helping his son. C. D. Houtz sold a tract of two acres of land to Chas. W. Williams, last Friday.

Mrs. John Stamm, of Altoona, circulated among her many friends in these parts last week. Mrs. George C. Williams and her sister Louisa, visited among friends in Oak Hall Tuesday.

Mrs. Lavina Houser, who has been on the sick list for several years, is at present confined to her bed. Mr. and Mrs. Newton Miller spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Dale.

Chas. Getz returned to Jersey Shore, Tuesday, where he is employed by the Belle telephone company. Mrs. Thos. C. Houtz returned home, Wednesday, after a sojourn of several weeks among friends in these parts.

Mrs. Lloyd L. Houtz and sister, Miss Jennie, went to Bald Eagle Furnace, Saturday, to enjoy a week with their parents. Peter Shuey returned home, Monday of last week, after enjoying his annual deer hunt with his father and the Markle crowd.

Irvin J. Dreese and family returned home, Saturday of last week, from his home where they were called by the death of his mother. Chas. Whitehill butchered a hog, last Friday, that tipped the scales at 427 lbs., that being the largest for this community up to date.

Earl Whitehill had the good fortune to shoot the large swan that has been seen on Spring creek for some time, and which has been shot at many times. It measured 6ft. 6in. from tip to tip of the wings. Theodore Boal bought it to have it mounted.

Spring Mills.

One of our prominent citizens read the President's entire message and then—fainted. Our stores are being draped in their usual Holiday attire, and are becoming quite attractive.

During the week the rising generation were amusing themselves by sledding, sliding and skating on the ice. I. B. Hall and L. E. Hawk, of Pottsville, were here for a day or two last week, visiting friends in the valley.

Rev. Haney, pastor of the Evangelical church, is still doing good work—large congregations and converts every night. What has become of the "mobiles?" very few are seen on the road of late. During the summer they were almost as plentiful as blackberries.

How about turkey for Christmas dinner? They are scarce and command high figures. Will we be forced to fall back on English plum pudding. Butcher is now drawing to a close. Last week the very atmosphere was heavy with the fumes of grease and fat. Sausage can now be had by the cubic yard.

C. A. Krape, our popular postmaster, is displaying in his store department a special line of stylish foot wear, which for durability and comfort cannot be excelled. These new and handsome styles have just been received. Our postmaster either as a government official giving the office his closest attention, or as a merchant is always up to date.

A day or two since, being in the neighborhood of the Penn Hall carriage works, I met Mr. Condo the proprietor, who kindly invited me into his "hive of industry" to see the new styles of sleighs and cutters which had just been placed in the salesroom. Some of the Portland cutters displayed there are marvels of comfort and elegance and like all the carriages, buggies and wagons manufactured in this establishment are of the highest grade. The works are running on full time and are one of the main institutions of Penn Hall.

Geo. W. Keichline spent Saturday in Bellefonte. Mrs. Simon Ward is having her house re-roofed. Mrs. Elmer Ross has been quite ill the past week or so with nervous trouble.

John and Earle Neese, of Rock Forge, are visitors at the D. L. Miller home. Mrs. J. A. Decker with her baby girl enjoyed a drive over to Guyer Friday.

A. J. Tate is on the sick list, the result of a fall which cracked three of his staves. Frank B. Krebs, of Spruce Creek, came down to spend Sunday with his mother.

Mrs. Edward Corl has been a very sick lady the past week but is some better now. Mrs. Michael Leash is a visitor in Altoona this week with her daughter, Mrs. Hunter.

Ex Sheriff Walker and Ex Senator Heiler were here sighting over old times on Tuesday. George Inhof, wife and children visited relations in Stormtown the first day of the week.

Assessor C. B. McCormick is making his rounds, keeping his weather eye on the canines. David Gertz is back from the west in his old quarters with George Harper for the winter.

S. C. Gillsburgh, the cow buyer, was here last week rounding out his 27th car load of fresh cows for 1905. From a glance at the Evert's store windows one would think old Santa had dumped his whole stack there.

Mrs. Mary Gates, of Tyrone, spent yesterday at Centre Line looking after the condition of affairs on her farm. Mrs. J. Hall Bottorf, who has been quite sick for a number of months, is not improving to any appreciable extent.

John and Will Miller, of Altoona, and Gay Christian, of Tyrone, were guests at the Miller home in the Barrons last week. Hon. J. W. Kepler made a flying business trip to Philipsburg and Houtzdale recently looking after his large milling trade.

Our popular dentist is kept busy keeping molars in repairs as well as making new grinders and extracting teeth without pain. J. A. B. Miller, of Bellefonte, was a passenger on the early train, Wednesday, to see his father, D. L. Miller, who is ill with heart trouble.

Mrs. Daniel W. Garner with her sister, Miss Mary Neidigh, visited friends at Fairbrook, Tuesday, and were delighted with the drive. Newton E. Hess and wife spent Wednesday in Bellefonte, the former attending to a little business while the latter did some Xmas shopping.

Cards are out for the marriage of Will Mothersbaugh to Miss Annie Meyers, next Wednesday at 11 o'clock a. m., at the home of Henry Meyers. Charley Wright transacted business in Half Moon valley last week, getting evened up in the straw thresher business, in which he is a part owner.

J. B. Ard, wife and son Wilson, were Bellefonte visitors Saturday. Mrs. Ard did some shopping while J. B. was attending to some business affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Johnson drove up from Jersey Shore to enjoy a royal good time among their many friends. Mr. Johnson is doing a land office business in the furniture line.

Reuben Tressler bade adieu to his many friends here, Tuesday, when he left for Tyrone to take charge of the Bayard and Eby mill. Mr. Tressler is the right man in the right place. Our popular lumberman, J. D. Nearhood, made a narrow escape, last Saturday, when his team ran away and were saved from plunging into a deep pond by a tree. The wagon was broken and Mr. Nearhood is laid up with a sprained hand.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, of Linden Hall, passed through town, Saturday, en route over the mountains to visit his sister, Mrs. Anna Gregory, who has been an invalid and entirely helpless for more than a year with paralysis. Butcher season is on the wane. So far as heard from Wesley Mayes is the champion hog raiser. His two fifteen-month old porkers tipped the beam at the 1033 pound notch. Frank Thomas and Luther Sunday each killed a 450 pound rooster.

Some who registered at the St. Elmo recently were: Isaac Woomer, of Grayville; Edward Wickerson, Houtzdale; L. F. Ross, Lemont; G. H. Shugerts, McAlevy's Fort; J. F. Smith, Centre Hill; J. K. Hosterman, Centre Hall; George Lose, Bellefonte, and L. Wian, the oil man.

Christmas entertainments are billed in the Pine Hall Reformed church, Saturday evening, December 23rd, in the Pine Grove Lutheran church, Christmas eve and in the Pine Hall Lutheran church Christmas evening. The other schools will be content with a treat for the scholars.

On Sunday, the 24th, Rev. C. T. Aiken will fill the Lutheran pulpit here at 10:30 a. m., at Pine Hall at 2:30 p. m. An election for a pastor will be held at that time. Rev. Keller, of Frederick City, Md., very ably filled the pulpit last Sunday. He is a fluent talker and a good pulpit orator. He is a candidate for the charge and made a very favorable impression.