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We Told You So.

In the issue of Sept. 29th last, the WATCHMAN said "you can look for the expenses of the county this year to run up to \$91,250.00." Inasmuch as the average annual expenses of the county, under fifteen years of Democratic conduct of the Commissioner's office prior to the time Messrs. MILLER and BAILEY took charge, had been only \$61,321.02 our statement was ridiculed by the apologists of the Republican board that has just gone out of office.

The WATCHMAN has information now that warrants it in stating that for the year 1905 the EXPENSES OF CENTRE COUNTY WERE NEARLY \$120,000.00.

Think of it! Nearly double the average of fifteen years under Democratic rule and \$29,000.00 higher than our prediction made last September.

Messrs. MILLER and BAILEY got out just in time to save the county's being wrecked entirely. As it is there is very little ready money in the treasury and notes to the amount of \$40,000.00 to be met in a short time.

The forthcoming auditor's statement will be full of appalling surprises and it behooves every taxpayer in the county to peruse it carefully, for in all probability the taxes will have to be raised and you should know the reason.

And Mr. Dresser is One of These "Useful" Members.

From the Topoka (Kan.) Capital.

"Senator Lodge spoke a truth the other night when he said that if the people were losing confidence in the United States Senate there was one organization that still had great confidence in it, and that is the lower house of Congress," said a Kansas congressman. "I know, because I belong to the lower house. And, by the way, you will never know how little ice a congressman puts up when he becomes one. A congressman puts up a big front at home, like a livery stable, but there is mighty little behind him at Washington. He is nothing more than a messenger boy. He outs about as much figure in adopting government policies into law as a Filipino. A few leaders decide what they want; they holler 'Hey, Rebe!' and the rest rush in and vote like sheep. Then we go out behind the capital, kick ourselves and say: 'Well, maybe the Senate will fix that tarnal bill up so it will be all right.'"

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Wednesday was a very winter-like day, with rain, sleet and snow.

The bricklayers are now at work on the new station for the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania.

Rev. E. K. Harnish, of State College, will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday, both morning and evening.

The freight business on the Pennsylvania railroad in this place is so heavy that the shifting crew is compelled to work nights.

The WATCHMAN can recommend "The Office Boy," with Frank Deason in the leading role, as an attraction worthy your patronage.

Rev. Dr. Laurie will not move his family from the Presbyterian parsonage to the house on East Linn street occupied by Phil D. Foster until April first.

Bellefonte theatre goes will see a good play, next Tuesday evening, when Frank Deason will appear at Garman's in "The Office Boy." Go and see it.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wagner Geiss are rejoicing over the arrival of a nice baby girl at their home on West High street and now grandpa Goodhart will feel more elated than ever.

The school directors of Centre county will meet in their annual convention in the court house, Bellefonte, Thursday, January 18th. Prof. Albert, of Bloomsburg, and Prof. McNeil, of Harrisburg, will be present and address the convention.

On New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. A. Lukenbach and son, Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Jenkins and son, Raymond; Mrs. M. B. Garman and John M. Bullock went to Tyrone and were present at a family reunion and New Year's dinner given at their home by Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Lukenbach.

The committee for the hospital benefit has in their hands, as the result of their work of last Wednesday night, something over one hundred dollars to turn over to the hospital. Just where it will be applied has not been positively decided. Their success in keeping the expenses under fifty dollars is due to the kindness of Mr. Dagget in entertaining the musicians, to Capt. Taylor for the amory and heat, to the Bellefonte Electric Co., to M. C. Gephart and to all those persons in the town who so kindly contributed the refreshments.

CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.—On Wednesday, December 27th, Mr. and Mrs. George Dale celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their comfortable home near Lemont and the event was one of unalloyed pleasure to all who had the honor of being present. The list of guests numbered over seventy-five, which included Mr. Dale's five brothers and one sister as well as most of their neighbors and friends in that section. By the noon hour everybody had assembled and to begin the day auspiciously dinner was down as the first thing on the program. And such a dinner as it was! One of the most elaborate that a farmer's good wife, such as Mrs. Dale is, can alone prepare. The table fairly creaked under its load of good things with which to "tickle the palate and satisfy the inner man," or woman either, for that matter; and, of course, all the guests did ample justice to the repast.

Following the dinner Clement Dale Esq., of this place, read a very complete and interesting historical sketch of the Dale family after which an appropriate address was made by Rev. W. M. Rearick, of this place, who closed by presenting to Mr. Dale a handsome gold watch and to Mrs. Dale a gold thimble, the gifts of the immediate members of his family. The presentation of these gifts was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Dale and they were very much affected thereby.

Before the meeting closed an organization was effected by the election of the following officers: President, George Dale; vice president, David E. Dale; secretary, Dr. J. Y. Dale; assistant secretary, John S. Dale; treasurer, William J. Dale; chaplain, Rev. W. H. Dale; executive committee, A. A. Dale, Phillip S. Dale, A. W. Dale, Dr. James A. Dale and Edmund Dale.

George Dale is a son of the late Christian Dale and was born on the old homestead near Oak Hall, August 1st, 1831, and was one of a family of fifteen children, eight of whom are living. His wife was Miss Helen Musser, a daughter of Jonas Musser, of Aaronsburg. The two were married December 27th, 1855, at Lewistown. They have had eight children five of whom are living, as follows: Horace C., a banker at Rushville, Neb.; Blanche E., now Mrs. Frank Musser, Bellefonte; John S. and Willard, both farmers in College township, and Lillie, at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dale are well preserved, hale and hearty and the WATCHMAN not only extends congratulations on their having lived to celebrate last week's important event but trusts they may live to celebrate many more wedding day anniversaries.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN IN AND TAKE CHARGE.—Monday morning the county officers elected last fall for the ensuing three years were sworn in by prothonotary Arthur B. Kimpfort and with their deputies took charge of their respective offices. The first man to be sworn was John C. Rowe, who was elected recorder, with his son, William, as his deputy. The others were Henry Kline, sheriff, and Fred W. Rees as deputy sheriff; John L. Dunlap, C. A. Weaver and John G. Bailey as county commissioners with James Corl as clerk. The board at once organized by electing Dunlap president. Dr. F. K. White was sworn in as treasurer with George W. Rumberger as his deputy, and E. C. Taten as register as well as the auditors and co-auditor.

That there are chicken thieves in this section, Mr. Hezekiah Hoy out along the Lemont pike discovered the other morning when on going to his chicken house he found that some one had helped himself to a prize Wyandotte rooster and how many other chickens he could not tell. Mr. Hoy has arranged his henry since in a way that the next night visitor it has will meet with a warm reception.

James Kittridge, nineteen years old, who was a student at State College until a couple months ago when on account of a breakdown in his health he was compelled to relinquish his studies and return to his home at Tunkhannock, committed suicide, on New Year's day by jumping from a third story window of Dr. Rickett's private hospital, in Philadelphia, to the pavement, being instantly killed.

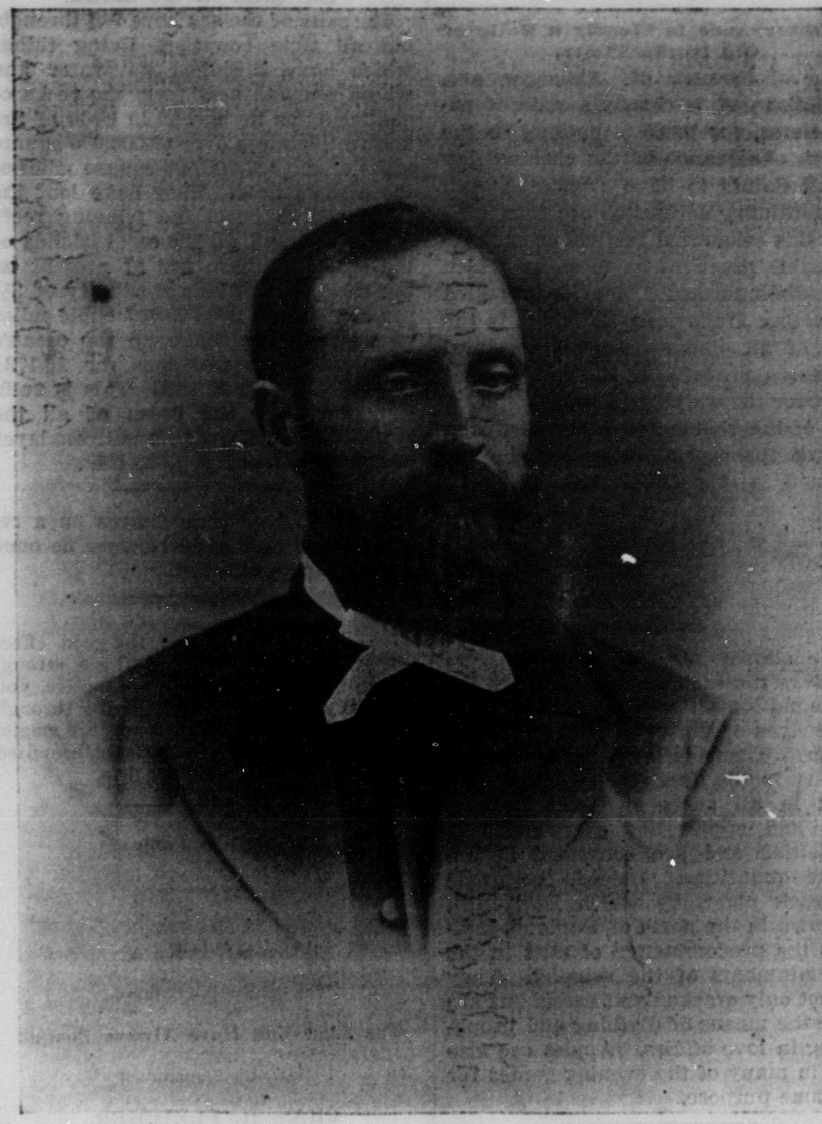
Miss Sarah Brickley, of Romola, who for several years lived in Bellefonte and conducted a dressmaking establishment, died at her home, Thursday morning of last week, from dropsy, with which she had been afflicted for over a year, and for which she underwent treatment in the Bellefonte hospital last fall. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon.

While attempting to run under the railing of the hitching posts at the Centre county bank, last Thursday afternoon, Joseph Ceadar Jr., struck his forehead against a sharp edge of the rail cutting quite a gash. He was taken to a physician's office and had the wound stitched together and since has been getting along all right.

Just as the WATCHMAN goes to press word was received of the death of John Dunlop McCafferty, youngest son of Mr. Charles McCafferty, of Philadelphia, who died at Sulphur Springs, Va., from an attack of malaria fever and paralysis. The body will be brought here for burial.

Last week W. A. Lyon bought from the Curtin estate the stone house on East High street, opposite the court house, now occupied by the Pearl sisters, and will move there in the spring.

Samuel Decker has purchased the Brew property on Spring street and will move there April first.



REV. WILLIAM LAURIE D. D., LL. D.

[From a picture taken fourteen years ago.]

DR. LAURIE CLOSES HIS CAREER AS PASTOR OF THE BELLEFONTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—After having served as pastor of the congregation of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church for twenty-nine years and five weeks Rev. William Laurie, D. D., LL. D., preached his last sermons last Sunday morning and evening, at the latter time declaring the pulpit vacant. The doctor made no pretense to preaching the habitual farewell sermon, the only reference to the fact that this was his last appearance in the pulpit as the resident pastor being when he declared the pulpit vacant. Both his sermons on Sunday had been prepared with the same studious thought and detail that always characterized his pulpit efforts and were delivered in the same calm and impassioned manner.

Dr. Laurie's services as pastor of the Bellefonte church are now at an end and it is not the intention of the WATCHMAN to devote any space to the whys and wherefores. But the fact cannot help being admitted that during his pastorate he did a good work. Called here in 1876, when he had been at active work in the ministry but eleven years, he entered upon his office here November 22nd, 1876, and was officially installed as pastor the following month, December 26th. That he attained a reputation as a hard worker and profound theologian is evidenced by the fact that in 1886 Lafayette college conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity; in 1897 he was elected moderator of the Synod of Pennsylvania and in 1898 he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Laws by the Western University of Pennsylvania.

When Rev. Laurie began his pastorate of the Bellefonte church it was with a debt of from fifty to six thousand dollars hanging over it. He went to work with a will and in due time had the satisfaction of

seeing the debt wiped out. At that time the Sunday school was holding services in the old Wigwam on the southeast corner of the school house commons. That building became insecure and in 1881 was torn down. In 1883 a movement was started for the erection of a building for Sunday school purposes and in 1884 the handsome chapel north of the church was completed at a cost of \$17,000 and dedicated in the fall of the same year. Since that time the parsonage has been repaired at a cost of \$3,500 while from \$16,000 to \$17,000 were expended on remodeling and improving the church. In addition there was raised and contributed to the various mission boards of the church the sum of \$69,664 and to miscellaneous benevolences \$29,138. Including all the above and for pastoral support and church expenses the amount contributed by the church during Dr. Laurie's pastorate aggregated the creditable sum of \$207,378, as against \$142,312 in the previous three quarters of a century. In addition to this vast sum of money he succeeded in raising for church purposes Dr. Laurie was instrumental in raising the sum of \$6,000 for the remodeling of the Academy about fifteen years ago.

As to his other work here, during his pastorate he preached four thousand three hundred regular sermons and over five hundred funeral sermons; he performed two hundred and twenty-one marriage ceremonies, made more than seventeen thousand pastoral visits and united to the church six hundred and ninety-one members. When he assumed charge the membership was two hundred and forty; now it aggregates three hundred and seventy-four with a Sunday school membership of two hundred and twenty-eight. Having thus retired from the pastorate of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church Dr. Laurie has not retired from the active ministry, and until he accepts a regular call will preach wherever desired.

Spring Mills.

Our merchants report the holiday business as having been unusually heavy.

The Evangelicals here had watch meeting in their church on Sunday night last. Quite a fair congregation assembled to greet the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Seely, of Sunbury, were the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. C. C. Cummings, on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shires, of Altoona, spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shires.

On New Year's day, as is the custom, new and bold resolutions were formed for the next twelve months, generally lasting about four minutes. To turn over a new clean leaf, to be real "goody," but unfortunately—too frequently turn over cover and all, and consequently tumble again into the old channels and ruts, but such is life.

The beaux are beginning to think there will be little or no sleighing this winter and the little oyster suppers are so pleasant. But then there is plenty of time yet. January and February are cold, stormy months, and the adage has it, "When the days lengthen the cold strengthens," so we may have blizzards and snows in store for us, more than we care about—so be patient.

The holidays here passed off quite merrily and everybody seemed gay and happy. Presents were exchanged, big dinners served and the children made happy and lively with a profusion of candies and toys. Our Sunday schools presented each scholar with a box of choice confections and fruit. C. P. Long entertained a large dinner party on Christmas day. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Long, Dr. and Mrs. Braucht, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Royer, David McCool, J. Best Krape and others, also quite a number of young folks. The dinner was very elegant and elaborate. Dr. Braucht, M. Shiner and T. M. Gramley gave large dinner parties during the week. On Sunday evening last the Reformed Sunday school had a combined Christmas and New Years service of a very interesting character. It was largely attended.

Pine Grove Mention.

Charles H. Smith, of Bellefonte, was on our streets on Tuesday.

Mary Woods, of Birmingham seminary, was home for Christmas.

J. A. Decker and W. B. Ward made a business trip to Altoona last week.

Mrs. Cyrus Goss and Miss Kate Dunlop spent the holiday season in Philadelphia.

Master Charley Goss, of the Scotland school, is here during the holiday season.

S. P. McWilliams, of McDonald, spent his Xmas vacation with his parents at Fairbrook.

Clem Fortney and wife were entertained at the E. C. Musser home on the Branch, Tuesday.

Mrs. James Keller, who has been a very sick woman with pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

Samuel Ewing, one of the big farmers near Charter Oak, greeted old friends here last week.

George Woods, of Bellefonte Academy, spent part of his vacation with friends at Fairbrook.

Wm. Randolph, who has been ill and off duty several weeks, is better at his home on Water street.

Mrs. Mamie Shaw is spending a week or more among the Moore and Karlin families at Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Miller visited their son, Prof. S. C. Miller, principal of the Norwood school.

Earl Musser, of the Susquehanna University, circulated among his friends during the holiday vacation.

Deputy sheriff H. J. Jackson and constable J. C. Holmes transacted business in this section last week.

Austin Martz and family came up from their home at Oak Grove to spend the holiday season among friends in town.

Harvey Rockey, Clarence Weaver and Al. Bowersox, were at the Bowersox home on Main street, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Klinger, with their happy little family, enjoyed a drive over to Phillipsburg to spend Xmas with relatives.

The Neidigh and Boret youngsters spent the holiday season at grandpa Henderson's home at Spruce Creek, and report a good time.

Mrs. Ross Gregory, of Neff's Mills, was a Centre county visitor last week, spending some time at the home of her birth in the Glades.

Mrs. Freeman Brown, presented her husband with a nice boy as a Xmas gift. Not the kind old Santa brings to hang on Xmas trees, but a genuine cryer.

Miss Maud Kimpfort, an inmate of the J. P. Lyon home in Bellefonte, is at her parental home in Boalsburg before visiting relatives in Altoona.

Will Tate, an old battle scarred veteran of the war, a representative citizen of Potter township, shook hands with old friends here on Tuesday.

John Martz and wife, of Centre Hall, were among the Xmas visitors in town at the home of the bride's uncle, Alf. Bradford, on Water street.

W. A. Tressler, the creamery man at Bellefonte, with his excellent wife were shaking hands with old-time friends here during the holidays.

Andy Lytle was in Harrisburg last week looking after a steam saw mill to cut his tall pines at the base of old Tussey mountain into boards and bill stuff.

John B. Rockey, of Filmore, transacted business on the South side on Tuesday, looking after lumber for his new barn he intends building in the early spring.

Rev. Edgar Heckman has been conducting a protracted meeting at Meek's church, Much interest is taken and there have been a number of professions.

Little Luther Fishburn is short a finger. While assisting to saw wood with a circular saw he reached too near the revolving disc which severed the third finger on his left hand.

The ideal Christmas weather permitted many aged folks to get out. Probably one of the happiest homes in this section was that of Mrs. Dannelly, on Main street, where a family dinner was served and a number of friends assembled to enjoy the day.

Rev. Keller, who preached trial sermons on the Lutheran charge several weeks ago and left a very favorable impression at every point—Pine Hall, Gatesburg and this place—now writes the council declining to be considered a candidate for the charge.

John F. Sauserman and wife are now snugly located with the Frank Clemson family in Buffalo Run. Mrs. Sauserman will assist Mrs. Clemson in her domestic duties while John will have charge of the lawn and the stable.

Simon Kline, who has been identified closely with Pennsylvania State College, is moving to Emmittsburg, where he will take charge of a large dairy farm. Mr. Kline's years of training under Supt. Patterson well fits him for his new position.

The steam threshers have all pulled in to their winter quarters after a very good season's work, as follows: Clyde Detroit's machine tallied 50,329 bushels; Peters and Sons, 41,120 bushels; Adam Cramer, 40,250 bushels; Hess and Musser, 27,560 bushels; Al Garper has not reported his work as yet.

Corporal Theophilus Bratton, a battle scarred veteran of the war of the rebellion, who served in Company E, 45th Regt., is visiting friends in this section. At the close of the war he took Greeley's advice and went west, where he has a good bank account and 300 acres of land. He is accompanied by his wife.

Our town and county was full of Christmas cheer and many homes had family gatherings and turkey dinners. Probably one of the most pleasant was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Clemson, who invited many to partake of their hospitality. At the home of W. E. Stover all of the family but one were home to enjoy a family reunion and share the presents and good viands prepared. Seaford Wilson's home overflowed with good cheer when 12 of their 14 children, with grand-children assembled for the many good things at that cozy home.

Ross and Dick Gregory, of Neff's Mills, are down in Pennsvalley buying a car load of sheep.

Farmer Alfred Corl is walking on his tip toes. His wife presented him with a bouncing baby boy as a New Year's gift.

Harry Oaks, one of the representative citizens and up-to-date farmers, was here buying horses the beginning of the week.

William A. Hoy is receiving congratulations over the arrival of a sweet little girl, No. 4, which came to his home last week.

Stewart McCauley, one of the up-to-date farmers in Shaver's Creek valley, was greeting old cronies here in the beginning of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bowersox are arranging to celebrate their golden wedding on the 13th inst. The event is to take place in the new Odd Fellows hall here.

Lee Segner sold his home in Boalsburg to Clyde Welland. The dicker has been on for some time but was consummated the day after Xmas. \$1,000 was the price paid.

Miss Mary Port bade adieu to her legion of friends, Wednesday, when she took her leave for Selingsgrove, where she will take a full course in vocal and instrumental music. While there she will be an inmate of the president's family, Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Aiken.

The telephone in the country home has heretofore been considered a luxury but now it is deemed a necessity so that the modern convenience is finding its way into every progressive farmer's home. A line is now being built which will connect many farms and villages along the Branch and Shingle-town with the exchange at State College.

Officers of Capt. J. O. Campbell Post, No. 272, G. A. R., were elected at the last regular meeting in December for the ensuing year as follows: P. C. J. W. Sunday; S. V. C., C. B. Hess; J. V. C., W. C. Goodwin; Adjt., Wm. H. Fry; Q. M., Wm. D. Port; Surg., H. W. McCracken; Chap., J. G. Heberling; O. D., W. F. Heberling; O. G., J. G. Tyson; S. M., J. H. Miller; Q. M. S., D. L. Miller; Rep., W. H. Fry.

At a regular meeting of Centre Grange P. of H., No. 254, in their hall on Wednesday evening, a public installation was held. John Dale, district deputy of Centre county, officiated. The officers were: Wm. H. Goss, master; H. A. Elder, overseer; A. S. Walker, steward; Miss Sue Dannelly, lecturer; R. E. Randolph, G. K. Frank, W. Swabb, assistant stewards; Mrs. Henry Elder, lady assistant steward; A. J. Tate, secretary; N. E. Hess, trustee; John Musser, chaplain; the ladies court are Mrs. E. C. Musser, coes; Mrs. W. H. Goss, pomona; Mrs. David Miller, flora. After the installation all present partook of a splendid supper such as only farmers wives and daughters can prepare.

Lemont.

We had quite a number of visitors in town last week.

Ambrose Ray transacted business in town one day last week.

Peter Shuey and wife came, Saturday, to visit with his parents.

A number of the children of the neighborhood have the chicken pox.

James E. Leuker transacted business in Aaronsburg the first of this week.

Harrison Whitehill is able to be out again but looks rather thin from his recent illness.

James C. Williams, who was confined to his house last week, is able to be out again. Christmas was cold but no snow and New Years was warmer and a slight snow fall.

P. S. Dale has his lime kiln in full blast the last few weeks and is turning out some fine lime.

Rev. D. Davis, of Ohio, made a flying visit in town last week to transact some business.

David O. Eppers, county superintendent, has been visiting among the schools of College township this last week.

Thomas Williams, E. T. Roan's right-hand man, drove out from the county seat to dine with his mother on Christmas.

Jesse Klinger and family drove over to Phillipsburg and celebrated Christmas at the home of William S. Williams.

Charles G. Gets has been suffering the last week or so with a severe attack of rheumatism, but is on the mend now.

The citizens of Houersville and Rock are having a rural telephone line put up at present, which will be found very convenient.

Joseph Parker moved from the Ery property at the Branch to Clarence Hout's property, last week, and Charles Jordan moved from the Thompson house at Centre Furnace to the Ery property, which he recently purchased.

One day last week as the passenger train was passing through the deep cut near the house of George Martz, some one threw a stone through one of the windows which struck a gentleman on the head, cutting and bruising it slightly.

The following were the holiday visitors in town: William Coble, of Tyrone; Hamill Bathgate, Woods Bathgate, William E. Williams and wife, all of Altoona; John Bohn, of Spring Mills; Severius Reifensnyder and family, of Pitcairn; L. S. Bottorf and family, of Curwensville.

Buffalo Run.

John Roan, of State College, spent a few days at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kelley are visiting friends in Phillipsburg this week.

Miss Margaret Corman and friend spent a few days in Leok Haven this week.

John Witmer and son Harold, of Altoona, spent a few days last week with his parents.

Ester Kelley, of Bellwood, returned home after a weeks sojourn with her sister Gertrude.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander and sons, of Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Musser, of Milesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook and family, of Bellefonte, spent Xmas at Mr. Joseph Marshall's.

"I see that Wellington left all his wealth to his attorney. What will become of his widow?" "Oh, she is going to marry the attorney."