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The close of the collegiate football season will bring a trail of argumentation as to the relative standing of the various teams. The situation is peculiar and the discussion interesting because the two teams, Harvard and Pennsylvania, claiming the championship, did not meet, consequently the only way the issue could be settled would be from the "dope" on the games they have played with the same team. But an analysis based on "dope" is not worth much, since most any conclusion can be arrived at from it. For instance, if the defensive play of teams were taken as a basis State would rank higher than Cornell, the Indians or Annapolis, because no opposing team scored more than twelve points against State while as many as sixteen points were scored against the three teams mentioned. In offense State scored more points than Harvard, Dartmouth, Cornell, Brown, Princeton or West Point and played a relatively harder schedule than any team in the country except the Indians and Brown. Thus it might be figured out that State's rank should be a great deal higher than the football sharp will make it, but, after all, it matters little since no team, however good, will be permitted to detract from the honors of the "big four" or five, though any of the latter may deteriorate into the class of prep school eleven. The so called "smaller colleges" will not be small colleges long so that with their development will come athletic teams that will make the element of uncertainty as to which is really champion greater even than it is today.

Tuesday's telegrams furnished the fact that two of the large State quarries in the vicinity of Bangor closed down indefinitely for want of water, throwing over 200 workmen out of employment. What a pity the election didn't go otherwise. Mr. BRYAN could have been charged with this condition of affairs then, but as it is Providence will have to take the blame until the rain comes, when you'll find every Republican paper at the front yelling to the people to look and see how Republican success is starting up our industries.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Don't miss the Big Sacrifice Sale of Overcoats at The Fauble Store.

Bower Holter, local editor of the Daily News, has been confined to the house with illness this week.

Montgomery & Co., clothiers, have a new advertisement in this issue of the WATCHMAN which it will pay you to read carefully.

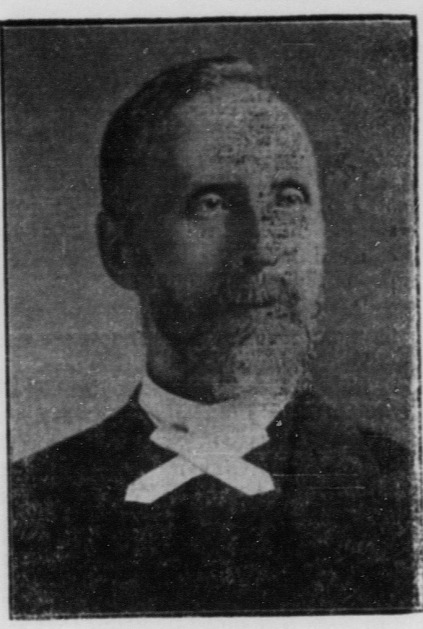
Miss Helen Crisman, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, in the Bellefonte hospital, had recovered sufficiently to be taken home yesterday.

The Woman's Guild of St. John's Episcopal church will hold an exchange in Sheffer's grocery store tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon and evening. Fresh bread, cakes, pies and candies will be on sale. Your patronage is solicited.

Last Friday afternoon the real estate of the late John Braebill was sold at public sale. The store and dwelling on Spring street was purchased by W. R. Braebill for \$4,000, and the properties on High street which includes the stores of James Wian, John D. Sourbeck and D. I. Willard were purchased by Charles Braebill for \$3,000. The sale was made in order to settle up the estate.

The finest part of the 23 lb. wild turkey that Lew McQuestion shot down near Mt. Eagle on last Friday had to be seen with a microscope last night, for he invited a party of his friends in to help dispose of it and talk about "the dismemberment of Turkey"—the eyes were certainly not larger than the stomachs of "the Powers" in this particular case. It was a delightfully informal dinner and our only regret is that we haven't more friends who, when they are at it, shoot the kind of turkeys that don't have to pass out filling and gravy when the third or fourth helping time comes. Though it must be acknowledged that all of the guests did their best to save the McQuestions the trouble of warming the big bird up again.

An inspection of the fire plug around town the past week disclosed the fact that at least six of them were not in proper working condition, a fact that emphasizes the necessity of council or someone in authority making it their business to see that they are. The fact that at last week's fire it took almost five minutes to get one plug open, owing to its being rusted shut, is enough to warn the borough authorities that such a condition is extremely dangerous, and that every fire plug in town should be tested and oiled often enough to keep them in first class condition. At the time of a fire a delay of even a few minutes may mean the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of property and this should not be allowed to occur through neglect in having the fire plugs in good working order.



DR. WILLIAM LAURIE, D. D., LL. D.

DEATH OF DR. WILLIAM LAURIE.

Though it was no surprise to his many friends in this place to hear on Tuesday of the death of Dr. William Laurie, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel F. Eldredge, of Cape May, N. J., it was still a great shock to them, as most everyone clung to the hope that he would to a certain extent recover the robust health in which he was so generally known all his life. It was probably four months ago that Dr. Laurie became ill, not with any particular disease but a complication of ailments as the result of the wearing out of his magnificent physical constitution. About a month ago he went to the home of his daughter at Cape May in the hope that the change of location and the invigorating sea breezes would result in rebuilding his impoverished vitality, but it proved in vain. Hardly had he gotten there when he had a sinking spell and his condition gradually grew weaker and weaker. On Sunday he was slightly improved and his friends hoped it was a change for the better, but it proved only the last feeble flicker of the flame before the spark of life was extinguished at one o'clock on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Laurie was born in Wigtownshire, Scotland on August 26th, 1832, hence was 76 years, 3 months and 5 days old. He came to the United States when but twenty-one years of age and located in Philadelphia where he worked as a carpenter. Three years later he went back to Scotland where he was married. Returning to this country he continued working at his trade and at the same time began a course of reading on theology. Subsequently he took a course at the University of Pennsylvania and then at the Princeton Theological Seminary from where he graduated in the latter sixties. His first pastoral work was done at Stewartville, N. J. From there he went to Pen Yan, N. Y., thence to Watkins, and in November, 1876, he came to Bellefonte and accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here as successor to Rev. W. T. Wylie.

For almost thirty years, or until the last day of December, 1905, he labored most assiduously as pastor of the Bellefonte church. That his work here was fruitful in a large measure is shown by the fact that when he came here a heavy debt was hanging over the church which he succeeded in lifting. The chapel alongside of the church was built and the church remodeled, while the parsonage was also repaired, entailing a total expenditure of from \$35,000 to \$40,000. When he came to Bellefonte the congregation of the church numbered 240 and when he retired from his labors the membership was 374.

Dr. Laurie was a hard worker and a profound student of theology. Preaching was not a mere calling with him, but work to which he devoted all his energy, as it was conscientiously a work of love in thus laboring in the cause of his Master.

That his marked ability was also recognized by others is shown in 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 presided over its sessions at Wheeling, W. Va., and in 1898 he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Laws by the Western University of Pennsylvania.

Following his resignation as pastor of the Bellefonte church he served the charge made up of Milesburg, Howard and Jacksonville, preaching at those places until some six weeks ago when his health became so bad he was compelled to desist from his labors. As is natural with a man of Scottish descent Dr. Laurie was a man of strong opinions and beliefs and during his long residence in Bellefonte and his previous ones before the public he had his various controversies, but through his entire life he displayed a sincerity of heart and purpose that always won for him the admiration and esteem of all—even those who differed with him in argument and precept. That his life in Bellefonte was not lived in vain can be attested by hundreds of people, and especially by many whom he befriended in his own quiet and heartily way.

Dr. Laurie was twice married. His first wife was Miss Martha Ballif, of Scotland. Four children were the result of this union, namely: Mary, widow of the late S. Durbin Gray and who makes her home with the Laurie family; William and James both dead, and John T., of Tyrone. His first wife died when the family lived at Stewartville, N. J., and at Geneva, N. Y., he was married to Miss Alice Ives, who survives with two children, Mrs. Samuel Eldredge, of Cape May, N. J., and Miss Bertha, at home. One brother,

Thomas Laurie, of this place, and a nephew, J. Malcolm Laurie, of Winburne, also survive.

The body was brought home on Wednesday evening and taken to his late home on Spring street and the funeral was held yesterday afternoon. The remains were taken to the Presbyterian church at one o'clock in the afternoon where they lay in state until two o'clock, the hour of the funeral. Rev. R. M. Campbell, of Pennsylvania Furnace, a warm personal friend of the deceased, had charge of the services. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

THIRTY TO REV. LAURIE, D. D.

A great, good man has been taken to his eternal resting place! His religion, was of the orthodox, old school type. He was a St. Paul in his manner and convictions. His life and faith were built upon the rock, that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." His sermons were practical, scriptural, logical, profound and full of the spirit of Christ. So much in touch was he with his subject that he seldom delivered a sermon that he did not brush away trickling tears! Especially when he referred to the great love of Christ for sinful man. He believed, and preached that the salvation that was necessary to save the old hardened sinner, was just as necessary, to save the young one, and to both he appealed, and applied the fundamental truths of the bible alike. In this doctrine he was sustained, as the Scriptures plainly teach, that "God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34. The young sinner is too apt to think that he "ought the special privileges, that the pleasures of the world were first, his to enjoy; then at a more convenient season he would give these up for Christ. God says "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His right,eousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Dr. Laurie preached the same gospel to his best friend that he would to an enemy. The writer of this for many years a member of his church and a constant attendant, and all of his sermons were highly appreciated. He sometimes said things that I did not think as he did about; they were not upon scriptural truths; upon them we were in harmony. For seven years our friendship unfortunately was broken. Not a word passed between us during all of that time—the silence was my fault. I always during that time attended church and fully enjoyed and received great comfort from his excellent sermons. I had not a thought of unkindness or ill-feeling toward him.

Seven years after we both incidentally were on a train, he going to preach at Lafayette College and also in New York city, and I going to Williamsport. He was seated alone, on the opposite side of the aisle from me. I concluded to attempt breaking our long silence and went to him offering him my hand. He cordially extended his and asked me to sit down beside him which I did, and we freely conversed, without any reference to our past silence, about matters of interest to both of us.

He was a wonderful man to seek, and practice useful maxims and practical truths. I remember, when travelling together at another time, I repeated the following and he committed it: "Five things, observe with care, of whom you speak, To whom you speak, And how, and when, and where." Also another: "The sandal tree, perfumes when new, The axe that laid it low, Let those who hope to be forgiven, Forgive and bless their foe." Dr. Laurie was a kind-hearted man, calling upon the poor and needy, giving of his own earnings to any that he found out in want, and giving more counsel and comfort to them, whether they were of his faith or not. This I know of my own knowledge in many instances. He did not publish it himself.

Today he is, without a doubt, in my mind, in glory with the redeemed ones, wearing the crown of righteousness. JOHN F. POTTER, Milesburg, Dec. 2nd, 1908.

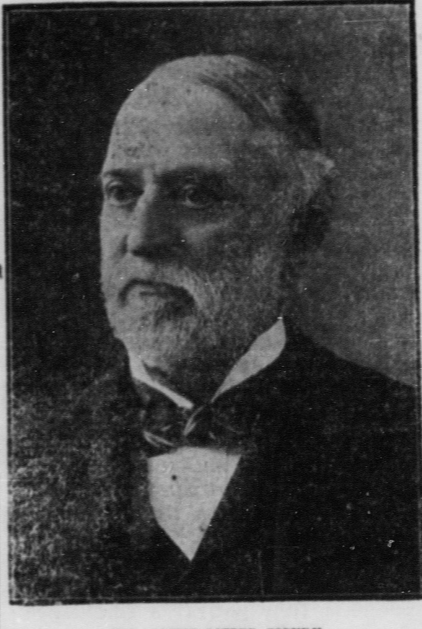
HARR.—Isaiah E. Harr, of Phillipsburg, died on Monday evening as the result of a ruptured blood vessel at the base of the brain. He was in good health until Monday morning when he was found in an unconscious condition, lingering that way until he died.

Deceased was born in Maryland and was seventy-one years old. He located in Phillipsburg thirty-two years ago and had lived there ever since. His wife died twelve years ago but surviving him are the following children: James, of Allentown; Sanford, of Altoona; Robert and Howard, of Phillipsburg; Mrs. James Stahl, of Allentown; Miss Besie, of Tennessee; Mrs. Ralph Appleton, of Phillipsburg, and Misses Eva and Nancy at home. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Phillipsburg cemetery.

HECKMAN.—General David K. Heckman died at his home at Loganton on Monday, aged eighty-five years. He was born on the old Heckman homestead in Greene township, Clinton county, and lived his entire life in that locality. Shortly after Andrew G. Curtin was inaugurated Governor in 1861 Mr. Heckman was commissioned a brigadier general of state militia but his term of service expired before the breaking out of the Civil war. In 1849 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Kline, of Gregg township, this county, who died in 1870, leaving a family of four children, three of whom survive. Mr. Heckman was one of the promoters of the Sugar Valley fire insurance company, of which he was president for twenty-one years. His funeral was held yesterday.

LONG.—Mrs. Anna Long, widow of the late Aaron Long, of Penn Cave, died on November 21st after an illness of five weeks. She was past sixty years old and was a member of the well known Armbruster family, of Pennsylvania. She is survived by four children, as follows: George, of Penn Cave; Mrs. D. W. Decker, of Millroy; Mrs. J. F. Kline, of Bald Eagle, and Elmer, at home; also one brother, Christian Armbruster, of Hecla. The funeral was held on Wednesday of last week. Rev. Snook, of the Evangelical church, officiated and burial was made in the cemetery at Farmers Mills.

GUISEWHITE.—Donald, the two months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guisewhite, died at his home on west Beaver street on Tuesday morning of infantile trouble. The funeral was held yesterday.



COL. JAMES POTTER COBURN.

DEATH OF COL. COBURN.—In the death of Col. James P. Coburn, which occurred at his home on north Allegheny street at six o'clock on Tuesday evening, Bellefonte and Centre county have lost one of their best known and most prominent citizens. He had been in failing health for a year or longer. About six months ago he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis and the result was a greater weakening of his already enfeebled system. He recovered sufficiently to be out and around and up until about a month ago attended to his business as president of the First National bank. Since that time, however, he has been confined to the house and as the result of a complication of ailments gradually grew weaker and weaker until the end came at the time above named after a period of twenty-four hours' unconsciousness.

Col. James Potter Coburn was born at Aaronsburg, this county, July 11th, 1831, hence was 77 years, 4 months and 21 days old. His father was Dr. Charles Coburn and his ancestors date back to 1620, when his forefathers emigrated from England and settled in Connecticut, where his father was born. Dr. Coburn came to Centre county when a young man and allied himself with the first families of this section by marrying Miss Peggy C. Potter, a daughter of Gen. James Potter, of Potter township. After several years of married life she died without issue and two years later the doctor married Miss Margaret Huston, mother of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Coburn attended the common schools of his day and later attended higher schools at Owego, N. Y., Harrisburg and Hartsville. After preparing for Yale college he was compelled to forego taking a course on account of the illness of his parents. In the early fifties he came to Bellefonte and went to work as clerk in a store. At the same time he began reading law in the office of Hon. Andrew G. Curtin and Edmund Blanchard and for eight years he pursued his studies until the year 1860 when he was admitted to practice at the Centre county bar. Though he never engaged very actively in the practice of his profession his business ability and keen judgment of human nature made him a valuable adviser and counselor. The building of the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad was mainly due to the untiring efforts of Col. Coburn, who for thirty years labored unceasingly to interest capital and was finally successful.

Most of his life was spent at the family home at Coburn from where he directed the various business interests with which he was connected. On July 1st, 1898, he was elected president of the First National bank of Bellefonte and moved to this place, though he still kept his home open at Aaronsburg, where he spent many of his Sundays. In politics he was a Republican of the most pronounced type and thirty-five or more years ago was a candidate for the Legislature, but was defeated. He always took a very prominent part in the work of his party and for two scores years was always a conspicuous figure in every county convention. He at various times represented Centre county in Republican state conventions and was once or twice delegate to the national conventions. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and loyal to its teachings and doctrines.

As a man and neighbor he was always kind and considerate of his fellow men. In his business affairs he was scrupulously just and honest. He was successful in every business undertaking he ever made, mainly through his own indomitable will and remarkable business acumen.

In 1860 he was united in marriage to Miss Jane E. Huston, a daughter of Thomas Huston, of Nissany valley. They had no children, and his only immediate survivors are his wife and one sister, Mrs. Morgan F. Medlar, of Allentown.

The funeral will be held from his late residence on north Allegheny street at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, interment to be made in the Union cemetery.

BRATTON.—Mrs. Frances A. Bratton, wife of Perry M. Bratton, of Bradford, and a sister of Mrs. Anna Ayers, of Phillipsburg, died at her home in the former place on Wednesday of last week of apoplexy, aged fifty-four years. She formerly lived at Warriorsmark and had many friends in that section who, with her family, will mourn her death. She is survived by a son and daughter, two sisters and a brother.

BAILEY.—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bailey of Pine Grove Mills, are almost heart-broken over the death of their only child, John Krebs Bailey, aged ten months, who died yesterday morning after five day's illness with inflammation of the bowels. He was an unusually bright child for his age and his death is deeply deplored by all who knew him. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

HELD FOR TRIAL.—On Thursday afternoon of last week Samuel and Woodward Shultz and Thomas Barbart, three Bellefonte boys, were down along the old canal near the abandoned chain works shooting muskrats with a target gun which fired a No. 6 shot. While engaged in the sport Mary Giliski, a young Slavish girl whose parents live near the Pleasant View school house, was wounded by a spent shot striking her a glancing blow on the forehead and cutting a gash about three-quarters of an inch in length. The boys were arrested the same afternoon and put to jail.

Friday afternoon they were given a hearing before justice of the peace John M. Ketchline. The boys admitted that they had done some shooting but only at muskrats in the canal. In their behalf it was proven that the distance from where the boys were to where the girl was shot was three hundred yards, and it was maintained that a shot the size the boys used would not carry that far. It was also proven that at about the same time the boys fired the shot which supposedly struck the girl another shot had been fired across the creek. After hearing the evidence the justice held them for trial at court. The boys were compelled to spend Friday night in jail and on Saturday succeeded in giving bail for their appearance at court.

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LIVE DEER INVADERS SALONA.—Residents of Salona, Clinton county, were treated to considerable excitement on Sunday when a live deer was chased into the town by dogs and was captured alive in the yard of W. A. Snyder. The deer was first driven from the mountain into the upper axe factory dam where it remained in the water a long time or until some men chased the dogs away. It then started for the mountain but several other dogs taking up the trail the deer ran through a corn field and into the public school grounds at Salona. From there it jumped into the yard of W. L. Miller and then into Snyder's yard, where it was thrown to the ground in an attempt to jump a high wire fence. Several boys captured the deer, which was too exhausted to resist, and took it to Harry Bicker's barn where they were going to keep it in a box stall until it regained its strength, but hardly had they gotten it into the stall until it dropped over dead. The deer, which was a doe and weighed 125 pounds, had evidently been run to death by the dogs which were probably chasing it all day.

SHOT DOG, PAID FINE.—On November 16th, the first day of the deer hunting season, a big doe was killed by a party of hunters at Six Mile Run, between Phillipsburg and Port Matilda. Members of the state constabulary stationed at Phillipsburg began an investigation and finally succeeded in tracing the shooting to some one connected with a hunting party from Port Matilda. On Wednesday of last week William Cowher, of that place, was arrested on suspicion of being the man and taken before Squire Wastel, at Phillipsburg. At the hearing the fact was developed that the shooting of the doe was done by Porter Woodring, another member of the party, and that as soon as he discovered that the animal was a doe he went before a justice of the peace at Port Matilda and, pleading guilty to the offense, paid a fine of fifty dollars, thus saving the fifty dollars which would have gone to the informer and probably a big bill of costs. Under the circumstances there was nothing to do but discharge Cowher.

MAY BECOME RECTOR OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.—Rev. Monsignor Nevio F. Fisher, of Philadelphia, is one of the prominent prelates whose name has been submitted to the Pope as successor to Bishop O'Connell as rector of the Catholic University of America. Father Fisher was born at Boalsburg, this county, and is a brother of Dr. P. S. Fisher, of Zion. He was educated at the Theological Seminary at Overbrook and the American College, Rome. Upon his return to this country he became a professor in the Overbrook Seminary. He was named as the first rector of the Catholic High school at Broad and Vine streets, Philadelphia, by Archbishop Ryan when the school was opened in 1890. The title of Monsignor was conferred upon him by Archbishop Ryan in 1906. Father Fisher is fifty-two years of age.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The following marriage licenses were issued the past week by Register Earl C. Tuten. James A. McCafferty, of Bellefonte, and May E. Jackson, of Troy, New York. Clayton Kunes, of Blanchard, and Helen Bitner, of Beech Creek. Weliver R. Stabley and Almada T. Lutz, both of Look Haven. George E. Moore, of State College, and Anna Eliza Bower, of Howard. James S. Swabb, of Tusseyville, and Carrie P. Fryer, of Coburn. James H. Strunk, of Howard, and Olive R. Fowler, of Blanchard. Elmer D. Foust and Jennie S. Barger, both of Spring Mills.

Last Friday was a very good day for wild turkeys, according to the luck of Bellefonte hunters. Lew McQuestion and Harold Kirk went down on the mountain back of Howard and each succeeded in bagging a bird, McQuestion's weighing twenty-three pounds. The same day Frank Graham brought in a nineteen pounder from the mountain back of Unionville.

HOWE'S MOVING PICTURES.—That pioneer in the motion picture business, Lyman H. Howe, will be at the opera house in Bellefonte on Wednesday evening, December 9th, for one night only. Mr. Howe is so well known in Bellefonte that it almost seems superfluous to say anything about the character of his exhibition. It is in a class by itself, being the leader of all moving picture shows. Among some of the pictures which will be shown on his visit here are a ramble through picturesque Naples, a carriage drive through Rome, trooping the colors, the India of today and yesterday, Niagara Falls in winter, animal and bird sagacity, through Savoy, France, in an automobile, the lightning post card artist, scenic Sicily, a thrilling ten mile steepclimb in England, and a lot of other equally interesting views. The prices will be the same as usual, 25, 35 and 50 cents, and you don't want to miss this entertainment.

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PRIZE CHICKENS KILLED.—Some unknown animals, presumably dogs, killed sixteen prize chickens and a turkey belonging to H. M. Bidwell, on south Allegheny street, last Friday night. The fowls represented his entire flock with the exception of one rooster which got away and was found on a nearby tree in the morning. That the raid on Mr. Bidwell's hen coop was not the work of weasels or minks is evidenced by the fact that the animals got into the coop by breaking through the wire fence enclosing the yard. A number of the chickens were almost torn to pieces and some of them carried some distance from the coop. The same night five chickens belonging to Mrs. Neal Martin, a neighbor of Mr. Bidwell, were also killed. A sharp lookout is now being maintained in that neighborhood and if any suspicious acting dogs are discovered they will stand little chance of dying a natural death.

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BIG BARN BURNED.—The large barn belonging to Miss Mary Potter, on the old Potter homestead near Centre Hall, was entirely destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. The farm was tenanted by George Erhardt, who lost all his farming implements, two cows, two calves and sixteen pigs, as well as some grain and all his hay and feed. He had just recently hauled one hundred bushels of wheat to market. Miss Potter lost her entire share of grain. Both the barn and grain were insured in the Grange fire insurance company, but for only about one-half what the loss amounts to. The fire started in the straw stack in front of the barn but from what source is unknown. So far as can be learned there had been nobody near the barn for several hours previous to the fire.

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STRONG MEN WEEP UNDER HIS PREACHING.—Yesterday was the closing day of the evangelistic services held under the direction of Rev. B. F. Campbell, of Catawago, Pa. Large congregations gathered three times to hear the inspiring words of this earnest evangelist. The evening service proved to be the climax of the day as of the series of meetings. The audience was deeply moved as the preacher presented in most earnest form thoughts of the final judgment. A large number accepted the invitation to decide for the Christian life, and presented themselves at the altar of prayer. The scene was highly dramatic as a mother with daughter, and friend with friend went forward. Strong men wept as one after another yielded themselves to God. Plattburgh, (N. Y.) Daily Press, February 3rd, 1908.

Evangelist Campbell will preach in the local United Evangelical church December 14th to 31st.

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FILLING THE JURY WHEEL.—On Monday morning jury commissioners Adam Hazel and Clement M. Granley, with W. Miles Walker as clerk, began their job of filling the jury wheel for 1909. Over six hundred names of reputable citizens of Centre county will be put in the wheel and as they must be selected so as to give a fair representation in every township it is no small job.

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BANKRUPT SALE.—A bankrupt sale of all the stock and fixtures of the Marion Supply company will take place in the Brown building on Bishop street on Saturday, December 13th. The sale will begin at two o'clock in the afternoon and will continue that afternoon and evening, and every week day evening thereafter until the entire stock is disposed of. See advertisement elsewhere.

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The Bellefonte Academy closed the football season on Thanksgiving day by playing the Williamsport High school team at Williamsport. The Academy team was very much crippled and was defeated by the score of 22 to 0. During the season they played twelve games and won ten victories, scoring 157 points to 59 scored against them, the best record ever made by an Academy team.

Mrs. Charles Lankenbach, of Curtin street, is ill with tonsillitis and for fear of worse developments Charles has temporarily withdrawn from his work in the First National bank.

Jas. A. B. Miller's house on Curtin street, is under quarantine for diphtheria. Mrs. Miller and one of the children have the disease.