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Referred to Supt. Thomas. The following communication having been dropped at this office we take cognizance of it because of the fact that it touches upon a point in which many are concerned and might ultimately develop into one of the very cases we cited in an editorial in this paper last week; when we called attention to the folly of costly litigation that might just as easily be settled out of court.

STEVENS, PA., Dec. 14, '08. The Editor of the Democratic Watchman. DEAR SIR: Having noticed you as a fellow passenger on the Bellefonte Central R. R. for a number of Saturdays back I take the liberty of addressing you relative to a matter that we think needs correction. I refer to the lack of accommodation for passengers on the road. You will recall that for weeks the aisles have been crowded and there has not been seats for more than two-thirds of the passengers. If I was to start a protest would you help the matter along and tell me how I can get it before the new State Railroad Commission. I see on the back of the ticket I sometimes get that "all irregularities reported to this office will be promptly adjusted," but I have not done that because other folks say it is no use.

Yours, VERITAS. The writer has had occasion to use the Bellefonte Central R. R. passenger trains very frequently during the past six months and candor compels us to admit that "VERITAS" has ground for a grievance. The cars are unclean, the toilets foul and there is never any water in the coolers. These are matters that should and could be properly attended to and we presume that the railroad company has some one on the pay roll who is not doing his duty to look after these things. As for the crowded condition of the cars and the manner of running the trains; they are matters that the public know nothing of and there may be conditions that make it impossible to do any better.

However, if "VERITAS" is earnest in desiring information as to how to carry the case before the State Railroad Commission we would advise him to be fair. If he has not already made complaint to Supt. F. H. THOMAS it is his duty to go there first before undertaking any such a movement. Mr. THOMAS is a reasonable gentleman and enjoys the reputation of being a very capable railroad man. For that reason we are sure that he would listen to any well grounded complaints and do everything in his power to correct them.

An appearance before the State Railroad Commission would be expensive to "VERITAS" and might result in considerable hardship for the Bellefonte Central, so that we do not consider it wise to encourage this procedure until the Superintendent of the railroad in question has had opportunity to explain or correct the service complained of.

A Strange Nature.

Come to consider it there does seem to be some connection between THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S life and character as a private citizen and his life and character as President of the United States. All that really gave him prominence before his accidental elevation to the presidential chair had to do with his strenuous side, his achievements in the field and on the trail. As a cowboy and a hunter he had acquired no small fame, but all of it had to do with works that involved cruelty and killing. As our President the same inclinations have been dominant. Whatever else may have occupied his time or thought there is no denying that the things uppermost have been the army and the navy; the two great engines of destruction of the government. As soon as he vacates his office he has planned to make an invasion into Africa, to hunt and to kill the lion, elephant, zebu, rhinoceri, hippopotami, the delicate Thompson gazelle and the countless other animals that that land is teeming with.

It is said to be recreation for the President and so it may be, but it is a strange temperament that craves for the sight of dying things as the most desirable recreation. It will be recalled that while summering at Oyster Bay the President delighted in having the grandest displays possible of the most destructive of our battleships. He sent the most formidable flotilla we could summon on a trip around the world in order to parade our strength before the eyes of every nation and now, at the conclusion of his term of office, he plans a carnival of slaughter in Africa, where wild beasts are plentiful as sparrows are here and where many of them are so tame that they frequently enter the small towns along the Uganda railway.

This craving for destruction was uppermost in THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S early life, it can be seen cropping out in many of his acts as President of the United States and when he becomes a private citizen again he will probably have greater opportunity and more time to slake his thirst for it. A strange nature is this to be called that of a great and good man.

How We Are Growing.

How we Americans throw back our heads, swell out our chests and look important when we think of the way we are growing, and how rapidly we are leaving behind most of the governments of the

world. In the last 30 years we have increased in population nearly 85 per cent. in national wealth 185 per cent. and in manufacturing industries 210 per cent. At the same time under the boasted rule of the Republican party, the expenditures for governmental affairs have increased over 400 per cent.

Abused Mr. Roosevelt.

Obviously President ROOSEVELT needs some one to save him from the effect of his ignorance and stupidity. He has made so many blunders since the sad tragedy of Buffalo raised him to the high office he occupies, that one is no longer surprised when a new one is added to the number, if it is not so palpable that a fool might know better. But occasionally he attains such a height of absurdity that even those who expect least of him are amazed. In other words he now and then says or does things which compel doubts as to his sanity.

For example in his manifestly insane message on the Panama canal, the other day, he indicates a purpose to inaugurate a suit for criminal libel against Mr. JOSEPH PULTZER, editor of the New York World, presumably in the Federal courts and certainly in the name of the government. That is to say his abnormal vanity has assumed so acute a form that he imagines that an aspersion upon himself is a libel on the government and that he may direct a prosecution in the criminal branch of the federal court against a citizen who thus offends him.

The esteemed New York Sun in a recent issue quotes an opinion of Justice BATCHELDER in the case of MANCHESTER against Massachusetts in 1890. The distinguished jurist said: "on the absence of legislation by Congress the courts of the United States have no criminal jurisdiction whatever. The criminal jurisdiction of the United States court is derived wholly from the statutes of the United States." Congress has never enacted a law making libel a crime and consequently no Federal court has jurisdiction in a suit for criminal libel against any citizen.

Probably President ROOSEVELT imagines that at his suggestion Congress will enact the necessary legislation to make libel a crime under federal law. Of course there is nothing more improbable than that for Congress is not likely to be so anxious to oblige the man who has vilified it as a body. But even if it were so inclined it couldn't enact legislation that would serve the purpose of ROOSEVELT in this instance. The federal constitution forbids the passage of retroactive legislation so that ROOSEVELT is as helpless as he is absurd.

Bellefonte is again shining in the reflected glory of one of her illustrious sons. GEORGE GRAY BARNARD is in the public eye again. An exhibit of his sculpturing is attracting more than usual notice at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the critics are extolling his plastic eloquence to the skies. Patrons of art in Boston, New York and Philadelphia have arranged his financial difficulties so that it will be possible for him to complete his heroic works for the state capital at Harrisburg and thus save to the world what are believed will prove the most wonderful conceptions in marble extant. Because of the pride Bellefonte takes in her artistic son and to satisfy the interest there must be abroad in his work we will publish the New York Sun's review of his Boston exhibit in our issue of January 1st next.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

KINSLOE.—Robert A. Kinsloe, a former resident of Bellefonte, died at his home at 5236 Spruce street, Philadelphia, on Sunday. He had been ailing for some time with a complication of diseases but his death was sudden and unexpected.

Deceased was born in Philadelphia in 1841 where he spent his boyhood days. While yet a young man he went to Knoxville, Tenn., where he learned the printer's trade in old "Parson" Brownlow's office. Shortly after the close of the war he came to Bellefonte and for some time worked in this office. In the winter of 1869-'70 he with his brother, Winfield, started the Bellefonte National in the corner room in the Bush house basement. The paper did not prove a paying venture and in June, 1870, they sold out and the paper was consolidated with the Bellefonte Epiphonian. Shortly after that Mr. Kinsloe with his family, he having married in the meantime, moved to Hughesville where he edited the Mail. From Hughesville he went to Bristol, Tenn., and assumed charge of the Courier. Twenty years or more ago he returned to Pennsylvania and located at Osceola Mills, where he became the bituminous coal field correspondent for the Girl, of Williamsport, and several years later moved to Philipsburg and assumed charge of the Bituminous Record and Wage Earner's Journal. In the meantime his family had grown up and his son Robert had gone to Philadelphia and started a job printing office and about fourteen years ago the family moved to the Quaker city and Mr. Kinsloe assisted his son. He later became manager of another job printing office and there he worked up until three days before his death.

Almost forty years ago he was united in marriage to his cousin, Miss Alice Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rankin, of this place, and an elder sister of Mrs. D. H. Hastings. His wife survives with three sons and one daughter, as follows: James, of Harrisburg; Robert, Walter and Miss Bella, all of Philadelphia. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on the Tyrone train Wednesday morning and taken direct to the Union cemetery for interment.

GATES.—Perry Gates, a native and former resident of Centre county, died at his home in Warriorsmark at twelve o'clock on Saturday night, after a protracted illness. Several years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and, although he in a great measure recovered, it left his system in an enfeebled condition with the result that for the past year he has been a victim of a complication of diseases which finally resulted in his death.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Gates and was born at Tadpole, in Ferguson township, a little over sixty-five years ago. After he passed the school-day period and grew to young manhood he went to work on a farm and by thrift and economy in a few years succeeded in accumulating enough money to start farming for himself. This has been his occupation during his entire life. About twenty-seven years ago he moved to a farm near Warriorsmark, in Huntingdon county, which he afterwards purchased and where he lived until two years ago, when he moved to Warriorsmark.

In politics he was a Democrat of the staunchest type though he never took an active part in any political contests. In religion he was affiliated with the Lutheran church and as long as he was able to do so was a faithful attendant. He was a man who stood high in the estimation of all who knew him and a man known everywhere for his unswerving honesty and strict integrity.

Forty years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Heberling, a daughter of Joseph Heberling, of Ferguson township, who survives with no children. He was one of a family of ten children, only three of whom survive, as follows: Martin Gates, of Rebersburg; Mrs. Fannie Harpster, of Rock Spring, and Mrs. Lydia A. Sunday, of Baileyville. Miss May McClellan, who they raised from girlhood and who has since made her home with them, also survives, as does a large number of relatives in this and adjoining counties.

The funeral was held from the house at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Dunlap officiated and interment was made in the Warriorsmark cemetery.

MUFFLEY.—Joseph R. Muffley, father of Mrs. Joseph L. Montgomery, of this place, died at his home in Philadelphia at three o'clock Monday afternoon, aged seventy-one years.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas H. Muffley and was born in Howard. When he was about twenty-one years of age his parents moved to Bellefonte and some time afterwards the subject of this notice embarked in business by opening a small fruit store. A year or two later he entered the office of the late "War Governor," Andrew G. Curtin and began reading law but he never finished his course, going from here to Harrisburg where he accepted an appointment in one of the department offices. From Harrisburg he went to Philadelphia and engaged in business and that has been his home ever since.

While in Bellefonte he was united in marriage to Miss Gordon, a member of the well known Gordon family who at that time lived on the old homestead near Hecla park. Two children was the result of this union, Mrs. Joseph L. Montgomery, of this place, and Miss Lillian, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Muffley died twenty years or more ago.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Thursday morning and taken direct to the Union cemetery for burial.

BRICKLEY.—Mrs. Hannah Brickley, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Curtin township, died quite suddenly at her home at Romola on last Friday. She had been in the best of health and shortly after partaking of a hearty dinner was stricken with heart disease and expired in a few minutes. Her death was peaceful and painless.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Hannah Haug, was born in Curtin township over sixty-eight years ago. She was united in marriage to Samuel C. Brickley and her entire life was spent in the locality of her birth. She was a member of the Disciple church and a woman loved and revered by all who knew her.

Her husband died several years ago but surviving her are the following children: Allen, a merchant in Indiana; Jacob, of Buffalo; John and Harry, in New Mexico; Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Toner Robb, of Curtin township; and Margaret, of Clarion county. Elder Patterson, of the Disciple church, officiated at the funeral which was held on Monday, interment being made in the Disciple cemetery at Romola.

HOOPER.—Miss Hannah Edith Hooper, a daughter of G. D. Hooper, died at the State hospital, Kings Park, Long Island, on November 23rd, of tuberculosis. She was 18 years, 5 months and 15 days old and was born at Snow Shoe Intersection, this county, where she lived until she went to the hospital a few months ago. She is survived by her parents and the following brothers and sisters: Harry, of New York; Mrs. Lulu Kern, of Altoona; Christ, of Salsburg; Mrs. Clarence Shreckler, of Bellefonte, and Charles and Rebecca at home. The remains were taken to Unionville for burial.

LONG.—Mrs. Martha Long, wife of Jesse Long, died at her home one mile west of Rebersburg on Wednesday last week, aged sixty-four years. She is survived by her husband and three children, namely: Clarence E., Mrs. Wallace Walker and Mrs. Sterling E. Miller, all of Rebersburg. The funeral was held on Sunday morning, interment being made in the Union cemetery at Rebersburg.

HOOPER.—Robert A. Hoover died very suddenly at his home in Philadelphia, at 1.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, of acute indigestion. He was seated in the kitchen talking with his wife when he was stricken and died without a struggle.

He was born in Bellefonte July 25th, 1862, hence was forty-six years old. In 1880 he went to Altoona and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad company and rose to the position of lumber inspector, which he held until 1903, when he was transferred to the purchasing agent's department and took up his residence in Philadelphia, where he had since resided. He was a member of the Episcopal church and of Log Cabin No. 490, Free and Accepted Masons. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Charles and Arthur, both at home. He is also survived by three brothers and one sister—David K. and Frank, of Altoona; William of Axe Mann; and Mrs. Jennie Hazel, of Pleasant Gap. The remains were taken to Altoona on Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being held from the train. Interment was made in Oak Ridge cemetery.

BURIED IN TYRONE.—Engineer Alonza T. Bangham, who was seriously injured in a wreck on the Snow Shoe railroad last Thursday morning that he died in the Bellefonte hospital at one o'clock the same day, was buried in the Grandview cemetery, Tyrone, on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bangham was born near VanScyoc where he spent his boyhood days. When but twenty years of age he went to Tyrone and entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad company as a fireman and as a reward for his strict attention to duty was promoted to the position of engineer a little over two months ago. In 1902 he was united in marriage to Miss Edith Kellerman who with four children survive. He also leaves his parents, three brothers and one sister. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, the Pennsylvania Volunteer Relief Fund and East Tyrone Council, No. 348, Junior Order United American Mechanics.

LOHR.—David Lohr died at the home of his son, John Lohr, at Buffalo Run, on Wednesday morning, of paralysis of the heart, aged eighty-one years. Surviving him are the following children: Mrs. C. H. Bell, of Altoona; Mrs. E. Nisely, of State College; S. S. and W. J., of Rockford, Ind.; John T., of Buffalo Run; R. P., of Howard, and S. H., of State College. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning, interment to be made in Meyer's cemetery.

LEE.—Mrs. Hiram D. Lee, a well known widow lady, died at her home at Buffalo Run on Sunday evening, after a ten day's illness. She was aged sixty-five years and had lived in that vicinity all her life. Her husband died several years ago, since which time she has lived alone. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Meyer's cemetery.

FOOTBALL TEAM AT BANQUET.—The customary annual banquet to the Bellefonte Academy football team was given by Mr. Arthur S. Sloop, professor of mathematics, at the Brookerhouse last Friday evening, and proved a most enjoyable and entertaining affair to those present. The Academy colors predominated in the decorations while the menu card was a unique and novel piece of work. In shape it resembled a football and to make it more individually distinctive each one bore the name of a member of the team and a pen and ink sketch of him in his most characteristic playing attitude.

Twenty-two guests were present at the banquet, which included the following players: Captain Smith, Dillon, Oberlin, Wright, Wagner, Wyckoff, Louden, Elliott, Sloop, McCandless, Wilson, Stone, Stevens, Eisenbiss, Struble, Boyd, Shields, Shenk, Philiber and coach Harry Hall and principal James R. Hughes. Manager Abrams and halfback Thomas were unable to be present on account of illness.

G. A. R. OFFICERS ELECTED.—At the last stated meeting of Capt. J. O. Campbell Post, No. 272, G. A. R., of Pine Grove Mills, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, J. W. Sunday; senior vice commander, J. G. Tyson; junior vice commander, J. H. Miller; adjutant, W. H. Fry; quartermaster, J. G. Heberling; chaplain, C. B. Hess; sergeant, C. H. Martz; officer of the guard, W. H. McCracken; officer of the ward, W. C. Goodwin; sergeant major, W. D. Port; representative to the national encampment, W. H. Fry.

The members of the Post have succeeded in securing "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh" as an entertainment to be given in the I. O. O. F. hall, in that place, on the evening of January 23rd, 1909, for the benefit of the Post.

SENIOR ORATIONS.—The oratorical exercises of the Senior class in the Bellefonte High school will be held in the High school room this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, to which the patrons of the school and public in general are invited. Parents especially are urged to be present. The program will be as follows:

Harnessed the Missouri.....Montgomery Blair Our Treatment of the Indians.....Chester R. Barnes Gil's Best Reading.....Sara F. Barnhart Air Navigation.....Benedict J. Beezer Public Libraries.....Charles E. Fleck The Development and Purpose of the Novel.....Agnes T. Gherity Smokeless Cities of the Future.....J. Orvis Keller Scientific Progress by Experimentation.....LeRoy Locke Upon Animals.....LeRoy Locke The National Flag.....Wari Markie The Value of Friendships.....Margie J. McKinley A Victim of Wifull Watson.....Thomas Morgan Christmas of the Early Days Compared.....Mary E. Ray to Its Present Celebration.....Vera R. Stevenson The Realm of Music.....Ralph L. Struble Distributing Christmas Mail.....Ralph L. Struble Seward's Folly.....Francis Thomas The Theatrical Field in America Today.....Margaret A. Walsh

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY.—A number of people in Bellefonte and through Nittany valley recently organized the Nittany Telephone company for the purpose of building a telephone line from Zion to Mill Hall. The project met with universal favor and practically all of the forty thousand dollars worth of capital stock, which sold at ten dollars a share, has been taken.

Part of the line has already been built and an exchange established in the Jacob Royer property in Zion. This exchange has been fully equipped with the most modern harmonic selective ringing switch-board and all other up-to-date equipment. Miss Henderson, late of Howard exchange, is at present in charge in the Zion exchange. Sixty phones have already been contracted for at that place and the surrounding country.

A big force of men is now at work putting up the lines necessary to handle the large number of subscribers as well as stringing the through line from Zion to Mill Hall. At the latter place about one hundred and fifty subscribers have already been signed up and an exchange will be opened there just as soon as possible to do so. It will also be equipped in the same modern way as the Zion exchange.

Owing to the fact that the Nittany valley farming district has never been adequately supplied with an up-to-date telephone system, the farmers in that valley have taken great interest in the project and many of them have demonstrated their interest by taking stock in the company as well as contracting for phones. It is expected that within the next two months the entire system will be completed, which as above stated, includes the eastern end of Nittany valley, in Clinton county, embracing Salona and the surrounding country, which has heretofore been without any telephone service.

Trunk lines have already been installed between Zion and Bellefonte connecting with the United Telephone company in this place, while Zion and Mill Hall will also be connected by trunk lines. Through wires will also be installed from Zion and Mill Hall to Howard; and from Mill Hall to Look Haven, where connection will also be made with the United Telephone company, and which will mean as efficient, capable and speedy service as anywhere possible. The men who are in charge of the project and have brought it to such a degree of success are to be highly commended for their action and deserve the reward of the service which will be accorded the citizens of Centre county.

THE X(CELLENTIDEA).—On Wednesday evening the students of the Bellefonte Academy were very much surprised to have distributed among them a neat little Academy paper called The X(cellentidea.) It is a two column folio and in addition to a brief introductory contains a review of the Academy football season, an item on the minstrels, one on basket ball, school spirit, etc., while there is an entire page devoted to personal and impersonal humor. The students gave the infant paper a joyful reception and welcome, which proved more marked because of the mystery which surrounds its publication, as no editor's name appears at its masthead and the students have no knowledge from whence it sprung. The interest they manifested in it, however, ought to assure its growing into a recognized Academy paper to be published openly at least monthly.

ROYAL ARCANUM OFFICERS.—At a recent meeting of the Bellefonte Council Royal Arcanum the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Regent, Dr. M. A. Kirk; vice regent, J. M. Fisher; orator, Theodore Cherry; secretary, Charles Smith; collector, J. Robert Cole; treasurer, James K. Barnhart; chaplain, A. W. Hafer; guide, C. K. Hicklen; warden, Charles A. Lukenbaoh; sentry, William C. Rowe; trustees, Jacob A. Lyon; M. A. Kirk and John Meese; auditors, C. K. Hicklen, Charles A. Lukenbaoh and John Bair; representative to grand council, Dr. A. W. Hafer; alternate, Jacob A. Lyon.

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY.—On Tuesday Rev. James P. Hughes, principal emeritus of the Bellefonte Academy, was just eighty-two years old and in honor of the event interesting anniversary exercises were held at that institution. Brief addresses were made by his son, James R. Hughes, principal; professors Arthur Sloop, Charles Hall and Sherwood E. Hall, Rev. J. Allison Platte and William D. Crooks, for the student body. Rev. Hughes responded in a very expressive and forceful speech.

Miss Lillian Walker has been doing the singing at the Seenoic theatre this week and pleasing her audiences very much. This, in addition to the excellent pictures shown, has fully justified the good attendance which has marked every evening's exhibition. You are always assured of seeing the very latest and best foreign and domestic pictures on the market at the Seenoic, and that is the reason you don't want to miss to-night and to-morrow night.

"Elkline," the famous racer, which during the season of 1907 was owned by George A. Beezer and raced at the Centre county fair, died on Sunday morning. The horse had of late been owned by John Boyce, of Clarence, and on Saturday slipped on the ice and fell, breaking his back. Dr. Niesley, the veterinarian of this place, was summoned, but nothing could be done to save the life of the valuable animal and it died on Sunday morning.

The weather man treated us to another fall of snow yesterday.

POSTOFFICE NOTICE.—For the accommodation of Christmas shoppers the Bellefonte postoffice will be kept open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week until eight o'clock. Christmas day holiday hours will be observed.

Tom Murray, of Snow Shoe Intersection, was in town yesterday stamping around in the snow and sled as unaccounted as if it were a bright May day and Tom is none of your spring chickens, either, but he has been such a good fellow all his life that he never will grow old like some of the rest of us.

After two months illness with stomach trouble postmaster Jerry Glenn, of Curtin, is able to be about again.

Doings in Court.

When court convened on Monday morning the list of cases for the week was gone over and a number continued for various reasons.

The first one to be put on trial was that of Katharine Jacobs vs the Pennsylvania Railroad company. The action was brought to recover on a relief certificate held by the plaintiff's husband as a former employee of the railroad company. Plaintiff's husband entered the employ of the railroad company in December, 1905, and took out a relief certificate as is customary with employes of the defendant, and on May 1st, 1906, was furloughed, the relief dues being paid to June 1st by the company retaining out of his wages the dues for same. The decedent secured employment in the woods and about June 7, 1906, was killed, the defendant company still having of decedent's money the sum of \$1.55 which had not been paid to him, and which plaintiff contends should have been pro rata payment on account of his dues for the month of June. As the question is entirely a legal one, the court directed the jury to find a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$1088.00, and the case to be certified and to be reviewed by the court after full arguments thereof.

Bianche McClintock vs. Bianche McClintock, Admrx. of est. of George McClintock, late of Union township, deceased. This is an action brought by the plaintiff to recover from decedent estate for money paid by her for the estate of the decedent after the death of her husband. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$595.90.

On Monday afternoon, the case of Benjamin Kelley vs. John Wining and Wilbur Wining, an action in trespass, was taken up. It appeared that there has been a fence between the two properties for many years, but not definitely proven as to whether or not the fence had been upon the same location for more than twenty-one years. Verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$1.00.

Com. of Pa. ex relatione F. E. Burkholder, vs. F. E. Ripka, vs. H. H. Harshberger, Jennie R. Hastings and Ross A. Hickok, administrators of est. of D. H. Hastings, deceased, and John G. Love. The jury was sworn twice, once as to Harshberger and Love, and then as to the administrators of the D. H. Hastings estate. The plaintiff was a minor child of Felix H. Burkholder, late of this county, deceased, and H. H. Harshberger, one of the defendants, was appointed guardian by the Orphan's Court of Centre county in 1894, and qualified as such by giving his bond in the sum of \$4000, with the other two defendants as sureties. The ward coming of age, the guardian could not pay the amount due her as shown by his final account, and admits the amount due, while the sureties defend that they had no notice of the time when the ward became of age and were not apprised of the decree of the Orphan's Court fixing the amount due by the guardian. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$2320.97.

Com. ex relatione Morris A. Burkholder vs. H. H. Harshberger, the facts are the same as in the case above stated. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$2313.33. Commonwealth ex-relatione Wilbur E. Burkholder, Harry F. Burkholder and Ammon R. Burkholder vs. H. H. Harshberger. The facts and circumstances are the same, and verdict was rendered in favor of Wilbur E. Burkholder \$2292.34, in favor of Harry F. Burkholder \$2313.33, in favor of Ammon R. Burkholder \$2325.33.

The cases against the sureties in the last two mentioned cases were continued to await the disposition of the legal question raised by the sureties in the first case.

H. F. Geddes, of Wilkesbarre is acting as official reporter this week. In court last week D. F. Fortney Esq., was appointed an auditor to audit the accounts of the register, recorder and probate.

Leaves.

Jacob Klingler is still slowly improving. Squire Armstrong is able to be out again. C. D. Houts and wife attended Mrs. Anna Lee's funeral on Tuesday.

Samuel Hazel is quite ill at his home with heart and stomach trouble.

James C. Williams has been quite ill this week but is slowly improving.

William Baumgardner has his saw mill ready to saw and will begin work this week.

The boy who came to the home of Harry Shuey last week intends staying to make all happier.

The past week has brought some snow and rain, which will relieve the people who were out of water.

Samuel Campbell moved from the Barnhart house at Oak Hall to the McBride house near Shiloh, on Tuesday.

The social held at Samuel Glenn's last week was a success in every way, and each one present had a pleasant time.

Tuesday was a warm day and angleworms were noticed crawling over the snow and ice which is something very unusual to see in winter.

Miss Anna Steele was elected Saturday evening to teach the balance of the term in Centre Furnace school, Miss Rozie Keller having resigned.

J. N. Dinges is lying at the point of death, and all his suffering comes from the wound he received while in the service of his country during the Civil war.

The merchants have received their Christmas toys and it will not be long until Santa Claus will make his rounds scattering presents and pleasure among the boys and girls.