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The WATCHMAN mailing list has been corrected up to date and all those who have paid for their paper within the last month can compare the tag on their paper with their receipt and see if it is correct.

Don't Be Too Premature.

Many people are looking forward in great hope that the Legislature, that is to meet on Monday next, will prove such an improvement over those that have preceded it that it will mark the beginning of the end of legislative disgrace for Pennsylvania.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The giving away every Monday evening of a five dollar gold piece is having the effect of attracting good sized crowds to the Electric theatre.

William Colyer, a Centre Hall huckster, met with quite a serious accident on last Thursday. He drove from his home in Centre Hall to the Hayett farm a short distance west of the town to get some produce.

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Miss Pearl Royer has resigned her position as stenographer in the office of Harry Keller and H. C. Quigley Esq., and on Monday will go into the office of the Pennsylvania Match company as assistant to Miss Blanche Underwood.

There was more excitement on High street within ten minutes on Tuesday morning than generally occurs in a month. The first scare was caused by a farmer driving down the street with a load of baled hay.

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BAILEY.—County Commissioner John G. Bailey died at his home at Pine Grove Mills at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday evening as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

John Goheen Bailey was a son of John and Nancy Bailey and was born at the old homestead in the Glades, now owned by Henry McCracken, sixty-four years ago.

He was a Republican in politics and always a strong supporter of his party and its principles. He filled various township offices and six years ago was elected county commissioner, being re-elected three years ago.

He was married in 1870 to Miss Nancy McWilliams, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McWilliams, of Ferguson township, who survives with two sons and one daughter.

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Deceased was a son of David Reed and was born at Boalsburg almost seventy-seven years ago. When but a boy his parents moved to Pine Grove Mills where his early life was spent and where he learned the trade of a stone mason.

In November, 1878, Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Lois J. Shires, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Harry R. Keister, of this place. He also leaves two brothers and sisters, as follows: David, Sarah and Margaret, of near Pine Grove Mills, and James, of Boalsburg.

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FOWLER.—Notwithstanding the fact that he had been ailing for the past two years or more with a complication of diseases, it was not generally known that his condition was critical, and it therefore was considerable of a surprise to his many acquaintances here when it was learned that John T. Fowler had died at his home at Hannah Furnace, this county, on Monday evening.

John Thomas Fowler was of Quaker descent and was born near Philadelphia about sixty-nine years ago. Forty-three years or more ago he came to Centre county and engaged in the lumbering business in Taylor township. He prospered and eventually purchased a large tract of land with the intention of going extensively into agriculture.

In politics he was a Republican though of recent years was one of the loudest in denouncing the rottenness of the machine in this State. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife, two daughters and one brother.

STOFFER.—Mrs. Hannah Stoffer, mother of Mrs. Ambrose M. Schmidt, and who for several years past had made her home with the reverend and family, at the parsonage on Spring street, died on Christmas morning after an illness of some months.

She was seventy-five years old and most of her life was spent in Franklin county. Since her residence in Bellefonte her acquaintances were necessarily limited to a narrow circle owing to her advanced age and inability to go about, but those who knew her found in her a woman of unusual kindness of character and gentle disposition.

Brief funeral services were held at the parsonage on Saturday morning by Rev. J. Allison Platts and Dr. James B. Stein and the same afternoon the remains were taken to Chambersburg, to the home of her son, from where the funeral was held on Monday morning. Interment was made in the Cedar Grove cemetery.

FOUST.—Mrs. Sarah J. Foust, widow of the late Harrison Foust, died at her home at Potters Mills on December 21st, after a protracted illness with a complication of diseases. Deceased, whose maiden name was Carson, was born at Egg Hill and was sixty-eight years old.

THOMAS.—Samuel Thomas died at his home at Fairbrook on Sunday evening, December 20th. He had been ill for more than a year with heart trouble and rheumatism. He was of German descent and was born in York county a little over eighty years ago.

LANE.—Mrs. Fannie Lego Lane, wife of Harry D. Lane, died at her home in Tyrone on Thursday evening of last week, after an illness of six months with tuberculosis. She was born at Bald Eagle and was about thirty-eight years of age.

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FRANKS.—Adolphus Franks was found dead in bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Solt, in this place, last Saturday morning. Up until a few weeks ago he had been employed by the American Lime and Stone company but for the past six weeks had been with his daughter. On Christmas he was around as usual and in comparatively good health so that it was quite a shock to find him dead the next morning.

ROAN.—After an illness of only one week with pneumonia and heart trouble Mrs. George Roan died at her home at Lemont on Monday, December 21st. She was born near Lemont, in College township, and was 60 years, 3 months and 3 days old.

COURT GRANTS LICENSES.—License court, which was to have been held on Saturday, December 19th, was not held until Tuesday, December 22nd, when thirty-seven applications were presented to the court. Remonstrances were filed against two of the applicants, the hotel at Centre Hall, and E. E. Beals, for a hotel license at Julian.

Table listing tavern licenses with names and locations such as West Ward, South, and Howardboro.

None of the applications were refused but the following tavern licenses were held over: James A. Noonan, Brant house, Bellefonte; James W. Runkle, Centre Hall; Erwin M. Davis and Harry Washburn, Phillipsburg, and E. E. Beals, Julian.

QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER RETURNING.—That well known New England play, "Quincy Adams Sawyer," will appear at Garmans, in this place, Friday evening, January 8th. This will be its second appearance in Bellefonte and theatre-goers who enjoyed it before will be glad to welcome it back.

Quite a bad freight wreck occurred a short distance east of the Unionville station on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, a few minutes before five o'clock last Saturday afternoon. An east-bound freight train was taking the siding when an extra west-bound freight train rounded the curve at too great a speed to be stopped in time with the result that the entire train was sideswiped, wrecking six cars and the engine.

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SCHOOL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION.—The Centre county school directors association met in Petriken hall at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, and was called to order by Hon. W. C. Heisle, president. Supt. D. O. Esters made a few remarks following the address of the president. Committees were appointed and adjournment made until 2 p. m.

At that hour Dr. Sanford, of N. Y., addressed the convention on the "Mutual Relations of Director and Teacher." The question of High schools was discussed by Prof. Irving L. Foster, of State College, in a very able paper. "What legislation is needed for the betterment of our schools?" was discussed at some length by D. F. Fortney Esq., and his conclusions as to what was needed were embodied in a series of resolutions adopted by the convention and published below.

Wednesday morning the convention met and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Jas. B. Steiu D. D., followed by an address by Dr. Roark, of Richmond, Ky. Prof. H. E. Hall, of Mansfield, Ohio, gave a very excellent talk on reading and libraries for schools. Remarks were then made by various directors after which D. F. Fortney took up and at some length discussed "What a School Director can do to Improve the Schools."

The convention also took action, which was embodied in a resolution also published below, in relation to a memorial church to the late Governor Curtin to be erected on the old Camp Curtin ground at Harrisburg. It is hoped that the directors and the schools of the county will give this matter their heavy support.

The school directors of Centre county, Pennsylvania, in convention assembled for the consideration and discussion of questions pertaining to school administration as required by the Act of Assembly passed the 22nd day of March, A. D., 1907, do Resolve:

FIRST.—That they are convinced that there is much need of further financial aid from the Commonwealth to the system of common schools heretofore established and which has been and is now largely maintained by taxes levied for that purpose against the real and personal property in the several school districts of the State.

SECOND.—That they are also convinced that the financial aid needed can be more surely obtained, bring more certain relief to the now overburdened districts, and produce better results to both schools and teachers, for the State to assume the payment of the salaries of all persons engaged or who may engage in teaching in the public schools of the State, and to this end we would suggest the discontinuance of making an annual appropriation to the common schools, and instead in lieu thereof, the State to pay annually the salaries of those engaged in teaching in said schools.

THIRD.—That by this means we are convinced the school districts in the State will be enabled to establish high schools, provide larger grounds and better buildings for school purposes, to secure a more permanent and better qualified teaching force, and the standard of the schools and teaching force alike will be raised and greatly advanced.

FOURTH.—That the establishment of good High or centralized schools properly graded will do much to overcome and do away with the desire of the young people from the rural districts to crowd toward the centres of population, because they will have proper educational facilities within easy reach of their homes.

FIFTH.—That we favor the establishment of centralized township schools and in connection therewith a township high school so arranged that the elements of agriculture as well as the elements of a good business education may be not only theoretically, but practically taught.

SIXTH.—That these resolutions expressing our sincere convictions, we respectfully but very earnestly demand that the commissioners having charge of the revision of the school laws shall incorporate them into that law, and we further request that the Representative in the Legislature from this county, and the Senator from this, the Thirty-fourth senatorial district, to give such measures their earnest support.

Resolved, That we, the Centre County School Directors association have heard with pleasure the plan touching the Camp Curtin Memorial church, and we most gladly authorize that a day be set aside, Lincoln's birthday, or the day immediately before, when a free-will offering shall be received from the children of the Centre county schools for the fund of the aforesaid Curtin Memorial church.

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way home stopped off at Howard and spent Sunday at Jos. D. Diehl's.

Mr. Peters, from Unionville, purchased a team of fine bay horses at the sale below town Saturday.

George Robb left on Monday for Harrisburg where he will attend a High school teachers' meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berry and daughter, Mrs. Swoley, from Beach Creek, spent Xmas with their daughter, Mrs. Hill, at Howard.

Howard Hurd recently purchased a farm near Salons and will move there in the spring. Mr. Hurd is a hustling good fellow and will make a success at farming.

Leslie Getes is visiting friends at Latrobe. Now we write 1909, and to all a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Tussey, of Spruce Creek, visited the N. C. Neidigh home on Sunday.

Farmer John D. Dreibleis has been laid up the past week with a lame back.

Moore and Gregory shipped a car load of sheep and hogs to New York Monday.

J. H. Ward with Arthur Peters spent Sunday among friends at McAlvey's Fort.

We had two holiday weddings here and the third was postponed for the present.

Our mutual friend, George Fisher, is a very sick man with inflammatory rheumatism.

The weather man gave Mother Earth a white mantle and good sleighing made many happy.

While chopping wood last Friday Clayton Corl cut a bad gash on his head by the axe falling.

Oscar Bowersox has leased the old homestead farm and will occupy it after April first next.

This week the school marms attended the institute and the young Americans are running loose.

J. B. Aid has been confined to his bed the past ten days with stomach trouble and other diseases.

Samuel Hess Tate, who has been in bed the past two weeks threatened with fever, is better.

Margaret McCormick, of Hubbersburg, spent Xmas at grandmother Daunley's home on Main street.

Theodore Ritchie, of Altoona, came down for his good share of the gobble at Henry Blooms Xmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fry, of Altoona; Mrs. Will Kimpert and Mrs. Mary Dale, of Boalsburg, were home over Xmas.

George Graham, the popular barber, is receiving congratulations over the arrival of a helper that came as a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ross Gregory, of Mooreville, were visitors at county commissioner J. G. Bailey's home on Main street Tuesday.

Tussey Council No. 515 O. I. A., will banquet themselves and their friends at the St. Elmo parlors Friday evening, January 8th, 1909.

H. L. Fry, a third year student in the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, spent his holiday vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods Herman moved to Phillipsburg Tuesday where Mr. Herman will be engaged as a helper in a large hardware concern.

Christmas exercises were held in the Lutheran church Christmas eve. The other Sunday schools were content with a treat for the little tots of candies, etc.

After April 1st, 1909, Clyde Fishburn will be H. M. McCracken's tenant farmer. James Gray is quitting and moving to the Lumber city. George Rosman will be his successor.

Rev. Schultz, of Johnstown, who recently accepted the call to the pastorate of the Lutheran church here, moved his family here this week and will hold his first service on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Musser gave a reception on Christmas day at their home on the Branch in honor of their son Albert and his bride. The happy young couple just returned from their wedding tour a few days ago, receiving congratulations at the Musser home.

The week of prayer will be observed here beginning Monday evening, January 4th, in the M. E. church. All the resident ministers will be in attendance. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. J. S. Phillips, of the M. E. church, will begin his revival services on the evening of January 10th.

The week before Christmas an old bureau, made of cherry, was shipped from Oak Hall to Los Angeles, Cal., as a Christmas present for Miss Ella Rhone, formerly of this place. Intrinsically the bureau may not be worth a fortune in dollars and cents but it is historically noteworthy as having been in the possession of the well known Spahr family for over two hundred years, hence is a relic much to be prized.

Among the homecomers for Christmas were Dr. H. C. Campbell, of Philadelphia; Miss Leah Dunlap, a trained nurse of Philadelphia; Prof. E. C. Musser, of Sheffield, Pa.; Rudolph Strayer and wife of Altoona; Dr. Frank Bailey and wife, of Milton, and Dr. J. B. Krebs, of Northumberland; Fred Goss and chum, of Altoona; S. E. Goss and wife, of Juniata; George Bell, of Spruce Creek, and Tommy Glenn and wife, of Filmore.

Orion Grove is home for a few days visit. Mrs. Sara Etters and Mrs. Julia Williams have been quite ill this week.

Mrs. Lucy Ray went to Selingsgrove Wednesday to stay over Christmas.

John R. Williams and son David transacted business in Bellefonte Monday.

L. F. Roan and family came in from East Liberty to attend his mother's funeral.

Arthur Bodien's parents and brother came, Monday, from Tyrone, New York, to spend the winter with him.

The Presbyterian entertainment was a success in every way and the children did their part in fine order.

Christmas day was warm and cloudy but quite pleasant. Saturday was cold and blustery and snow-storm.

Murray Dressler is slowly recovering from the injury sustained while helping G. C.