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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

—Write it 1909.

—A happy and prosperous New Year to all!

—Mrs. Nora Sheldon entertained the bridge club at dinner at the Bush house on Wednesday.

—Miss Overton entertained fifty guests at cards at the fraternity house on Tuesday evening.

—The Country club at Hecla on Tuesday finished filling their ice house with ice nine inches thick.

—The Cotillon club held a dance in the hall in the public building on Howard street Monday evening.

—Harry S. Diehl recently sold his case in DuBois to W. A. Baird and is again at his old home in this place.

—The school marm have had it very much on their own way in Bellefonte this week, but they will all go home today.

—Melvin Locke, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Locke, was quite ill the past week with acute Bright's disease but is some better at this writing.

—The members of the Epworth League of the Methodist church of Pleasant Gap will hold an oyster supper to Noll's hall this (New Year's) evening. The public in general is invited to attend.

—Jonas A. Wagner, principal of the High school, and Milford S. Pletcher, of Howard, are candidates for the election as supervising principal of the Bellefonte schools to succeed John D. Meyer, resigned.

—A little aneasiness among the friends of Misses Caroline, Anna and Emily Valentine is being felt because of the belief that they are now somewhere in southern Italy. They sailed for Naples last month, expecting to spend the winter in that country.

—Horton S. Ray last week placed his order for a 1909 model G. Franklin runabout, with a double rumble seat, to be delivered April first. The machine is eighteen horse power, painted red and finished very much like Col. Reynolds' six cylinder runabouts.

—On Wednesday E. B. O'Reilly, of Lock Haven, purchased the broker's office in Temple Court from T. S. Strawn, and will take possession tomorrow morning. The latter gentleman has not decided what he will do or where locate, but will probably stay in Bellefonte a week or so.

—After being closed down for three weeks during which time the big stack at the Bellefonte furnace was straightened and reined and other repairs made the fires were lighted and the engines started at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening, the blast being turned on the furnace shortly afterwards.

—Wm. S. Stuart and bride arrived at State College on Monday last week and the following day a big reception was tendered them at the home of Mr. Stuart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stuart. Several hundred invitations had been issued for the affair, which proved quite a social event in that borough.

—John P. Sebring, of Halfmoon township, has sold his farm to a Mr. Bickle, of near Unionville, who will take possession first. The sale did not include the tract of mountain land on which there are thousands of tons of gannister rock. Mr. Sebring has not yet decided what he will do, though he possibly may come to Bellefonte to make his home.

—Quite a party of friends enjoyed a big dinner on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Beizer in honor of Mr. Beizer's birthday. Inasmuch as Philip is a little bit modest we will not tell just exactly what birthday it was celebrated, but there are plenty older men in town than he. At least the ladies at the Beizer house say Billy Runkle looks older.

—The American Express company now delivers the merchandise entrusted to them for carriage in their own delivery wagon, both wagon and horse having been sent here about a week before Christmas and their business now being large enough to justify keeping the wagon in service. Samuel Rumberger performs the triple duty of messenger on the train, agent in this place and driver of the wagon.

—On the advertising pages of the WATCHMAN this week will be found the announcement of the Manufacturer's Outlet Clothing company for the continuance of their closing out sale for fifteen days, so that anybody desiring bargains in clothing and gent's furnishings can still get them at their store in the Bush Arcade. Another new advertisement is that of M. C. Gehart, the music dealer, for a big clearance sale of pianos and organs at prices so low they will astonish you.

—The people of Pleasant Gap and vicinity are preparing for a big Mummers' parade to day (New Years.) This is one of the amusing demonstrations the young men, and even elderly men, of that hustling little village make as regularly as New Year's day rolls around and their parade is always sure to attract attention and comment wherever they go. In addition to parading through their own town they will visit Bellefonte and you want to keep a sharp lookout so you won't miss them.

**SMITHGALL-VANPELT.**—The marriage of Miss Helen Romelia VanPelt to John Daniel Smithgall, at the home of the bride's uncle, Col. J. L. Spangler, in this place, on Tuesday evening of last week, was one of the most brilliant social events of the holiday season. For two days prior to the wedding decorations were at work on the interior of the Spangler residence, which was finally transformed into a bower of loveliness with its background of evergreens and floral decorations of rhododendron, pink and white carnations.

Over one hundred guests were present to witness the ceremony which took place before a large floral altar in the southwest parlor. Christy Smith's orchestra furnished the music and as they played the wedding march from Lohengrin the bridal party marched to the altar where they were met by the officiating minister, Rev. J. Allison Platts, of the Presbyterian church, who performed the ceremony, the orchestra at the same time playing Reheusten's Melody in F. The bride, attired in a gown of white messaline silk trimmed with real lace, and carrying a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley, was given away by her uncle, Col. J. L. Spangler. She was attended by Miss Anna D. Harris, as maid of honor, who wore white messaline silk trimmed with lace to match the bride's costume, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations with maiden hair fern. The bridesmaids were Miss Kathryn Brishin, attired in a blue messaline silk, and Miss Jane M. Harris, attired in a lavender messaline silk. They both carried bouquets of white carnations. The best man was Clay M. McCormick, of Lock Haven, and the ushers John VanPelt, of Barnesboro, and Edward R. Jones, of Canton, Pa.

Following the ceremony an informal reception was tendered the newly-married couple after which elaborate refreshments were served by caterer Joseph Cender, and at nine o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Smithgall left on a wedding trip to eastern cities. The bride is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. D. VanPelt, of Centre Hall, and is a young woman of varied accomplishments, chief among which is her musical talent. The bridegroom is a teacher by profession and for two or more years was principal of the Centre Hall schools and now is superintendent of schools in Austin, Potter county, where the young couple will make their home.

**PARSONS-LOWERY.**—Quite a pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lowery, at State College, at noon on Wednesday of last week, when their daughter, Miss Florence Lowery, was united in marriage to James Parsons, of this place. The interior of the Lowery home was handsomely decorated with spruce, fern, holly and roses and quite a large number of guests were present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. James B. Stein, of the Bellefonte Methodist church, the double ring service being used.

The bride was attired in white net over silk and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Her bridesmaids, Misses Isabelle and Alice Lowery, wore white mulle over green silk. The groomsmen were Walker Parsons, of Painesville, and Edward Woomer, of Greensburg, while Mrs. Charles McClain, of Linden, played the wedding march. Following the ceremony and congratulations a delicious wedding breakfast was served and at two o'clock the young couple left on a brief trip to Philadelphia and Williamsport. They returned on the late train over the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania Saturday night and at once went to their own home on East Lomb street which the bridegroom had already furnished.

The bride is a graduate of the Bellefonte High school and is possessed of the additional accomplishment of being a thorough and up-to-date housekeeper. The bridegroom is a practical machinist and at present is employed in the machine shop and garage of William Keichline & Co.

**GERMAN-PETERS.**—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Peters, on north Spring street, last Saturday, when their daughter, Miss Edith C. Peters, was united in marriage to Howard M. German, of Philadelphia. Only a few intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony which was performed at 12:30 o'clock by Rev. James B. Stein, of the Methodist church. There were no attendants. Mr. German is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State College, class of 1908, and now holds a good position as a mining engineer at Lynch Station, Va., where the young couple will make their home.

**MCGILL-HARTER.**—A quiet wedding at State College Wednesday was that of Miss Jessie M. Harter, daughter of Mrs. Lotta Harter, of that place, and Elmer A. McGill, of Allegheny. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's mother and was performed by Rev. C. C. Snively, of the M. E. church. The bride is a daughter of the late Dr. John F. Harter and for a number of years past has been one of the leading operators in the Pennsylvania telephone company's exchange at State College. The bridegroom is a civil engineer by profession and is located in Allegheny where they will make their future home.

**DUNLAP-MCMANUS.**—George Dunlap and Miss Bessie McManus, of Pine Grove Mills, surprised their many friends last Thursday afternoon by driving over the mountain to Petersburg where they were united in marriage by Rev. Bergen. From the pastor's residence they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McManus at Manor Hill, where they were given a splendid wedding dinner. The young couple returned on Christmas to the house

of the bridegroom's parents at Pine Grove Mills where a big reception was tendered them.

**OSMAN-SMITH.**—On Wednesday morning, December 23rd, a merry party of young people from Pine Grove Mills hired a team at State College and drove to Pennsylvania Furnace where they boarded a train for Altoona. No one in that place guessed the real purpose of the trip, as the secret had been carefully kept from everyone, but it was a wedding party bound for the parsonage of the former pastor of the bride, the Rev. Ralph H. Bergstresser, Altoona, who recently resigned the Pine Grove Mills pastorate to accept a call to Bethany Lutheran church, in that city. The happy young couple was Miss Beulah R. Smith, daughter of Mr. J. R. Smith, of Pine Grove Mills, and William Kyle Osman, of State College. The young people were married in the parsonage, No. 204 Third Avenue, the impressive ceremony of the Lutheran church being used. The wedding party consisted of Miss Mabel Smith, sister of the bride, Miss Irene King, Paul Martz and George Smith, a brother of the bride, all of Pine Grove Mills. The bride was charmingly gowned in a blue cloth traveling suit and blue hat, and the same color effects were carried out in the dresses of her attendants, who wore dark blue suits and picture hats. The parlors were tastefully decorated with holy wreaths, and the Christmas spirit seemed to breathe forth its message of peace and happiness over the wedding party. The ceremony took place at five o'clock and after receiving congratulations the young people returned to Tyone, and thence to Pine Grove mills. A large reception and dinner were given at the home of the bride's parents on Christmas evening and the next day another reception was tendered the young people by Mr. Osman's parents in State College. The bride is well known both in Altoona and Centre county. She is an accomplished and popular young lady among a large circle of friends, all of whom join in wishing her the greatest happiness in her married life. The groom is a rising young business man in State College where they will make their future home.

**Acheson-Shaughnessy.**—A pretty little wedding took place at the parsonage of St. John's Catholic church, at eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning, when Miss Agnes T. Shaughnessy became the bride of Ray M. Acheson, of Niagara Falls. Rev. Father McArde performed the ceremony and the attendants were Miss Elva Laughlin, of Altoona, a cousin of the bride, a bridesmaid, and Edward Acheson, a brother of the bridegroom, as best man. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Acheson, parents of the bridegroom, and the bride's family were the only guests present at the wedding. Following the ceremony a tempting wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents on East Howard Street and at 1:25 o'clock the happy young couple left on a wedding trip which will include Washington, Baltimore, New York and other Eastern cities.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaughnessy and is a young woman who will make a most desirable life partner. She is a graduate of the Bellefonte High school and of late was stenographer in the law office of James A. B. Miller. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Acheson, of Niagara Falls, and is a worthy young man. He is quite well known in Bellefonte for having taken a three years course in the Bellefonte Academy. Just now he holds a good position under his father in the Union Carbide plant at Niagara Falls, where the young couple will make their future home.

**Nearhood-Bonest.**—Melvin Nearhood, of Warriorsmark, and Miss Esther Bonest, of Ferguson township, were married at Birmingham on Christmas eve by Rev. Gray. The next day, Christmas, they were tendered a big wedding dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Neighd, at Pine Grove Mills, where both are well and favorably known. The young couple will go to housekeeping at Hannah Furnace where Mr. Nearhood is head man on a saw mill.

**HUGHES-SNOOK.**—Charles R. Hughes, of Axe Mann, and Miss Ruth E. Snook, formerly of Lewistown but late of this place, drove to Pleasant Gap on Christmas eve where they were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. J. C. Young, pastor. The young couple were given a reception and wedding dinner at the home of the bridegroom's parents at Axe Mann on Christmas. They will make their home in Bellefonte, Mr. Hughes being a bartender at the German house.

**HOLTER-WILSON.**—Sherman Holter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Holter, and Miss Mary Wilson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, both of Howard, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday last week. The bride is one of Howard's well known young women and for some time past has been an operator in the Howard telephone company's exchange.

**HAWK-STOVER.**—Peter Frank Hawk, of Lock Haven, and Miss Electa May Stover, of Aaronsburg, were married in Lock Haven at eleven o'clock on Saturday morning. The ceremony took place at the parsonage of St. Luke's Reformed church and was performed by the pastor, Rev. Samuel H. Stein. The young couple will make their home in Lock Haven.

**WHITE-GLOSSNER.**—On Thursday afternoon of last week F. Lloyd White, of Zion, and Miss Rebecca M. Glossner, of Jacksonville, were married at the Reformed parsonage in this place by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt.

**JOHN D. MEYER TO LEAVE BELLEFONTE.**—John D. Meyer has resigned his position as supervising principal of the Bellefonte public schools to accept the position of treasurer of the Blair County Title and Trust company, of Altoona. The fact was made public on Tuesday evening and caused genuine surprise as very few in Bellefonte knew that he even contemplated making a change. For several years past Mr. Meyer has had a desire to quit teaching and go into business of some kind though the right opportunity never presented itself until about six weeks ago when he was asked to go to Altoona and meet the directors of the above named trust company with a view of selecting him as their new treasurer. He did so and the directors of the bank were so favorably impressed with him that the appointments was tendered him shortly afterwards and it was while he was in Columbia, South Carolina, visiting his sister that he received official notification of his selection and a request for an immediate acceptance. Mr. Meyer gave an affirmative answer by wire, came home on Tuesday and handed in his resignation to the Bellefonte school board, the same to take effect at once, although he will remain in Bellefonte next week so as to officially close up his work and turn over his books, etc., to his successor, leaving for Altoona on January 9th and entering upon the work of his new position Monday, January 11th.

Mr. Meyer, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, of Centre Hall, is so well known in Bellefonte and Centre county that the best we could say about him would be nothing new. A graduate of Franklin and Marshall college he came to Bellefonte some eight years or more ago as principal of the High school. His work was of such a commendable character that when David O. Etness resigned to accept the county superintendentcy four years ago Mr. Meyer was unanimously elected as supervising principal of the Bellefonte schools. In that position he displayed many superior qualities, both as a teacher and an executive head. He is a man of pleasant address, affable manner and with that keen business instinct and wise judgment which in themselves pre-engage success in whatever he undertakes. The people of Bellefonte are genuinely sorry to lose Mr. Meyer as a citizen but at the same time they are gratified to know that he has been selected by a body of able financiers for such a responsible position and while wishing him well there is not a man of his acquaintance but that knows he will make good.

The Blair County Title and Trust company, of Altoona, to which he goes, was established six years or more ago. It has a capital of \$250,000 with an ample surplus, and is one of the strongest financial institutions in Altoona. They just recently moved into their own large new three story building, which is one of the handsomest and most modern bank buildings in Central Pennsylvania. Such is the institution to which Mr. Meyer goes and the people of Bellefonte most heartily commend him to the people of Altoona.

**TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.**—The sixty-second annual institute of the teachers of Centre county was held in the court house this week and about ninety per cent. of the more than three hundred teachers of the county were in attendance. The lectures and addresses of the various instructors were quite interesting and all of them very instructive to the teachers. Prof. Meyers, of Philipsburg, had charge of the musical end of the convention this year. The evening entertainments were above the average heard at a teachers' institute, especially the concert of the Ladies Commonwealth orchestra on Wednesday evening but the lecture of Hon. Thomas A. Gore, the blind Senator from Oklahoma, last evening was a disappointment because of the Senator's failure to get here.

Owing to the large amount of other news matter we are unable to publish a detailed report of the institute, much as we regret being compelled to omit it.

**FREE DISPENSARY IN PHILIPSBURG.**—A State Department of Health free dispensary for tuberculosis was opened in Philipsburg on December first. It is located in the Potter Arcade and is in charge of Dr. C. E. McGill, and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from two to three o'clock in the afternoon. Free medical treatment and advice is given to the victims of tuberculosis among the poor of Centre county, and indigent patients are supplied with fresh eggs and milk daily. The Philipsburg dispensary has been established and will be conducted on the same lines as the one established in the office of Dr. George F. Harris, in this place, some months ago, and those established in every other county in the State.

**FARMER'S WEEK.**—'Farmer's Week' exercises at the Pennsylvania State College began on Wednesday when one hundred and fifty-four farmers from all over the State registered up to noon. That evening seventy-five more arrived at the college, making a bigger total than the entire number present last year. And this number is only a sprinkling of what the college people expect as they confidently believe fully eight hundred farmers will be there some of the time during the week. The program for the seven days is a very large one and includes lectures by a large number of the college faculty as well as many prominent agriculturists in this and adjoining States.

Wilbur F. Burkholder, who the past four years has been telegraph operator at the Pennsylvania railroad passenger station in this place, has been promoted to the position of operator in superintendent J. K. Johnston's office in Tyone, where the change to take effect today.

News Purely Personal

—Mrs. W. C. Cassidy left on Tuesday to visit Mrs. Thomas Moore in Philadelphia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Runkle spent Christmas with Mrs. Runkle's parents at Ma.affey.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Houser, of Cherrytree, spent Christmas with their many friends in this place.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Kellerman spent their Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McClintic, at Lewisburg.

—Samuel Wetzel left last week to spend the Holidays with his brother, H. M. Wetzel, in Warren, Ky.

—Miss Margaret Haupt has been in Lock Haven the past week or so visiting her sister, Mrs. LeRoy Fox.

—Mrs. F. P. Blair left Tuesday afternoon, for Philadelphia, called there by the serious illness of her mother.

—Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Mabus spent Christmas and over Sunday at the home of Mr. Mabus' parents in Lewisburg.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clark Carson and child, of Berwick, have been in Bellefonte this week visiting their many friends.

—David W. Caldwell, the veteran newspaper writer of Tyone, was a conspicuous figure on Bellefonte streets yesterday.

—Mr. Wilbur F. Harris and little daughter, of Harrisburg, are spending the week at the Harris home on east Howard street.

—Misses Louise Hoffer and Frances Wythe, of Philipsburg, are guests this week at the C. T. Gerberich home on Thomas street.

—Mrs. George Malloy and son Paul spent several days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knisely, at State College.

—Edward Woomer, of Greensburg, spent Christmas and part of the Holidays in Bellefonte, the guest of his brother, Frank Woomer and family.

—Miss Anna W. Keichline, a student in Cornell University, was home to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Keichline.

—Dr. and Mrs. Winner, of Wilmington, Delaware, are visiting friends in Bellefonte this week. Mrs. Winner will be better remembered as Miss Mae Brown.

—Mrs. Anna C. Woodcock, is in Bellefonte, for a short visit on her way home from spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Woodcock, at Birmingham.

—Guy Harris, who now holds a good position as a machinist in Washington, D. C., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Rachel Harris, on Centre street.

—Miss Nancy Collins, of Philadelphia, came to Bellefonte on Christmas day; not so much to spend the Holidays as to be with her father, Mr. Peter Collins, who is growing weaker every day, so that there is little hope of his recovery.

—E. H. Meyer, a former teacher in the Bellefonte Academy but now of McKeesport, and Francis E. Pray, a former teacher in the Bellefonte public schools but now of Kane, were in Bellefonte this week visiting friends and attending teachers' institute.

—Harry Freeman, son of E. B. Freeman, of Tyone, and who just recently returned from a trip to Texas and Mexico, spent most of last week in Bellefonte at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh N. Crider. Mrs. Crider also entertained her father on Christmas night.

—Jonas E. Wagner, principal of the Bellefonte High school, left on Tuesday for Harrisburg where on Wednesday he read a paper before a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association on the "Special Work in Agriculture in the General High School."

—Charles R. Kurtz, editor of the Centre Democrat, went to Lewisburg last Saturday and spent Sunday with his brother, Fred Kurtz Jr., proprietor of the Lewisburg Journal. The latter has just completed a new office building and moved his plant into the same last Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. VanPelt, of Ithaca, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. James A. McClain, of Spangler; Mrs. Annie Dawson, of Barnesboro; Mrs. Albert Engles Blackburn, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Rose Stevens, of Tyone, were among the out-of-town guests at the Smithgall-VanPelt wedding last week.

—Ex-county commissioner Philip H. Meyer, of Centre Hall, was over on Wednesday attending to a little business and spending the balance of the time at the teachers' institute. This is the first year, by the way, in a long time that Mr. Meyer has not had charge of the institute music and he has no hesitation in saying that it is a great relief to be free of it.

—John J. Bower Esq., of this place, and Prof. James H. Frizzell, of State College, were in Altoona Tuesday night where they partook of a banquet given by the Johnston Alumni association of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and both responded to toasts. Prof. Frizzell was called upon to respond to the toast "That Goat," and Mr. Bower was given as the subject on which he should talk, "The Women;" but even at that they both had a very pleasant evening.

The holiday season is always a time of home coming and a happy reunion of families, no matter how widely scattered, and in this respect Bellefonte had its full share this year. Among those who were here for either Christmas or the Holidays were L. T. Munson, from Philipsburg, and his son, John, from Washington; Harvey and Samuel McClure from Lewistown and Charles from Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Morris and Thomas King Jr., of Philipsburg, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray McKee; Mrs. Annie Dawson from Philadelphia, and Thomas and Edward Fleming, from Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Thompson and young son ate their dinner at the Bush home and Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Simpson, of Scranton, have been for the week at the John L. Knisely home. Mrs. E. L. Walker spent Christmas and until this week with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Dav's and when she returned to her home at East Orange, N. J., she was accompanied by Miss Eva Crisman, Miss Mary Brown was back from New York and Miss Marie White was up from Williamsport. Wilbur Twintime came home from the University of Pennsylvania to spend his holiday vacation with his parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bartley and daughter Ruth, of Lock Haven, also ate their Christmas dinner in Bellefonte. Others were Miss Fannie Elmore, of Oakdale, Samuel Musser, of Scranton, at Paul Sheffer's; Mr. and Mrs. Faust, of Altoona; Mr. Herbert Heilinger, of New York; Joe Katz, of Lewistown; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harris and children, from Reading; Isaac Chambers, of Philadelphia; James A. Shook, of Elk Lick; Arthur Dale, from Springfield, Ohio; Miss Helen White, from Gambler, Ohio; Miss Madeline Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd A. Musser and little son, of Altoona; K. A. Snodgrass, of Hazleton; Roger T. Bayard, of Tyone; Leo Sherry, of Philipsburg; Miss Sallie Ulrich, of Millersburg; Harry E. Shook, of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. Frank McParlane, of Boushburg, spent Christmas at the home of J. Kyle McParlane; Herbert Sheffer and family, of Mifflon, were at the Samuel Sheffer home; Clarence and Thomas Hamilton were here from New York; Charles M. Triple from Philadelphia; Dr. John Keichline from Petersburg; Miss Kate Shugert from Bryn Mawr, and Walter Runyon from Harrisburg. Ward Fleming and wife went to Butler for Christmas, he returning on Monday to attend the teachers' institute while Mrs. Fleming will remain a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Shem Spigelmeyer, of Jersey Shore, were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Harter.

—H. K. Hoy, of Benner township, dropped in on us yesterday to fix himself solid with the WATCHMAN for another year.

—Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Noll and Miss Onmacht are in Detroit, Mich., at the house warming of the elegant new home of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey F. York.

—Mrs. George Benner, of Centre Hall, is in town visiting friends and will go up to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Miles, at Julian, over Sunday.

—Dr. G. S. Frank came up from Millheim, all in a bustle last evening. He had a lot of business to look after and wanted to hear Senator Gore, all in an over night visit.

—Mrs. H. A. McKee, of Wilkensburg, accompanied by her little grandson, was an arrival in Bellefonte yesterday to spend New Years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Steiner.

—Deputy sheriff Harry Goss, of Philipsburg, was in town during the fore part of the week taking a preliminary survey of the duties that will devolve upon him after Sheriff Hurley goes into office next week. Both the sheriff and his deputy are genial, pleasant men and will doubtless make that office as popular as it is possible for it to be.

—Mrs. Chester Walker, nee Miss Gertrude Confer, came up from her home in Appah, W. Va., to spend the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Confer, at Yarnell, and will remain until about the middle of January. She with her niece, Miss Tricy Confer, were in Bellefonte yesterday attending to a little shopping and taking a look at the teachers' institute.

—The Hon. H. R. Curtin and his son John went to Philadelphia yesterday to consult a specialist regarding the former's health, which has not been of the best for the past few months. Illness of any sort has a peculiarly depressing effect on Mr. Curtin because he has always had remarkably good health. It is a fact that he, raised and spending all his life in the house he now occupies up to the time of his present indisposition he had never once failed to take breakfast with his family at the usual hour.

**HOLIDAY BUSINESS IN BELLEFONTE.**—Christmas and the Holidays are now over and individually every merchant and business firm in Bellefonte has had time to figure out almost to the dollar the amount of business they did this year compared with former years. Close observation and inquiry on the part of the writer divulged the fact that the bulk of the Christmas shopping was confined to the four days immediately preceding Christmas, and during that time the volume of trade was up to the average. Several Bellefonte merchants aver that their holiday business this year was as good as in former years, but some others maintain there was a falling off. In either event the purchaser did not receive as much for the money expended as he did in former years, owing to the increased cost of everything, even to toys and candies.

The amount of express handled this year was unusually large. During Christmas week it required the service of eight people and two delivery wagons to handle the business of the Adams Express company and then they were compelled to work late at night and most of Christmas day. The American Express company also did a large business. In addition to the express companies hundreds of presents were carried and delivered by Uncle Sam through the post-office. For several days the mails were so weighted with holiday matter that the carriers at the Bellefonte postoffice were compelled to make two and three loads of one delivery. In addition to the packages they handled ten thousand postcards and got everything out in comparatively good time.

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.**—A competitive examination for the positions of clerk and carrier in the postoffice will be held under the rules of the civil service commission at the State College postoffice on Saturday, January 23rd, commencing at 12 o'clock noon. Applications for the examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, can be obtained of the commissioner's local representative, J. A. Rice, at the State College postoffice, and the same must be filed before 4:30 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, January 19th.

Bellefonte Produce Markets

Corrected weekly by R. S. Brown, grocer.  
The prices quoted are those paid for produce.

Potatoes per bushel.....	35
Onions.....	75
Eggs, per dozen.....	32
Lard, per pound.....	10
Country Sausages.....	8
Sides.....	8
Hams.....	11
Tallow, per pound.....	8
Butter, per pound.....	32

Bellefonte Grain Market

Corrected weekly by C. Y. Waanan.  
The following are the quotations up to 12 o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes press.

Red Wheat.....	97
White and Mixed Wheat.....	96
Rye, per bushel.....	70
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	65
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	60
Oats old and new, per bushel.....	60
Barley, per bushel.....	60
Ground Plaster, per ton.....	\$ 50 to 55
Buckwheat, per bushel.....	60
Gloucestere, per bushel.....	\$7 00 to \$8 10
Timothy seed, per bushel.....	\$2 00 to \$2 25

Philadelphia Markets

The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening.

Wheat—Red.....	1.04-1.05 1/2
"—No. 2.....	1.01-1.02 1/2
Corn—Yellow.....	64 1/2-65 1/2
"—White.....	57 1/2-58 1/2
Oats.....	52 1/2-53 1/2
Flour—Winter, Per Br'l.....	2.75-3.00
A. Favorite Brand.....	3.4-4.00
Rye Flour Per Br'l.....	4.18-4.25
Straw-hay—Choice.....	8 00-12 00
"—Mixed No. 1.....	10.00-12.00
"—No. 2.....	8.00-11.00

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