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Is There a Santa Claus.

As we are nearing the Christmas morning with its beautiful beliefs, its hallowed remembrances, its good cheer and happy anticipation, the WATCHMAN takes great pleasure in giving to its readers the New York Sun's now famous editorial, "Is There a Santa Claus?"

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun.

"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'if you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth: is there a Santa Claus?"

"115 West Ninety-fifth St., Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how few are there who would believe that there is no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived can pull apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Several young men became embroiled in a fight at Blackford's restaurant on Saturday night, breaking a window glass and doing other damage. Three of the number were arrested and kept in the lockup until Monday when they were given a hearing before burgess John J. Bower who fined them two dollars and costs, or about \$3.50 each.

One evening last week four young men of the town attempted to play smart with the police, and succeeded in getting away from the officer when he attempted to capture them. Unfortunately for them, however, the policeman recognized them all and the next morning swore out warrants for each of them, arrested them and it cost each one two dollars to settle the case.

A rumor has been current on the streets that both the Bellefonte and Nittany furnaces will probably be put in operation some time in the spring. The rumor, however, is without foundation, as no orders to that effect have been received. And in the event that such an order should be given, it would take at least three months to put the plants in proper repair for operation.

James Seibert's new house on Pine street is so far completed that he expects to move into it early next week, so as to give sheriff W. E. Hurley and family an opportunity to move into the house he now occupies from the jail. Sheriff-elect A. B. Lee will move most of his household goods to Bellefonte the latter part of next week so as to be ready to assume charge at the jail at twelve o'clock noon on the first of January.

Last year over five hundred men and a few women attended the third annual "Farmer's Week" exercises at The Pennsylvania State College. "Farmers Week" this year will begin next Wednesday, December 27th, and continue until the evening of January 3rd. From every indication the attendance this year will exceed that of any former year, as many applications have already been received for lodging room. The lectures, demonstrations and practicals this year will be similar to those in the past and will all be by able men.

STUART.—The very sudden death of John W. Stuart, at his home in State College yesterday morning, was quite a shock to his many friends. He had been in as good health as usual until Wednesday night when he was troubled a little with indigestion. At seven o'clock yesterday morning he was stricken with apoplexy. A physician was hastily summoned but he found the stricken man beyond all help and death ensued within fifteen minutes.

Deceased was a son of David and Martha Johnson Stuart and was born near Boalsburg, this county, on August 23rd, 1844, hence was 67 years, 3 months and 29 days old. His education was acquired in the public schools and at the Pine Grove Mills Academy. When the war broke out he was only a youth in years, but the stirring events of the times roused his patriotism and in 1862 he enlisted in Company G, 148th regiment Pennsylvania volunteers. Entering as a private he was soon made sergeant and on January 1st, 1864, was commissioned a lieutenant. For three months he served as quartermaster of his regiment but the most of his service was in the battle line, having participated in all the important engagements from Chancellorsville to Appomattox Court House. He was wounded at Poe River in May, 1864, and was off duty four months, but rejoined his command upon his recovery. He was mustered out of service on June 9th, 1865.

Upon his return from the war Mr. Stuart engaged in farming, an occupation he followed for ten years when he moved to State College and took charge of a hotel. Since then he has been a merchant, dealer in coal and grain and for sixteen years was postmaster at State College. During the past two years he has lived a retired life. He was a most enthusiastic G. A. R. man, being a member of Capt. Foster Post, No. 197, of Lemont, and also of the Union Veteran Legion, of Bellefonte. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and always a faithful worker in the same.

On December 23rd, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ellen Musser, of Boalsburg. She survives and unfortunately was away from home at the time of Mr. Stuart's death, being out at Tulsa, Oklahoma, visiting her son. Of their five children, three survive, namely: Elizabeth Y., married to H. B. Shattuck, of State College; William A., at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Margaret J., married to Ray Gilliland, of State College. The funeral will be held next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

TEATS.—Mrs. Sarah Teats, relict of the late Philip Teats, died at the home of her son John, at Punxsutawney, on Monday night, of general debility. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Catlow and was born and raised at Unionville. For a number of years she lived in Bellefonte, just across from the Haag house, on Bishop street, and will be quite well remembered by the people of this place. Her husband has been dead for many years but surviving her are one son, John Teats, of Punxsutawney, and one daughter, Margaret, who is married and lives in Syracuse, N. Y. She also leaves one brother, David Catlow, in Iowa. The remains were taken to Unionville on the one o'clock train Wednesday and conveyed directly to the M. E. church where funeral services were held by Rev. R. E. Oylor, of Milesburg, burial being made in the upper Unionville cemetery.

SMITH.—Mrs. Solomon Smith was found dead in bed at her home at Pine Glenn on Monday morning of last week. She had been a sufferer with consumption for some months and while her condition was considered serious her death was quite sudden and unexpected. Her maiden name was Miss Ora Smith and she was aged 42 years, 5 months and 25 days. Surviving her are her husband and the following children: Mrs. W. S. Bierley, of Port Trevorton; Mrs. Wayne Seager, of Lumber City; Mrs. Walter Harrier, of Curwensville; Genevieve, Ambrose, Orvis, Lovoye and Beauford, at home. Burial was made in the Ad-vent cemetery at Pine Glenn.

LAWS.—Mrs. Margaret Laws, wife of George Laws, died at her home in Phillipsburg on Sunday night after being ill with a complication of diseases for the past two years. She was sixty-eight years old and was born in England. She came to this country in 1879 and shortly afterwards located in Phillipsburg where she had lived ever since. Surviving her are her husband, one son and two daughters, namely: James, Mrs. Howard Richards and Miss Mary A., all of Phillipsburg. Rev. F. T. Eastment, of the Episcopal church, officiated at the funeral which was held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Phillipsburg cemetery.

SMITH.—Joseph M. Smith, of Kane, an engineer on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, was stricken with apoplexy and died in Renovo on Tuesday afternoon while making his regular run. He was sixty-three years old and is survived by his wife and eight children as well as ten brothers and sisters, among the latter being T. C. Smith, of Beech Creek; Chas. P. Smith and Mrs. John B. Miller, of Liberty township, this county. The funeral will be held from his late home at Kane today.

STRUNK.—Shortly after nine o'clock last Sunday evening Robert Strunk died at the Bellefonte hospital. He had been in the institution just two weeks undergoing treatment, but his advanced age was against his recovery. He was born at Spring Mills on September 21st, 1837, hence at the time of his death was 74 years, 2 months and 26 days old. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Strunk, well known residents of Pennsylvania. When only a year old his parents moved to Jacksonville where Mr. Strunk grew to manhood and spent the greater part of his life. For a number of years past, however, he has lived at Sunnyside, near Bellefonte. He was a kind parent and a good and useful citizen in every way.

Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Frank, of Howard; Harry, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Wesley Kunes, of Eagleville; Mrs. H. S. Miller, John, Mrs. Robert McMullen, Mrs. Joseph Kelleher, Mrs. Curtin Taylor and Mrs. Walter Scull, all of Bellefonte, and Ray and Blanche, at home. He also leaves these brothers and sisters: Ira, of New Albany, Ind.; Peter, of Ploatonick, Ill.; Samuel, of Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. Susan Stonebraker, also in Kansas; George, of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; and Mrs. Elizabeth Reish, of Salona. There are also thirty-three surviving grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at his late home at one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

BECK.—William Beck, for many years a resident of Ferguson township, died at his home near Canton, Ohio, on Wednesday of last week. He was apparently in good health and went out to feed the stock. Not returning to the house at the time expected some of the family went out to see what was wrong and found him lying unconscious in an outbuilding. He had been stricken with paralysis and died the same day.

Deceased was born in Union county and would have been sixty-three years old on Sunday. When a young man he came to Centre county and learned the trade of a blacksmith, an occupation he followed for many years at various places in Ferguson township. Later he engaged in the mercantile business at Pine Grove Mills and finally went to farming in Blair county. Last spring he sold out and went to Ohio where he spent the summer and fall and where his death occurred. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Boop, by whom he had one son and one daughter. After her death he married Miss Mollie Burchfield, of Pine Grove Mills, and she with two sons and one daughter survives. The remains were taken to Boalsburg on Saturday and the funeral was held on Sunday, the anniversary of his birth. Rev. S. C. Stover officiated and burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

BREON.—John Breon, one of the best known residents of Rebersburg, died at his home in that place on Saturday morning of blood poisoning. About a week previous he was assisting W. F. Bierley in sawing wood when he accidentally got his hand too close to the rapidly revolving circular saw with the result that he had his fingers badly mangled. The hand was amputated at the wrist but blood poisoning developed and his death ensued. He was about seventy-two years of age and was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary Weaver, to whom he had four children, namely: Mrs. Chester Smith, of New Jersey; Mrs. Annie Zeigler and Mrs. Elsie Stover, of Rebersburg, and William Breon, of Wolf's Store. Mrs. Breon died about two years ago and a year ago he married Mrs. Annie Weber, who survives with no children. Rev. Stauffer, of the Reformed church, had charge of the funeral services, which were held on Tuesday morning, burial being made at Rebersburg.

VONADA.—H. Calvin Vonada died at his home near Zion on Thursday of last week of cerebral meningitis, after two weeks illness. He had worked very hard of late and on Tuesday he apparently went to sleep. As hours passed and he did not awaken his wife and friends became alarmed and finally sent for a physician. The doctor at once diagnosed the case as cerebral meningitis and though every effort was made to save his life he died on Thursday. Complete exhaustion from overwork is thought to have been the cause of his affliction and death. He was a son of H. D. and Augustina Hoy Vonada and was 24 years, 4 months and 10 days old. He was a farmer by occupation and a very industrious young man. Mourning his death are his nine-year old wife, his parents and a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral was held on Monday, burial being made in the Zion cemetery.

PARKES.—James Parkes, father of Mrs. William Roan, of near Bellefonte, died at the home of his son Arthur in Johnstown Sunday morning. He was seventy-one years of age and was born in England. He came to this country in 1880 and located in Punxsutawney where he lived most of the time since. Burial was made at Punxsutawney on Tuesday afternoon.

WEBB.—Herbert Webb, of Snow Shoe, died in the Lock Haven hospital at four o'clock on Tuesday morning of a complication of diseases. The remains were taken to Snow Shoe where burial was made yesterday.

SHIVERY.—David W. Shivery, a well known resident of Buffalo Run Valley, died quite suddenly of paralysis on Thursday night of last week. He was born in Benner township in 1838, and was educated at the public schools and Bellefonte Academy. After he grew to manhood he engaged in farming on the old homestead which occupation he followed all his life in later years also being engaged in lumbering. He was a solid, progressive citizen and a man who had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery. A widow and five children survive.

MORAN—WITMER.—On Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, in St. John's Episcopal church, Lancaster, Charles Moran and Miss Grace Elizabeth Anna Witmer, both of Bellefonte, were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. George Israel Browne. The bridegroom for a number of years was a clerk in Yeager's shoe store in this place and is now a traveling salesman on the road selling shoes. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Witmer, and both young people are quite well known in Bellefonte. They are now away on a wedding trip so that their plans for the future are not known.

RUPP—BARD.—Though somewhat belated it will still be of interest to many readers of the WATCHMAN to learn of the marriage on November 30th, of Alfred E. Rupp, a son of ex-governor John A. Rupp, of Boalsburg, and Miss Mary B. Bard, daughter of Jacob A. Bard, superintendent of the Cumberland Valley railroad, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride's parents in Chambersburg and being quite a society event. After January first the young couple will reside at the Eagle hotel, Fort London, where Mr. Rupp is a forester under the State forestry department.

HARNISH—MAYES.—Charles Becker Harnish, of Snow Shoe Intersection, and Miss Edith Jessie Mayes, of Tyrone, were married at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Altoona, last Saturday evening, by Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of intimate friends who later accompanied the young couple to their future home in Tyrone where a reception was held.

WILLIAMS—WEAVER.—Oren R. Williams and Miss Helen E. Weaver, both of Lemont, were married in that place on Wednesday evening. Yesterday morning they passed through Bellefonte on their way to Phillipsburg where they will spend part of their honeymoon visiting relatives.

STATE COLLEGE YOUTHS TAKE A TRIP.—On Tuesday of last week Harry Jackson and Wallace Kline, of State College, left home and departed for places unknown. When they failed to return their parents notified the police in the surrounding towns to be on the lookout for them.

Monday evening of this week the two boys sought lodging at the police station in Altoona and when questioned admitted their identity. While they were being questioned by the chief Jackson's father appeared at the station to inquire if anything had been heard of the boys, and he was much surprised to be confronted by both of them. He took his son and started home while young Kline was locked up and detained until friends went after him.

The friends of Mr. John Houser will be sorry to learn that he is quiet at his home in State College.

A dinner and dance will be given at the Country club on Thursday evening, December 28th. Each member is entitled to take two guests. The Tyrone orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and it is expected that this will be the leading social function of holiday week. A special return train will be run at midnight to bring those in attendance back to Bellefonte.

On Thursday morning of last week Mitchell Garbrick, who for a number of years has been employed at C. Y. Wagner's feed store on Bishop street, was taken to the Bellefonte hospital suffering with an acute attack of appendicitis. An operation was performed the same day. In the early part of the week his condition was such that another operation was performed, and now he is getting along fairly well.

For some inexplicable reason the Anita sisters, booked for a concert at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening as one of the numbers in the Star course, failed to appear but they will be here without fail tomorrow (Saturday) evening. These sisters are fitly classed as the singing orchestra and their concerts are high class in every particular. Dr. Weston has also arranged with them to remain over Sunday and Sunday afternoon they will sing a Christmas carol at the Y. M. C. A. The public is invited to hear them.

Mrs. Rebecca Ard, of Pine Grove Mills, recently received a letter from her nephew, John A. Burchfield, who is an inmate of the national military home at Canton, in which he states that he likes the place very much and expects to round out his days there. He gives a description of the home and states that everybody there gets the best kind of treatment in every way, with plenty to eat and warm sleeping dormitories. In clothing each inmate draws each year one overcoat, dress coat, blouse, vest, two pair of trousers, four pair of woolen socks, three woolen shirts, three pair of woolen underwear, two pair of shoes, hat and a cap. Mr. Burchfield during the Civil war was first lieutenant of Company D, 148th regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, having enlisted from Ferguson township.

HORSES AND CATTLE PERISH IN BARN FIRE.

Four horses and twenty-eight head of blooded cattle were burned to death early Saturday morning when the big barn on the farm of George H. Leathers, near Mt. Eagle, was entirely destroyed by fire. Albert Robinson, who works for Mr. Leathers, occupies the house on the farm and it was shortly before four o'clock Saturday morning when he and his family were awakened by a terrific commotion among the stock in the barn. Jumping out of bed they at once discovered the building on fire. Hastily donning their clothes they ran out but the interior of the barn was already a seething mass of flames and it was impossible to get near enough to rescue any of the imprisoned stock.

The cattle were mostly of the Jersey and Holstein breed and had but recently been purchased by Mr. Leathers who intended going extensively into the dairy business and furnish milk to the Mill Hill condensary. The cattle were valued at \$1,400. Mr. Leathers also estimates his loss on horses at \$500; grain \$825; farm machinery \$200, and building \$1,500, a total of \$4,425. The only insurance carried was on the grain so that his total loss is about \$3,500. A corncrib containing one thousand bushels of corn caught fire but the flames were extinguished and the building and contents saved. How the fire originated is of course a mystery but it is generally believed to have been of incendiary origin.

TWO WOMEN CLAIM MAN AS HUSBAND.—William Wellers, at one time a resident of Bellefonte, when he was in the employ of the American Lime and Stone company, was arrested at his home in Osceola Mills one day last week on a charge of desertion by a woman who claimed to be his wife. He was brought to Bellefonte and given a hearing before justice of the peace W. H. Musser who remanded him to jail for trial in default of five hundred dollars bail.

The woman who brought the charge before her marriage was a Miss Mann, of Howard, who claims that she was married to Wellers in 1906 and as an evidence of the union had with her a four years old son which she claimed was their child. She alleges that while living in Tyrone last spring they quarreled and she returned to her parents home, since which time her husband had not contributed a cent to her maintenance. Several weeks ago Wellers was married to a Miss Watson, of Snow Shoe, since which time they have been living in Osceola Mills. Hearing of this marriage the woman who claims to be wife No. 1 brought an action for desertion. When asked to produce her marriage certificate as proof of her marriage the woman claimed she had lost it. If her story is true the records in the court house will likely show it.

BEECH CREEK POSTOFFICE ROBBERED.—Some time during Sunday night the Beech Creek postoffice was broken into by robbers, the safe carried away and cracked and about fifty dollars in stamps and cash taken. The robbery was not discovered until Monday morning when postmaster Henry H. Fearon went to the building. He found the door open, it having been forced with a jimmy. Three or four men must have been on the job as the safe, which is alleged to have weighed five hundred pounds, was carried from the office and fully one hundred yards from the building to a vacant rear lot where it was blown open. A big charge of nitro-glycerine was evidently used in blowing the safe as the door was found fifty feet away and the asbestos lining was torn out. One thousand one cent and a thousand two cent stamps with a quantity of small change comprised the spoils secured by the robbers.

ICE FAMINE IN BELLEFONTE.—An ice famine in winter time seems almost too ridiculous to be true but that is just what Bellefonte had over last Sunday and all the ice that is here now is artificial ice. All the ice dealers have used up their store of natural ice and for some time past got their supply from William Doll's ice plant along the pike. Last Friday it broke down and the consequence was the dealers could not get ice on Saturday with which to supply their customers and many people were compelled to go without. The Doll plant is now in running order again and making ice, but several parties have ordered ice shipped here in order to be sure of having a supply on hand. So far there has not been any natural ice to cut and dealers are beginning to get anxious as to when there will be.

JUVENILE COURT.—A session of juvenile court was held yesterday morning to hear the case against Joseph Risk, the Armenian charged with robbing the penny in the slot drinking cup machine at the Pennsylvania railroad depot. The evidence against him was conclusive and for the present he was remanded into the custody of his parents. He is only on parole and must report once a week to probation officer Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt, and if at any time he is caught in a misdemeanor he will be called up for sentence.

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held in their rooms in Petrikin hall Saturday afternoon January sixth. At this meeting Jonas E. Wagner, supervising principal of the Public schools of Bellefonte, will talk to the women of the club on the subject "Have American children too much liberty?" All members and their friends are invited to hear Mr. Wagner.

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR CHURCH CANVAS.

Our previous notice of the proposed church canvas promised further news touching this matter. The plans have been perfected for the taking of this religious census, and on Wednesday afternoon, December 27th, over a hundred men and women will start out in apostolic fashion, "two-by-two," into all parts of the town and its adjoining communities. The committee having the matter in charge have mapped out fifty-four districts. Each of these will be entered by a pair of canvassers, who will ask for certain simple, but valuable, information bearing on the church life of each person. The canvassers have been furnished by the various churches. They will all meet in the chapel of the Presbyterian church at 1:30 p. m. on the day appointed. There they will be given their material, instructions and assignments. Not later than 2 p. m. they will start out to undertake the work. It is believed it will be done in three hours or less. After the information has been gathered it will be tabulated and turned over to the various churches, each pastor receiving the names of the people who attend, or prefer, his church. The work will be complete if every person approached will give the canvassers answers to the few questions asked. This is generally done, for the American people are courteous, even if they are not religious. When it is known that no undue advantage is taken of any person, or any person's church, the information should be cheerfully given.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY.

At the Presbyterian church much preparation is being made for the services of Sabbath. The pastor, Rev. G. E. Hawes, D. D., will preach sermons appropriate to the Christmas time, both morning and evening. The choir will render music that will be in harmony with the day. The regular choir has been added to, and in addition an orchestra of several pieces will assist. Then there will be new voices. The musical program is about as follows:

- Morning. "O Little Babe of Bethlehem," "He Shall Reign Forever." Evening. "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," "The First Christmas Morn." There will be sung at the morning and evening services solos by Miss Julia Curtin, Miss Dorothy Jenkins and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell. Mrs. Herbert Robb, the organist, will have the assistance of Christian Smith, violinist; Harry Garbrick, cornet, and Mr. Henry D. Brown, bells. The public that may not have any other place for worship is cordially invited to this church. Morning service at 10:30; evening services at 7:30.

CHRISTMAS DAY MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

- At 10:30 o'clock a. m. the following musical program will be rendered in St. John's Episcopal church: Organ Prelude—"Adeste Fideles" Whiting Processional Hymn—"O come, all ye faithful" Evey Venite Te Deum Laudamus in F Ashford Jubilate Deo in G Nevin Anthem "Break forth into joy" Nevin Hymn "Hark the herald angels sing" Dudley Buck Anthem "Brightest and best" Mendelssohn Communion service in D. Tours Recessional Hymn "Angels from the realms of glory" Smart Organ Postlude "Christmas march" Merkel On Sunday evening, December 31st, at 7:30 p. m., the choir of St. John's Episcopal church, assisted by Mrs. Geo. P. Bible, contralto, and Miss Dorothy Bible, Violiniste, of Philadelphia, will render the following Program of Christmas music: 1—Organ Prelude—"Adeste Fideles" Whiting 2—Magnificat in C. 3—Trio "O Holy Night" Adam 4—Organ "March of the Magi" Dubois 5—Anthem "Break forth into joy" Steane 6—Solo—"Calm on the listening ear of night" Harker (With Violin Obligato) 7—Anthem—"Brightest and best" Buck 8—Organ—Pastoral on "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" Harker 9—Male Quartette—"It came upon the Midnight Clear" Gebel 10—Organ "Hosanna" Wachs

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

Evangelistic services will begin in the local United Brethren church on Sunday evening, December 31st. Rev. T. C. Harper, pastor of the First United Brethren church of Altoona, will be here and conduct the services during the first week. The public in general is invited.

Just before the noon hour on Tuesday Hazel Bros. auto delivery broke down in front of the Bush Arcade, while on a trip up High street. Fortunately the break was not a very serious one and the wagon was repaired within an hour or so.

Up until yesterday the mails coming into Bellefonte had not been as heavily loaded with Christmas presents as in former years though the employees in the Bellefonte office anticipate a heavy mail today and tomorrow. The express matter has not been as heavy as in former years, and this must be general as all trains are keeping well up to schedule time, something very unusual at this season of the year.

Thomas E. Frances, of Harrisburg, a specialist with the State Board of Agriculture, was in Bellefonte the forepart of the week looking after the work of William L. Knapper and D. H. Kohler, foresters in the employ of the Chestnut Tree Blight association, who have been in Centre county the past three weeks co-operating with farmers and owners of timber lands in an effort to eradicate the chestnut tree blight. Just how much of a spread it has made in this county has not yet been determined but in some sections the trees are in a bad condition. The above named gentlemen will be in Centre county most of the winter, with headquarters at the Brouckerhoff house, Bellefonte, and any land owner whose trees are affected can have their help in overcoming the blight by communicating with them. The blight is spreading over the whole country and immediate and effective means should be used for its eradication.