

—Yesterday, December 21st, was the beginning of the winter season and the shortest day in the year. Today will be just two minutes longer and during the ensuing ten days there will be no change. After that the days will increase in length two minutes each day.

—Up to this time W. Francis Speer, Recorder-elect, has not appointed a deputy to assist him in the office, the only one of the incoming officials who has not done so. Mr. Speer has a number of applicants and it is the question of selecting just the right man that is causing the delay.

—The citizens of Pleasant Gap and Horntown are planning to have their customary Mummer's parade on New Year's day and make the journey to Bellefonte. Bellefonte is always glad to welcome the Pleasant Gap Mummies, as they get up a parade that has no equal in the county.

—A "Giving Christmas" will be substituted for the annual Christmas entertainment at the Presbyterian chapel to-night, in the hope that the true spirit of the day may make its impression upon the children of the church. In bringing their gifts for charity, each class and child will be in characteristic costume of the gift given.

—An adjourned session of court was held last Saturday morning at which Judge Orvis heard the thirty-four applications for liquor license. There were no remonstrances presented and no complicated conditions in any of the applications. The court took them all for consideration and so far has not given any decisions.

—Rev. R. Crittenden was down town on Wednesday and all his friends were surprised to see him looking so well. He has been staying pretty close at home of late but he could not resist the inclination to carry gladness to a few hearts, at least, as his errand was the sending of Christmas presents to his children and a few very intimate friends.

—J. Brandman expects to have his new moving picture show on the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets in operation by the middle of January. The room is fast nearing completion, and will have a capacity of about three hundred and fifty. It will be fire proof and perfectly safe. Mr. Brandman anticipates running a three reel show, similar to the Scenic.

—Pleasant Gap is to have a fire company, as a number of residents of that place are organizing the Pleasant Gap Hose company, and to help them out with the proper equipment the Undine fire company, at a regular meeting on Tuesday evening, voted to present them with their old hose cart. The cart is in good condition, though it has been the property of the Undines since 1871. Naturally the Pleasant Gap fire fighters appreciate the generosity of the Undine boys.

—There are now ten prisoners in the Centre county jail and most if not all of them will be there when sheriff A. B. Lee takes charge of the office, and also jail. Mrs. Hillary Veiard with her two year old daughter, of Philipsburg, who with Mr. Veiard was arrested several weeks ago on the charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods, was recently turned out on her own recognizance, but Mr. Veiard is still in jail and will be kept there until he is brought to trial at the February term of court.

—The general appeal sent out by the club women of Pennsylvania, for assistance in the sale of the Red Cross Christmas stamps, the proceeds of which have been used to fight that dread disease tuberculosis, was responded to by Miss Helen C. Overton a representative club woman of Bellefonte. Miss Overton has already disposed of more than three thousand stamps and will be glad to supply all senders of packages with this mark of the great charity work. When knowing that three-fourths of the proceeds from the sale remain in Bellefonte we should all be interested enough in the movement to help in a most substantial way.

Marriage Licenses.

James W. Gummo, of Beech Creek, and Ada I. Walker, of Howard.
Orin R. Williams and Helen E. Weaver, both of Lemont.
John Paul Sliker and Mabel S. Freize, both of Milesburg.
Charles I. Wert and Maybelle R. Bair, both of Spring Mills.
Methic Ed. Williams, of Martha Furnace, and Estella Jane Williams, of Port Matilda.

LEMONT.

G. W. Ralston is able to be out again and will soon be at work.
Last week was quite a disagreeable week, with lots of rain and mud.
John Grove and Jesse Shuey can soon move into their new houses.

Business has been booming in this town of late and it is hoped that it will continue.
Mrs. Harvey Mills, of Altoona, visited among friends in this parts this last week.

Jacob Herman has been sick in bed of late and it is hoped that he will soon be around.
Harry Daugherty, of Lock Haven, spent a few days at the home of his parents last week.

Report says that Elmer Eddy has sold three lots from his farm on condition the Pen goes to Peru.

The Lutheran Sunday school at Shiloh will hold a Christmas entertainment on Saturday evening, and all are invited to attend.

There will be preaching services held in the United Evangelical church on Friday evening instead of Saturday evening as reported before. All are cordially invited to attend.

Wade Evey, who is holding a fine position with the Pullman company at Chicago, returned to his work Monday, after a sojourn of a few days among old friends in these parts.

—The Bellefonte post-office will be open for the delivery of mail on Christmas morning. The carriers will not make the usual deliveries over their routes on that day.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. Annie Glenn is housed up with a bad cold. Jolly Geo. Woodring, of Tyrone, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. John H. Bailey is visiting friends in the Mountain city.

Robt. Reed is packing his belongings to attend Juniata College.

Herbert Meckels is now snugly fixed up on the J. H. Miller farm.

Andy Bothurst, of Birmingham, spent Sunday at the G. T. Miller home.

Master Dallas Miller, who was seriously injured in a runaway, is about again.

The past week has been one of rain and mud, but the mercury is gliding downward now.

Wm. Gates left last week for the national capital where he will engage in automobile work.

Mrs. Ben Everhart and daughter Elizabeth were welcome visitors at the J. E. Reed home last week.

Christmas exercises will be held at Meek's church Saturday evening. Every one is cordially invited.

Last Friday Perry Hilliard moved to the J. H. Schruder place. The Schruders fitted to the Buckeye State.

The Bellefonte Sunday school will hold their Christmas exercises in the Presbyterian church on Christmas eve.

Prof. L. C. White, of the township High school, has arranged to spend the holiday season at his home at Warren, Pa.

Wilbur Sunday is the proud father of a bouncing boy and grandpa J. N. Everts is puffing five centers over the event.

We extend to all a hearty wish for a Merry Christmas and that the year to come will be happy and prosperous one.

Curt Miller, a trainman on the Pennsy., with his wife and family spent Sunday at his parental home just west of town.

Mrs. Mary Jane Stewart, of Altoona, is visiting the home of her childhood, at Fairbrook, a guest at the G. W. McWilliams home.

Prof. Samuel P. McWilliams and wife, of Canonsburg, Pa., are spending the holiday season at the McWilliams home at Fairbrook.

John E. Goheen last week made his annual visit to his son, Dr. Geo. Bailey Goheen, at Coalport, where the doctor has a good practice.

Our merchants have their show windows filled with Xmas goods, and just as cheap as anywhere. Why so elsewhere to make purchases?

After April 1st, 1912, Ed. Harpster will farm the John Archey farm at Grayville. Geo. Johnson will fit to the Mary Gates farm near Loveville.

Mrs. Chas. Smith, of Erbtown, while closing a barn door, a blast of wind blew the door throwing her over a bank and fracturing her left arm. Dr. Woods reduced the fracture and she is doing nicely.

The High school students have their annual feast billed for the latter part of January, about the time the district teachers institute will be held in the town hall, so that our town will be all agog during the winter season.

Christmas exercises were held last Saturday evening in the Branch school house, where a splendid program was carried out. Prof. Hughes and L. B. Lytle had the little tots well in hand and recitations were well rendered.

Wm. Thompson Jr., spent several weeks down in Dixie land inspecting his large tract of timber, coal and oil lands, and with everything on the boom down there his friends expect to see him placed among the oil kings on Wall street.

John and George Casper have returned from a tour toward the setting sun and are delighted with their trip, so that George has already decided to make public sale in the early spring and flit to Nebraska, where he has rented a large farm.

Last Tuesday the deal was closed whereby Abe Mierkle became the owner of the Samuel Garner farm adjoining State College. \$10,000 was the price paid for the 100 acres. Mr. Mierkle is to be congratulated on his purchase, it being one of the most fertile farms in the valley.

Monday morning while Ed S. Moore was engaged with J. Cal Bailey cutting down a tree, he stepped back to see the tree fall, when his foot caught between two rocks causing him to fall and break his left leg below the knee. Dr. Woods reduced the fracture and he is getting along nicely.

Pennsylvania Lodge No. 476 I. O. O. F. have issued invitations for their sixty-third annual banquet to be held in their hall on the evening of Dec. 28th, 150 covers will be laid. On the following evening Tussey Council No. 515 will banquet themselves and friends at the St. Elmo hotel parlors, where 120 covers will be laid.

SPRING MILLS.

The I. O. O. F. of Spring Mills had a supper in their hall on Friday evening last.

Dr. Cummings, of Philadelphia, was here over Sunday last, a guest of Miss Bessie Grove.

A number of our folks will entertain largely on Christmas. A few turkeys are still running around loose.

L. C. Collins, of Berrick, and J. B. Lloyd, of Hollidaysburg, were home on a business trip last week.

B. A. Donachy, who has been on a business trip in Union county for the last week, returned home on Friday last.

The time is drawing near to form new resolutions to turn over a new leaf, but unfortunately too many of us in turning over the leaf, turn over cover and all.

All our stores present a gay and merry appearance in their holiday attire, and are doing quite a lively business, while the little people are waiting patiently for Christmas to receive their usual supply of candies and goodies.

It is reported that perenniums were plentiful. This indicates according to Indian tradition a mild winter and an early spring. It was also reported that a pet oyster followed a man up and down stairs. This also indicates a mild winter. As Puck says "what fools we mortals be."

It seems to be settled that the \$100,000 condensation plant will be located here and that operations for erecting the buildings will commence early in the spring. It is said that all the stock has been subscribed. The new planing mill enterprise is not yet in shape to say much about.

During the past week the only fit place for walking was the concrete pavement from the post office to the iron bridge over Penns creek. All the other roads and walks were simply vast mud puddles. It was impossible to walk anywhere without wading ankle deep in mud and water. The roads were never worse.

SMULLTON.

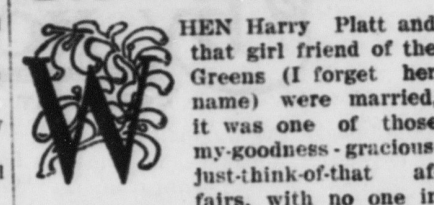
The funeral of John Breon was well attended. Everybody is busily engaged in preparing for Christmas.

Mrs. W. J. Hackenberg and children, of Northumberland, are spending sometime here.

Mr. Donker Crouse accompanied by a friend from Illinois are spending sometime here with friends and relatives.

DICKING A PRESENT FOR PLATT

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH



When Harry Platt and that girl friend of the Greens (I forget her name) were married, it was one of those my-goodness-gracious-just-think-of-that affairs, with no one in on the secret except the suburban minister who tied the knot, the cabman who drove them out there and the girl from the minister's kitchen, who was a witness, and left a thumb-print of grease on the certificate (she was frying doughnuts at the time) and the minister's wife (at least the name was the same). Let's see, where was I? Oh, yes, when the Platts were married, it being that kind of a wedding, there was no chance to send them a wedding gift as I would have liked to do, or to have done, (whichever is proper, or grammatical, though I'm sure I can never tell which). But Mr. Platt is one of the nicest men in the office, that is, he was before this happened. So I felt we ought to do something for him, just to show our good will—and, anyhow, we've dug down for others we thought much less of, so why shouldn't we for him? But the wedding was over, without invitations, or even a reception, and they were housekeeping before we knew it. So what could we do?

Well, just then Christmas came along not just then but two months after the wedding. They were married October 29, so it wasn't quite two months, but that's close enough. When Christmas came along, that is, just before it came along, I suggested that we make up a purse and give them a sort of delayed wedding present, just to show our good will. Everybody thought it was a splendid idea, that is, of course, except Mr. Platt, whom, of course, I didn't consult. So I got up a subscription paper and went to everybody in the office (except Mr. Platt, of course). I got \$26.60, including ten cents from the janitor, who wasn't expected to give anything but wanted to give something, which shows just how popular Mr. Platt was with everyone in the building, when a janitor even would chip in.

Christmas shopping is hard enough, goodness knows, when you do it for yourself; but when you do it for a stock company capitalized at \$26.60, with 28 stockholders, with 28 different kinds of ideas and tastes, then Christmas shopping rises above a mere annoyance to the dignity of a real trouble. And that's what I was up against. I thought it would be nice to get an expression of opinion. So I went around one morning and asked for ideas. But I couldn't get a word. Nobody could think of anything. I couldn't myself. At noon I went out and looked. I walked miles. I walked, then I went back to the office. You should have seen my desk. Honest, you would have thought some one had turned in a general alarm. They couldn't wait for me to get back. There they were—28 of them, (that is, 27, or 28 with me). They all had suggestions, and they were all different.

The head book-keeper thought an arm chair would be nice. (He stands up all day). The collector thought a rain-coat would be best, while Miss Jones suggested a dress pattern. They all said, of course, that they left it entirely to me; and then each went away sadly, as much as to say that he hoped I wouldn't be so foolish as to buy any of those other things that the others had proposed.

The next day I looked again. But either a thing was too expensive or I would have money left. It is remarkable how few things there are in the world you can buy for \$26.60, no more, no less.

And then I saw it. It was in a department store, and marked down from \$50 to \$26.60! There it was, a cent! A great, big, glittering, magnificent Punch Bowl! Nobody had thought of that!

But, to make sure, I sent the sales ticket with it and told the Platts they could exchange the punch bowl, if they wished, for something they liked better.

And what do you suppose those Platts did?

In January they traded in that magnificent punch bowl for three tons of coal!

BOOKS, MAGAZINES, ETC.

THE JANUARY ST. NICHOLAS.—As the January St. Nicholas is issued December 15th, it is a real Christmas-stocking number, with many Christmas stories, pictures and jingles.

A feature of the number which brings real literature to the readers of St. Nicholas, young and old, is the first instalment of "Jataka Tales," stories out of the ancient folk-lore of India retold for St. Nicholas boys and girls by Ellen C. Babbitt, illustrated in silhouette by Ellsworth Young.

An essay of real inspiration is George Lawrence Parker's "Each Other and Everybody Else." There are stories enough to satisfy the hungriest story-lover.

—Mrs. Justwed—There's nothing in the house fit to eat. I'm going home to my mother.
Mr. Justwed (broke)—Wait till I get my hat, and I'll go with you.

Sale Register.

IAN, 19.—By R. F. Allison, at the residence of B. F. Shaffer Esq., at Nittany, two horses, one cow, wagon, sled and farm implements generally—Sale at one o'clock sharp.

FOR SALE.—A horse, buggy and harness. Inquire of Rev. OYLER, Milesburg, Pa. 56-59

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But we're Ahead of Christmas!

We've been industriously searching the market for the best things that the makers and importers have prepared for this Christmas of 1911—for all these best things are ready for "the trade" long before Christmas. You'll be immensely entertained by them, and looking around involves not the slightest obligation to purchase. For the present, just enjoy seeing them—we will let the future take care of itself.

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The Centre County Banking Co.

Bellefonte, Pa.

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This year they have surpassed any former efforts in providing for the public wants and public tastes. They have Candies—Huylers, Reymers, in 5 lb., 3 lb., 2 lb., 1 lb., 1/2 lb. boxes. Apollo, Stacy's—Loose and in packages. All kinds of loose candies—taffies cream vanilla bar, cream mint bar, cream chocolate bar, chocolate straws, caramels, mint cakes, sour balls, toys, stick candies, lemon and mint drops; everything in the candy line from 15c. to 60c. per pound.

Favors for dinner parties, novelties for childrens parties. Fancy candies, rose bud holders in all colors. Cakes—fruit, nut, pound, layer cakes all sizes, ass't cakes. Cream—All flavors of creams and ices.

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The First National Bank,

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New Advertisements.

LOST.—In the vicinity of the Public School building, a pair Gold-rimmed eye glasses, in a Haskin's case. A suitable reward will be paid for their return to this office or to the Bush House. 56-49-f.

FARMER WANTED.—An experienced, sober, honest, energetic man of good character as farmer on good Westmoreland county, Penna., farm near large town. Must understand care of stock and farm machinery. First class house and other buildings. Apply by letter stating age, nationality, family, wages required and references. Address M. R., care of this paper. 56-49-f.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Match Co., Incorporated, will be held at the office of the Company on Phoenix street, Bellefonte, Pa., on the fifteenth day of January 1912, at three o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

J. L. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

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FOR SALE.—I two and half story brick veneer house of six rooms with stable and other out buildings, water in house, situated in the town of Snow Shoe, also a splendid well of water in the yard, will sell on reasonable terms. Inquire of owner.

MRS. ANNIE E. STONEROD, Snow Shoe, Centre Co., Pa.

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LITTLE PIGS.—For sale seven (7) thro-bred Chester white and Berkshire pigs, six weeks old. Apply at this office.

LOST.—A bunch of keys lost somewhere on the streets of Bellefonte during the week of Nov. 6th. Finder will kindly return same to this office. 56-5

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