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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

"Little Miss Kut-up" is coming and will be at Garman's in the near future. The family of James H. Corl expect to move to Chicago in the spring. There will be service in St. John's Episcopal church on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The jury list for the February term of court will be found in another column of this issue. Hammon Sechler is again confined to the house with illness, which we trust will be of short duration.

Bellefonte automobile dealers are already taking orders for new machines for delivery early in the spring. Miss Anna Keichline has opened an office in Temple Court where she will hang out her shingle as an architect.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Smith are now entertaining a brand new little daughter, who arrived last Saturday. Mr. George Ingram, who was confined to the house a week or ten days with the grip, is now able to be around again.

The stockholders of the Bellefonte Trust company held their annual meeting on Tuesday, and also enjoyed their annual banquet at the Brockerhoff house.

Quite a number of Bellefonters have been housed up with the grip or bad colds the past two weeks, and the doctors are kept busy doing out quinine. The chestnut tree blight specialists who the past two weeks have been working on the mountains in the vicinity of Port Matilda have found the forests quite free of the disease.

The Western Union Telegraph company is now doing business in the room in the rear of Dr. Tate's office until the regular room dries out from the drenching it got on Wednesday.

Ex-deputy sheriff Fred Reese, Levi Syammonds and three or four other Bellefonters have secured jobs with the penitentiary engineering corps, and are now on the job up in Benner township.

The Dickinson Seminary basketball team will play the Academy five in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium this (Friday) evening at 8.30 o'clock. Last Saturday the Academy team was defeated by the Pittsburgh Collegians by the score of 37 to 27.

Four cases of scarlet fever are reported in the family of Thomas King, at Valley View, and three in the family of William King. Both homes have been quarantined and the public school closed to prevent the disease becoming epidemic.

Of the one hundred and ten applications received at the State Highway Department for help in building state roads since the Sproul bill became a law only one was from Centre county, and that from Snow Shoe township for a 5,500 foot stretch of road.

Harry Keller was on Wednesday morning appointed temporary postmaster of Bellefonte to hold until a permanent successor of the late Samuel H. Williams is appointed. Mr. Keller represents the Surety Company on Mr. Williams' bond which accounts for his appointment.

At the morning service of the Presbyterian church last Sunday twelve new members were taken in by letter and nine by confession of faith. The sacred rite of baptism was administered to the latter. This was a very good result of the previous week of prayer and praise service, and likewise encouraging to the new pastor, Rev. George E. Hawes.

Joseph Albright, of Howard township, is confined to his home with a well-defined case of smallpox. Albright is a traveling tea salesman and returned home on Monday feeling quite ill, thinking he had the grip. On Tuesday a physician was summoned who found the man suffering with smallpox. The Albright home was at once quarantined and every effort will be made to prevent the disease from spreading.

Harry Burns, of Alto, and Emanuel Korman, of Bellefonte, underwent operations at the Bellefonte hospital the past week. Miss Kate McQuillen, Miss Elizabeth Jones and Mrs. Mose D. Burnett were admitted for treatment. A young son was born to Mrs. Edward Zimmerman on Sunday and four patients were discharged namely: Irwin Martin, of Tyrone; Mrs. Herman and Mildred Irwin, of Bellefonte; and Samuel Waite, of Pleasant Gap. There are now twenty-three patients in the institution.

There was a big fire in Philadelphia on Saturday which destroyed the headquarters of the General Film company (Lubins), but that will not stop the moving pictures at the Scenic. Manager T. Clayton Brown secures his films from the Pittsburgh agency and he will have a full program every evening. And where in Bellefonte is there a better place of amusement to spend an hour each evening than at the Scenic? It is always comfortable, even during the coldest weather, and you are always certain of seeing something that will interest, entertain and amuse you. Never any change in price, as five cents will admit you any evening during the week.

ENGINEERS AT WORK ON PENITENTIARY SITE.

Last Thursday evening William M. C. Donley, of Pittsburgh, chief engineer for the prison commission, arrived in Bellefonte to make preliminary arrangements for beginning the official survey of the site selected for the new state penitentiary at Peru. On Sunday evening a force of eight men, namely: Peter Mellon, R. A. Schneider, T. J. McGovern, William McGovern, William McMinn, J. C. Weir, Peter Wolf and J. R. Fording, arrived in Bellefonte from Pittsburgh. They compose Mr. Donley's surveying staff.

They spent Sunday night at the Brockerhoff house and Monday forenoon was devoted to laying in supplies for immediate use and immediately after dinner on Monday they moved, bag and baggage, to the Reynolds bungalow at Rock and the adjoining farm house, where they will make their headquarters, the same afternoon beginning the survey. The men were divided into two corps and will work in conjunction with each other. The ordinary citizen naturally considers this very rough weather for making a survey but most of the men have been working out of doors all winter and are insured to the cold. In addition they are working for the weather and claim to get along very well. As a matter of fact they can make better progress on their survey through the mountains during this kind of weather than they could next summer, for the reason that the trees and brush being leafless there is nothing to obstruct their view and they can train instruments a great distance. Were they to wait until summer time it would be necessary to have axemen and cut a well defined trail along every line. In addition to this fact they want to have the official survey completed by the first of April, so that active building operations can be begun, and it will take every day of the time for the men now on the job to do the work.

In conversation with the writer Chief Engineer Donley stated that there would be men on the job continuously from now on. While he will spend only two or three days a week here overseeing the work the present force of engineers will be here until they have made a complete survey of every line and every fence on the entire site. The lines will be plainly marked with stakes driven in the ground and when the weather opens up in the spring other engineering corps, some six or eight in number, will go to work and go over the entire ground for the purpose of placing a substantial concrete marker at every line corner. These markers will be sunk from four to six feet under ground and will project about two feet above ground. Roads will also be laid out and grades given to all parts of the penitentiary farms, and he estimates that this will be an all-summer job. A number of the "trusty" prisoners are now being specially trained as helpers for this work and they are very enthusiastic in learning all they can about it.

But the surveying will not be the only thing done next summer. As soon as the weather opens active operations will be started for the erection of the first building, which will be a substantial stone structure and will be temporarily used to house the workmen on the job. When the prison building is completed the other building will be converted into a machine shop or work shop of some kind. While it is true that prison labor will be used as far as possible Mr. Donley stated that before the summer was two-thirds over Bellefonte would not be able to supply one-half the outside laborers and mechanics that there will be a demand for on the job; which demand will continue to a greater or less extent until the entire institution is completed. And this will mean an expenditure of millions of dollars, a good part of the labor percentage of which, it is claimed, will flow through Bellefonte business channels.

The recently organized Ladies Aid society of the Lutheran church of Pleasant Gap, will hold a social at Noll's hall on Saturday evening, January 20th, the proceeds to be applied to the church building fund. The committee have determined that all who will kindly favor them with their patronage will get value received. The high cost of living advocates will on this occasion get a chilly frost. The admission into the hall will be 3 cents or two for 5; Java and Mocha coffee, 3 cents per cup, or two for 5; sandwiches the same. Ice cream, cake, candy, pop-corn at the same liberal rate, in fact everything goes for 2 for 5 or 3 cents straight. Many pleasing attractions will be pulled off, all of which must be seen to be appreciated. A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

While it is not a certainty that they are forgeries, yet the fact that they were drawn on a bank in which the drawer has no account and also the fact that the similarity of the writing of "John Parker" on the face of the check and of "John Parker" as endorser makes it look suspicious. The one thing considerate about the man who passed the checks is the fact that he showed very little partiality. All the checks were for eighteen dollars except the one passed at the Potter-Hoy Hardware company which was only for eight dollars. The man was only about twenty years of age and a stranger.

While engaged in putting up a pair of steps at the match factory on Tuesday afternoon Harry Eberhart fell backward to the floor, from a height of about twelve feet. He fell on his back and shoulders and injured himself so badly that he had to be taken home and has since been confined to bed. While he is badly bruised and a very sore man it is not believed any serious results will follow.

On Monday Jacob Jury purchased the restaurant under the Garman house office and will conduct the same in the future. He still retains his job as bartender at the Brockerhoff house while the restaurant is in charge of his son Russel and John Kane. Mr. Jury is an old hand at the restaurant business and we trust he may be as successful in his new venture as Delmonico was in his in New York the size of the town taken into consideration.

Mrs. H. E. Fenlon's luncheon Monday, was given for Mrs. Dix, of Dayton; Tuesday Mrs. Dix was honor guest at Mrs. L. T. Munson's bridge party, at which four tables were in play; Tuesday evening, Mrs. George Bezer entertained at her home on Howard street; Wednesday, Mrs. Dix was again honor guest at a luncheon given by Mrs. E. H. Richard for ten of her friends; Thursday the Misses Valentine entertained at dinner at their home, "Burnham Place" in honor of Miss De la Garde, of Boalsburg, and the same evening Mrs. George R. Meek gave a party in honor of Henry S. Linn—parchesi having become very popular with the younger set in Bellefonte.

The writer has been asked repeatedly as to the meaning of the applications to be made to the Governor for charters for various light, heat and power companies, in accordance with advertisements as published in this paper. The only answer that can be given is the assurance of the men directly interested that they mean business. A. J. Musser, one of the applicants for the charters is secretary and treasurer of the Clearfield Electric Light company and secretary of the electric light company at Cammal, Indiana county. A. W. Lee and James Wrigley are both prominent citizens of Clearfield and the three of them have ample financial backing to carry out any project they may contemplate.

The announcement of a wedding which is of interest to a number of people in Bellefonte, was that of Mrs. Jennie Tomb Brown, of Jersey Shore, and Professor J. M. Murray, a musician of reputation, of Maxton, N. C., which took place at Laurinton, N. C., on December 4th, at the residence of Rev. James W. Williams, pastor of the Laurinton Baptist church. The wedding which was a very quiet affair, was attended by a few intimate friends of both Mrs. Brown and Professor Murray, and followed by a musicale and dinner given at the Hotel Chetwynd, at Laurinburg. Professor and Mrs. Murray are living in apartments at Maxton, expecting to make their home in North Carolina.

It having been found necessary, on account of the drilling in the army preparing for the inspection on the 12th, of February, to change the date of the Charity Ball. The committee in charge has now completed all arrangements for a fancy dress dance to be given on the night of February fifteenth, and cordially invites every one to join them for a pleasant evening. In order that the plans may be successfully carried out, the dancers especially are all asked to go masked and if possible in costume, the costume to be as simple or as elaborate as the wearer may choose. The tickets to be sold by the members of the club will be seventy-five cents, and the proceeds will go to the treasury of the club.

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COUNCIL SITS IN COLD STORAGE.

The regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening was not exactly a freeze out but the law against cold storage might have been invoked had the members been edibles instead of law-makers. At that every member but one was present, but there were no outsiders there to make demands or complaints and the audience was confined strictly to the newspaper men.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and so far as the standing committees were concerned there were no reports worth recording. The Special committee, which is the committee on the Green mill property, held a meeting a few nights ago, but did nothing. There were no verbal communications and under the head of written communications a letter was received from Col. W. Fred Reynolds enclosing a letter from the Underwriter's Association relative to a number of safety alterations and equipments, as well as repairs, to be made at the Phoenix mill property in order to carry the insurance at the prevailing rate. This communication provoked quite a discussion, resulting in an inquiry by some of the new members as to the length of the lease the borough had on the property. The secretary presented the lease, which holds until the first of February, 1914, and after a reading of the same the discussion dropped about as suddenly as the mercury.

The Pennsylvania railroad company presented the agreement granting council the right to build a sewer under the railroad cut near the Phoenix mill, and the same was accepted and ordered filed. The same company also asked permission to replace the watch box at the Gamble, Green & Co. mill crossing to the location it formerly occupied, and the same was granted.

Under the head of old business the Fire and Police committee recommended the election of Harry H. Dukeman as chief of police and William Beizer as policeman. Mr. Grimm made a motion that the report be accepted and the two men elected and Mr. Sheffer seconded the same. Mr. Grimm said that he couldn't understand why a change was desired, as so far as he knew the present policeman was doing his full duty. Mr. Beizer gave an explanation of the reason why the committee made the recommendation and upon a vote Dukeman and Beizer were elected, Mr. Grimm voting against them. The salary is to remain the same, \$52.50 a month for the chief and \$50.00 a month for the policeman.

The question of paying the bill for the printing of the auditor's statement was then brought up. When the auditors completed their work last spring they gave the contract for the printing of the statements to the Keystone Gazette. Council held up the bill on the grounds that the awarding of the contract had not been left to them. The attorney for the auditors contended that they had the power to award the contract while the borough solicitor maintained that it was not within their province. But as the statement had been printed and properly circulated council voted to pay the bill, with the restriction that in doing so they did not admit that the auditors were right and admonishing them not to do it again.

Bills to the amount of eleven hundred dollars were approved and council adjourned.

ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

John H. Beck, a clerk in the State College postoffice, was on Tuesday arrested on a charge of tampering with the mails and was held under three hundred dollars bond for trial at the March term of the United States court at Scranton. It is charged that Mr. Beck would take cancelled stamps off incoming packages, of which there are many at State College, and then when a patron at the window would mail a package giving him the necessary stamps to carry it he would stick the good stamps on only by the corner. After the patron had left the office he would remove the good stamps and substitute ones already cancelled that he had gathered up.

A Pittsburg inspector is given credit with having discovered the irregularity. He noticed parcels coming into the Pittsburg office mailed at State College that had stamps on them that had previously been cancelled in Pittsburg. Immediately the inspector and a detective went to State College put two decoy parcels through the office and found them later in the mail bags at the railroad station with old cancelled stamps on them. The new stamps they had bought were the parcels which had been marked, were back in the stamp drawer at the office.

The entire community was shocked by the disclosure as Mr. Beck had held an unblemished reputation. Several years ago he was a farmer in Marion township. He sold out there and moved to State College where he built several houses. Then he took the civil service examination, passed very high, and was made a carrier at the College. Proficiency won him a position in the office. He was an auditor of Centre county three years ago and a man so highly regarded that it seems that there must be some mistake about this serious charge.

WALKER-ELDER.—Quite a large wedding took place at noon on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elder, at Rock Springs, when their daughter, Miss Mary Elder, was united in marriage to Ralph Walker, of the Branch. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Shultz, of the Lutheran church. The attendants were Miss Sarah Elder, a sister of the bride, and Irwin Walker, a cousin of the bridegroom. Over one hundred guests were present. The decorations were quite elaborate, consisting of potted plants and flowers. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served and in the afternoon the young couple left for a wedding trip to Johnstown. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stine Walker, of the Branch, and is engaged in farming. The WATCHMAN extends congratulations.

HOCKMAN-SHARER.—On Thursday last week at the Reformed parsonage in Boalsburg, John H. Hockman, of Mingo-

ville, and Miss Grace C. Sharer, of Zion, were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Stover. A few relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hockman will reside at Mingo.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Miss Marie Walsh is spending some time in Philadelphia and New York. Samuel Bolch, of Mt. Carmel, was the week end guest of his sister, Mrs. J. L. Seibert.

Miss Julia Curtin returned home last week after a delightful visit with Miss Ruth Kerstetter, in Harrisburg.

Mrs. Andrew Hall, of Dix Run, was the guest of Mrs. S. A. Bell, while spending Wednesday in Bellefonte.

Mrs. Harvey Griffith and Mrs. S. A. Satterfield are in Bellefonte, after a short visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Charles Lucas Jr., of Runville, transacted business in Bellefonte yesterday and made his customary annual visit at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh N. Crider were guests over Sunday of Mrs. Crider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Freeman, at Tyrone.

Miss Rebecca Valentine, who is the guest of Miss Margaret Brockerhoff, left Bellefonte three weeks ago to visit for a month in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary S. Thomas will close her house and go to Philadelphia, Saturday, expecting to visit for some time with her sister, Mrs. Shafner.

Mrs. Jacob Bottorf, of Lemont, has been the guest of her daughter and son, Mrs. John Olevine and W. M. Bottorf, while visiting in Bellefonte.

Miss Roxanna Brisbin will return to her home at Centre Hall this week, after a visit of ten days with Mrs. J. E. Ward, at her home on Curtin street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shuey went to Curwensville the latter part of last week, and during the few days spent there were guests of Mrs. Shuey's sister.

Mrs. E. F. Tausig, of Harrisburg, and her two children arrived in Bellefonte Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Tausig's mother, Mrs. Martin Fauble.

Mrs. William B. Dix returned yesterday, to her home at Dayton, Ohio, after visiting in Bellefonte for a month, with her sister, Mrs. L. T. Munson.

H. E. VanNorman, of State College, went to Pittsburg Saturday to attend the Keystone Fair Association, which has been in session there for the entire week.

Miss Eva Crisman, who left Bellefonte Saturday at noon, went to Rochester, where she will visit during the remainder of January with Mrs. J. E. Maguines.

Mrs. Garrett and her daughter Elizabeth of Blair, N. J., who came to Bellefonte Monday, will be during a two week's visit here, guests of Mrs. H. W. Tate.

Miss Mamie Peck, a professional nurse of Lock Haven, is in Bellefonte to take care of Mr. Frank McCoy, who has been ill at his home on Linn street the past week.

Benjamin Krape came from Salona Wednesday to aid Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cruse in adjusting their trouble, following the fire of that day. Mr. Krape is Mrs. Cruse's father.

Mrs. Catharine Martin, who has been at Scrubenville, Ohio, for two months with her daughter and son, Mrs. Harry Barnhart and Daniel Martin, returned to Bellefonte last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Decker and their daughter Helen went to Lancaster Friday, where on account of business interests of Mr. Decker they will spend a great part of the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Charles Larimer and her daughter Elizabeth returned to their home at Indiana, Saturday, after having spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Larimer and Mr. and Mrs. Schofield.

Ex-Sheriff Cyrus Brumgart, of Centre Hall, was among a number who were brave enough to leave Bellefonte in the storm of last Saturday. Mr. Brumgart was leaving for Pittsburg on a business trip.

Miss Tess Houser, of DuBois, arrived in Bellefonte Thursday, to attend the funeral of John Houser at State College, Friday. Miss Houser expects to remain in Bellefonte for a short visit with her cousin, Miss Blanche Houser.

Mrs. William Armstrong Kirby and William Kirby Jr., came from their home at Armstrong, Maryland, Friday of last week, and will visit for an indefinite time with Mrs. Kirby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hammon Sechler.

Mrs. W. E. Seal, who returned to Harrisburg last week after a short visit in Bellefonte with her mother, Mrs. M. Fauble, is busily engaged at present in overseeing the building of her new home, which is expected to be ready for occupancy early in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, and two children, Ruth and Jan, of Juniata, came to Bellefonte on Saturday. Mrs. Johnson and the two children visited her mother, Mrs. Edward Foster, while Mr. Johnson is spending the time with his mother in Milesburg, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Gertrude Fuchter, of Pitcairn, was a guest the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Burns Crider at their home on east Linn street. She and Mrs. Crider were school mates at the school for the deaf and dumb at Mt. Airy, Pa., and they both very much enjoyed renewing old-time associations.

FLOODED OUT OF BUSINESS.—William Doll, the baker, was temporarily put out of business on Wednesday evening by being flooded with water.

During the severe cold weather the three inch stand-pipe put up in the Bush Arcade as a means of protection against fire froze and burst, and when the weather moderated on Wednesday it thawed, naturally. The result was a break on the third floor and an avalanche of water poured down the steps, flooding the Western Union telegraph office and deluging Doll's bakery below. In the latter room the ceiling was soaked and fell down and Doll's stock was all ruined while his room furnishings—tables, chairs, counters, cases, soda fountain, etc., were badly damaged. Mr. Doll's loss and the damage to the building is considerable.

When the break occurred an effort was made to find a place to turn the water off but no valve could be found and the pipe was cut in the cellar and the water turned out there to save the building. It appeared that when the building was erected and the standpipe put up no provision was made for turning the water off. Until the room occupied by Doll's bakery is repaired he will occupy the one adjoining.

A WEDNESDAY FIRE.—On Wednesday afternoon the house on Curtin street owned by Mrs. John M. Dale and occupied by Wade Cruse and family caught fire on the second floor from a defective flue. None of the family were at home at the time but neighbors saw the smoke and gave the alarm. Policeman Dukeman was one of the first on the scene and he was compelled to force the door to gain an entrance to the house. The fire had not gained much headway at the time and securing a garden hose the policeman and others attempted to put out the fire, but there was no water pressure and nothing could be done until the steamers got on the ground. The upstairs were pretty badly damaged but otherwise the building is intact. Cruse's furniture was badly damaged by both fire and water but as he carried five hundred dollars insurance his loss will be covered. The house was also insured.

The lack of water pressure on Curtin street at the time of the fire naturally brings up the question as to the condition of the fire plugs around town. So far as the writer knows they have not been tested this winter and it would be consoling to know whether they are in good order or frozen up.

FOR RENT.—Brick livery stable, the best location in town. Particulars, Lyon & Co. Bellefonte, Pa. 57-318.

Corrected weekly by R. S. Brouse, Grocer. The prices quoted are those paid for produce.

Table of market prices for produce: Potatoes per bushel, new, \$1.60; Onions, 85; Eggs, per dozen, 75; Corn, per bushel, 11; Country shoulders, 10; Hams, 12; Sides, 10; Tallow, per pound, 4; Butter, per pound, 23.

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

Table of market prices for grain: Red Wheat, \$3.85; White Wheat, 50; Rye, per bushel, 70; Corn shelled, per bushel, 65; Corn, ears, per bushel, 75; Oats, old and new, per bushel, 50; Barley, per bushel, 60.

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

Table of market prices for grain: Wheat—Red No. 2, 94 1/2 @ .97; No. 2, 94 @ .96 1/2; Corn—Yellow, 67 @ .68; Mixed new, 64 @ .65; Oats—Winter, per barrel, 3.35 @ 4.10; Favorite Brands, 5.75 @ 6.00; Rye Flour per barrel, 5.75 @ 6.00; Baled Hay—Choice Timothy No. 1, 13.00 @ 24.50; Mixed No. 1, 19.00 @ 22.50; Straw, 11.50 @ 18.50.

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