

**Big Game.**

On Wednesday, Dec. 21st of last week Mr. J. C. Skillman discovered a fresh otter track near his camp at Square Timber Run. Securing the assistance of Wallace Fields he followed the track for some distance finally coming upon the animal under a large pile of logs. Not being able to move the logs in order to secure the game, they remained on watch until midnight but the otter made no attempt to leave his hiding place. It was a bright moonlight night and the hunters fatigued from their long watch concluded to spend the balance of the night in Reed Bros. Camp and secure the game in the morning, but in the meanwhile Mr. Otter had a scheme of his own and after the men left he started toward Potter county into Logues Run, about five miles from Square Timber Run, the chase was taken up by Mr. Skillman and Mr. Fields at daybreak the next morning and they came upon their quarry about 9 a. m., where a gunshot finished the animal. It was a splendid specimen and the hunters feel justly proud of their success.

Mr. Skillman and Mr. Fields have added more trophies to their collection of furs since they secured the otter. On Monday, Dec. 26, they started early in the morning with their rifles, Mr. Skillman carrying a 303 Savage and Mr. Fields a 35 56 winchester. Their field of operations was within a radius of two or three miles of Mr. Skillman's camp at Square Timber Run. Nothing in the shape of game sighted until about 2 p. m., when the hounds started a fox which was soon placed on the retired list. Shortly after the dogs started a catamount on the side of the mountain and it took two shots to kill it after an exciting chase. The animal measured four feet in length from tip to tip and weighed 47 pounds. The hides of the catamount and fox are on exhibition at the camp along with the deer and other hides.

D. F. S.

**Milk Wagon Takes a Ride.**

On Tuesday morning, Dec. 27th, while Chas. Howard's modern milk wagon was coming down the Portage road, from Mr. Howard's farm, to serve the town customers, an accident happened that might have resulted more seriously than it did. When the wagon, in charge of Ralph Kautz who had a boy companion, Earl Edwards, neared Rattlesnake Park, the vehicle started to "slide" on the ice towards the creek. Young Edwards made a break to get out and succeeded while Ralph pulled the horses for the bank. At this instant the wagon was partly over the creek bank when Ralph jumped, at the same time Mr. milk wagon, cans, bottles and milk severed their connection with the horses and took a ride down the river amidst the breaking ice. At this point the water was at least ten feet deep and it is lucky the occupants escaped. The last heard of the wagon it was going towards Driftwood. Shippen township will, no doubt, have another bill of expense to pay.

**A Valuable Book.**

Arrangements have been made for every reader of this paper to receive a copy of the new 1905 Kodol Almanac. We have seen a copy of the Almanac and must say that it is a thing of beauty in color and design and valuable for the important general information it conveys. The weather forecasts, we understand, are made by one of the best experts in the world. This book is well worth sending for and it will be furnished you for one two cent stamp, providing you mention this paper when you write the publishers, E. C. DeWitt & Co., 203-205 LaSalle Ave., Chicago, Ill.

**Eye Specialist.**

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., January 13th and 14th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

**Gone Back Home.**

Mr. J. Geo. Miller, after conducting the Cameron House at Cameron for several months has sold the same to A. F. Walker well and favorably known to our people. Mr. Miller and family have returned to Lock Haven. Mr. Miller is a jolly gentleman and made many friends here as well as Cameron.

**MARRIED.**

MCCLEHLAN-WOODCOCK—At the Free Methodist parsonage Emporium, Pa., Dec. 24, 1904, by Rev. R. A. Robertson, Mr. Willis McClellan and Miss May Woodcock both of Emporium, Pa.

**The Observer.**

When the Observer referred recently to the socialistic program of the Independent, he did not suppose for a moment that he would be understood by any one as including such issues as personal registration and the protection of streams from pollution, under the name of socialistic. The Observer had particular reference to the proposal of the Independent that the government should own and administer the railroads and telegraphs. The Observer would like to see our streams kept clean and pure. He believes also that the enforcement of personal registration would contribute something towards making the political stream cleaner and purer than it is at present. No sane person would ever think of calling a personal registration law a socialistic measure. For the peace of mind of the Independent, the Observer begs to assure that journal that it is not because of its advocacy of personal registration that he thinks that it should haul down the Jeffersonian flag.

Whatever may be the defects of Jeffersonianism, it is certain that Jefferson stood for the principle that the individual is the political unit, and that one individual should count for one and only one. The purpose of a personal registration measure is to prevent one individual from counting for more than one. Although it was Jefferson's cardinal political principle that legislation should be kept down to the lowest possible notch, the Observer believes that Jefferson, were he alive to day, would heartily concede the necessity of a personal registration law.

Jefferson's cardinal political principle was that the functions of government should be kept down to the lowest possible notch. It is true that he did not lay down a hard and fast limit above which such functions should never rise. He was willing to allow the government to exercise any function which the welfare of the people made absolutely necessary, but he demanded the clearest and strongest proof that the proposed extension of governmental functions was really necessary. He always consistently maintained his attitude that the functions of government should be kept down as low as possible; neither, on the other hand, does he believe that legislation and governmental action and interference is a panacea for all the ills that the body politic and social is heir to. Occasionally, however, many men are carried away by the delusion that governmental interference, in the way of making and enforcing new laws, is a cure for everything. Under the sway of that delusion, they are eager to see the powers of the government extended indefinitely. The present tendency of the Independent is towards this attitude, which is the opposite extreme from that of Jefferson. Perhaps it is officious to do so, but the Observer feels called upon to point out to the Independent the profound distinction between these two attitudes, and to ask the Independent which of the two attitudes it intends seriously to assume.

The Independent, under the taint of the socialistic virus, has abandoned this characteristic Jeffersonian attitude. Instead of seeking to keep the functions of the government down to the lowest practicable limit, the Independent is advocating a very liberal extension of the powers of the general government. The Observer does not believe with Jefferson that the functions of government should be kept down as low as possible; neither, on the other hand, does he believe that legislation and governmental action and interference is a panacea for all the ills that the body politic and social is heir to. Occasionally, however, many men are carried away by the delusion that governmental interference, in the way of making and enforcing new laws, is a cure for everything. Under the sway of that delusion, they are eager to see the powers of the government extended indefinitely. The present tendency of the Independent is towards this attitude, which is the opposite extreme from that of Jefferson. Perhaps it is officious to do so, but the Observer feels called upon to point out to the Independent the profound distinction between these two attitudes, and to ask the Independent which of the two attitudes it intends seriously to assume.

The Observer is far from seeing his way clear to believe that the government should own and operate the railroads. Such a step would mean an enormous extension of the civil service and a vast increase, not only in the administrative power of the government, but also in the political power of the party and officials charged with the responsibility of administration. Compared with such power, the power which the general government now wields through the patronage of the post-office department is small indeed. The Independent has had things to say about "imperialism." Might we not have serious reason to be afraid for our liberties, should such tremendous power fall into the hands of an ambitious or corrupt executive? The Independent may say that it is better that the government should own the corporations than that the corporations should own the government. That sounds well. There was once a little boy who sat out to see how many oysters he could swallow, with the result that he finally turned into an oyster himself. So might it be with the government, should it set out to absorb the corporations. It might very easily become a more terrible octopus than any it had swallowed.

**Almost Drowned.**

Last Saturday a number of boys were skating on the pond south of town. One young lad, Clark Metzger, Jr., knocked a ball to a spot near the breast of the dam and in attempting to "hook" it to him the ice broke, letting him in the water, which was seven feet deep. His young companions extended their canes or sticks to the lad and attempted to draw him out of the water. This effort broke a large section of ice, which carried Clark over the breast of the dam. When going down the chute he jumped as best he could for shore, but could not reach it and into the deep hole he went. The plucky little fellow fought manfully to save himself, but after fighting for ten minutes he had become cold and more or less exhausted, when an older young man Thos. Cummings, Jr., hurried to his aid and jumping into the water saving him no doubt from a watery grave. Clark hurried for home quick. After recovering from his fright and a good night's rest he looked up his rescuer and presented him with a gold watch.

**Our New Representative.**

Hon. Josiah Howard returned from Harrisburg on Wednesday, having entered upon the discharge of his duties as Representative. Mr. Howard was well pleased with the reception tendered him. Upon the organization of the House, Mr. Howard's desk was decked with flowers and a beautiful set piece, representing the "Star," so favorably remembered by our people as a campaign ensign. In the center of the "Star" were "44," Mr. Howard's age. Of course our Representative was highly honored and deeply appreciated the kind tokens from his friends. The set piece was from Mr. H. A. Cox, Philadelphia, and Mr. T. B. Lloyd, Cashier of First National Bank, Emporium. The large basket of beautiful flowers was the gift of other Cameron county friends. Mr. Howard requests the PRESS to extend his thanks to the donors. The flowers are on exhibition in one of the First National Bank windows.

**Lovett's Boston Stars.**

If repeated and hearty echoes are any proof of a company's popularity, Lovett's Boston Stars were accorded a vast compliment at the Court House last Thursday night where they gave the third number in the People's Star Entertainment Course. Of such variety was the program and in such prompt order were the various numbers introduced as not to admit of a dull moment during the nearly two hours of its concert duration. By many it was regarded, as not only the best in the present series thus far but worthy to rank with the best in any series of like character given in the town. Others, while dissenting from this extreme view are not unwilling to admit that it offered not a few features of enjoyment and that the evening as a whole was thoroughly pleasant. The humor, and there was an abundance, was wholesome, the vocal selections were delightfully sung, the violin solos of pronounced artistic merit, while the Readings were not unworthy of the talented lady giving them. Lovett's Boston Stars may not all be of the first magnitude, but their luster was such as to make bright and happy the hearts that for nearly two hours yielded them the tribute of rapt attention and delighted interest.

**Friends in Need.**

Lewis Stone, Esq., a Charleston, W. Va., merchant, while going north of Emporium, was stopped here on Monday evening by a telegram informing him of the sudden death of one of his children. P. & E. agent, Thos. Gallagher, interested himself and secured passage on a freight train to Johnsonburg for the bereaved gentleman, he making connection with E. R. & P. R'y fast train for Pittsburg, getting him home on Tuesday to his family and dead child. Mr. Jasper Harris, a friend of Mr. Stone's, aided him in reaching the proper officials.

**New Warner Still Improves.**

The new chandeliers placed in New Warner were illuminated last night for the first time. They are beauties and give a light almost equal to electric light. Mine Host Wheeler keeps right on improving this most popular house, now conceded to be the best and most talked about hotel between Harrisburg and Erie.

**Treasurer's Bond.**

County Treasurer John Cummings has filed his bond, as follows: F. X. Blumie, D. C. Hayes, W. L. Thomas, Josiah Howard, A. F. Vogt, and entered upon the discharge of his duties. We wish him well.

**First Methodist Sunday School Christmas Observance.**

Following the study of the regular lesson Christmas Day, the Sunday School of the First Methodist Church rendered an appropriate program of recitations and songs, in which was brought out in a strong and beautiful light, the birth of the Christ. This done, the distribution of candy was attended to, each member receiving a box of choice assorted chocolates, while to the primary and intermediate grades was given a special remembrance. The gifts to the primary class, generously provided by Mr. Chas. A. VanLew, were varied and beautiful, and bore unmistakable testimony to the interest felt by him in this department of Sunday School work.

The Pastor, Rev. O. S. Metzler, the Supt. Mr. T. B. Lloyd, the teacher of the Bible Class, Mr. L. K. Huntington and the Secretary, Mr. W. F. Lloyd, were recipients of substantial and beautiful gifts, while each of the more than twenty teachers were suitably remembered by their respective classes.

**Wedding Bells.**

**Skinner—Barr.**

By M. M. Larrabee, J. P., Mr. D. A. Skinner, of Moore Hill, and Miss Eva Barr, of Bryan Hill.

**Seely—Evans.**

At Olean, N. Y., Dec. 21st, 1904, by Rev. Chas. M. Hall, Mr. Walter H. Seely, of Jersey Shore, to Miss Hattie L. Evans, of Emporium. The young couple quietly stole the march on their friends. Congratulations are now in order. Mr. and Mrs. Seely are comfortably located on Fifth street.

**McCormick—Barr.**

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kinsley, Broad St., brother-in-law and sister of the bride, Mr. Edward McCormick and Miss Lottie Barr of Rich Valley were united in marriage Saturday, Dec. 24 by Rev. O. S. Metzler pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick are well known young people of Rich Valley and will have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy life.

**Ellis—Swartwood.**

At the bride's home on West Sixth St., last Monday evening at 8 o'clock Mr. Henry Ellis was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Swartwood by the Rev. O. S. Metzler, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present in large numbers, all joining to make the occasion one of exceeding pleasure. An elegant wedding supper was served at the close of the ceremony. Miss Swartwood enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends, while, while the groom, in the employ of the Emporium Furnace Co., is a most industrious young man and is highly respected for his many qualities. They will go to house keeping immediately on West Sixth street. Best wishes for a bright and prosperous life.

**Mackay—Brink.**

By Rev. Robert McCaslin, on Wednesday evening, December 21st, 1904, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Brink, Clear Creek, this county, Mr. Malcolm J. Mackay and Miss Rine A. Brink. The wedding was a quiet one, there being no guests except the immediate relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Keltz, the son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Brink who now reside at Canton, Pa., and the son. Although a quiet wedding, it was indeed a most cordially happy and delightful affair. It was genuine winter outside, but most cozy and cheery and comfortable inside. A large table was set literally loaded with foods and fruits in great variety and most palatable and inviting quality. Mrs. Brink has for fourteen years dished up wholesome and nourishing food to lumbermen, among whose dishes little cupid hid and aimed is arrows well at the hearts of at least two of the stalwart, many wielders of the ax, and now they are her sons, not merely in-law, but in heart as well. Mr. Mackay is a native of Nova Scotia, but is now a worthy and substantial citizen of "the states." Our best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life go out to this newly wedded pair.

**Baptist Church.**

Rev. L. B. Twichell takes for his evening subject on Sunday night, at the Baptist Church, "The Potency of Principle to make Powerful the arm of Flesh, or The Strength that Comes from Courage in every Conflict." Short song service and a cordial welcome to all comers.

**DEATH'S DOINGS.**

**ROBINSON.**

WILLIAM ROBINSON, aged 39 years, died at Ridgway Hospital, Dec. 26th, after having been operated upon for anthrax, that dreaded and almost always fatal poisonous disease, becoming quite frequent to those who handle the western hides. This young man, taken down in the prime of life and manhood, had worked at the Emporium tannery ever since he was a lad. He felt a pimple on his throat, the same as an ingrown hair, which continued to pain him. He worked up to Saturday night, when he called Dr. Smith. On Sunday the young man suffered great pain, the swelling passing down to his chest. Realizing that an operation was instantly necessary the Elk Tanning Company ordered him removed to Ridgway Hospital, which was done on Monday morning, Dr. Smith and Supt. Eick accompanying him. The operation, we understand, was performed the same day but was without avail, death relieving him at 6:30 p. m. The sad news was flashed to the poor wife and four small children, as well as the mother, sister and brothers. The remains of Mr. Robinson arrived in Emporium the evening of Monday. Deceased we have known all his life and always remember him as a hard working, industrious young man, jolly and good company. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Robinson, the father passing away only a short time ago. His death is deeply regretted by our citizens, all having a good word for William.

The funeral took place from the late residence, West Fifth street, last Wednesday afternoon, being very largely attended, the services being conducted by the Rev. O. S. Metzler, Pastor of Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by Rev. T. W. Twichell, of Baptist Church. The eloquent remarks by Rev. Metzler are spoken of highly by the friends of deceased. The Emporium fire department attended the funeral in a body, the deceased being an active member of Hamilton Hose. The floral designs were very numerous and beautiful and were carried by a committee of firemen.

**An Elaborate Banquet.**

The Banquet given at New Warner, Friday evening, Dec. 23d, by a committee of Masons, was attended by over one hundred ladies and gents. The dining room was decorated in a style creditable to the good taste of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wheeler and their assistants. The tables being arranged with great taste and banked with carnations and holly presented a beautiful scene. When the elaborate and carefully prepared menu was served, in several courses, comprising all the delicacies of the season, the chatter and clatter continued for two hours, when a halt was called by Hon. I. K. Hockley, the Toast Master, who called on a few—Mr. B. W. Green, Rev. O. S. Metzler, Mr. Fred Julian, Mr. A. C. Blum, Mr. Geo. Metzger, Sr., and others—for response to toasts. The lateness of the hour prevented the Chauncey Dewpew's, (bubbling over with Roman punch), from spreading themselves and all departed from the Banquet boards at one o'clock. The handling of so many people at one setting is no small task and the creditable arrangements could not have been improved.

**After the Grafters.**

The Potter county grand jury has been in session for three weeks, the result being the indicting of the county commissioners, county auditors and bridge agents, charging them with conspiring to defraud the tax-payers. There will be music in the air, sure.

**New Advertiser.**

The new firm of Tompkins & Norris (Harvey G. Tompkins and Thos H. Norris) make initial bow to the PRESS readers this issue. Both are popular with our people. Keep your eye on their space in the PRESS and see if they cannot save you money.

**New Mayor.**

The Council of Emporium, at its meeting Monday evening recommended Councilman Jos. A. Friendel for Burgess, vice Hon. Josiah Howard, resigned. The Court makes the appointment.

**A Terrible Weapon.**

H. B. Muthersbaugh called at the PRESS sanctum yesterday and exhibited the 17 inch knife used by the Italian who stabbed Fred Quinton, at Driftwood a few nights ago. It is a fearful weapon.

Dancing at opera house on Saturday evening. Lost—a solid gold B. of R. R. T. pin. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

WEATHER REPORT
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY. Snow.
SATURDAY. Rain or Snow.
SUNDAY. Fair.

**Expressions of the People.**

**The Opening Gates of the New Year**  
Let us welcome the open swinging of the gates of the glad New Year with joy and greet its light with gladness, as we walk out into its untried, trackless region of beauty, hope and mystery. It was given us that we might find its treasured stores of wealth and make them ours to bless and cheer us every day. We are all prospectors in its broad fields where ores and precious gems lie buried far from sight, and only he who dares to dig and toil will ever reach their hiding place.

We have entered a new circle of that golden realm where we may enrich others while blessing ourselves. Let us give to those about us thoughts that shall shine to brighten dark and lonely hours, and words that can never die, because their wings of kindness bear them ever on to whisper love and tenderness to sad, neglected ones. Let us give deeds that shall help to their feet those who have fallen and make them strong and manly once again. When thus we give to others, we also bless ourselves. A happy New Year to you, dear reader, with a prayerful hope that as you walk through the unseen ways of all its bright and cloudy days, no dark, deep sorrow shall meet you on your journey. I would have your life submerged in sunshine with only cloud enough to make a proper background, and a cool refreshing shade. I would have you cross over and pass far—O, very far—beyond the threshold of the "three score years and ten" of perce, prosperity and plenty; and then I would have your lamp of life gently darkened only long enough to be re-lighted at hearth of Heaven's happier home.  
L. B. TWICHELL.

**Surprise Party.**

About twenty-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jessop gave them a "surprise" on Tuesday evening at their home, West Fourth street, the occasion being the twenty-second anniversary of their marriage. The evening was pleasantly passed and highly enjoyed by the guests, who were cordially received by the popular couple. The following were members of the "surprise party": Rev. and Mrs. Twichell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hackenberg, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weleb, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Felt, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hurteau, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dalphy, Mrs. Robt. Faucette, Mrs. Michael Leary.

**"Eager and Nipping Air."**

Now that the season for Colds, Coughs and Neuralgic Pains is with us, the careful man is on the lookout for such preventive measures as will guard him against the "eager and nipping air" that may prepare the way for a winter's sickness.

It is not necessary to look far for a preventive and cure; at the nearest drug store you will find Dr. Humphreys' "Seventy-seven." Those who habitually carry and take "77" at the first sneeze or shiver rarely have a serious cold or illness. At druggists, 25 cents, or mailed, Humphreys' Medicine Co., Cor. William and John streets, New York.

**Getting Bolder.**

The Independent man now lays claim to the Merry Christmas greeting of the ladies of Presbyterian church, as it appeared in the PRESS, in connection with their Christmas announcement. You bad, bad boy. How dare you?

**A Good Start.**

The First Methodist Episcopal Sunday School started the new year with an attendance of 270, three new scholars and \$15.00 monthly missionary collection.

**For Sale or Rent.**

The Sterling House, at Sterling Run, Pa., for sale or rent, with license, to right party. No letters answered.  
MRS. P. MAHONEY.

**Two Farms for Sale.**

The undersigned offers for sale two farms, adjoining each other, on Moore Hill, containing about 140 acres, 100 acres improved. Good houses, out-buildings and bearing orchards. For terms apply to D. A. SKINNER, Emporium, Pa. 46-1f.

**Epiphany Service in Emmanuel Church.**

In observance of the Festival of the Epiphany, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in Emmanuel Church Friday, January 6th, at 10 a. m.