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PERSONAL.

Squire Boal was at Bellefonte Monday attending court.

Henry Miller spent Sunday with his family in Millheim.

John Bare, of Tusseyville, gave the REPORTER a call last week.

George Ocker is attending court at Bellefonte this week in capacity of juror.

Rev. James Boal spent Sunday in Pottsville, Pa., at which place he filled a pulpit.

Mrs. Col. Andrew Gregg, west of town, is seriously ill, suffering from a severe attack of grip.

Dr. G. W. Hosterman has been in Rebersburg since Wednesday of last week, on a professional visit.

J. C. Runkle, of Centre Hill, gave our office a business call. He reports many cases of grip in that section.

Harry Camp, and his friend, Jack Rassler, both of Milroy, circulated among friends a day or two this week.

I. C. Brown of Tusseyville gave us a call and changed his label. He says he likes the REPORTER as much as he does his meat.

George S. Weaver, of Spring Mills, gave us a call, and with a smile had his label put out to '95. That's the sort 'o men one likes to meet.

D. B. Brislin, who was called as a juror for the special term of court in session this week, was excused from attending owing to his ill health.

Mrs. A. J. Reesman took Friday evening's train for Montandon, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Minnie McCormick, who is seriously ill of pneumonia.

Mr. J. Elmer Royer, of Bellefonte, where he is clerking in Joseph Bros. store, was in Centre Hall a day or two of this week. He is off on a two weeks' vacation among friends near and at Centre Hill.

T. H. Harter, of the Middleburg Post, accompanied by Mrs. Harter, spent a day visiting the REPORTER folks. Tom, besides publishing the leading paper in Snyder county, is also the leading wing shot and leading fisherman between the Susquehanna and the Seven mountains.

Heretofore township tax collectors have served for one year. Under the act approved June 5, 1893, every borough and township shall on the third Tuesday of February, 1894, and triennially thereafter vote for and elect one properly qualified person for tax collector, who shall serve for a term of three years and shall give a bond annually to be approved by the court.

Accidentally Shot His Wife. Daniel Swartz, of Fifteenth avenue and Twenty-second street, Altoona was cleaning a revolver Saturday afternoon when his wife pushed his arm and the weapon discharged, the ball entering her left lung and causing a wound from which she is liable to die. She is forty-six years of age and the mother of a large family.

Carpenters at Work. Carpenters are now at work building the round house of the Nittany Valley railroad at Mill Hall. The turn table for this road at that place is now being used, and the road bed is to be put in first-class condition.

Winter weather demands a warm overcoat and you can get such a one as you need at a small figure at Lewins, Bellefonte. His assortment is large, and every purchase is made satisfactory.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

TOUCHED OFF A GUN WITH HER FOOT.

Mrs. Walkey, of Paddy Mountain, committed suicide by shooting herself.—Mind Disordered.

A sad case of suicide happened at Paddy Mt. on Wednesday afternoon, of last week, for the particulars of it we are indebted to Fr. Bradford, former agent at that station. Amos Walkey was employed at Duncan's saw-mill; he and his wife lived in a house a short distance from the mill, on opposite side of Swift run, about 1/2 mile from the station.

Mrs. Walkey had been in bad health for upwards of a year, and more recently her mind became affected, and as fears were entertained that she might harm herself, a girl was hired to stay about the house and to keep watch over the woman. On the above afternoon the girl found it necessary to go out of the house a few moments to do some work; Mrs. Walkey, it appears, immediately went up stairs, loaded a gun with shot, placed the muzzle against her breast near the heart and with her foot touched the trigger. The girl hearing a low, thud-like report, ran into the house and upstairs, and to her horror found what had been done. The waist of the woman's dress was set on fire by the powder, and she was a corpse in a few moments, and the alarm brot in the neighbors from near the mill. The family hailed from Glen Rock, York co., whither the remains were taken for burial. She leaves a husband but no children. Her age was about 28 yrs.

Mrs. Walkey had hallucinations that people wanted to hang her; and when she heard approaching trains, her uneasiness became greater, thinking that parties were arriving to drag her off. She was a very estimable woman.

Death of Mrs. Gusewite. Mrs. Susan Gusewite, wife of John Gusewite, of Aaronsburg, died on last Saturday, aged 66 years. A husband and four children survive her and are mourning the loss of a kind wife and mother. The children are George Gusewite, of Loganton, Luther Gusewite, of Coburn, Mrs. Dal. Brumgard and Nathaniel Boob, of Haines township. Deceased was a member of the Lutheran church. Her pastor, Rev. Wolf, conducted the funeral services which took place at Wolfe's chapel Wednesday afternoon, and were attended by many relatives and friends.

The New Postal Cards. The new card is larger than the other two of the present series. It takes 1,000 cards to weigh 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, and the quality of the paper is as nearly as possible identical with that at present used, which people have liked. The stamp on the new card is a picture of Jefferson, taken from the painting by Chappell. According to this stamp, this old exemplar of simplicity wore his hair elaborately puffed and curled, and wore a fine, soft, white neckchief and a dress coat. He is a handsome man of fifty, with a smile.

The Sick. Mrs. Wm. Harter, of Aaronsburg, has been seriously ill for over a week of an affection of the heart and rheumatism. Her age is over 80 years.

Our neighbor, D. J. Meyer, had a sudden call of grip, the other night, but is suffering thro.

Our esteemed friend, John H. Muser, of Aaronsburg, has not been in his accustomed health for the last few weeks.

The Centre Democrat Located. Since the Conrad House fire on Monday morning, Chas. R. Kurtz has located the Centre Democrat on the first floor of Garman's opera house building, in the rooms formerly occupied as law offices by Alexander & Bower. The Democrat will make its appearance on time this week, with the use of the Gazette's presses.

Grange Installation. The annual installation of grange officers Centre Hall grange, took place in their hall last Saturday. The ceremony was interesting and attended by the members generally, besides a number of others. The order here keeps up its organization with vigor.

Bear His Portrait. The diplomas to be given the graduates of the Soldiers' Orphan schools of this state will bear the portrait of our distinguished ex-Governor, Andrew Curtin. This compliment is bestowed upon him because of his favorable position for these schools.

Ugly Holes. There are some dangerous holes in the board walk beyond Kerlin's, to which we call attention, as the proper parties seem to be blind when there are dangerous traps along there. Fix it, but don't charge it to the boro.

Notice. All taxes not paid by February 1st, will have five per cent. additional added. J. T. POTTER, Tax collector Potter twp. Jan 18-21

Would not bring over \$3,000. The Millinburg Telegraph says, the property of the late Samuel Sankey, in Millinburg, would not bring over \$3,000 at public sale.

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OVER A CAVERN.

Struck Ore, a Cave and Water in Digging a Well.

Jacob Lee, living just beyond the southern limits of the boro, about two weeks ago set his well drilling apparatus to work to bore for water in his back yard. Reaching a depth of 58 ft. a stream was struck and the rattle of running water could be plainly heard, but did not rise to render it satisfactory for pumping. The drill was again set to work to go deeper and on getting down near three feet more, the bottom seemed to have fallen out and with a thud the drill went down about ten feet, into a cave, and the water that had been struck at 58 feet depth, disappeared, no doubt thro the hole into the cave, at the bottom of which a running stream of water could be heard and also seen by letting a lantern down.

As this would not rise to be useful for pumping, the drilling was continued to a depth of near 100 feet when sufficient stand of water was obtained. When the cave was struck the pump was made to bring up the substance of its bottom, which was found to be a bed of pure, marble like pebbles. At the depth of the first 40 feet, the drill went thro a bed of iron ore, samples of which were shown to an expert who pronounced it ore of most valuable quality.

The above fact would go to confirm the opinion of the Reporter, given several years ago, that we are living over a monstrous limestone cavern which might rival Luray in beauty and extent, and of which Long's cave, four miles east of here is only the terminus.

Excited Over a Murder Case. Altoona is still intensely excited over the case of Miss Ida Walker, who was murdered, after betrayal, on the 29th of last month. The coroner made an examination, and reported that the girl died from the results of criminal malpractice. The poor girl had made a verbal statement, naming the physician who performed the operation. Last week the district attorney presented the case to the grand jury, but moved its dismissal because, as alleged, there was no other than the evidence named to support a charge against the accused. The clergymen demand that the judicial officers either do their duty in the case or appear before the association and show cause why they should not do so.

Precautions Against Fire. The town council would be acting entirely within law and duty if it followed the example of all boros in providing means for the extinguishment of fires. With a natural pressure such as our water works afford, sufficient to throw a stream of water upon the highest houses in town, the needed fire plugs and hose should be provided to extinguish fires. When a row of buildings has been burned, then it may be a precaution against fire will be discussed. Our town is fortunate in that no engine would be needed.

Their Work Completed. The county auditors have about completed their work of auditing the county finances and the statement of their findings is being put in proper shape for publication, which must be done by the first week in February. The showing this year will be very good, considering the unusual expense the county was at during the past twelve months and the very hard times, etc. There was a cash balance in the hands of the treasurer on the first of January of near three thousand dollars.

Central Railroad Officers. The officers of the Central Pennsylvania railroad for the ensuing year will be: President, Walter L. Ross; vice-president, Charles W. Wilhelm, secretary and treasurer, Wm. J. McHugh, directors, E. L. Welsh, Charles O. Kruger, Robert Valentine and Charles M. Clements. J. W. Gephart is retained as superintendent.

His Nose Cut Off. Wednesday morning a young son of Mr. Martin Stover, who lives south of Bellefonte, was to a neighbors to borrow a saw. The boy who is only about eight years old, was riding a colt and on the way home the animal frightened, jumped to one side and threw the boy off. The lad fell with his face on the saw and his nose was cut off as entirely as if done with the stroke of an ax.

A New Industry. Bellefonte has a new industry in the manufacture of the Thermo oil-gas burner, a company known as the Thermo Appliance company having been formed with ex-Governor James A. Beaver as its president.

To Pay Costs. Two Lock Haven Aldermen and a country justice, in Clinton county, were directed to pay the costs in cases ignored by the Clinton county grand jury last week.

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BELLEFONTE FIRE

THE OLD CONRAD HOUSE GUTTED BY FLAMES.

Fire Supposed to be of Incendiary Origin.—\$7,500 Insurance on the Building.—Tenants Insured.

Monday morning about four o'clock the sleepy denizens of Bellefonte were awakened from their slumbers by the sonorous tone of the fog horn fire alarm, and the flames were easily located in the old Conrad house block, on Allegheny street, opposite the Brouckerhoff house. When the alarm was given the flames were bursting through the roof, and by the time of the arrival of the fire departments the flames had gained considerable headway, but after about one hour's work the firemen succeeded in drowning out the fire. The roof was burned off, and the third story was a mass of charred wood before the fire was subdued.

Owing to the close proximity of other buildings, the fire for a time threatened to engulf them and it was only by hard work that it was kept from spreading.

The building was three stories in height and built of stone. The Centre Democrat office was on the second floor but escaped damage by fire, only to be thoroughly soaked by water. The first floor was occupied by ex-Deputy sheriff Crawford's pool room which he had purchased only a few days previous; Bezer's meat market, W. C. Heinle's law office; Mesh Graham's barber shop, and ex-County Treasurer Smith's insurance office. None of these occupants suffered damage by the fire, but their effects were ruined to no little extent by a deluge of water.

The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin, and was started at the foot of the stairway on the first floor. The building being one of the oldest in Bellefonte, the flames met with few obstacles until they struck the shingle roof. The building was insured for \$7,500. All the tenants were insured.

Election Tickets. Prior to 1893 tickets used in spring elections were printed under the direction of the city, borough and township candidates, which caused considerable confusion at times. Under the new law all tickets for spring elections will be printed under the direction of the county commissioners, and will be uniform all over the state.

As the tickets for all the state elections are now printed, they are uniform in all parts thereof, so that their correctness is assured beyond the peradventure of a doubt, precisely in the same way will tickets for spring elections be prepared in assured accuracy under the direction of county commissioners.

Fire at Lock Haven. Three buildings on Main street, Lock Haven, were partially destroyed by fire Sunday night. The occupants were W. E. Parsons, groceries; S. E. Finney, confections, and J. C. White, meats. The contents were partially saved, and the loss was covered by insurance. No estimate can be made of the damage, but it is not thought to be very large.

Trouble on Hand. There is a decided trouble between Bellefonte councilmen and members of the Electric Light company. The signed contract between the borough and the company expired on Wednesday. Council refuses to renew the contract at the same rate for more than a year, but the company refuses to continue at the same rate for that length of time.

Wanted Ten Dollars Damage. A woman was killed lately on the railroad, near St. Joseph, Mo., and her husband has written to the company reciting her virtues as a helpful wife, with a special word as to her qualifications as a cook, and asking that the company ought to pay him at least \$10 damages. He might have got \$15 if he had stuck to it.

Smokehouse Rangers. The smokehouse rangers have been sampling the meat, sausages and ham, of our friend Jerry Kline, at Aaronsburg, and finding the goods first class helped themselves to a goodly portion. Really, fellows should be ashamed to rob smoke houses when turkeys are so cheap and plenty.

Vigorous Old Age. The REPORTER, published at Centre Hall, last week begun its 67th volume. Although old in years the REPORTER is sly and newsy and displays a vigor that will enable it to fill its place in the field that it has occupied these many years.—Clinton Democrat.

Taxes Should be Paid. Taxpayers should remember that on and after February 1st, 1894, five per cent. will be added to all taxes yet remaining unpaid. Therefore, if you wish to save that extra amount you should pay your taxes within the next two weeks.

Lewins, Bellefonte, has the most experienced cutter in these parts and at his establishment you can be suited in a manner befitting a prince, and at a reasonable price.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

Local Items.

The commissioners in appointing Fred. O. Hosterman as mercantile appraiser, hit a competent and deserving gentleman.

There were hopes for ice from last week's cold snap, but it lasted only three days, producing only three inches of ice. There has been moderate weather since and sprinklings of rain.

Will Runkle has fitted back to Centre Hall again from Centre Hill. Everybody was pleased to see his fitting come into town.

Rev. Isenberg has preaching every evening this week in the Ref. church; Communion next Sabbath morning.

From all accounts there will be an unusual amount of flitting and flopping in this town and throughout the valley the coming spring.

George Benner's store, out at the station, is the only stand we know of, in these parts, where goods are sold on a strictly cash principle.

Bartholmew has a 3000 bushels lime stack ready to fire up, in his field east of the station.

The Aaronsburg Reformed charge, and the Centre Hall Lutheran charge, are still without pastors.

The Millinburg property of Samuel Sankey, which recent newspaper articles printed as being worth \$50,000, is put down by Union county papers as not being worth over \$3000.

Bartholmew has mechanics at work to prepare his mill for a short system of rolls.

Rev. Boal has been preaching a series of interesting sermons in the Presbyterian church during the evenings, the past two weeks.

Thanks to those of our patrons who responded to the bills sent them; we have thanks in reserve for those who have not yet wakened up to duty.

The weather is gloomy this week, with little showers mixed in, and by-roads getting muddy.

Huntingdon's Candidates for Judge. The hustle for a president judge, in this district, Centre and Huntingdon, is warming into life. Judge Furst has another year to serve yet.

Lawyer and ex-senator M'Knight Williamson is getting himself in shape for the nomination on the Republican side. Allen Lovell, another Huntingdon lawyer, is also inclined to enter the race. These two gentlemen are at the head of separate Republican factions in Huntingdon county, and at the trial of strength a year ago, the Lovell wing proved by far the stronger. The district on a strict party vote has several hundred Republican majority.

Newspaper Debts. A contemporary says that newspaper subscriptions are infallible tests of men's honesty. They will sooner or later discover the man. If he is dishonest he will cheat the printer some way—says he has paid what he has not—declares that he has a receipt somewhere—or sent money and it was lost in the mail—or will take the paper and not pay for it on the ground that he did not subscribe for it—or move off leaving it come to the office he left. Thousands of professed Christians are dishonest in this particular at least, and the printer's books will tell fearful tales in the final Judgment.

Railroads Reaching Out. A number of railway reorganizations are probable and the chances are that the big systems by grafting on their present lines those stems that have hitherto prevented them reaching certain desired points direct, will in this way perfect their systems. The Pennsylvania system seems to be reaching out in the direction of a through line across the continent, and others will of course strive to gain equal advantages.

Acquitted. John D. L. Rodgers, charged with the murder of Andrew Dollar, near Lewistown, in November last, was tried in the Millin county court last week and acquitted. Dollar had charged Rodgers with the theft of timber, an altercation followed, and when Dollar threatened Rodgers with an axe, the latter struck him a blow on the face with his hand, causing an injury from which Dollar died a few days after. The plea was self defense.

"Bohnstiehl" as a Premium. You can have a copy of the celebrated Pennsylvania Dutch letters, "Bohnstiehl," free, by sending three new names, for one year, with cash in advance, for the Reporter. This book will amuse you as often as you read any of the 150 letters. 2m

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Why the General got Out of the Coal Business.

The Stineman Coal and Coke company of South Fork, of which General Hastings is a prominent member, has subtlety its business to Albert, Irvin and Harvey, sons of Representative Stineman, of Cambria, president of the company who have adopted the firm name of Stineman Brothers. It is said Gen. Hastings and his friends, fearing the recent amalgamation of the various miners' association was preparatory to a strike, concluded that he had better get out of politics or out of the coal business.

Union County Deaths. In Lewisburg, on the 28th of Dec. Dr. F. C. Harrison, aged 69 years and 4 months.

In Millinburg, on the 5th of Jan., Mrs. Lydia Trotter Gutelius, relict of Frederick Gutelius, dec'd, aged 89 years.

In Millinburg, on the 10th of Jan., Mr. George Mader, aged 89 years.

At Valley Falls, Kansas, on the 23d Dec., Mr. Frederick Diehl, formerly of Millinburg, aged 47 years.

Will Expend \$5,000,000. Hon. Tom Johnson, in his speech in congress on Thursday, said, among other things, that the Johnson company, of Johnstown, in which he has a large interest, proposed to change their mill whether the tariff on steel rails was nothing, 25 per cent. or more. This is a public confirmation of what has been discussed for some time, namely, that the Johnson company contemplates, if, indeed, it has not already perfected plans to erect one of the finest steel rail plants in the country. The amount involved in the proposed enterprise is reliably estimated at \$5,000,000.

Wear boots and shoes suitable to the season. At Mingle's, Bellefonte, you will find them in men's and boys kip boots, and men's rubber boots. The most reasonable prices and in variety.

C. P. Long & Co., Spring Mills, intend shipping a car load of dried fruits about Jan. 25th. Bring all you ave for sale during this time.

SALE REGISTRY. January 18.—At Tusseyville, personal property of Jacob Mues, dec'd, household furniture, stores, lot lumber, grain, etc. Sale at one o'clock.

January 20.—Real estate of Daniel Horner, dec'd, in Potter township. See adv. in another column.

February 1.—Wm. P. Ribbell, 2 1/2 miles south-west of Spring Mills, 3 head horses, 4 cows, 4 head young cattle, farm implements, household furniture, etc. Sale at 1 o'clock.

March 20.—E. M. Hayett, 2 miles south of Linden Hall, 12 head horses and mules, 40 head horn cattle, which consists of Alderney, Jerseys, Durham stock and 12 yearling bulls, which are thoroughbred short-horn stock, 40 head of sheep, 1 and 2 year old ewes, a complete and new line of farm implements, 25 head shoats and hogs, harness, and other articles.

GRAIN MARKET. Wheat..... 60 Rye..... 50 Corn..... 45 Oats new..... 39 Barley..... 45 Buckwheat..... 45

PRODUCE AT STORES. Butter..... 22 Eggs..... 19 Lard..... 19 Shoulders..... 12 Ham..... 14 Tallow..... 4 Rotatoes..... 50 Sides..... 6

Hard Times Purse Persuaders. Little Money Counts Big At Garman's Store.

Here is A Partial List

From which to choose; just enough to disclose what is being done all through the endless world of merchandise on sale here:

Lancaster Gingham..... 60 Amoskeg..... 50 Table Oilcloth..... 100 3 cakes Butter Milk Soap..... 25c Toilet..... 30 Big Slate..... 40 Initial Handkerchiefs..... 40 Good Laundry Soap..... 40 Etc., Etc.

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