

PERSONAL MENTION.

Coming and Going.—Visitors in and out of town.

John Moore is attending court at Bellefonte this week as a juror.

Mrs. Gordon, of Bellefonte, is visiting at the home of B. D. Brisbin.

Mrs. Wm. Boob and daughter went to Millheim last Saturday, being called thither by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Uriah Reifsnnyder.

Dr. Wm. Stiver left last Saturday for his home at Freeport, Ill. The Dr. came east about two weeks ago owing to the serious illness of his mother on Church street, and she has recovered sufficiently to allow him to return to his home again.

Geo. S. Weaver, one of our esteemed patrons of near Farmer's Mills, gave us a call, and put his label out to '97; he came up early Monday morning when it was 5 below zero and made him think it was salty.

Dr. C. P. Leitzell, of Cedarville, Ill., writes us Jan. 21, that they had about 3 inches of snow on 20th, but it did not make good sleighing as the roads were too rough before the snow fell, but throughout we have had a very mild winter. The Dr. has some kind allusions to the Reporter, backed up by a check.

FERRY CO MURDER CASE.

Dr. Johnson Commands His Wife and Neighbor to Kneel and Die.

On Monday in court at New Bloomfield, one intensely dramatic story was told by a witness in the trial of Dr. Johnston for murder. It was the testimony of Florence May Long, who at the time of the killing of Dr. Henry and the firing of shots at Mrs. Johnston in Dr. Johnston's office at Duncannon on Sept. 28 last, was in the employ of the Johnston family. From an upstairs position, Florence testified, she heard Henry enter the office and Mrs. Johnston descend from her room to the same place. She also heard Dr. Johnston's order to Henry and Mrs. Johnston: "Get down on your knees and throw up your hands!" and then heard four shots in quick succession.

Mr. Sheller, a neighbor, attracted by the shots, testified: "I went into Dr. Johnston's office just as innocent as a child, said Dr. Henry to me: I never thought of any trouble until after Johnston accused me and his wife of being criminally intimate. He wanted us to confess that we were guilty, was no truth in the charge. He wanted us to get on our knees and confess our guilt of the crime, and then began to shoot.

Other evidence went to show that Dr. Johnson for some time had been preparing himself for such a tragedy, which evidence is intended to offset the insanity plea.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Bellefonte Incident in 1821.—The First Agricultural Society.

Tuesday, July 10th, a small shower of rain occurred at Bellefonte, accompanied by heavy thunder. It was succeeded by uncommon cold weather, and the next day the adjacent fields, woods, and roads were strewn with millions of dead locusts. They made their appearance about the 8th of June and fields and gardens, orchards and mountain constantly and incessantly resounded with the hoarse cry of "Pharaoh, Pharaoh," until their sudden demise on the 11th of July.

August 1st, steeple of the courthouse in Bellefonte struck with lightning. The rod happened to be broken opposite one of the windows; the electric current divided, part entering the building, making considerable of a hole, another portion passing down the wall and killed eight sheep browsing by.

The month of August was remarkable from the prevalence of dysentery, or bloody flux, as it was called. This disease was very fatal, and amounted to an epidemic. A writer in the Patriot says the prevalence of the disease in Bellefonte is owing to the filthy condition of the streets, hogs allowed to wallow in the mud, caused by leaking hydrants, sheep depositing their filth about the court-house.

The Marion Infantry, a Penn's valley volunteer company, was organized in 1822 under Capt. Michael. The successive captains were John Miller, John Rishel, J. B. Fisher and John S. Houtz.

The first agricultural society for Centre county originated at a meeting held in Bellefonte on Wednesday evening, Aug. 25, 1824.

Thomas Burnside was the President. The second exhibition of the society was held at Bellefonte on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 16 and 17, 1825. The domestic manufactures were placed in the society room in the south wing of the court-house, and the cattle, horses, etc., shown on Judge Burnside's lots.

The third annual exhibition and cattle show of the Agricultural Society was held on the 17th and 18th days of Oct., 1827, at "Potter's Fort."—Linn's History.

A larger and better line of storm coats no store in Centre county ever carried than do Lewins, at Bellefonte. The stock will be pushed out at a lively rate the next few weeks. Prices will make them go.

THE LARGE AND THE SMALL.

An Overgrown Boy. A Pitiable Sight. Beaver township, Cameron county, now claims the honor of being able to produce the largest fifteen year old boy in the State. The lad is a son of Milton Taylor, of near Blair's Corners. But a short time since the boy celebrated his fifteenth birthday, and at that time was found to tip the scales at 247 pounds. It is claimed for the lad that he is the heaviest specimen of humanity for his years in the country.

The Houtzdale Journal says: Near this place there resides a family who have a little child 7 years of age that is no larger than an ordinary five month baby. The child is indeed a pitiable sight to behold, as it sits in a little box and wildly stares at the ceiling. When the poor unfortunate tot was but a few months old its parents had it vaccinated and shortly after blood poisoning set in, from which time it has never grown a particle. The child is an imbecile and has never shown a particle of reason, or uttered a sound.

WOODWARD.

A Musical Entertainment in the U. Ev. Church Saturday Evening.

Woodward can now boast of four distinct sleighing parties; the old folks party, the young folks party and the big and little parties respectively. On Thursday evening the little party attended the protracted meeting at Millheim; the big party and the young party attended the same meeting on Saturday evening.

Protracted meeting was opened by the Evangelical Association, by the pastor, S. I. Shortess, on Monday evening. The remains of Robert Miller were interred in the Union cemetery on Saturday; he was aged about 35 years. A wife and three children survive to mourn their loss.

Daniel Engle sold his team of mules to Motz Bros. for \$200; Simpson says: I can't drive the gold-darned leather heads.

Motz Bros. have their new steam saw mill in full running order. F. P. Guistwite and E. H. Musser had a runaway on Monday afternoon in Pine creek hollow while hauling wood; their sled was broken but the horses were unhurt.

Clayton Boob, of Hartleton, was in town Monday evening.

The real estate of the late Noah Weaver was sold at public sale January 20th; cleared land brought \$69.25 per acre; the cemetery company bought one-half acre for \$70, which will be used to enlarge the Woodward cemetery; Isaac M. Orndorf purchased the farm land, and Samuel Motz purchased the timber land at \$2 an acre.

Good sleighing with mercury down to 8 degrees below zero on Monday morning.

Mr. H. G. Patterson, of Johnstown, and Miss Mary Dale, of this place, will give a musical entertainment in the United Evangelical church on Saturday, evening, Jan. 30; you are all sure of a rich treat.

The Good Will Grange, of Fiedler, have their creamery in running order and are turning out first-class butter.

Harter & Co. have purchased a piece of timber land of Dr. Henry Snyder, north of this place.

When in need of a first-class auctioneer don't forget Abs. Harter, the old reliable; he has auctioneered over 500 sales which should be ample proof of his ability.

Two Weeks in Florida.

To see Florida is a pleasure; to visit it is a privilege; but to spend a fortnight within its borders is an epoch. There is a great satisfaction in witnessing the ripening of tropical fruits in their own native land, and a peculiar joy in wrestling with old ocean's waves when lakes and rivers at home are all icebound. One appreciates the wonders of modern invention and railroad development upon leaving the neighborhood of good skating one day and finding himself in the vicinity of good bathing the next. Yet this can be done, and the man who prefers hunting or fishing will take his accoutrements along with him, for Florida extends a cordial invitation to all sportsmen.

Whoever would exchange for two weeks the uncertain climate of the North for the delightful and Spring-like sunshine of Florida should take the personally-conducted Jacksonville tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad which leaves New York by special train January 23. Excursion tickets for this tour, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth,) and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, \$48.00; Canandaigua, \$52.85; Erie, \$54.85; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; Pittsburg, \$53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

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GRAIN MARKET.

Table with grain prices: Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat.

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Table with produce prices: Butter, Eggs, Shoulders, Ham, Lard, Potatoes, Apples.

SALE REGISTER.

Table with sale dates and descriptions: FEBRUARY 6—At the late residence of Samuel Crawford, dec'd., one mile south of Spring Hill, etc.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO.

Table with financial data: Office of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Centre Hall Pa., January 11, 1897.

ASSETS.

Table with asset items: Bills receivable being premium notes, Cash premiums, Money borrowed, Cash in treasury.

EXPENSES.

Table with expense items: Compensation to directors, Salary of secretary, Salary of treasurer, Printing office rent, postage and stationery, Election board, State Ins. Report, Rebuilding, etc.

LIABILITIES.

Table with liability items: Samuel Garner note, Interest on same, Borrowed money, Interest on same, etc.

At a meeting held the same day the following Directors were chosen for the ensuing year: Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Jacob Boutor, J. G. Bailey, H. C. Campbell, Frank McFarlane, Fred Kurtz, J. W. Shook, J. W. Evans, H. E. Dink, A. D. Weaver, Samuel Gramsey and J. R. Brungart. The board organized by electing: President, F. H. Kurtz; Vice President, H. C. Campbell; Treasurer, B. H. Arney; Secretary, D. F. Luse.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—LETTERS of Administration upon the estate of Samuel Crawford, deceased late of Gregg township, having been lawfully granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

LOST.—STRAYED FROM THE PREMISES of J. E. KLINE, a two-year-old bull, roan in color, with one ring in left ear, and four white feet. Any information regarding the whereabouts of the above will be thankfully received.

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A guaranteed fast color Turkey Red Table Linen, cheap at 20c, our price 15c. Pure White Table Damask, regular 35c quality, our price, 24c. 2 yard wide pure Linen Damask, real value, 75c, our price, 59c. A handsome Satin Damask, 2 yards wide, beautiful patterns, real value \$1.50, our price \$1.15. All Linen Napkins, 50c, 69c, 79c, 98c, \$1.24 per doz. upwards, which are great values for these prices. One lot of Turkey Red Doilies, to close out the lot, 35c per doz. A good heavy Woolen Winter Suit for men, real value \$5.00, all we have go now at the low price of \$3.50.

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