



## STATE GRANGE OFFICERS.

## NEW OFFICIALS FOR THE ORDER ELECTED.

W. F. Hill, of Crawford, Elected Master.  
—Leonard Rhone Retires After Serving  
Eighteen Years in the Office.

The election of officers of the State Grange was held on 15. The voting is done without any nominations being made, and as there were about 400 votes cast and it was necessary for the successful candidate to have a majority, the balloting and counting took up much time.

On the first ballot the following officers were elected: Worthy grand master, W. F. Hill, Crawford county; overseer, E. J. Tuttle, Tioga; steward, H. M. Gooderham, Cambria; treasurer, S. E. Nevins, Chester; flora, Florence Rhone, Centre.

The election was held at the annual meeting at Williamsport last week. Mr. Hill, the newly-elected worthy Master succeeds Leonard Rhone, who now becomes a Past Master, an office in the state Grange vacant since the death of Col. Piolet. Mr. Rhone served as Master of the State Grange for eighteen consecutive years, and at present holds no office in the state Grange with the exception of a membership on the executive committee.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

John H. Musser, Pennsylvania Furnace, and Mamie A. Campbell, Fairbrook.

Blair Mingle, Birmingham, Huntingdon county, and Ida McCaleb, Nittany.

Chas. E. Heaton and Mollie E. Poorman, of Boggs twp.

Wm. B. Southard and Amanda M. Oswalt, Philipsburg.

Harry J. Hoy, Marion twp., and Anna M. Fisher, Boggs twp.

Chas. M. Houser and Lyda Sheffler, Bellefonte.

## Safe Cracking at Lewisburg.

On morning of 19, burglars wrecked the safe in the Penn'a Railroad station with nitro glycerine. The outer plates of the door were blown off, but the inner plates remained intact, and the safe so tightly closed that an expert has been summoned to open it. The explosion seriously damaged the building. The burglars got no booty.

## Purchased a Farm.

Harrison Kline, county treasurer, has purchased the Hoy farm east of Bellefonte, owned by Dr. H. K. Hoy, of Altoona. It contains over 200 acres and is one of the best farms over there. The consideration is \$8,000. Mr. Kline and family will move to the property in the spring and make it their permanent home.

## An Aged Lady Hurt.

At Bellefonte Sunday morning Mrs. Catharine Haley, while going down stairs from her bedroom, tripped and fell down backwards. As she lives alone she was not found for about an hour afterwards. She was completely paralyzed from the effects of the fall, and her death occurred on Tuesday morning.

## Be Careful.

Wilbur Gunther, of Philipsburg, recently took a headache tablet to relieve an attack of headache. It affected his heart rendering him unconscious, and it was only after considerable work by a physician that he was revived. Care should be observed in the use of patent medicines.

## At Institute.

Centre Hall is well represented at the teachers institute this week at Bellefonte. Those in attendance are, Prof. Wagenseiler, D. W. Geiss, Frank A. Foreman, and Miss Anna Bartholomew, boro teachers; Miss Helen Bartholomew, Thomas Moore, Walter Kerlin, and R. D. Foreman.

## Central Railroad Extension.

It is reliably told that the Bellefonte & Clearfield railroad, surveyed a couple of years back, which is to provide a short line between the county seats of Centre and Clearfield counties, will be built before long.

## No Paper Next Week.

All hands on the Reporter wanting to enjoy Christmas week with the rest of mankind, there will be no paper issued from this office. While we ask the kind indulgence of our readers, we wish all "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

For broken surfaces, sores, insect bites, burns, skin diseases and especially piles there is one reliable remedy, De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. When you call for De Witt's don't accept counterfeits or fakes. You will not be disappointed with De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

## The Passing of 1898.

Ere another issue of the Reporter greets our many readers, 1898 will be known only as of the past.

For our county it has not been an unusually eventful year, all having moved on in the even tenor of their way. Our crops were a good average; the laborer had employ; there was no want at any hearth; heavy crime was less than ordinarily and outlawry was absent; the general health was never better; business was a little dull, but all got along comfortably. While it was not a year of high prosperity, all may well be satisfied if the wolf of misfortune comes no closer to the door step. There was nothing, at least, to give the people of our county occasion to be dissatisfied.

The country at large moved along safely although not with booming strides. Internal peace and sectional goodwill exist in these United States, a foreboding that sectional strife may be far, far off, perhaps not at all in the lap of the future.

We had the war with Spain, resulting in a remarkable triumph for this country, in victories on land and sea, that place the United States in the front ranks of the powers of the earth. A proud and haughty nation in Europe has been humiliated and relegated to the lower rung of powers, by the valor of the army and navy of America. In this respect, 1898 was a most eventful year for our country, and we firmly believe, that the result of our war with Spain will have such an effect upon the nations of the earth, that wars may be no more engaged in and the Czar's plea for peace among nations receive quickening approval from the powers of the earth.

## He Got Another Job

Pike county, in this state, is a very sparsely settled part of the state and rather behind the times in not a few particulars. In one township in Pike there are not as many voters as there are officers, and consequently they have to double up and some of the officers hold two offices. Children are nearly as scarce as voters, and in a certain township there is need of but one school, and this was taught by a young man for the meagre sum of \$18.00 per month. The teacher's attainments corresponded with the pay, and for \$18.00 the patrons should not have demanded much literary acumen. But when the question arose in school as to which was the greater, three square feet or three feet square, and the poorly paid pedagogue took and maintained the position that three square feet was the larger, the parents took sides with the children. The teacher remained firm, but he didn't get his school another year.

## Total Eclipse of the Moon.

On December 27 the moon will be in total eclipse, and the phenomenon will be generally visible throughout north and south America, Europe, Asia and Africa. The deep shadow in which the moon will be engulfed on that date has a diameter that is more than a third larger than that of the moon itself. From the time the moon enters the shadow until it emerges once more clear and bright a period of more than six hours will have elapsed, while the total eclipse, will last fully an hour and a half.

## Grip Contagious.

The New York board of health has decided that grip is very contagious and can be communicated as readily as scarlet fever. In view of this it will be wise for persons having the disease to be very careful not to spread it any more than is unavoidable.

## The Latest Swindle.

The latest swindle going the rounds is a fellow with supply of lima beans saturated with oil of cinnamon, which he sells at ten cents each, with the story that his brother brought a quantity from Manila and that they are a sure protection against moths.

## Save Your Almanacs.

Save your 1898 almanacs. They will answer for years 1910, 1921, 1927, 1938, 1949, 1955, and 1966, as the days of the week will fall on the same days of the month and the holidays will fall on the same days as this year.

## In Uniform.

The P. O. S. A. Camp in this place is receiving uniforms for its members. The boys are meeting regularly, and one of these days will give an exhibition drill for the public.

## Died at Bellefonte.

Samuel Markle, a young man of excellent qualities died at Bellefonte last week and his remains were interred in the cemetery at Hubersburg Tuesday morning.

One Minute Cough Cure surprises people by its quick cures and children may take it in large quantities without the least danger. It has won for itself the best reputation of any preparation used today for colds, croup, tickling in the throat or obstinate coughs; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

## HIS MIND A BLANK.

Result of an Accident to a Lewisburg Merchant.

John Krisher, who is a manager of a large mercantile store at Lewisburg, was one of the gentlemen who were injured several weeks ago on the new railroad near that place. Mr. Krisher, another gentleman and Gilbert Kulp, vice president of the Buffalo and Lewisburg railroad, had started on a hunting trip. The first camp pitched by the party proved to be unsatisfactory, and the hunters decided to move along the track of a nearby railroad. A handcar was secured, and they were soon spinning over the rails at a lively rate. In going down a somewhat steep incline, the men tried in vain to reduce the speed of the car by putting on the brakes, which refused to work. At the foot of the incline was a sharp turn, and, with its great momentum, the car was unable to stay on the tracks, and the occupants were thrown against an embankment. Mr. Krisher fell on his head, and was picked up unconscious. After he had recovered partially it was found that he could not remember anything prior to his accident and it was decided to perform an operation. There is thought to be something pressing on the brain. Mr. Krisher was taken to the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, where the operation was performed last week.

## Weather Outlook.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 19th to the 20th, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 20th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of the 21st, great central valleys on the 22d to the 24th, eastern states on the 25th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 20th, great central valleys on the 22d, eastern states on the 24th. Cold wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 23d, great central valleys 25, eastern states 27th.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. January 2 will average above in the northern, below in the southern and about normal in the west of Rockies states. Precipitation for the same week will be below east of the Rockies and above west.

The date of this bulletin is not far from the beginning of a long warm wave in the northern and a sudden and great fall of temperature in the southern states.

The early coming of winter, with its blankets of snow, correctly foretold in previous bulletins, have been of much benefit to winter wheat, rye and barley, but the warm wave in the northern states, with its frequent freezes and thaws from about the middle of December onward, will be as damaging as the snow blankets were beneficial.

Sometimes a long midwinter warm wave is followed by a very cold February and March. What the coming months will be these bulletins will soon announce.

## Handy for the Household.

To clean and tighten cane seat chairs, turn up the chair bottom, and with hot water and a sponge wash the cane work so that it may be thoroughly soaked. Should it be dirty use a little soap. Let it dry in the air and it will be as tight and firm as when new.

## Case Continued.

The State Board of Pardon at the session held the last week continued the application until the January session, of James Cornelly, of Bellefonte, now undergoing a five years' sentence in the penitentiary on the charge of arson.

## Shortest Day.

Yesterday, Wednesday, the day of St. Thomas, apostle and martyr, was the shortest day of the year, its length being nine hours and nineteen minutes. The days will now begin to grow longer and the nights shorter until June.

## Sufferer from Hiccoughs.

Mrs. Hair, of near Montgomery, hiccoughed incessantly for nine months. She was taken to Williamsport hospital last week. Although very near death's door, it is believed her life can be saved.

## Sure it is Cool.

On the farm of Samuel Burrell, two miles east of Pennhall, there are encouraging signs for finding coal, and to an extent to warrant sinking a shaft to reach the possible black diamonds.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

## BRYAN STILL RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADER.

The Democrats Will not Oppose the Ratification of Treaty.—What the Democrats will Favor and Oppose.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The reception given Col. Bryan by Democratic Senators and Representatives shows very plainly that he is still recognized by them as the party leader. One probable result of Col. Bryan's visit to Washington will be that with one or two possible exceptions, Democratic Senators will offer no opposition to the prompt ratification of the treaty of Peace by the Senate, they having, after talking the matter over, agreed with Col. Bryan that the question of expansion was not involved in the treaty and will not necessarily be affected by that document. Col. Bryan is very emphatic in expressing his belief that we should accord the same treatment to the Philippines that will be given to Cuba. Representative Swanson, of Va., goes further than Col. Bryan in opposing expansion. He said, while discussing Mr. McKinley's Atlanta speech, in which he asked "who would haul down the flag?" in the Philippines: "I am one of the men in Dixie who would haul down the flag over the Philippines. I would rather establish a Republic in the Orient than destroy one in the Occident. The Philippine islands should be turned loose and their people should be allowed to establish and maintain their own government." But there are other Democrats who favor expansion. For instance, Representative King, of Utah, who hopes soon to be a Senator, said: "The Democratic party will never go on record as a party in opposition to expansion. We will oppose imperialism, but not expansion, and we will advocate giving all persons under the sovereignty of the U. S. the greatest degree of self-government of which they are capable," and Senator Sullivan said: "Col. Bryan tried to convince me that I was wrong, but I firmly believe that the U. S. should not relinquish anything it has fairly earned by the war." Among other Democrats who openly express their belief in keeping what we won by the war, are Senators Morgan and Money, Representatives Berry, of Ky., and Livingston, of Ga. There are many Democrats who decline taking ground either for or against expansion until it can be officially learned what interpretation the administration intends to put upon the term.

The Democrats of the House, who solidly opposed the measure, are gratified at their success in defeating the bill for the incorporation of an international American Bank. This victory was won with the assistance of the votes of some western Republicans and the absence when a vote was taken, of others. The vote was 148 to 103. Representative Dingley, the Republican floor leader, could not conceal his chagrin at the defeat of the bill. The Senate bill incorporating this bank is in the hands of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, and when it is reported to the House, the fight may have to be made over again.

Representative Rixey, of Va., fully endorses the opinion of Mr. McKinley, that the government ought to help take care of the Confederate dead, and goes further, by advocating its helping to take care of needy living Confederate soldiers. He has introduced a bill providing that all maimed, crippled and needy soldiers and sailors, who served in the Civil War, shall be admitted upon the same terms to all Soldier's Homes and other institutions wholly maintained by the U. S. government.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections has referred the charge of bribery made against Senator Hanna, by the Ohio Senate, to a sub-committee, composed of Senators Hoar, Spooner and Turley, for investigation and report. There will be a white-paper report from the majority of this sub-committee, and that will end the matter, so far as this committee is concerned.

A joint resolution for the usual two weeks Christmas recess of Congress has been reported from the House Ways and Means Committee, and it will be promptly adopted. Congress very seldom turns down an opportunity for a holiday.

The war investigation commission will take a Christmas holiday, although for anything it is accomplishing, it might just as well take a permanent holiday. The next prominent witness it will hear will be Gen. Shafter. The Commission has been having a little trouble of its own. Half of its force of stenographers went on a strike because they said they were tired of doing all the work, and that the other half were incompetent.

There is a regular cat and dog fight

going on among the Republicans over whether an extra session of the next Congress shall be held in the spring, and it is growing more bitter all the time. Mr. McKinley and the Republican leaders in both Senate and House agreed at the beginning of the session that an extra session should be avoided, if possible; but the men who want financial legislation as soon as the Republicans control both branches of Congress, are working on Senators and Representatives, in order to make an extra session necessary, if they cannot compel Mr. McKinley, by all sorts of pressure, to change his mind and agree to call one. Democrats are not taking any part in this wrangle, although most of them believe that Republican financial legislation, at an extra session, would benefit the Democratic party.

## A TERRIBLE ARRANGEMENT.

From the Phila. Press.  
District Attorney Graham's answer to Messrs. Quay and Haywood's petition for the removal of their case from the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia court is an exceedingly strong paper. It answers every allegation of the petition with crushing completeness and finally. \* \* \* The district attorney, on his official responsibility, denies that Judge Gordon inspired the prosecution in the case, though it would make no difference if he had. Mr. Graham acted as required by the evidence before him. \* \* \* Can the legislature of Pennsylvania or any portion of it vote for Mr. Quay in the face of this terrific arraignment by Mr. Graham based on Mr. Quay's own handwriting? Can reputable members of the legislature afford to vote for a man under indictment for the common crime of stealing or embezzlement? Can they send to the United States senate a man who, when given a chance to clear himself of a grave criminal charge before a jury, prefers to continue under the cloud of an unanswered indictment rather than invite the judgment of an impartial jury on the evidence against him? This seems to us impossible, almost unthinkable. Should Mr. Quay be reelected to the senate and then convicted under the indictment for what Mr. Graham describes as "the common crime of stealing," this state would be forever disgraced, and every man who aided to place this shame upon the commonwealth would be marked for life. The puerile answer that the state has lost nothing by this misappropriation of its money is most effectually disposed of by Mr. Graham. \* \* \* Until he has met and disproved these explicit and apparently well supported charges of crime, Mr. Quay is morally ineligible for election to the United States senate. No man can vote for him without conniving at crime, discrediting himself and dishonoring his state.

## Christmas Don'ts.

Don't give a gift as an investment.  
Don't go in debt for Christmas presents.

Don't give a Christmas present grudgingly.

Don't give with the expectation of return.

Don't figure out what your friends are going to give you.

Don't overlook a real friend and hunt up a flash friend instead.

Don't deposit a gift in the Bank of Gratitude and expect 20 per cent. interest on it all the year round.

## Dividends Out of Life.

The fools who give the 24 hours to business and boast of it may criticize the man who can expel his business from his mind and enjoy his books, his friends, his club, the theater, the opera, the dinner or the dance, but the cheerful man gets dividends out of life where the other fellow gets trouble.—Chauncey M. Depew.

## Trains Late.

The trains from the east have been late the last two weeks, at times several hours behind the schedule. Freight wrecks on the main line, and other causes, have prevented the trains coming in on time.

## Presbyterian Services.

Preaching next Sabbath morning in the Presbyterian church at Centre Hall, at 10.30 o'clock, and in the evening at Centre Hill, at 7.00 o'clock.

## An Important Question.

If your friends or neighbors are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throat, or any throat or lung disease (including consumption), ask them if they have ever used Otto's Cure. This famous German remedy is having a large sale here and is performing some wonderful cures of throat and lung diseases. No matter what other medicines have failed to do, try Otto's Cure. Large sizes 25c. and 50c. Sold by G. H. Long, Spring Mills.

Shoes for Christmas presents at Mingle's Shoe Store, Bellefonte.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

## Christmas.

Light on thy hills, Jerusalem!  
The Savior now is born;  
More bright on Bethlehem's joyous plains  
Breaks the first Christmas morn;  
And brighter on Moriah's brow,  
Crowned with her temple spires,  
Which first proclaimed the newborn light,  
Clothed with its orient fires.

This day, shall Christian tongues be mute,  
And Christian hearts be cold?  
O catch the anthem that from Heaven  
O'er Judah's mountains rolled!  
When gladly burst from seraph harps  
The high and solemn lay,—  
"Glory to God: on earth be peace;  
Salvation comes to-day!"  
Edm. H. Sears.

Make glad each little one,  
This day was born the precious son.  
A gift of priceless kind,  
To greet and snuff of all mankind.  
Give gifts, as the Father gave,  
When he sent his Son the world to save.

Merry, merry Christmas to all.

1899 is within sight; now's the time to turn a new leaf.

Peter T. McKinney, of Potters Mills, has been granted a pension, \$10.

John G. Fields, of Gatesburg, gets an increase of pension, \$6 to \$8.

How many folks will conclude to mind their own business all through 1899! All say, "I."

Renewal and increase of pension was granted to Nathan McClosky, Romola, \$4 to \$6.

Reissue and increase of pension was granted Geo. H. Nicely, Bellefonte, \$6 to \$12.

Don't wear a frown on Christmas; be cheerful and endeavor to make all around you the same.

Don't take too many shares of stock in the saying, "A white Christmas brings a green Easter."

Rev. Bearick's appointments, Sunday, Dec. 25: At Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; Spring Mills, 10 a. m.; Tusseyville, 2 p. m.

Our old friend, Andrew Stiffler, of Centre Hill, killed a porker that drew the scales at 400 pounds, dressed. Zimlich gut, Andy.

Rev. C. H. Gruver has tendered his resignation as pastor of St. Johns English Lutheran church, of Lock Haven, which resignation will take effect in July, 1899.

There is talk of several families intending to move from town the coming spring, thinking they can secure more satisfactory abodes, and with less bickerings.

Well, up to this time we had 20 days of sleighing in Centre Hall and vicinity, in one stretch. Other sections in and out of the county, had little or none, all this time. Sorry; but come this way and slip and slide and glide over the snow to the fill of your enjoyment, free of charge.

It is stated that 25 to 50 new houses will be erected at Millhall next summer, and work on a dozen or more will be commenced as soon as the spring opens. Millhall does not seem to be weighed down by envious persons who aim to destroy investments of its citizens. Such towns prosper.

The University Inn at State College, under the management of that experienced hotelier, P. S. Burrell, is first class in its management and equipment. Persons desiring to spend a week or more in a pleasant place and with the interesting attractions that the now celebrated institution, State College, presents, will find the Inn a charming home with moderate charges. See card.

One would think that from the number of cows shipped from this county each week that the supply must be nigh exhausted. Not so however; there are six or eight creameries in the county and the milk supply does not fall off with them. This goes to show that the number of cows raised in the county keeps pace with the number bought up and shipped by about a dozen dealers all the year round in our county.

Recent Union county deaths: At Llundale, William Johnson, aged 98 years and 29 days. At Weikert, the wife of Jacob Barnet. In Lewisburg, Wm. A. Boyer, in his 29th year. In Millinburg, the widow of O. P. Schure, aged 44 years. Near Lewisburg, the wife of Chas. Gellinger, aged 53 years.

How much for good and how much for spite (did you do in 1898? Weigh each in the scales of your conscience. Did your honest or dishonest desires get the better of you in dealing with your fellow men in 1898? Did you seek to injure any one by jealousy and false accusations in 1898? If in any manner guilty in any of these, make up your mind to wind up 1899 with a conscience void of offense.