

The Coming of Christmas

The world's greatest holiday approaches—only 10 days away! Time is short for preparations, but plenty long enough if you waste no more time and decide upon what you are going to buy for presents. The earth-girdling thought is

What Shall the Gift Be?

We would suggest Slippers—whether the gift is to be for a man, woman, or a child. We have a most pleasing collection of gift Slippers of kidskin, patent leather, cloth and satin covered. Prices way down at 20c. and rise to \$2.00.

Mingle's Shoe Store. Bellefonte, Pa.

Just Received

New Line of ...Holiday Goods

A New line of Socks, Ladies' and Misses' Goods.

Pillsbury's Best and Golden Link Flour always on hand.

All Shades of Carpet Chain

of best quality. James Palmer, the weaver, always at home, directly across the street. Any one desiring to have the best Home-made Carpet can have all that is needed by inquiring at the Potters Mills Bargain Store.

F. A. CARSON POTTERS MILLS.

The Millheim Shirt Factory.

It is now settled beyond a doubt that Millheim is to have a shirt factory.

The plant is to consist of fifty machines, which will be placed in the building on Penn street, formerly occupied by W. L. Goodhart. The power is to be furnished by a five-horse power gasoline engine, of which but three-horse power will be required to operate the machines; the remaining power will be used to run a dynamo to furnish light on those days which are too short to permit of working the full number of hours by daylight. The operators will be girls mostly, and a canvass of the town has shown that more than the required number will be available. As the capital has been raised entirely by local subscriptions the plant will be controlled altogether by home people, and, therefore, as a safe investment nothing could be better.

Heavy Porkers

Adam Heckman of Tusseyville, killed a porker, which dressed 518.

Six hogs of Lewis Mensch of Aaronsburg, dressed near 2100.

James Stahl slaughtered two hogs for Rev. Rearick which dressed, one 390 and the other 410. That beats some farmers, Rev'd.

Shannon Boal, of this place, killed two porkers which dressed 815 pounds, having all the sausages he cares for, and the world moves on.

Demus Lose, of Haines, killed a snorter of a porker, dressing 544.

Jonas Bible, at the Stone mill, killed a hog last week for Calvin Harshbarger which dressed 408 pounds.

Now in Operation.

The shirt factory at Bellefonte started up on Monday morning with twenty-five girls employed. Centre Hall was within its grasp to secure a like enterprise with an effort from the citizens. Will our town embrace the opportunity?

For Christmas.

The old reliable grocery always furnishes families with the freshest and best, and is now unpacking its holiday supply of groceries, in teas, coffees, and canned and pickled goods, finest dishes, lamps, China ware, confectioneries, green and dried fruits, oysters, &c., all No. 1, at Sechlers, Bellefonte.

A SHIRT FACTORY FOR THE TOWN.

An Opportunity for Such Enterprise to Locate Here.

Last week two gentlemen from Philadelphia were in Centre Hall making a careful survey of the town with the view of locating a shirt factory here. They were favorably impressed with the town, its location, and expect to return again at a later day to interview our citizens to learn what inducements will be thrown out for them to locate such an enterprise here. The plant they propose installing would operate about thirty machines, giving employment to forty or fifty hands. There are several available buildings in the town suitable for such a factory and the expense of erecting one need not be incurred.

Both Bellefonte and Millheim have secured similar plants through the enterprise of its citizens and they will prove a great boon to each place in giving employment to many. It will aid all lines of business and put in circulation a great deal of money.

The promoters of the enterprise expect the citizens of the place to aid them in the enterprise. In towns where shirt factories have been installed the citizens subscribed liberally towards the plant and to secure one for Centre Hall, a similar course must be followed.

The town a few years ago had within its grasp a most excellent opportunity for securing a large shoe factory. The men at the head of the project asked only for a land site. This was refused and they went to Tyrone, which town was only too glad to secure such a plant so cheaply. It now gives employment to over one hundred hands.

Give the enterprise your support. The town needs such an enterprise to keep it to the front.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Callahan, wife of Daniel Callahan, living along the side of Nittany mountain, west of Centre Hall, died last Saturday evening after a short illness. She was aged 71 years and 10 months. Death was the result of a severe cold which Mrs. Callahan contracted several days previous, which settled upon her lungs and congestion of that organ followed. Mrs. Callahan's maiden name was Lena Devine, and she was born in Dublin, Ireland, February 10, 1828. She leaves a husband, four daughters, Mrs. Lena Raymond and Mrs. Hannah Kester, both of Lock Haven; Mrs. Annie Torrel, of Ridgeway, Pa., and Mrs. Ellen Whiteman, of Snow Shoe; and three sons, John Daniel and James. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning. Interment was made near the Callahan home.

A Big Load.

Tuesday afternoon a large boiler and engine hauled by ten horses, five teams in line, was a spectacle that aroused more than ordinary interest, for it is seldom that as many horses are seen these days attached to one vehicle. The outfit came from near Siglerville, Mifflin county, and was owned by Sterritt McNitt, son of A. B. McNitt, of Siglerville. Sterritt is erecting a large stove factory on top of Nittany mountain, where he expects to do some heavy operating.

An Interesting Diet.

Did you ever hear of a two-month-old baby who eats sauer kraut and mashed potatoes and lives? Well, there's one living in Lock Haven. The infant was taught to eat this combination of victuals by its fond papa, because it was always hungry. And it seems to relish this diet, so the parents say.

Died in Bellefonte.

James Russell Harris died at Bellefonte on Monday evening, aged about 74 years. He had been an invalid for a number of years, but his death was sudden and unexpected. He was a member and founder of the wholesale clothing firm of Snyder, Harris, Bassett & Co., of Philadelphia. He leaves a wife and five children. His remains were taken to Philadelphia for burial.

He Cut His Corn.

Abner Edmundson, of Mill Hall, aged seventy-two, cut a corn off his toe, in consequence of which the doctors cut his entire foot off last week. That is a mode of corn cutting closely resembling the direction for cutting off a dog's tail, just back of the ears.

Eclipses of 1900.

There will be three eclipses during the year 1900, two of the sun and one of the moon. The most interesting one will be the sun, May 29th. In this state it will be nearly total and in most of the southern states it will be total.

The Laws are Strict.

The laws of Pennsylvania are very strict against disturbers of religious worship. Any officer of the church can make complaint against the party who creates such a disturbance, and the offenders can be heavily fined and also sent to jail.

Odd Fellows Supper.

The Odd Fellows had a supper in their rooms on Saturday night which was largely attended. Oysters were the main article on the menu, and plenty of them.

Potter Insurance Case.—Identification by Cowlick.

The Potter case was decided last week by Judge Love. Suit was brought by John F. Potter, father of George M. Potter, against the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, to recover \$1500 upon a life insurance policy. This young man is supposed to have been murdered in a lumber camp in Potter county, some time in May, 1894. The last time his parents had seen him was on May 30, '91. The body of the murdered man was buried without any identification.

The father, while hearing of this murder and making some investigation, did not exhumate the body nor identify it until January, 1898. The insurance company claimed the body is not the body of Potter, and that he is still alive and somewhere in the West. The plaintiff identified the body by the cowlick in the hair, which was noticeable on the skull.

The jury found a verdict for the Potters for full amount of policy and interest.

A Belle of 100 Years.

Our townsman, A. J. Reesman, has one of the old fat lamps of grandfathers' day, made of iron, dish shaped, and with a snout to it that held the wick leading into the fat melted by the heat of the flame. It has the hanger used on that ancient style of lamp, and belonged to his grandfather Rishell, and is 100 years old. How people could see and work well by such dim candle power is a marvel—but they managed to pull through by it.

The improvement on the fat lamp was the tin candlestick, tallow candle and snuffers. Then, 40 years ago, the coal oil lamp came along with its brilliant light. Next came gas, then the electric.

It may be mentioned in this connection that some 40 years ago Wm. W. Royer, of Centre Hill, bought a coal oil lamp and chimney at the Reporter office and has had that chimney in use ever since. Who can say the same?

Died in Millheim.

Mrs. Christopher Alexander died at her home in Millheim, Wednesday evening, of last week, about five o'clock, after an illness of about three months, with carcinoma of the liver. Mrs. Alexander's maiden name was Sarah Keen. She was a daughter of Jacob Keen, of Millheim, and was fifty-six years of age. Surviving her are her husband and the following children: Mrs. M. M. Harter, Mrs. Annie Kerstetter, Mrs. Edith Shook, Mrs. Lettie Lingle, and Allen, Rose and Nora, at home. During her life Mrs. Alexander was an active worker in the Evangelical church, and she died with an abiding faith in her Master.

Died Sunday Evening.

John Kessler, aged about 75 years, died at the home of Howard Slabig, near Potters Mills, on Sunday evening. He had been paralyzed for a number of years which left him nearly helpless. His death was sudden and it is supposed he was stricken down with another attack, which resulted fatally. Deceased leaves a wife and two daughters who reside in Lewistown. Being unable to work he was a township charge, but was cared for by members of the Slabig family. His remains were interred on Tuesday in the cemetery at Sprucetown.

Caused by Spreading Rail.

On Monday when the train on the Bellefonte Central railroad was about two miles from State College the rails spread and the passenger coach left the track. All the glass in the windows was broken and the passengers had quite a shaking up. The engine and freight cars did not leave the track. The track was torn up for nearly two hundred yards but no one was injured.

As to Mail Matter.

The postmaster general in his present report asks that fourth class matter, merchandise, which is now sent for one cent an ounce or sixteen cents a pound, be allowed to go as third class matter the same as books and papers, at one-half cent an ounce or eight cents a pound and the present limit of four pounds be changed to ten pounds.

Hastings' New Battle.

A political story of more than ordinary interest is in effect that ex-Governor D. H. Hastings is an aspirant to go as a delegate to the Republican national convention next year. As there are several avowed Quay followers with the same aspirations there is promise of a lively contest for the honor.

A Millheim Wedding.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Carrie Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Spigelmeyer, of Millheim, was married to Mr. Charles W. Bassler, of Freeburg, at the home of the bride's parents. The wedding was witnessed by a large number of guests.

School Vacation.

The public schools will close for their holiday vacation on Friday next, December 18th, for two weeks, opening again on January 1st. The teachers have the week of institute and the week between Christmas and New Year.

Try the Reporter for all job printing.

PENDING SUIT ABOUT WATER.

The Council Refuses to Pay Annual Bible Water Rental.

Several years ago the council secured a lease from the Bible estate for the water upon the tract. The council agreed to pay them \$50 per year for the water for the first five years, and \$75 per year rental thereafter. The lease was duly signed by the boro authorities and entered on record at Bellefonte. Two annual yearly payments of \$50 were made the Bible estate by the council and the third was due last October, but the council refuses to grant an order for the same and payment has not been made, and litigation is in sight to settle the controversy.

There were two streams of water flowing over the Bible land. One stream had its head far up the mountain and the other lower down. Without any investigation the council contracted for the same, and then the discovery was made that the lower spring could not be utilized, the water could not reach the town, and the upper spring where it was necessary to catch its flow was upon the land of Samuel Bruss, but farther down flowed over the Bible farm.

Council first intended to build their reservoir at Bible's, but later put it upon the Arney tract. The springs on this tract being greatly deficient it was necessary to bring up the Bruss spring. The Bible's presented their bill and it was refused. They have handed over the matter to their attorney Harry Keller, with instructions to collect the bill. They claim the boro must either pay them the annual rental or return the water to its original channel.

The exercise of a little common sense at the outset by our council would have resulted in avoiding any controversy now pending.

Died in Illinois.

John Swartz, a native of this section, died at his home at Dakota, Illinois, on November 17th. His death was sudden and unexpected. On the fatal morning he arose feeling well, eating a hearty breakfast and went to the stable to harness his horse. Not coming as soon as expected the ladies of his household went to the stable to learn the cause of the delay. They found Mr. Swartz lying in the buggy shed, and death resulted before a physician arrived at the house. Mr. Swartz was aged about 73 years. He was a brother of S. M. Swartz, of Tusseyville, and Henry Swartz, near Millheim. He leaves a wife and six sons and two daughters. His six sons acted as pall bearers at the funeral. Mr. Swartz resided at Millheim where he followed the trade of tailoring. He left for the west about forty-five years ago, settling in Illinois, where he engaged in farming. His wife's maiden name was Miss Copp.

Robert McKnight.

Robert McKnight, known all over this county, aged 82 years, died on Tuesday morning at his country home on Buffalo Run, five miles west of Bellefonte. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland. He came to this country while quite a young man and helped to introduce the first coal illuminating gas plants in Philadelphia. In 1848 he came to Bellefonte and installed the Bellefonte gas plant, and in 1879 also introduced steam heat. Early in the eighties he removed to Philadelphia, where he lived until 1894, when he came back to Bellefonte and shortly after retired to his country home. Mr. McKnight was president of Bellefonte Councils in 1880. Four children survive. He was a staunch Democrat and a well-read man.

Poor Centre County Boy Gets Rich.

Frank Letterman, of Milesburg, has heard from his son, T. S. Leiterman, now a gold miner, near Missoula, Montana, that the latter has sold for \$45,000 a very small interest in his mine in the So-So Lode, retaining large enough holdings to clear nearly \$100,000 a year. The son, before he left our county, was getting but \$1.15 a day as coal miner six years ago.

Must Publish Marriages.

Clergymen are reminded that the present law requires them to publish marriages in at least one newspaper. Failing to comply with the requirements got several ministers in serious trouble, in the central part of the state recently.

And There Was a Big Stink.

Big stink at the station when railroad hands dropped a 400 pound barrel of sauerkraut; some of the hands were soaked with the juice, and proceeded to get as much of Sando's dainty inside of them as possible.

Recent Mifflin County Deaths.

Milroy, Peter R. Barger, age 23 y. Paintersville, Mrs. Amanda Beaver, age 73 years.

Sprucehill, widow of Benjamin Rice aged 88 years.

Lewistown, Mrs. Mary J. Sunderland, aged 68 years.

Pity the Deer.

A party of Mifflin county hunters returning from the mountains without deer, report finding four deer dead that had been wounded with buckshot and died from their wounds and were unfit to eat when found.

A Merry X-mas.

We will be ready to draw the curtain on our great stock of HOLIDAY GOODS...

On the 9th, inst. You know we have been one of the leading distributors of holiday goods in Penns Valley in former years and we are pleased to say we will lack nothing this season.

We will have plenty for all. A Happy New Year.

S. M. SWARTZ, TUSSEYVILLE.

Murder Near Spruce Creek

Sunday Thomas Scott died in the Altoona hospital, as a result of being shot in a bloody fight in the camp of the laborers employed on the railroad work at Spruce creek on Saturday night.

Scott was drunk and picked a quarrel with every man he met. He was knocked down by three men and badly beaten. After having his wounds dressed, he returned to the camp and entered a shanty. He was ordered out, and on refusing to go George Woodson shot him twice, both shots taking effect. Woodson escaped. Scott had the reputation of being a bad man.

The camp at Spruce creek is rapidly gaining an unsavory notoriety. The people of the vicinity are in constant terror, and make little resistance to the depredations committed by the inhabitants of the camp.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnson of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills; J. F. Smith Centre Hall.

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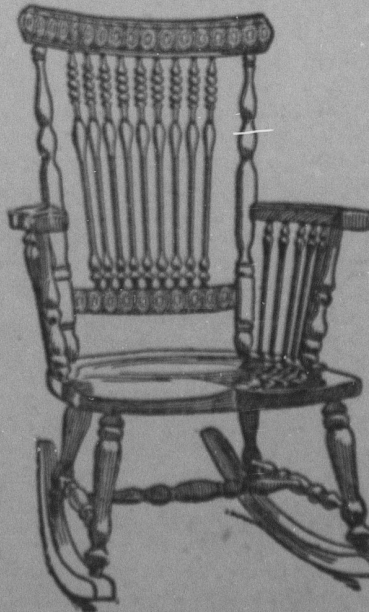
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