



LOCALS.

The new year brought The Centre Reporter a number of new subscribers. Isaac Smith is home from Altoona where he was engaged in one of the large retail stores.

The Democratic Watchman's Christmas number was gay and festive. The cover was quite artistic.

Aaron Lutz has leased the Dale farm, on Nittany Mountain, and will move there in the Spring from the Bible farm, east of Centre Hall.

W. B. Mingle, Esq., of Centre Hall, and A. C. Mingle and Mrs. Mingle, of Bellefonte, attended the funeral of William Condo, at Aaronsburg.

Cyrus Grove, Superintendent of Schools of Stephenson county, Illinois, was to see his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grove, during the holidays.

Jerre Zettle, of Staver's Church, Wisconsin, was an arrival at Spring Mills last Friday. Mr. Zettle went west twenty years ago and this is his first visit east.

Patrick Dillio, of Sugar Run, aged ninety-one years, walked to Lock Haven, a distance of three miles, and participated in Christmas festivities. After dinner the spry old gentleman returned home on foot.

Among the large building contracts given out in Mifflin county was one for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building at Burnham, the contract price being \$22,800, and was awarded to George C. Tate, of Yeagertown.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has ordered discontinued its time tables in all local newspapers. For the convenience of the Reporter readers the time of the departure of the various trains will be published each week.

J. F. Brezale has been appointed assistant professor of experimental Agronomy at the Pennsylvania State College, having been detailed by the Bureau of Soils, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Prof. Brezale is an Italian expert in the subject of Agronomy.

Jesse Long, tenant on the Andrew Corman farm, near Spring Mills, will have sale and move to Burnham in the spring. David Sowers, of Spring Mills, also intends to move to Burnham where he and his son John are employed, the former as a watchman and the latter as a clerk for the Standard company.

Attorney N. B. Spangler has been retained to look after the interests of Peter Rider, the self-confessed slayer of Clyde Atman, at the approaching February court. Rider is in bad health and it is necessary for him to have the constant attention of a physician. Prison life rather aggravates his disease—catarrh of the stomach.

While in Kentucky inspecting lumber for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Alvin S. Myers, of Altoona, was struck on the foot by a piece of timber and painfully hurt. He is obliged to locomote on wooden pins, and after becoming more familiar with this manner of travel he and Mrs. Myers expect to come to Centre Hall for a short stay.

Three terms for Roosevelt is what the "Roosevelt Third Term National League" is aiming for. Roosevelt is a great man, but he is not great enough to smash every tradition of a government, by and for the people. After the president gets through with the present congress he may conclude, more than ever, that two terms of the presidency are enough for one man.

Rufus Hauck, of near Madisonburg, found a pair of glasses below Centre Hall, and instead of carrying them home, he left them with Dr. G. W. Hosterman, who upon inquiry at the Reporter office found that the owner, Mrs. Eliza Stump, had already placed a lost adv. in this paper. People who find articles of value should follow Mr. Hauck's example, instead of carrying them miles away from the place where found.

In the light that Governor Pennypacker said the heads on the capitol doors were "types" and not the reproduction of heads of men accused of almost every variety of political crime, little confidences can be placed in his letter to Attorney General Carson on the capitol scandal. A governor who will say the heads on the capitol doors are types is capable of writing anything to cover the misdeeds of a capitol commission.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, Friday of this week, will go south to remain until the spring. They will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCormick, in Columbia, South Carolina. The son-in-law and daughter concluded that the southern climate would prove an elixir for Mr. Meyer, who has been suffering from rheumatism, and consequently invited him and Mrs. Meyer to bathe in the South Carolina sunshine. They will board at the Hotel Jerome, a strictly up-to-date hotel, where the McCormicks make their home.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

A Pleasure Shared by Many Homes Was the Return of Sons and Daughters.

As in the past, the country and the country town will continue to be the home of the men and women who lead in the affairs of the world. The country home is oftentimes left by the youth with but little thought of return, but as the months and the years roll by, and the Christmas season approaches, the face of the youth turns toward his native heath, and the pleasure shared by many homes is the return of sons and daughters—the noble sons, the noble daughters.

This dear old town of Centre Hall has a large quota of young men and women apparently separated from it during the year, yet there remains that attachment for the old home town and its people. Among many others who were here during the Christmas season were:

Earl D. Fleming, of New York City. Mr. Fleming accepted his first position, after teaching several terms of public school in Centre county, in Pittsburg, with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Being a young man of steady habits he concluded that a great city like New York might offer better opportunities. He went there and secured a position in the accounting department of the American Auditing Company.

Samuel E. Weber, Jr., of Schenectady, New York, accompanied by Mrs. Weber, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weber. Mr. Weber is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, and subsequently went to Altoona as an apprentice in the Pennsylvania car shops. He is now connected with Union University, Engineering Department, and carries the title of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Dr. H. F. Bitner, of Millersville, belongs to the "old school." He has devoted his entire life to educational work, and unlike many of his kind has developed in the business world. While here he spent some time on his two fine farms, south of Centre Hall.

Dr. J. Frank Meyer, of Philadelphia. Dr. Meyer bears honors with less ostentation than he might with entire propriety. He was home with his parents, Justice J. S. and Mrs. Meyer, at Penn Hall, for the first time since his elevation from instructor to a professorship in the University of Pennsylvania. From Penn Hall Dr. Meyer went to New York until after the holidays.

P. Hoffer Dale, of Philadelphia. He is in his last year in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Before entering the University he thoroughly prepared for his chosen profession by taking the full course in Biology at Pennsylvania State College.

Harry Potter, of Duquesne. After an experience in the south managing a rice farm, and various other undertakings, Mr. Potter is back to Western Pennsylvania contented as shipping clerk in the Carnegie steel mills, in Duquesne. He was home for just a short time, owing to the need of his presence in his department.

Miss M. Eloise Schuyler, of Cape May, N. J. Miss Schuyler is a born teacher, and has had the good fortune to be employed in a number of cities at various times. She is at present teaching mathematics and languages in the public schools of Cape May.

Clement F. Deisinger, of Lewisburg. Although brought up at a desk since in knee breeches, first in the Penna Valley Bank in Centre Hall, and later at various other accounting tables, Mr. Deisinger has turned mechanic. At present he is "boss mechanic" in the pattern department of the foundry connected with the Standard Steel works, at Burnham.

Dr. George P. Bible, of Philadelphia. Dr. Bible is more mature in years than most of the characters mentioned under this head, and is not exactly a resident of Centre Hall, yet if he were asked to designate his home other than "on the road" between the two great oceans and gulfs, he would say "Good old Centre Hall." Dr. Bible and family live in Philadelphia, where the Doctor is the head of an oratorical school. Most of his time, however, is spent lecturing. As a lecturer and man many of the Reporter readers are fully acquainted with Dr. Bible, and that acquaintance is quite agreeable.

J. Frank Ross, of Pittsburg. Mr. Ross is a full-fledged druggist, holding a diploma acquired after attending a school of pharmacy in Ohio and having had practical experience in that state and Pennsylvania. Later with several other young men he went to Pittsburg, and first engaged with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, but at present he is head time-keeper at the Porter & Dillworth Steel Company's works, at Pittsburg. His depart-

ment checks up the time of over one thousand employes. The position is one very agreeable to Mr. Ross, and he gives it the closest attention. His visit here during the holidays was the first in two years.

Ralph C. Booser, of Pittsburg. Few young men of Mr. Booser's age have the complete technical knowledge of their line of work acquired by this particular youth, and this knowledge is supplemented by much practical work obtained at the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Arts, Philadelphia, of which he is a graduate, and that secured in Altoona while employed in the electrical department of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops. Mr. Booser is now in the drafting department of the Westing House Electric Company, Pittsburg, and is one of the men who maps out the work for scores of less experienced draftsmen.

Claude K. Stahl, of Altoona. From the school room as a teacher, Mr. Stahl engaged with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and is now employed in the company's offices in Altoona. Since first accepting a position with the Pennsy he has had the good fortune to have been promoted several times.

Miss Lizzie Booser and Miss Mary Grove, of Lock Haven. These young ladies are at the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, and like all "school children" enjoyed the vacation. They have not yet launched out on their own resources, but are studiously preparing to be independent in the near future.

Clyde Smith, of Elyria, Ohio. During his later teens and early twenties, Mr. Smith was a proverbial rover. He has been in almost every state in the Union, and traveled still other than that of Uncle Sam's. Several years ago he began working for a telephone company as a lineman, and now is employed by the Dean Electrical Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of telephone supplies, at Elyria, Ohio.

Morris Breon, of Altoona. This young man is the product of a correspondence school. Being a farmer's son he had little time to devote to fitting himself for any special work, and finally enlisted as a pupil of the Scranton correspondence school, taking up the line of plumbing. Having a vague idea of the business he went to Bellefonte and later to Altoona for practical experience. What he had learned "on paper" proved very valuable, and he soon found himself capable of performing difficult work in his line. He is now employed by a gas fitting concern.

Prof. Irvin Zeigler, of Frackville, Schuylkill county, in order to have an efficient head of the Frackville schools was obliged to draw from Potter township its principal. Mr. Zeigler is a graduate of Bucknell University, and but for the very liberal offer made by the borough of two and one-half thousand population, would have become the principal of the Centre Hall schools. He is meeting with success.

Samuel M. Goodhart, of Altoona. Like many other young men, Mr. Goodhart made use of the public schools as a stepping stone to a better and more agreeable position in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Altoona. He is one of the young men from Centre Hall who most recently left the town, but unlike the great majority mentioned in these columns, came back recently for the "best half."

Prof. Cyrus Grove, Freeport, Illinois. Prof. Grove is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grove, and is one of the many young men from Potter township who in years gone by went to Illinois to cast their lot with the old settlers in that section, many of whom were also Pennsylvanians. Mr. Grove's success in educational affairs is well known to the Reporter readers. He is now serving his second term of county superintendent of public schools of Stephenson county, an office filled at the general election. Mr. Grove came east on account of the very delicate physical condition of both his parents, who are quite aged.

Wilbur A. Henney and Howard Fetterolf, Wilkesbarre. The former is a trained mechanic, whose pay envelope contains possibly the largest amount of any young man from any of the industries in Western Pennsylvania. He is a brass fitter in the Westing House establishment. The latter is employed in the electrical department of the same establishment, having just been promoted from a less important branch of the manufacturing concern.

Andrew Gregg, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, is home at present. He is sent to all parts of the state in the building of telephone lines, and consequently maintains his home at Centre Hall. Mr. Gregg is a young man of ability, and hopes in the future to obtain a more desirable position with the large corporation.

DEATHS.

CHRISTIAN B. HOUSER.

Thursday, December 20th, Christian B. Houser, died at the home of Mrs. John Dale, at Houserville. His age was seventy-seven years, four days. He was a member of the United Evangelical church, and interment was made at Houserville.

Christian B. Houser was the son of Daniel Houser, an early settler at Houserville, and was one of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity and married. There are surviving four brothers: Daniel, Centre Hall; John, Pleasant Gap; William, Nebraska; David, Houserville. The brothers and sisters dead and who leave heirs are Jacob and Frederick, Houserville; Sarah, wife of Uriah Stover, Kansas; Mrs. William Fishburn, Nebraska; Martin Houser, somewhere in the west; Mrs. Benjamin Holter, Howard.

The family is noted somewhat for longevity, all having lived to a good old age. Within the past two years four of the family died: Frederick, Jacob (the eldest), Mrs. Stover and Christian. Of the living Daniel Houser, of Centre Hall, is the oldest being seventy-three years of age.

Early in his life the subject of this sketch engaged in the mercantile business at Houserville, which at that time was a good trading point. Later he went to Grand Island, Nebraska, where he invested in real estate, the venture proving profitable. Finally Mr. Houser returned to Centre county and purchased the Crozier farm, west of Centre Hall, where he lived until about two years ago.

Mr. Houser was a man capable of driving a close bargain. He was honest, but in his palmy days never permitted himself to be beaten in a deal. Politically he was a Democrat, and always abhorred extravagance in public affairs, both great and small. Being interested in politics and having a desire for knowledge of current events, Mr. Houser became a reader of many newspapers, and took great pleasure in discussing perplexing questions for most of which he offered a solution.

Mr. Houser was married to a Miss Crozier, but the couple were childless. Mrs. Houser is also dead. Having died intestate his property will be inherited by his four living brothers and the heirs of six brothers and sisters.

GEORGE ARMBRUSTER.

Day before Christmas George Armbruster died at his home at Farmers Mills. Death was due to apoplexy, and was almost instant. He had not been in good health for some months, but his death was not anticipated at this time. Interment was made Wednesday, December 25, at the Union cemetery, near his home. Rev. J. M. Reareck of the Lutheran church, the deceased's pastor, officiating. His age was sixty-two years, nine months and twelve days.

Mr. Armbruster was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Rishel, daughter of John Rishel, Sr., deceased, to whom were born three daughters, all surviving; Catharine and Rowie, at home and Lottie, wife of Elmer C. Hettlinger, of Centre Hill. The second wife, Amelia Reifsnnyder, of Millheim, survives.

The deceased was the youngest son of Christopher Armbruster, the others in the family, all of whom survive, are Christian, Mingoville; Gottlieb D., Farmers Mills; Annie, Mrs. Aaron Long, Penns Cave. The senior Armbruster and his wife immigrated from Germany, and located on now obliterated improvements on the Philip Durst farm. Christian, the eldest son, was born in Germany, and Gottlieb D. was born enroute to the land of the free. The male portion of the Armbrusters were men of powerful physique, but neither of the sons were the equal of the father in that respect. The deceased was a man held in high esteem by all his acquaintances. He was honest and honorable, and frugal in his ways.

MRS. MARY WOLFE.

Mrs. Mary Wolfe, died at the home of her son, G. W. Wolfe, in Haines township, of diseases incident to age. Her age was seventy-seven years. She leaves to survive one daughter, Mrs. Sarah Hosterman, and one son, G. W. Wolfe, both of Haines township. Her husband preceded her to the spirit world about twelve years ago.

AGNES KARSTETTER.

Miss Agnes Karstetter, a daughter of Michael Karstetter, of Pleasant Gap, died at her home in that place Sunday, December 23. She was a member of the Methodist church and a very highly respected young lady. The funeral took place Wednesday morning following. Interment in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

Married in Washington.

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffer, of Marcus, Washington, were recently married. The parents of the young ladies once resided in Centre Hall, near where the father was born and raised, being a son of George Hoffer, deceased.

December 8, at the Baptist parsonage, Spokane, Washington, John M. Sholand, of Marble, and Miss Anna L. Hoffer, of Marcus, Washington.

December 11, at the Baptist parsonage, Colville, Frederick L. Brink, of Marble, Washington, and Miss Edna G. Hoffer, of Marcus, Washington. It was intended to have a double wedding, but sickness in one of the families prevented.

Family Numbers 21.

William H. Albright, of Morgan Run, Boggs township, not far from Phillipsburg, rejoices in the arrival of his nineteenth child, born recently. The family consists of a dozen, five handsome boys and seven girls—all of them pretty. Several of the sons and daughters are married, and the latest arrival has a number of nephews and nieces.

Mr. Albright is still on the sunny side of fifty-five, and his wife carries her years remarkably well. They are very proud of their family and would not change places with Rockefeller or Vanderbilts.

Surprise for Pastor.

Rev. H. C. Bixler, of Rebersburg, at the close of the service in the Lutheran church Christmas night was presented by his good people with a well filled purse, containing the genuine goods, and a beautiful lap robe. Rebersburg folks always know how to spring surprises.

Reduced Rates to Harrisburg Account Insurance Governor-Elect Stuart.

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets sold January 14 and 15, good returning until January 18, inclusive, from all stations in Pennsylvania. Consult nearest Ticket Agent. (2t)

Married.

At the Lutheran parsonage, Rebersburg, Sunday morning, December 23, Charles W. Zimmerman and Miss Sadie Gilbert, both of Rebersburg, were united in marriage by Rev. H. C. Bixler.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Krape, of Loraine, Ohio, expect to make a trip east in the near future.

Miss Elsie Stover is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Stover, in Centre Hall. She is engaged in the dressmaking department of a large department store in Altoona.

At the ingathering held Christmas eve in the Lutheran Sunday school room, \$118 were turned over to Superintendent W. J. Smith to be used in beautifying the home of the school.

According to the Lewistown Gazette the school children of that town are lousy. There is hope for the Lewistown youth, because the man or woman who hasn't had 'em sometime isn't much.

Wm. A. Magee and mother, Mrs. R. M. Magee, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Emerick during the holidays. Mr. Magee holds a position in the United States Custom House in Philadelphia.

Among the young men to begin farming in the spring is W. W. Ingram, now the right hand man with Wm. E. Tate, west of Centre Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram will move to near Struble Station, above State College, on the farm of Henry Snyder.

In December, at Cumberland, Md., William E. Beck, of near Centre Hall, and Miss Eldora Focht, of Tyrone, were united in marriage by Rev. L. A. Mann, D. D. The groom is employed by the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, and the bride is an estimable young lady of Tyrone.

George, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kline, of near Bellefonte, is in a delicate condition. Several weeks ago the boy was kicked on the breast by a horse, and although somewhat out and bruised, he apparently soon recovered from the injury. Later complications set in, and at present he is confined to bed, the cause of the breaking down appearing to have been due to the accident noted above.

The real estate of Jacob Bortoff, deceased, was distributed among the heirs as follows: The farm on Spring Creek, of 120 acres, known as the old homestead, was deeded to D. Hall Bortoff, who has been making it his home for several years. The farm near Linden Hall, containing 345 acres was deeded to Will Bortoff, of Bellefonte. The Ferguson township farm of 124 acres, was transferred to Linn S. Bortoff, of Curwensville. The farm at Shiloh, of 210 acres, was given to Mrs. John Glewina, of Bellefonte.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Dr. John A. Hardenburgh, of Millheim, spent the Christmas season with friends in Philadelphia.

James I. Lytle, south of Earlstown, will make sale of his farm stock and implements, Wednesday, March 27.

W. R. Neff, a hustling Scotch side farmer, and a citizen much interested in educational movements, was in town last week.

The widow of Dr. Atherton, former president of Pennsylvania State College, has been granted a pension to be paid from a fund provided by Andrew Carnegie.

The January Everybody's is another holiday number full of purposeful undertakings and rare surprises—a fit beginning to a new year of magazine achievement.

J. K. Farner, the medicine man, of near Colyer, and Lumberman H. C. Robinson, of Centre Hall, were callers at the Reporter office during the editor's absence.

Dame Luse, of Centre Hill, is not through husking corn, but he had enough husked to grow the largest hog reported in Potter township. The weight was 630 pounds.

Adam Zeigler, of Linden Hall, has been appointed mercantile appraiser by the commissioners of Centre county. The appointment is a good one, and a credit to the board.

Mrs. Lillie Alexander spent her Christmas in Bellefonte, and, with the family of her brother, Hon. W. A. Allison, of Spring Mills, ate her Christmas dinner at the home of Frank McCoy.

County Commissioner John Dunlap was a pleasant caller at the Reporter office last week, having been on this side of the county to attend the funeral of George Armbruster, at Farmers Mills.

Philip Irey, a student at Bucknell University, attended a recent meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Centre Hall. He is a nephew of Dr. C. S. Musser, of Aaronsburg, and it is at his home he spends the major portion of his time when not at school.

Rufus Strohm is ill of typhoid fever, and recently was taken to a private hospital at Scranton. Mr. Strohm is the son of ex-Commissioner James B. Strohm, of Centre Hill, and is one of the text book writers for the Scranton Correspondence School.

Andrew J. Crozier and Raynor Dolbeer, both of Bellefonte, were in Penna Valley on business just before Christmas. Mr. Crozier was formerly from this town, and now is conducting a butchering establishment and restaurant in the thriving Mifflin county town.

Watertown capitalists are considering the proposition to build a trolley line from that point to Montoursville, the route being from Watertown to Dewart, to Allenwood, to Spring Garden, to Alvira, to Pikes Peak, to Deckertown, to Pipe St., to Clintonville, to Montgomery, to Muncy and Montoursville.

Thursday evening of last week J. W. Mitterling heard a big goose squeaking at his stable, and feeling assured that there was something out of the ordinary happening about his premises, hurried to the house for a revolver. On reaching the stable he saw the forms of two men retreating. Mitterling fired two shots at them, but the bullets went wide of the mark.

G. W. Foote, editor of the Mifflinburg Times since its founding in 1880, retired with the last edition in the past year. The paper will be conducted under a new management and editor. From Editor Foote's farewell address it is gleaned that he and his paper have not prospered, all of which the newspapers will regret. The Times, under its new owners, promises to be up-to-date in every respect.

Among the many callers at the Reporter office last week was Albert Person, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. He was the guest of Miss Lela Strohm, having returned to New Jersey the latter part of last week. He is a most genial gentleman, and holds the position of general yardmaster P. R. R., Belvidere division, at Phillipsburg. Mr. Person is infatuated with this section of Pennsylvania, and has visited it heretofore.

The Montgomery Minor devotes a full column to describing the improvements made on the Montgomery hotel, owned and conducted by Willis W. Rishel, formerly of near Centre Hall. The structure was raised several feet, and the whole interior remodeled, and new bar furniture placed in position, the same being built especially for Mr. Rishel. The Montgomery hotel has an elegant trade, and its patrons are very much pleased with the manner in which the house is being conducted.