

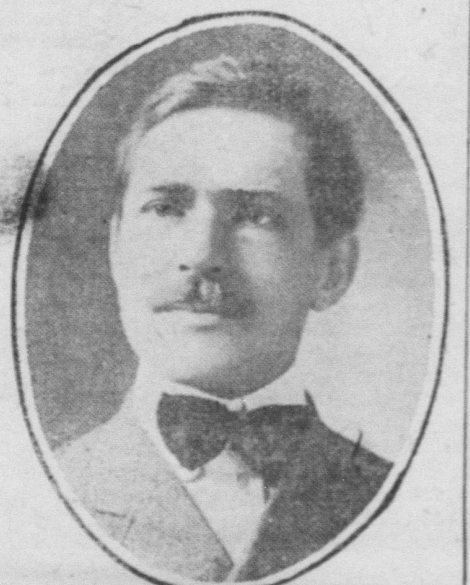


## SECRETARY OF INTERIOR GARFIELD ENTERTAINED AT BOALSBERG

### Public Reception Tendered Roosevelt Cabinet Officer Thursday Evening of Last Week, in Boal Hall. Secretary Garfield and Family Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Boal.

An oasis in the social field round about Boalsburg was surveyed by the people of that town and Harris township Thursday evening of last week on the occasion being a reception tendered Hon. James R. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior in the Roosevelt cabinet, and Mrs. Garfield. The distinguished Secretary, his lovely wife, and four interesting sons, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Davis Boal during the Christmas season, and in order that the public might have an opportunity to greet the first cabinet officer to be entertained in this part of Centre county, a reception was planned by them to be held in the Boal Hall, at the time mentioned.

Shortly after the reception committees had taken their places, Mr. Boal and Mrs. Garfield lead Secretary Garfield and Mrs. Boal and Mademoiselle



HON. JAMES R. GARFIELD, Secretary of the Interior.

Cecile DeLus de Lagarde to the platform, where they were introduced by Mr. Boal to Rev. A. A. Black, who in turn introduced them to the reception committees.

In his address of welcome Rev. Black, among other things, said the occasion was not one of speech making, but a few reasons were stated why Mr. Garfield was welcomed to Boalsburg. In the one hundred years of the existence of Boalsburg its citizens never before had an opportunity to greet a cabinet officer of this great nation; he was welcomed especially because the people of that community were, generally speaking, in sympathy with the policies of the present administration; he was especially welcomed because he was a member of the Roosevelt cabinet—composed of the most distinguished statesmen; and again, because he was the son of the second martyred president; because of the possibility of a Garfield becoming one of the nominees on the national ticket to be voted for next November, and the ultimate likelihood of him at some future time heading that ticket and becoming the chief magistrate of the greatest nation in the history of the world.

Mr. Garfield responded by first expressing his great pleasure in being permitted to meet the people of Boalsburg through the kindness of his hosts and hostesses—Mr. and Mrs. Boal. In a joking way he referred to a trip through the Seven Mountains, bordering the Bar Meadows, and the excitement of himself and associates occasioned by the fresh prints in the snow of a monstrous bear. "In Ohio," said the speaker, "we are taught that the Pennsylvania buckeye berry grows on bushes and are the size of peas, but from stories I have heard today the berries are the size of Ohio pumpkins and grow on trees fifty and more feet high. Now it is possible that the bear we chased today is hiding behind one of these monstrous buckeye berry trees which have made the Bar Meadows famous.

"Every good citizen believes that the locality in which he lives is the best portion of the world; I have no sympathy for people who are dissatisfied with their home town and community; these classes are not constructive, but destructive." Himself a countryman, he fully realized the conditions of the community in which he was being entertained.

Allusion was made to the happy time on Christmas Day at the Boal mansion, when several hundred children were collected from the surrounding country and each presented with a gift plucked by a Santa Claus from an elaborately trimmed tree.

To make this republic what it ought to be these children must be taught the true principles of government as well as the true religion.

With a statement in advance that he had no intention of talking politics, Mr. Garfield said "this administration

is for equality of opportunity, with no special privileges—commercial or educational." He hoped the forces of the present administration would not die March 4th, 1909, but that whoever would succeed to the presidency would enforce the policies inaugurated by President Roosevelt.

The speech making over, each individual was introduced to Mrs. Garfield by Mr. Boal, who in his happy way made the humblest feel the equality of the American citizen.

A dainty lunch was next served, during which time there was the usual social intercourse.

On Christmas morning a committee composed of Rev. A. A. Black, Dr. L. E. Kidder, Prof. H. C. Rothrock, E. W. Sweeney and R. B. Harrison went to the Boal home to invite the Secretary of the Interior to a public reception, and on receiving his assurance of the pleasure of meeting the good people of that community on such an occasion, the affair was uppermost in the minds of all.

The receiving committee at the Boal Hall was as follows: Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Black, Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Kidder, Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Rothrock, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Goheen, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Hosterman, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wieland, Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mrs. Emma Amanda Fisher, Mrs. J. H. Meyer, Miss Sara J. Keller.

P. S. Ishler, proprietor of the Boalsburg Hotel, was the caterer, assisted by Misses Annie Myers and Della Ishler. The waitresses and waiters were: Misses Rose Woods, Margaretta Goheen, Nan Leech, Messrs. Albert Gingerich, William Suart, Charles Mothersbaugh, Harry Bailey.

The American flag draped over the front of the stage is an old relic, the property of the Boal family. Although well preserved, the flag is over seventy years old, and more than half a century ago was purchased from the Rentler's. The flag was made at Clinton Point, New York, in 1834, and was originally owned by Gen. James T. Tailmadge. It has a field of thirty-six stars.

All day Thursday was spent by Secretary Garfield, wife and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Boal, Wes Meyers, William Suart, Harry Bailey, Robert Bailey and Alfred Rupp in the seven mountains, the ladies and the children in the party going only to the foot of Old Tussey, while the remainder chased through the mountains for miles. To the greatest satisfaction of the Secretary a bear track was discovered, and this was followed until it became apparent that to go farther would be late them for the reception planned for the evening. Mr. Garfield expressed great desire to capture a trip, which would enable him to return to Washington the peer of the Chief Magistrate.

### LOCALS.

#### Rain on Monday of this week.

John S. Hosterman, principal of the Montrose schools, spent his vacation at Lancaster and Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Arney spent Christmas at Niagara Falls with their son, A. Miles Arney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Krape, of Loraine, Ohio, are in Penns Valley, and at present are at the home of Mrs. Krape's sister, Mrs. C. R. Neff, near Centre Hall.

Ralph and Ward Miller, sons of Harry Miller, of Mill Hall, spent part of the Christmas season with their cousins, Charley and Clarence Miller, near Centre Hill.

The Woman's Home Companion for January begins well with a handsome and showy cover design by James Montgomery Flagg. It is a notable number from the standpoint of illustrations.

Arthur T. Burman, of State College, spent Christmas with his friend, F. E. Snyder, in this place. Mr. Burman is a native of San Francisco having been in that city at the time of the great disaster. He enjoyed his visit here very much.

The January number of the Ladies' World is out, and if it can be taken as representative of the year the subscribers will certainly be pleased, for it is not only one of the handsomest of the periodicals, but it is filled with material that is interesting to read and valuable to know.

### DEATH OF G. W. GARBRICK.

Found Lying Between Two Pews in Old Lutheran Church at Jacksonville.

George W. Garbrick, of Bellefonte, was found cold in death, lying between two pews in the abandoned Lutheran church, at Jacksonville, Friday, December 20th. Mr. Garbrick, some time ago, purchased the old church building, with a view of razing it and using the material in the erection of a dwelling house. He had gone to work on the old building, but about four o'clock in the afternoon, the sound of the hammer ceased. It was first thought the man had quit work and gone home, but later the structure was entered by neighbors, who made the discovery that death had forever stilled the hand of a prominent resident of Bellefonte.

Mr. Garbrick was born in Marion township, February 2d, 1843, making his age almost sixty-five years. During the past six years he lived in Bellefonte. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Surviving him is his wife, nee Alice Brungart. Two children—Clarence Garbrick, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Sarah Smetzler, of Spring township, survive, as do also the following brothers and sisters: Jacob, Emanuel and Henry, Mrs. John Ishler, of Benner township, and Mrs. Peter Heckman, of Walker township. Interment was made Tuesday, at Zion.

### Another Pike Gone.

Four hundred and sixty-two dollars was the value assessed by the viewers for the Agricultural College and Junction Turnpike. This pike extends from State College to Lemont, where it connects with the pike condemned a short time ago. The attorneys for the petitioners were Portney & Fortney; for the county, Gettieg, Bower & Zorby; for the company, John Blanchard.

### LOCALS.

The holidays are over, now back to work with a will.

Jacob Wagner is in Millburg with his son, James B. Wagner.

The Intermediate and Primary schools in Centre Hall will open Monday, the teachers having taken two weeks vacation instead of one.

A Bell telephone has been installed in the dwelling house on the farm of Dr. Stuart C. Runkle, of Philadelphia, now occupied by his brother, John Runkle.

James Brumbaugh, of Mount Union, who was convicted at Huntingdon of illegal liquor selling, was sentenced to pay \$500 fine, the cost of the case and spend nine months in jail.

Arthur Kline and wife, of Altoona, and Miss Minnie Kline, a student in the Bible College, Philadelphia, spent Christmas week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kline, at Centre Mills.

Engineers are again surveying in the vicinity of Sandy Ridge on what is supposed to be the wabash trunk line to the east. This proposed road passes along the southern portion of Centre county, through Penns Valley.

Mrs. Clyde U. Wieland, of Boalsburg, accompanied by her sons, Robert and Daniel, during the Christmas season was the guest of her friends, Prof. and Mrs. Charles Howard, superintendent of schools in Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county.

Ex-Squire W. M. Grove and William H. Smith, of Spring Mills, were in town beginning of last week. Mr. Grove just returned from a surveying trip in the vicinity of Livonia, where he had running lines bordering state lands purchased by the state forestry department.

The teacher's local institute for Harris, Ferguson, College and Potter townships and Centre Hall borough will be held in Boal Hall, Boalsburg, 10th and 11th last. Rev. Schmidt, of Bellefonte, will deliver a lecture Friday evening, subject: "Across the Atlantic and through the Mediterranean."

During the Christmas season Mrs. Mary Ellen Borkholder was one of the many mothers in Penns Valley who had the pleasure incident to a family reunion. On Christmas day her sons—Morris A., of Altoona; Wilbur, of Bellefonte; Harry and Ammon, together with the eldest son's wife and little daughter, Mary Ellen, surrounded the family board.

Like all other towns Boalsburg has its quota of young men and women who are getting up in the world but do not fall to show their appreciation of the old home. Among these are Prof. and Mrs. Edward H. Meyer, of Hazelton, accompanied by their two children, who are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Meyer. Prof. Meyer is one of the instructors in the Hazelton High School, and is fully equipped for the position, being a graduate of Pennsylvania State College and having had previous experience in the public school room.

### PROF. WAGNER SPEAKS.

Assures the Reporter Readers That His Committee Has Been Careful to Recognize Only the Fittest.

The following letter from Prof. Jonas E. Wagner, chairman of the committee delegated the power to examine school teachers applying for permanent certificates, needs no explanation. The editor of the Reporter, however, wishes to set himself right in the minds of the readers by frankly admitting that the "past" referred to in the article under the heading "Permanent Certificates," was not meant to apply to the immediate past. In writing the article the writer had in mind particular permanent certificate holders, whose fitness for school work was questionable when certificates were issued, and since conditions in these instances have not changed. Generally speaking there can be no denial that permanent certificates have not been dol out with too liberal a hand. Dr. Wagner's letter follows:

Referring to your editorial of December 19th, relative to the activities of the permanent certificate committee of Centre county, I feel that a wrong impression may be gained of the work this committee has done during its term of service. The present members are all serving by reappointment after conducting the work for the last three years. During that time eighteen applicants presented themselves for examination for this grade of certificate, five of whom were recommended to the State Superintendent and who later received their certificates. With such a percentage failing, we feel that we have, at least, not erred in giving out these credentials promiscuously.

Furthermore, the members of the committee have been a unit in determining the standard to be reached before a candidate is recommended. This standard is set up arbitrarily by them but is based on legislative requirements, tests of a similar nature in other sections, and on what is supposed to represent a conservative, yet progressive, degree of educational advancement. And in order to encourage further study on the part of teachers the committee has outlined all its requirements—in some cases mentioning specific books to be covered—and through private and public instruction has given its service in every way possible.

I assure you, Mr. Editor, that if the committee has given evidence that it lacks the truly professional spirit, and has been disloyal to the educational interests of the county, its motives have been right and the failures are due to errors of judgment.

Thanking you most sincerely for your interest, not only as a citizen but as a director, and trusting that our work shall measure up to a healthy public opinion.

### Farmers Change Locations.

As is usually the case at the beginning of the year, announcements of farmers changing locations are made. A few in this vicinity are noted:

John H. Williams has leased a farm near Pine Grove Mills, and will be succeeded as tenant on the Furst farm by Jerry Lutz. The Martin farm, near Gatesburg Mines, vacated by Mr. Lutz will have for a new tenant Wes Foreman, of Potter township. The latter will be succeeded by James H. McCool, who is the owner of the farm; he will begin to till next April.

A change of method of farming by John Q. A. Kennedy, west of Centre Hall, necessitates a regulation tenant on that farm, and the want will be filled by Howard Zeigler, who will move there from the Bitner farm, owned by Prof. H. C. Rothrock. The tenant has been selected for the Rothrock farm.

Irvin Burris, several years tenant on the farm of Henry Potter, will move to near Potters Mills onto the farm owned by William H. Stiver. He will be succeeded on the Potter farm by Elmer Harshbarger, of Buffalo Run, who a short time ago was tenant on the Bartholomew farm, west of Centre Hall.

Arber J. Cummings is undecided whether or not he will continue farming as an occupation, but has surrendered his claim to the large Van Tries farm, near Linden Hall, and will be succeeded as tenant there by Charles W. Weaver, of near Spring Mills.

Esra Harter, of Altoona, formerly of Gregg township, will succeed J. Cloyd Brooks as tenant on the farm of Dr. H. F. Bitner, west of Centre Hall. Mr. Brooks, as mentioned previously in these columns, will occupy Rhoney-mede.

### Fetterolf Property Sold.

The dwelling house of the late Elias Fetterolf, located at Spring Mills, was sold by the executor, Rev. R. F. Fetterolf, to Samuel Wee for \$1570. Mr. Wee will quit the farm and occupy his new home after April 1st.

This is 1908—two days old.

### STORY OF THE FARM.

Last Year's Agricultural Product Worth Seven and a Half Billion Dollars.

At a time of financial readjustment an examination of working assets is general. Among the most important of the public documents as Congress assembles is the report of the secretary of agriculture, whose department has grown steadily, and is conducted with energy and enterprise. Secretary Wilson's statement is full of reassuring facts. So comprehensively is this true that the bank disturbances of the moment is entirely out of keeping with the state of the country and its general industries. The crops of 1907 are not the largest that have been raised, but will sell for more money and represent a larger foreign credit. American farm products for 1907 are valued by the secretary at \$7,412,000,000, which exceeds the high record of 1906 by \$657,000,000, figures that bespeak a remarkable prosperity. The 1907 corn crop is valued at \$1,350,000,000, or twenty-two per cent. above the average value of the previous five crops. Cotton holds its high valuation and the wheat crop is more valuable by 5 per cent. Taking farm cereals as a whole, their value in 1907 is twenty-three per cent. above the average of the last five years. In 1907 dairy products reached \$800,000,000, poultry and eggs \$600,000,000 and animals sold and slaughtered on the farms, \$127,000,000. Agriculturally the United States is a many-billion country.

### Advance for Mr. Ishler.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company sent Frank T. Ishler, assistant agent at Centre Hall, credentials advancing him from that position to a full fledged station agent, and transferred him to Oak Hall. He is now holding that position and has moved his family to the Green Irvin home, at Oak Hall Station. Mr. Ishler is an accommodating young man, and will be able and willing to serve the people in that community in the best possible way.

Forrest Bible, who for almost six years has been agent at Oak Hall, has been transferred to Georgetown, on the Philadelphia and Erie R. R., under the Pennsylvania system. Mr. Bible has many warm friends about Oak Hall and Boalsburg who regret to see him go elsewhere.

### Do It Today—Now.

Order the Philadelphia Press daily, one year, and they will send you a Safety Razor with it. The value of the daily Press one year and the Safety Razor is \$3.00. The Press makes the unheard offer of both for \$3.50. Each is a gift in itself. The Press will mail the paper one year to one address and send the Safety Razor to another if desired. The offer is good only to January 1st.

### Milheim K. G. E. Officers.

- Past Chief—C. G. Weaver
- Noble Chief—L. W. Stover
- Vice Chief—R. H. Breon
- High Priest—J. W. Reifsnnyder
- Master of Records—Samuel Weiser
- Venerable Hermit—H. R. Atman
- Clerk of Exchequer—M. H. Smith
- Keeper of Exchequer—J. H. B. Hartman
- Sir Herald—M. L. Breon
- Trustee—T. K. Frank
- Representative—M. H. Smith

### Krape-Silver.

The marriage of William B. Krape, of Spring Mills, and Miss Margaret H. Silver, was solemnized at the home of Howard G. Krape, brother of the groom, at Hebersburg, Christmas eve, Rev. H. C. Bixler, of Rebersburg, officiating. The couple returned to Centre Hall Thursday following, where they will live for the present. Congratulations.

### May Celebrate Centennial.

Boalsburg citizens are seriously considering the celebration of the centennial anniversary of that town. Theodore Davis Boal is the leading spirit in the movement, and backed by the people of Boalsburg and Harris township the anticipation now entertained will undoubtedly become a realization. Some week in June of the present year is likely to be the time selected.

### Institute at Milheim.

The teachers local institute, at Milheim, Friday and Saturday ought to be productive of much good, judging from the character of subjects to be discussed. Friday evening Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt will lecture on "Across the Atlantic and Through the Mediterranean."

### Gingery Mercantile Appraiser.

The board of county commissioners appointed David J. Gingery, of Martha, mercantile appraiser. Mr. Gingery is a farmer, a successful one, and also a man saturated from head to foot with Democratic principles.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Has the holiday season proven a pleasure to you?

Monday evening the regular week of prayer will open.

Did you do anything during the Christmas season to gladden the heart of the needy?

A. B. Lee offers for sale the house and lot at Tusseyville, owned by Mrs. Henry Moyer. See adv.

Hon. Wm. M. Allison advertises the Wilson farm, near Spring Mills, now occupied by Charles Weaver, for rent.

William K. Stover, long a resident of Haines township, has moved to Wolf's Store. Both Mr. Stover and his wife are in delicate health.

John A. Kline, of near Millheim, recently made a trip to western Pennsylvania. He is proprietor of the Centre Mills flouring mills and made the trip in the interest of his business.

A whole hog was stolen from the cooling room in Lew Gettig's slaughter house, Bellefonte. No doubt the thief thought it would be too risky to spend the time dividing up the carcass.

Everybody's for January sets a pace for the new year that will be hard to beat. Foremost in importance is the inside story of the recent panic—"The Game Got Them"—by Edwin Le-feve, the Wall Street expert.

A Plymouth Rock pullet in the possession of Barber Geary, in Centre Hall, is distinguishing itself by laying eggs by the dozen that measure 6x8 inches in circumference. The young bird lays regularly every other day.

The butchers in Centre county had a friendly call from the meat inspector a short time ago. The next call will, no doubt be more of an official nature, now that the provisions of the law have been impressed upon the meat venders.

The new officers elected by the Bellefonte Lodge of Masons are as follows: Worshipful master, Henry C. Quigley; senior warden, Robert F. Hunter; junior warden, Ellis L. Orvis; treasurer, A. C. Mingle; secretary, W. Homer Crissman.

As long as the claim of the Van Hoin heirs, who think they own about all the land on which New York is built, remains unsettled they will have all the pleasure that anticipation of riches can well bring. After the settlement: Well—that's another story.

John H. Williams was in town recently, and called at the Reporter office. He is having a sale some time in March, but is not giving up the farm. He will, however, move from the Furst farm, near Bellefonte, to the Keelbine farm, above Pine Grove Mills, and all told will have over two hundred acres of land to look after.

Fred McLaughlin, who some years ago was a brakeman on the local branch, died in Harrisburg. The call boy, who went to his room just before the noon hour, first discovered his death. Mr. McLaughlin was a passenger engineer. He was a native of Lewisston, and was survived by his wife, mother and several brothers and sisters.

The following is reprinted from the Millburg telegraph: Miss Marie Zeigler, one of Millheim's leading young ladies, spent a few days pleasantly last week with her friend, Miss Nellie Badger. Sue is employed in the telephone exchange at Millheim, at which she is very proficient and courteous, giving excellent service and is well liked by its patrons.

A Best gasoline lamp has been purchased by the members of the United Evangelical church and W. B. Mingle, each having paid half, and has been installed in front of the church named. That is one way of getting light on dark nights, at the expense of individuals. Mr. Mingle has also agreed that he would see that the lamp is regularly lighted and properly cared for.

License court is over but no licenses have yet been granted. The court has no need to hurry in the matter because of the fact that the license year does not begin until April 1st. The list included twenty-nine applications for a tavern (hotel) license, six wholesale, one distiller and one brewer's license. This number was just two more tavern licenses and one wholesale more than was granted last year.

Prof. C. D. Koch, of Philipsburg, who for several years has been principal of the Philipsburg schools, has been appointed inspector of the High schools in Eastern Pennsylvania. The appointment was made by Dr. Schaefer, state superintendent of public instruction, and is provided for under a law passed at the session of the last legislature. There are but two inspectors, the salary being \$2000 annually.