



THE I. O. O. F. ORPHANS' HOME.

Will Celebrate Christmastide in the New Home—Old Building to be Remodeled.

E. E. Chubbuck, the superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' home at Sunbury, states that the new home for Odd Fellows' orphans is about completed and that they expect to celebrate Christmas in the new building. The structure is arranged to accommodate 154 children, and is expected to answer all demands of the central Pennsylvania district for years to come.

The building at present occupied will be repaired and rearranged and turned into a home for aged Odd Fellows and their wives, and will be under the same management as the orphan's home. This home is supported by an association of Odd Fellows' lodges throughout northern and central Pennsylvania, who, upon joining the association, pay a per capita tax of \$1 per member, and 25 cents a year thereafter. When the Home for Aged Odd Fellows is established it will be supported by a small additional per capita assessment.

Gunning Accident.

The following is from the Reedsville correspondent to the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel:

The first shooting accident of the season in Brown township occurred at the tent of Elmer E. Dippery in the Seven Mountains. Jake Beasley, of Harrisburg, who at one time worked for Hugo Gotschalk as a baker, was explaining the working of a gun, and not knowing it was loaded it went off prematurely, and the bullet, which is commonly known as a "punkin bullet," struck another gun on the stock breaking the iron trigger and glancing entered the right foot of Harry Barringer, who is a printer for the Smith Printing Company, of this place. Dr. Staffbaugh was sent for and brought Mr. Barringer home. The bullet entered his foot at the right side, and ploughed its way through shattering the bone, and lodging on the left side, from which it was extracted by Dr. Staffbaugh.

Effect of the Minimum Salary Law.

Since the minimum salary laws of 1907 went into effect the salary of male teachers in the State has increased \$6.74 per month and women teachers \$6.87. The average of former being \$61.23 and of latter \$40.58. Pennsylvania is no longer in the class whose average salaries are below the average of the whole United States. State Superintendent Schaeffer says the minimum salary law has been a wise and good law, acting as a spur to greater effort on the part of the teachers. It stimulates all the teachers in the direction of greater proficiency to reach the higher salary specified by law. Necessarily the schools are getting the benefit of the stimulation. This is as it should be; movement is progress.

Keith's Theatre.

"The Gibson Girls," from "The Belle of Mayfair," is the headline act this week at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia. "At the Country Club," a musical comedy sketch, remains from last week. Julius Tannen, the monologue artist, is on the bill. Mabel Russell and Johnny Stanley offer the skit, "Kidding an Actress." As a musical feature there are Pearl & Yocco, with the harp, the song and the cello. The Novellos' spectacular circus act is a feature, and the child actress, Helen Pullman, is seen in a sketch for children. Willie Weston gives imitations of stage celebrities. The Six Bonsettis, acrobats, have just returned from Europe, and are bidding for public favor.

This legislature will pass upon the proposed constitutional amendments at the coming session and if approved by the people they will become part of the organic law. The adoption of the amendments will reduce the number of elections by one-half, thus saving the people a considerable sum of money annually and diminishing the wear and tear on the average editor's constitution and conscience. The proposition is to hold the municipal elections in the odd years and the state elections in the even years. That will prevent the mingling of national and local politics, an entanglement much to be deprecated.

With a view of preventing employees from using postage stamps furnished by the company, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will use a specially designed stamp having the letters P. R. R. perforated across the face. The stamps are issued under a special act of Congress.

Can't Mr. Roosevelt make it rain? There is enough wind in him to start it blowing.

High School Appropriation.

Treasurer John H. Puff received a warrant from the state department for the sum of \$225, the same being the appropriation for the Centre Hall High School. This is the first financial benefit derived by the borough under the state high school law.

Centre Hall has now received, for the school year of 1907-1908, the sum of \$1058.33, against \$524.38 for the year previous, or the school year 1905-6.

The tax rate of nine mills now assessed was laid on the basis of the \$524.38 appropriation. With the large increased appropriation the millage for next year, even with an increased school term, can be materially reduced, but only so provided the school board avails itself of all opportunities to increase the now large appropriation received from the state.

The appropriation of the \$225 for the High School was obtained without the expenditure of a cent of borough funds, but it did require the acceptance of the provisions of a state law, the re-adjusting of the course, and the employment of a principal who measures up to the standard of principals provided for in the state appropriation measure.

The High School appropriation can yet be increased but not by lowering the standard of the schools; not by lessening the school term; not by yielding to antiquated ideas of parsimonious school directors; not by allowing prejudice to overrule good judgment, but by keeping pace with the forward march of the public schools in Pennsylvania, and cultivating a healthy educational spirit.

The above remarks are opportune at this time, especially to those who have children of school age. They have a direct interest in the public schools, and should see to it that the directors elected at the spring election will be men who will be willing to not only maintain the schools as they are today, but look forward to bettering the system. The parents who have a direct interest in the local public schools must see to it that the borough schools do not go backward, but forward; that the dollar withheld will not consume two dollars in taxes.

LOCALS.

A Red Cross stamp attached to your Christmas package will give it a tone. All goes to charity.

Mrs. Anna Williams, of Pine Grove Mills, sold her home in that town to W. H. Goss, the purchase price having been about \$1,400.

William H. Cumings will farm the Prof. H. F. Bitner farm, west of Old Fort, now tenanted by E. C. Harter. Mr. Cumings will furnish his own stock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Campbell and children, who spent a week at the home of William Kern, at Oak Hall Station, returned to their home in Derry on Saturday.

Last week Mrs. Flora Limbert, of Rebersburg, visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, in Centre Hall, and from here went to Bellefonte and Altoona.

The members of the Centre Hall Auxiliary of the Bellefonte Hospital Aid Society this week shipped four barrels of provisions, etc., to the hospital. The donations were from members of the society and many others who were charitably inclined.

Friday Calvin H. Horner went to Altoona where he will be employed in the Fay & Wolfe cafe on Eleventh street. Mr. Horner has had large experience in restaurant work, and without a doubt will be able to serve his employer with entire satisfaction.

The real estate of the late Israel Weaver, of Aaronsburg, was sold at public sale. Benjamin Haffley bought the farm in Haines township for \$5,000. James Wert, of Tusseyville, bought the homestead in Aaronsburg for \$1,450, and two other lots in Aaronsburg were sold to Lewis Mensch and F. S. Tomlinson for \$320 and \$100 respectively.

Let us stand right by Santa Claus and the Christmas giving. He has made the world brighter and better and happier. His work is not yet done. As long as there is a poor lonely heart anywhere in the world; as long as there is a man or woman who needs to be cheered up; as long as there are boys and girls to love; so long will there be something for this Saint of the Big Heart to do.

The well drillers who are sinking a well for William H. Baird, south of Earlstown, mention of which was recently made in these columns, had hard luck. On reaching a depth of eight feet, the drill broke leaving about a foot of the joint down the hole. The break occurred before it was observed, and continued drilling battered the heavy point to such an extent that skilled fishermen were unable to extricate it. The machinery was then moved and work was begun Saturday to put down a hole three or four feet from the first site.

It is not too early to begin practicing to write it 1909. It will require some time to skillfully change an eight into a nine without using the eraser.

Air Line Coming.

In speaking of the Ramsey railroad the New Berlin Reporter has this to say:

J. K. Howard and his corps of nine surveyors, who are surveying the New York, Pittsburg and Chicago Air Line, arrived at the Union Hotel on Monday and will remain about two weeks. They are going to re-run about twelve miles of the line in this vicinity and it is almost a sure thing that the road will now come through beautiful old New Berlin. The old survey crossed Penns Creek about one mile west of New Berlin and run through Snyder county. Mr. Howard and his corps have been out just one year and have re-located the line from Pittsburg to Sandy Ridge, and re-run the line from Dicks Station to Potters Mills. A recent Pittsburg paper states that Mr. Ramsey, the president of the company, has everything ready to start on the new road as soon as Spring opens up.

Rain Needed.

The failure of the water supply is creating serious apprehension throughout Pennsylvania and adjacent States. Unless there shall be heavy rainfall before the surface of the ground shall be so frozen as to prevent absorption there will be a water famine. The very low stage of the water in all the rivers and tributary streams increases the danger arising from pollution. The outbreak of typhoid fever in several parts of the State is doubtless due to water contamination. The continuance of Indian summer conditions to the very edge of winter has been delightful for all forms of outdoor sport and living, but it cannot be prolonged without grave detriment. We need settled and soaking rains.

An Inhuman Wretch.

George Walker, of Show Shoe township, but formerly a resident of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, was placed in the Centre county jail awaiting trial at court on the charge of being the cause of the death of his five weeks' old baby. In the charge against him it is asserted that he was tossing the baby above his head and allowed the infant to fall and strike its head against a chair, inflicting an injury which resulted in its death. Walker was later arrested and brought to jail to await trial on the charge of murder. He is a man about twenty-five years old and has twice been a charge on Snow Shoe township.

State College Growing.

The State College Times predicts that State College will have, ere long, a population of three thousand, and as an evidence recites that during the past year forty-five dwelling houses have been erected, and that there are prospects of at least sixty dwellings being erected during the year 1909. Building lots heretofore difficult to obtain have been cheapened by opening up large plots for building purposes.

From Millheim Journal.

Mrs. T. R. Buck, of Berwick, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Zerby.

George W. Garman, of Sunbury, spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Springer.

Mrs. W. J. Throssell and daughter, Miss Grace, attended the funeral of Mrs. Throssell's father, L. C. Wynn, at Sunbury.

Wm. N. Duck, who is a student at the Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, spent Thanksgiving Day at his home in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Walker, of Pittsburg, who have been visiting relatives and friends in this community the past week, spent Saturday with Prof. and Mrs. S. Ward Gramley.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Israel Weaver to J. H. Reifsnyder, July 23, 1901, three tracts of land in Haines and Miles twp. \$1.

Mrs. Anna Ward, et al, to Edward Eisenberg, Nov. 14, 1909, lot in Ferguson twp. \$50.

Mary J. Swartz to D. G. Fortney, April 6, 1905, 48 acres, 97 perches in Potter twp. \$2832.62.

Mrs. Jennie M. Alkey, et bar, to Oscar E. Miles, Nov. 6, 1908, lot No. 3 in Boggs township. \$75.

J. Miles Green to J. Harris Green, March 9, 1908, lot in Milesburg. \$300.

Mary J. Swartz to Ada J. Fortney, April 6, 1905, 16 acres, 1 perch in Potter township. \$860.

C. H. Foster, et al, to Mrs. Mary E. Martin, November 14, 1908, lot in College twp. \$115.

Walter C. Stephens, admr., to Jean R. Jenkins, Nov. 14, 1908, premises in Phillipsburg. \$304.

L. M. Houser, et ux, to Edward Eisenberg, Nov. 3, 1908, lot in Ferguson twp. \$1850.

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Give for the Hospital.

The ladies connected with the auxiliary of the Bellefonte Hospital Aid Society are canvassing Centre Hall and surrounding country for donations to the Hospital. The Bellefonte Hospital should be liberally supported by every one. It is a great institution doing a great work. It is a God-send to the people of this county, and no one should withhold giving something. The aid given by the state is not nearly enough to support the Hospital, and it is not intended that the state pay all the bills, and the beneficiaries—direct and indirect—not assist. Give liberally to the Hospital.

Hunting Incidents.

Among the hunting incidents related by the Democratic Watchman are these: A black snake was discovered lying on a flat rock sunning itself, and was killed by the man who saw it. With a view of having proof of his story the reptile was skinned.

A Runville rabbit hunter while on the mountains in the vicinity of Runville ran across a large cinnamon bear wearing a muzzle. Bruin inspected the young hunter, and the youth inspected bruin, then they parted. Had the sportsman swiped the muzzle he too might have had undisputed evidence of his story, and a trophy worth the while.

Burned to Death.

The other Friday morning Mrs. Morgan Swisher, who lives near Phillipsburg, went out to feed her chickens and upon returning to the house found her little three year old daughter lying on the floor in terrible agony, the clothing burned from her body and her flesh burned to a crisp. The child had evidently been playing with matches and set fire to her clothing. She died the same evening.

LOCALS.

The W. H. Meyer farm, at Centre Hill, next spring will be tenanted by John Hosterman, of Woodward, now living on the Neidig farm.

"Bud" Homan, the youthful paper hanger and decorator, papered the new dwelling house erected by H. G. Strohmeyer, at State College.

Emanuel Fye, living on the Pierce Vonada farm, north of Penns Cave will make public sale of his farm stock, implements, etc., March 15.

Rev. William Potter Van Tries has accepted a call to the Trinity Presbyterian church at Berwyn. Rev. Van Tries is a son of Dr. T. C. Van Tries, of Bellefonte.

The White Lily washing machine is on sale at the Rearick Furniture Store, and is advertised by them in this issue. The White Lily is so named on account of the clean washing it does.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ostrander, of Bellefonte, was badly bitten by a bull-dog belonging to James Woods. As soon as Mr. Woods discovered the fact he immediately killed two dogs which he owns to avoid further similar trouble.

The members of the Centre Hall Methodist church in connection with the Epworth League will hold a social in the Grange Areadia on the evening of 23rd inst. The affair will be purely social, but no doubt profitable as the social side of religious bodies cannot be developed too much.

Rev. John A. Bright, of Fairfield, Iowa, was recently drawn a petit juror in the U. S. District Court, at Topeka, Kansas, and after returning to his home in Iowa he started for Strasburg, Ohio, where he will remain until sometime in February with his brother, Rev. George S. Bright, pastor of a Lutheran church in that place.

It is very annoying to telephone subscribers to find during the very busy hour in the evening, when they want to use the phone, that some young couple is sparking over the wire, or somebody else is holding a long, gossipy conversation. Some people use the telephone almost any time for almost anything. The above is from the December Farm Journal.

Christmas is coming. You can send the Reporter to any new subscriber one year for fifty cents. Think of it! All the news in the county carried right to your friend's door for one year for a fifty-cent piece. How could you remember one of the absent members of your family better than by sending him or her the Reporter. Of course, after the first year, the subscription price of the Reporter is the same to all—one dollar per year, in advance.

Farmers about Centre Hall are hauling water from the springs of the Bible sisters, east of Centre Hall. The springs on the Van Valsah farm, west of Centre Hall, are also furnishing the water supply for a large number of cattle. D. L. Bartges, at Earlstown, is dividing the water from his well among his neighbors. The well on the Clayton Wagner farm, south of Earlstown, also furnished water for several neighbors until recently.

The Fall Assessment.

The various assessors are making the fall assessments, which includes only personal property and money at interest. There is little doubt but that large sums of money are withheld from the assessor that ought to be reported and on which state tax should be paid. In some instances the assessors are at fault, in others the individual simply closes his eyes when raising his right hand and says no. The assessor is in duty bound to swear every individual, and by doing so he is relieved of all responsibility for false reports. Of course, when assessors have personal knowledge of an individual having money at interest it is his duty to report it, regardless of the statement to the contrary.

Next year the triennial assessment will be made, and this work will be performed by the assessors now holding office.

Special Roads for Automobiles.

The Tribune has been stigmatized as a fossil because it has suggested on more than one occasion that an automobile has no more legal right on a public highway than a locomotive; nevertheless it adheres to that conviction. There should be special automobile roads in the state. Instead of that we are preparing to turn the roads over to the motor cars and their owners. They are back of the good roads agitation now on and the proposed state highway is to be built at public expense largely for their benefit. We have no desire to be ugly or unreasonable, but in view of the repeated accidents occurring on county roads and on the crowded streets of the cities, seldom a day passing without some horror, we feel that special roads should be constructed for these dangerous vehicles. Possibly we are behind the times; nevertheless, human life is worth something.

Avoid "Xmas."

The Centre Reporter requests all its correspondents and others who contribute to its columns during the holiday season to avoid the use of the meaningless and very irreverent contraction "Xmas" for Christmas. It is an affectation to be avoided by the reverent mind. Little time is saved in the writing and there are men and women upon whom it has a very unpleasant effect.

It is not known precisely who invented the contraction. It is likely that many persons fall into its use without reflection. They have seen it elsewhere; it is a little different; it doesn't take quite so long to write and it may possibly attract attention. And so it is dashed down and many of the papers fairly teem with it during the holiday season.

Avoid writing it "Xmas."

Potter-Earhart Insurance.

In giving an account of the fire loss to Miss Mary Potter and George Earhart, near Linden Hall, the amount of insurance was not mentioned because the insurance adjustment had not been made. The insurance held was as follows, and placed in the Centre County Mutual Company:

Wheat.....	\$ 207
Oats.....	60
Barley.....	45
Hay.....	183
Corn.....	133
Barn.....	1525
	\$2166

The owners had equal interest in the insurance of grain and hay. The sum named on the barn, of course, was held by Miss Potter. There was no insurance on any of the implements.

J. D. Murray Successful.

After a great deal of effort and correspondence J. D. Murray, the popular druggist, has succeeded in getting the Dr. Howard Company to make a special half-price introductory offer on the regular fifty-cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

This medicine is a recent discovery for the cure of all diseases of the stomach and bowels. It not only gives quick relief, but it makes permanent cures.

Dr. Howard's specific has been so remarkably successful in curing constipation, dyspepsia and all liver troubles, that Mr. Murray is willing to return the price paid-in every case where it does not give relief.

Headaches, coated tongue, dizziness, gas on stomach, specks before the eyes, constipation, and all forms of liver and stomach trouble are soon cured by this scientific medicine.

So great is the demand for this specific, that Mr. Murray has been able to secure only a limited supply, and every one who is troubled with dyspepsia, constipation or liver trouble should call upon him at once.

Even the man who has nothing to do doesn't seem satisfied to do it.

Men's felt slippers, 65c at Yeagers.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Men's rubber boots, \$2.85 at Yeagers. In another column of this issue appears the names of purchasers of Red Cross Christmas stamps.

Linn C. Bottorf, of Curwensville, formerly of Lemont, is in Ashville, South Carolina, where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. John Strouse, of near State College, who has been quite sick from inflammatory rheumatism, is very much improved.

"Capt." William E. Snyder has made application for an increase of his pension, he having attained the age of seventy-five a short time ago.

It is with the Bickford Fire Brick Company, of Curwensville, that L. T. Munson is now engaged, and occupies quarters in the Company's office in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Swabb, who were married recently, expect to go to housekeeping in the spring at Tusseyville, where Mr. Swabb is assisting A. B. Lee in his blacksmith and general repair shop.

At the approaching sessions of the state legislature, an effort will be made to again pass a state pension bill. The pension will apply to all soldiers who enlisted in the Civil War now residents of the state.

After almost twenty-eight years in Hastings, Nebraska, John Sauserman returned and is visiting friends about Pine Grove Mills and in Stone Valley, looking quite well and, as the saying goes, is well healed.

The horse belonging to George Giegerich, east of Centre Hall, mention of whose nursing by Mr. Giegerich was made last week, died a few days ago. The animal was a valuable one, and was kicked by another horse about four weeks ago.

Newton Yarnell, of Linden Hall, was a caller Friday, on his way to the home of Perry Luse, on the Huyett farm, to care for his father-in-law, George W. Sweeney, who received a paralytic stroke the day previous while assisting Mr. Luse to butcher.

The McFarlane farm, northwest of Centre Furnace, was sold to Messrs. John and Hamill Bathgate for fifty dollars per acre. The Bathgates had been tenants on this farm for more than thirty years, consequently they were well acquainted with the acres acquired.

How many Red Cross Christmas stamps have you used, and how many have you on hand? Every Red Cross stamp attached to a letter or package indicates that you have contributed just that much for charity. They are on sale at the Reporter office. No profit accrues to any one by the sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps.

John F. Zeigler, of Altoona, well known to many residents of Penns Valley, recently made a trip to Farmville, Virginia, where he visited his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Zeigler, and her son, George Zeigler. He finds the people in Virginia hospitable and sociable. Before returning he also spent some time in Baltimore and Washington.

One of the large bay horses driven in the wagon dispensing John Rockefeller oil took sick while standing in front of Kreamer & Son's store, one day last week, and fell to the ground. The animal was finally gotten up and taken to the barn of the driver, near by, where treatment by the driver and a day's rest, it fully recovered. Azoturia was the affliction.

Assessor Booser will report that the residents of Centre Hall borough will have almost \$100,000 at interest that is taxable for state purposes. This, however, does not represent all the good cash bearing interest for the benefit of Centre Hall residents, since a number of individuals hold bonds of a class the tax on which is paid by the corporation issuing them, for instance borough bonds.

Oliver Strunk moved from the Love property on Church street, purchased by Wm. McClenahan, to the Herischer house on Main street, recently vacated by Mrs. Boal. Mr. McClenahan will begin housekeeping between now and spring in the house from which Mr. Strunk moved. D. W. Strunk, now on the Rihel farm, will also move into a part of the Herischer house within the next three months.

Miss Anna Reynolds, youngest daughter of Postmaster D. W. Reynolds, in Reedsville, was taken ill with diphtheria on her return from Lewistown where she attended an entertainment. Since her illness Mr. Reynolds has been stopping at the hotel, and Miss Louella, who is teaching school, is boarding with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Riden, leaving Mrs. Reynolds in charge of her daughter. Her condition on Tuesday was reported as being encouraging.