After graduating from the Centre

cipal of that borough's schools.

Referring to his work in Bellefonte

superior qualities, both as a teacher and an ex-

affable manner and with that keen business in-

stinct and wise judgment which in themselves

cople of Bellefonte are genuinely sorry to los

Mr. Meyer as a citizen but at the same time

they are gratified to know that he has been

selected by a body of able financiers for such a

responsible position and while wishing him well

there is not a man of his acquaintance but that

About two months ago an oppor-

of his sister, Mrs. J. W. McCormick,

Alfalfa Again,

out over the Pennsylvania railroad to

per acre, making the returns per acre

\$45. This is not only the first alfalfa

profitable one, once a set is obtained,

After Sellers of Temperance Beer,

This from the Bellefonte Daily

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector

G. W. Reese has been busy the past

Emerick-Fetteroif,

Newton E. Emerick and Miss Mary

monies were being performed, fifty or

more young people gathered on the

street near the scene, and when the

young couple emerged, all smiles, the

mob began to move, and escorted the

The Reporter extends congratula

bride and groom to their home,

office business.

knows he will make good."

his duties.

#### VOLUME LXXXII.

The reader holds before him issue number one, volume eighty-two of The Centre Reporter.

There are not many of its readers older than the paper itself, but The Centre Reporter wishes all-the young and old in years, the old and new subscribers to this paper, a happy, pros perous New Year-the year 1909.

With renewed effort The Centre Reporter will endeavor to give its readers the local news in Centre county. It will continue to criticise wherever and whenever it thinks criticism will be for the best interests of the people; it will represent the people's cause without regard for its owner's welfare. The Centre Reporter prefers to stand for the right, rather than yield a single principle for financial support; its influence, whatever it may havepolitical or otherwise-is not purchasable; neither can it be cowed by threats of violence or withdrawal of support.

During the year just closed more subscribers have been added to its subscription list than in any year since the present proprietor is the owner of the paper. The greater part of all The Centre Reporter readers pay their subscription in advance, Schools." which indicates a genuine appreciation of the paper. By continued prompt payment of subscription The Centre Reporter will be enabled more than ever to give its readers the news And, by the way, every reader is kindly asked to forward to this office any bit of local news in his or her posses sion The interest of a local paper can be greatly increased by writing it letters, from the north, east, south and west, by sending it personal mentions of persons at one or another time connected in some way with the historypast or present-of Centre county.

With the promise that The Centre Reporter will throughout the year just began serve its readers rather than itself, it wishes you again

# A Happy New Year.

Too bad that President Roosevelt was short a Christmas toddy because a Columbia, South Carolina, expressman refused to receive a jug of mellow corn from Major Micah Jenkius, of that city, addressed to "Theodore Roosevelt, Washington, D. C." And this in the face of the fact that the Attorney General of the United States had advised that the shipment be sent on. What a naughty express agent.

The Legislature now in session has made great promises, but it is what it will do that will count. If all the promises made by Republicans in Pennsylvania had been faithfully kept, the Keystone state would be the best governed instead of the rottenest state in the Union. Governing by promises has proven very detrimental to the good people of this Commonwealth.

# The Institute.

Owing to the large amount of local matter on hand for this week, an ac count of the teachers' institute will be omitted. It is due Sup't Etters to state that the institute was one of the best held in several years. The nonbe charged to Prof. Etters, but some one made a blunder in not notifying noon's session.

# Treated the Children.

Forty or more children in and about ly of her, and a year will not erase capita assessment. from their memory the favor.

# A Winning Fight Against the Toll Gater.

"The Philadelphia Press" has been new developments.

Centre Reporter, \$1.00 per year.

SCH 'OL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION.

Adopt Resolutions Asking the State to Pay Teachers' Salaries and Provide for Centralization of Schools.

The Centre county school directors association met in Petrikin hall, Bellefonte, Tuesday morning of last week, and was called to order by Hon. W. C. Heinle, president. Supt. D. O. Etters made a few remarks following the address of the president. Committees were appointed.

Dr. Henry R. Sanford, of New York, addressed the convention on the "Mutual Relations of Director and Teacher." The question of High schools was discussed by Prof. Irving L. Foster, of State College, in a very able paper. "What legislation is needed for the betterment of our schools " was discussed at some length by D. F. Fortney, Esq., and his conclusions as to what was needed were embodied in a series of resolutions adopted by the convention and published below.

Wednesday morning the convention met and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Jas. B. Stein, D. D., followed by an address by Dr. R. N. Roark, of Richmond, Ky. Prof. H. E. Hall, of Mansfield, Ohio, gave a very excellent talk on reading and libraries for schools. Remarks were then made by various directors after which D. F. Fortney took up and at some length discussed "What a School Director can do to Improve the

Hon. W. C. Heinle was again elected president, and H. C. Quigley, Esq., secretary.

The school directors of Centre county, Pennsylvania, in convention assembled for the consideration and discussion of questions pertaining to school administration as required by the Ac of Assembly approved the 22nd day of March A. D. 1907, do resolve:

1st. That they are convinced that there nuch need of further financial aid from the Co wealth to the system of common schools burg during the holidays. ow largely maintained by taxes leved for that surpose against the real and personal property in he several school districts in the State.

the several school districts in the State.

2d. That they are also convinced that the financial aid needed can be more surely obtained, bring more certain relief to the now over-burdened districts, and produce better results to both schools and teachers, for the State to assume the payment of the salaries of all persons engaged or who may engage in teaching in the public schools of the State, and to this end we would suggest the discontinuance of making an annual appropriation to the common schools, and instead ciation to the common schools, and instead lieu thereof, the State to pay annually the of those engaged in teaching in said

school districts in the State will be enabled to establish High schools, provide larger ground and better buildings for school surposes, to secure a more permanent and better qualified teaching force, and the standard of the schools and teaching force alike will be raised and greatly advanced.

4th. That the establishment of good High or centralized schools properly graded will do much to overcome and do away with the desire of the young people from the rural districts to crowd toward the centres of population, because they will have proper educational facilities within easy reach of their homes.

5th. That we favor the establishment of cen tralized township schools and in connection therewith a township High school, so arranged that the elements of agriculture as well as the elements of a good business education may be, not only theoretically, but practically taught therein.

6th. That these resolutions expressing our sincere convictions, we respectfully but very earnestly demand that the commissioners having charge of the revision of the school laws shall incorporate them into that law, and we further request that the Representative in the Legislature from this county, and the Senator from this, the Thirty-fourth, senatorial district, to give such measures their earnest support.

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J. W. KURTZ,
J. W. KEPLER, Com.

Odd Fellows' Orphanage. The Odd Fellows' Orphaus' Home near Sunbury was dedicated on Christ- and Mrs. l'eter Hockman, near Zion, that of the elder Germont. As at the mas Day. The building is arranged to accommodate one hundred and is Haven. expected to answer all demands of the Among the holiday home-comers cast, and the excellent ballet and the Central Pennsylvania district for years not heretofore mentioned were Ralph same production will be seen. to come. The old home could only ac- Boozer, Pittsourg; Claude K. Stahl. commodate ninety-two children, and Ed. L. Bartholomew, Altoona; Guy to Philadelphians, and it is one of her liquor laws. It seems that for some there are eight on the waiting list at Jacobs, student at State College; Miss present, so that the new home will Helen Bartholomew, Tyrone; Samuel created a furore by his superb tenor and adjoining counties have been sell- new dress. Of course, it is not cut appearance of Senator Gore, due to ill- start in with an even hundred of Weber, New York. ness, was a misfortune which cannot children. The building at present oc The following is from the Lewistown acting, will make his reappearance as ance drink, which in reality was a covers all the good forms of a live him in time so that an announcement Fellows and their wives, and will be Slabig, who resides near Centre Hall, whose intense dramatic impersonation But it did not take many of them to financially a success, and under its could have been made at the after under the same management as the was here yesterday. Mr. Slabig has of the Jester was a feature of the prev- put a man bug house. The boys in present good management it is a source central Pennsylvania, who, upon join- during the latter's illness. Potters Mills were made giad by Mrs. ing the association, pay a per capita William Blauser on Christmas Day, tax of \$1, and twenty-five cents a year materially increased during the past week, all of off William Colyer's left ear, but it on which day she gave each of them thereafter. When the Home for Aged month, for all of which the editor is of Melba the Countess Maria Labia whom settled by paying a fine and was by being thrown from a wagon a present from the Blauser general Odd Fellows is established it will be thankful. Sometimes one thinks the will be heard as Mimi. Labia has sung costs. store. The little ones speak very kind-supported by a small additional per home paper is not appreciated, but the part in many of the principal cities

# Keith's Theatre.

America's foremost women's orchestra, The Fadettes, of Boston, are playwaging a winning fight to abolish the ing a welcome return at Keith's l'heatoll gates and turnpikes. The people tre, Philadelphia, this week. Paka's to appreciate even a mother's love. all over the State are taking a live in- Hawaiian trio of native vocalists, terest in the crusade of "The Palla- musicians and dancers is another delphia Press " against the toll gates. musical number. The Patty Frank The people fully realize that toll gates troupe numbers seven, and they apare relics of past days and should be pear in a European acrobatic novelty. done away with ; also the State law- The Mimic Four are presenting " The makers are taking an active interest Day After", while Edwards Davis & and showing a strong sentiment in Company are giving that tragic trifavor of their abolishment. All new umph, "All Rivers Meet at the Sea". developments regarding the toll gates An extra attraction consists of a laughwill be printed in "The Philadelphia ing farce," Mr. Busybody", which is Press," as well as all other interesting presented by Ed. Wynn & Co. Mr. late news. Send your order to your Quick, crayonist; The Bordeaus, vo. past have been identified with the newsdealer and keep in touch with all calists; Sansone and Delila, sensa-

Reception at Colyer.

The afternoon of Christmas Day of the time with the groom's parents, arranged to make the service a success. first few years of his life, in Centre From there they will go to Niagara The interior of the building was Hall. From the position of supervis-

Lewisburg.

Mr. Warner is a prominent lawyer of hem; this was a beautiful scene. Reading. H. C. Minin, president of The singing was decidedly excellent. the snow plow works at Ridgeway, acted as best man.

brass band of Colyer rendered a few of the closest attention. He also mentheir choice selections, which were tioned that the Lutheran, Evangelical much appreciated by all. H. C. Min. and United Evangelical clergymen in, who is a fine vocalist, then sang had arranged their services so as not the Democratic Watchman says : his favorite song, "We will always to conflict, affording opportunity for remember the day."

### LOCALS.

J. W. Whiteman and son John visited the Raker families about Mifflin-

Roy Puff, the young son of John H Puff, was a guest of the family of O. F Mader, in Mifflinburg, during the poliday season.

Mrs. O. F. Shaw, of State College, spent several days last week among relatives in Centre Hall, being most of the time at the home of Mrs S. J.

remains unclaimed in the Centre Hall granted. post office January 1, 1909 The person calling for this letter will plea say that it was advertised.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Auman, of Centre Hall, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bradford, in Hunting on, for

ribs. The fractures were reduced by Dr. F. C. Musser.

In the January Review of Reviews cogent plea for postal savings banks, be given full scope in the coloratura ual in the county. The crop is a most Postmaster-General Meyer makes a meeting with special force the arguments advanced against the scheme by the banking interests.

and Russel, east of Centre Hall, during mille" has been for some time declared Park, on a hill-side sloping to the the Christmas season were guests at a vocal triumph. Taccani will again south the home of Mrs. Grove's parents, Mr. sing the part of the lover, and Polese and also went to Howard and Lock

cupied will be repaired, re-arranged Democrat and Sentinel under the the Duke, which is one of the best beer diluted. The bottles were put up newspaper. Ever since its establishand turned into a home for aged Odd Reedsville correspondence : Howard roles in his repetoire. Sammarco, very nicely labeled non-intoxicating, ment the Keystone Gazette has been Orphans' Home. This home is sup- been on this side of the mountains for lous performance, will again sing the the country towns were getting on to of continuous profit to its owner, ported by an association of Odd Fel- six weeks, having been attending his music of the vengeful fool. Mile. Pon- the kind of temperance drink it was, Editor T. H. Harter. The Reporter lows' lodges throughout northern and brother-in-las, Joseph Devinney,

> The Reporter's subscription list was then when a batch of new subscriptions come in, and renewals come along accompanied with the kindliest of expressions for the success of the paper, the lack of appreciation is cornered to an element that is unable

Several families in Centre Hall are without quarters to move into after the first of April. Too bad the growth of the town is thwarted because no one is willing to put his spare money into new dwelling houses. This would make queer reading for the Harpsters, William Wolf and William Colyer, were they living, and will be pondered over by J. O. Deininger and A. P. Luse and sons, all of whom in the erection of more than one dwelling house within the borough limits. Is tional acrobats, and Cowboy Williams are others on the bill. There are also numerous kinetograph wonders. house within the borough limits. Is there no hope of awakening the building spirit?

#### Christmas Entertainment

One of the most interesting Christabout one hundred and twenty-five mas entertainments in Spring Mills in editor of this paper is to note in its guests assembled at the home of Mr. recent years was the one in the Re- columns the advancement of young and Mrs. A. J. Weaver, at Colyer, to formed church Sunday evening, the men and women who claim the south greet their son, Wallace W. Weaver, 27th. The title of the service was side of Centre county as the "old and his bride. Mr. Weaver was mar- "The Cradle of Love." The officers home." It is with no little pride that ried the day previous to Miss Herma and teachers of the Sunday school de- The Centre Reporter points to the ad-H. Hill, of Reading. They were on serve especial praise for the admirable vancement of John D. Meyer, who their honeymoon trip and spent part manner in which they had everything spent all of his boyhood, excepting the

Fails, N. Y., and Montreal, Canada, brilliantly illuminated and handsome- ing principal of the Bellefonte schools, after which they will return to Read- ly decorated with garlands. The plat- Mr. Meyer stepped to the treasurership ing where a furnished home awaits form was artistically arranged and of the Blair County Title and Trust beautifully decorated, presenting a Company, of Altoona. This company Mr. Weaver is a very industrious charming scene. The program, which has a capital stock of \$250,000, with a young man, a graduate of the S. was quite lengthy, was interspersed large surplus, and is one of the strong Seminary, Reading, and the Morse with songs, recitations and dialogues, financial institutions of Blair county. School of Telegraphy, Cincinnati, and all the speakers delivered their The trust company has just recently Ohio. His wife is a graduate of the addresses admirably, fully rewarding moved into its own home, a three-Reading High School and also a gradu- their parents and teachers for the pa- story brick structure, said to be one ate in music from Bucknell University, tience and judicious care and precision of the most complete and modern in rehearsing them for this special buildings of its kind for banking Hall the middle of last week to spend Among some of the honored guests occasion. A large star was suspended business. at the reception were Miss Verdie above the platform, and in moving Hill, who was bridesmaid; Mr. and stopped immediately over the manger. Hall schools, Mr. Meyer fell under the Mrs. C. B. Warner and son Wallace. thus representing the star of Bethletutorship of Dr. D. M. Wolf, who pre-

Dr. D. M. Wolf, superintendent of caster, he began teaching school at and H. D. Weaver, of Bellefonte, who the Sunday school delivered in his Alexandria, and from there he went to usual pleasing style, a very appropriate Bellefonte as principal of the High About ten o'clock in the evening the and able address, his remarks receiving School. Four years ago he succeeded all to attend the different exercises. The guests enjoyed the evening, and He desired to thank them for this exall departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. hibition of brotherly feeling and assur-Weaver a long, happy and prosperous ing them that their kindness was fully appreciated.

> The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, many failing to gain admittance.

#### Licenses Granted.

With these exceptions, James A. Noonan, Brant house, Bellefonte; tunity presented itself when the James W. Runkle, Centre Hall; Er- financiers of the trust company named win M. Davis and Harry Washburn, saked an interview, and later, when in children, of Milroy, were guests of Mr. Philipsburg, and E. E. Beals, Julian, Columbia, South Carolina, the guest and Mrs. William Blauser, at Potters applicants for hotel license; the wholesale liquor licenses of Orin Vail, he was notified of his selection to fill is a daughter of the Blausers. Mr. George Parks and James Black, Philithe important office of treasurer of Hannah is the boss on the Richly saw ipsburg; Lawrence Nugent, Cassa- the trust company, which office also mills at Milroy. nova, and John Boyce, Clarence, all embodies the duties of a cashier of a A letter addressed to H. R. Cintry the other licenses applied for were bank. Next Monday he will assume in Centre Hall, Samuel F. Snyder

Testimony was taken at various times since the license court in the interests of the several applicants.

# Melba in "La Traviata."

Melba and Tetrazzini, each in a fa-Among those to meet with misfor. phis Opera House this week. The Ausfell with such force as to break two matinee, and the Tuscan songstress little over twelve tons, or three tons will sing the role of Gilds in Rigoletto Thursday night. Melba's beautiful vocalism, which for seasons has stood shipped from the county, but it is the as a standard for students of song, will largest quantity grown by any individflights of Violetta. Tetrazzini was heard at Hammerstein's in the same but to secure a stand is the difficulty, rose two weeks since and achieved a and the word can be spelled with big sensational success, while Melba's in letters. The crop was grown by the Mrs. Gardner Grove and sons Guy terpretation of the "operaized" "Ca- writer, immediately west of Grange previous performances, Mile. Egener and M. Montanari will complete the News:

best roles. Constantino, who has time past certain storekeepers in this voice, artistic methods and effective ing what purported to be a temper- decolette, but it looks mighty neat and zano will be the Madelina, and Mme. and storekeepers were doing a land wishes the Gazette a continuation of Arimendi the Sparafucile.

"La Boheme" will be sung for the of Europe, and the Berlin critics declared her interpretation thereof a masterpiece. Zenatello will again be Fetteroif, both of Centre Hall, were the Rudolph, a part which affords married Thursday evening of last hampered somewhat from the bandhim almost limitless opportunity for week at the Reformed parsonage by ages. It was lucky that the accident, superb vocalism and histrionic display. Trentini will be Musette, while Polese, Gilbert, De Segurola and Gianoli-Galletti complete the cast.

# Meyer-Frazier,

Albert E. Meyer and Miss Carrie B. Frazier were marrieh on Sunday evening at the Reformed parsonage by Rev. Daniel Gress.

Great Corn Show. John P. Sebring, of Halfmoon township, has sold his farm to Mr. Bickle, of near Unionville, who will take possession April first.

#### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS One of the chief pleasures of the

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

About the first of April P. Edward Mersinger will move from Tusseyville to Centre Hill into the Sweetwood property.

James C. Foust, Esq., and John J. Bower, Esq., are candidates to become Mayor of Bellefonte, and yet but one can be elected.

Like in Centre Hall the houses in the surrounding villages are about all leased for 1909. And rents are not on the decline, either.

John D. Moere has been on the sick list more or less during the past month and for a while was confined to bed. He is at present able to be about again.

Rev. M. S. Derstine came to Centre a short time with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Derstine, who had not oeen in good health.

Ammon Burkholder is at Philipspared him for college. On graduating burg, New Jersey, and not in the town from Franklin & Marshall, at Lanof that name in Centre county. He is engaged in the offices of one of the railroads passing through that city.

John and Joseph Meyers, of Millheim, sold out their meat market to Prof. D. O. Etters as supervising prin-Philip P. Leitzel. The Meyers Brothers will move to Pleasant Gap and carry on the butchering business there.

Wallace W. Weaver and bride, of "In that position he has displayed many Reading, arrived at Centre Hall station Christmas day, and from here ecutive head. He is a man of pleasant address, went to the home of Mr. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weaver, presage success in whatever he undertakes. The near Potters Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smithgall arrived in Centre Hall Wednesday of last week and remained for several days preparatory to going to Austin, where Mr. Smithgall has resumed his work as principal of the schools in that borough.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hannah and Mills, over Christmas. Mrs. Hannah

After completing his carpenter work returned to Pittsburg again where he will remain at least for the winter. He had been in that city for the past few The first car load of alfalfa ever years, and is well acquainted with the

shipped from this county was sent class of work expected from carpenters, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Person, of Mt. Carmel; and will be used by the Philipsburg, New Jersey, ate their vorite role, are the principal offerings Midvalley Coal Company in feeding Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. several days during Christmas week. of Oscar Hammerstein at the Philadel- their stock. The price received was Person's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James just fifty per cent. above first-class B. Strohm, in Centre Hall. Mr. Pertunes in Aaronsburg recently was W. tralian diva will be heard as Violetta timothy hay. The yield of the four son returned home in a few days there-W. Bower, who slipped on the ice and in "La Traviata" at the Saturday acres during the past season was a after, but his wife lingered with her parents for a little while longer.

> The Pennsylvanian wherever found makes himself felt. The Pennsylvania Society of St. Louis held its annual meeting a short time ago, and one of its speakers was Col. S. L. Stiver, of Bunker Hill, Illinois, president of the Military Academy in Bunker Hill, and who points to Penns Valley as his birth place.

The serenaders caught William Stoner and bride on their arrival in Centre Hall, and played the horse fiddle for all there was in it. The bride and groom appeared before the scene, and aside from that Mr. Stoner gave orders that all should be treated at the neighboring store. His orders were carried Tetrazzini's Gilda is already familiar week rounding up violators of the out, and the boys and William were both made happy.

> The Keystone Gazette is out in a its past success. Mr. Reese began suit against quite a

It wasn't a bull dog that almost tore and dragged that the member was almost severed from his head, and besides other injuries inflicted. Dr. P. H. Dale sewed on the ear, and now the huckster is about as usual, but is Rev. Daniel Gress. While the cere-which happened near the Huyett farm, terminated as favorably as it did.

and undertaker, is building up a splendid trade. The key note to his uccess is to sell at small margins, making the number of sales count in final calculations. He is thoroughly equipped for undertaking, and is skill-ed in the art of embaiming. Of course, Pennsylvania's third annual Corn it is not presumed that the reader is Show, annual Dairy Show, and annual in any hurry to have him test his skill meetings of the State Board of Agri- in this line of work (at least if he or culture, Penn's Live Stock Breeders' she is to be the subject for the test)
Association and Penn's Dairy Union but we all know that death comes To keep up with the advance in the value of real estate in Centre Hall the rents were also raised a peg.

will all be held in Chestnut Street most unexpectedly, and after all it is some satisfaction to know that the clusive.

L. G. Rearick, the furniture dealer