

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1915

Morrill-Kerlin.

At noon yesterday (Wednesday) Miss Nellie E. Kerlin was married to Fred Morrill at Haverhill, Massachusetts, by Rev. Arthur A. Derbyshire of the North Congregational church.

Mrs. Morrill is the only daughter of Mrs. Sarah Kerlin of Centre Hall and grew to womanhood in this place. After graduating from the local high school she entered the employ of this paper as a compositor where she proved very efficient.

The Reporter extends congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houser Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. William Houser living on the Luse farm below Centre Hall entertained several sled loads of members of the Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knarr and son Bruce, Mrs. A. S. Krebs and daughter Helen, Mrs. J. H. Puff, Mrs. William Fetterolf, Mrs. Lucy Henney, Mrs. Milford Luse and daughter Margaret, Mrs. E. W. Crawford, Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. John Luse and daughter Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Mrs. T. L. Moore and daughter Miriam, Mrs. E. S. Ripke, Mrs. William Homan and son Ernest, Joseph Lutz, Misses Margaret Jacobs, Lena Emerick, Fernie Heckman, Vera Heckman.

PENN HALL.

H. B. Herring made a business trip to Bellefonte one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Engard of Farmers Mills visited their daughter, Mrs. Allen Marks on Friday.

Miss Edna Shook from near Coburn and Miss Mabel Kerstetter of Altoona spent a few days at the home of the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Shook.

On Friday evening William Smith took a sled load of young folks to Smithtown to the home of Robert Smith, where they enjoyed the evening very much.

Mary Weagley spent Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wise.

Messrs. Harold Keller, Shannon Boozer and lady friends, Margaret Emery and Carrie Mitterling from Centre Hall took advantage of the good sleighing on Sunday afternoon and visited at the home of the former's aunt, Mrs. Frank Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shook and daughter Miriam spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Shook's parents.

Mrs. Orvis McCormick and daughter Cora spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Meyer.

John Hosterman took very sick on Friday, but is a little better again.

Ray Rossman visited his Grandmother Guise on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ulrich and son Kenneth spent Sunday with Mrs. Ulrich's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Musser.

Don't forget the institute that will be held in the Grange hall on Friday evening and in the school building all day Saturday, at Spring Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Albright and daughter from State College are spending some time here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Gross Shook visited Mr. Shook over Sunday.

Brush Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson, Evangelists, are holding evangelistic meetings at Murray school house with a fair attendance.

Sleighb is fair through here.

On account of the inclemency of the weather the chicken supper at Madisonburg was not very well attended on Saturday evening.

Prayer meeting is still in progress at Green Grove.

The Madisonburg schools will give play on Saturday evening, 30th inst., in the town hall, entitled, "Bill Hunter's Country Story." This promises to be very interesting, so do not miss it. Admission reasonable.

MALICIOUS FALSEHOODS REEUTED.

The following article appears in "The Centre Democrat" to-day:

On January 1st, the "Watchman," in commenting on the appointment of a postmaster at Centre Hall, said:

"S. W. Smith, editor of the Centre Hall "Reporter" was appointed postmaster at Centre Hall on Monday of last week, notwithstanding the fact that HE WAS NOT ON THE ELIGIBLE LIST," etc.

In referring to the same appointment the "Keystone Gazette" on January 1st also said:

"Centre Hall will have a new postmaster as soon as he receives his commission in the person of S. W. Smith, editor of the Centre Hall "Reporter" in spite of the fact that he fell outside of the BREAST-WORKS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION," etc.

In the next issue the "Keystone Gazette" in referring to the same appointment, said:

"We said last week that he (S. W. Smith) had failed in the Civil Service examination for the Centre Hall postoffice, when in fact, he stood two examinations. The first was conducted by the Civil Service Examination Board, appointed by the Government, IN WHICH HE FAILED TO QUALIFY, and hence WAS NOT ELIGIBLE TO THE OFFICE," etc.

All of the above is wholly, absolutely, and unqualifiedly untrue; and in consequence an impression has prevailed in this county that S. W. Smith, the new postmaster at Centre Hall, was appointed after having failed to pass Civil Service examination and was not eligible. This naturally caused dissatisfaction, as was intended, among those who failed in similar examinations, or others interested in securing appointments—all due to the dishonesty of the "Keystone Gazette" and the "Democratic Watchman" in publishing untrue reports to injure Mr. Smith, as well as the Democratic party.

It may be that Editors Meek and Harter were misinformed and believed, at the time, that the above were correct statements. That is possible—not probable. Later they knew better.

For some time Messrs. Meek and Harter, editors of the above Bellefonte papers, have seized every possible opportunity to assail Editor Smith, not only viciously but maliciously, because he does not approve of their political methods. No matter how much they may despise Mr. Smith, and no matter what Mr. Smith's shortcomings, political or otherwise, may be, no reputable newspaper, or editor with a spark of manhood in him, would on these or any other grounds, deliberately and maliciously publish a gross lie against Mr. Smith or any other person.

That, we are sorry to say, is what Messrs. Meek and Harter have deliberately done, and the following is the proof:

A copy of the U. S. Civil Service Commission Regulations can be found at any postoffice in this county, where it can be consulted by the public. From it the following important quotation is made bearing on this point:

"Rule V—Ratings and Eligibility."

"1—Examination papers shall be rated on a scale of 100, * * *

Competitors shall be duly notified of their ratings.

"2—All competitors rated at 70 or more shall be eligible for appointment, and their names shall be placed on the proper register," etc.

Mr. Smith took the examination for 4th class postmaster at Centre Hall, early last summer, on the date appointed by the Commission.

On July 10th, 1914, Mr. Smith received a letter by mail from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., which contained a notice that, in his examination, he was given an average of 84.70; and it further certified that in consequence his name HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE ELIGIBLE LIST for appointment to that office.

On January 11th, 1915, the above official certificate, from the U. S. Civil Service Commission to Mr. Smith, was shown to the writer in "The Centre Democrat" office; and, by request, on the same date we believe, Mr. Milton P. Walker, our local editor, took the same official document, with the marked clipping from the "Watchman," to the "Watchman" office and, in the presence of other parties, submitted them to editor P. Gray Meek, who read same.

Likewise Mr. Walker took same certificate with marked clipping from the "Gazette" to the "Gazette" office and, in the presence of others, submitted them to editor T. H. Harter. Later editor Harter requested another opportunity to see the certificate and it was granted.

The certificate was then turned over to the custody of W. D. Zerby, Esq., Bellefonte, who is Mr. Smith's attorney, where it can be seen by anyone interested, upon application.

THE LIE REITERATED.

Despite the above facts—that Editor Harter was given ample opportunity, upon two occasions, to carefully read this certificate that Mr. Smith had passed his examination with an average of 84.70 (14 points more than necessary—a very high average indeed) and was officially notified that his name had been placed on the eligible list, July 10, 1914; in spite of the indisputable proof that the "Gazette" had misrepresented and wronged a fellow editor, and instead of making an honorable and truthful correction—Editor Harter, in his vindictive spirit to belittle Mr. Smith, heaped another deliberate lie on his former falsehoods when he said in the "Gazette" last week:

" * * * the 'Gazette' has come into possession of evidence to the effect that he (Mr. Smith) was given a rating of 84 in the Civil Service examination though this per cent. rendered him, according to the Civil Service rules, INELIGIBLE TO THE POSITION," etc.

This last falsehood is so conflicting and absurd as to be ridiculous. In addition to the above, it is timely to say that there is no limit to the number placed on the "eligible list." All who pass examinations above 70, whether one, three, or a hundred, are certified and placed on the "eligible list." Further, it is a matter of record that Mr. Smith was regularly certified as available for appointment.

Editor Meek was more "canny." He was shrewd enough to see that he was in a hole, when he faced the official certificate. After having misrepresented the facts, wronged Mr. Smith, and deceived the public, he refrained from making an honorable correction and remained silent—willing to let the lie go for all the damage it could do.

"The Centre Democrat" having twice as many subscribers as the "Keystone Gazette," and three times as many subscribers as the "Democratic Watchman," is in position to completely refute the above malicious charges against a "Brother Editor." Being the only Democratic newspaper published in Bellefonte, it also feels justified in refuting this untruthful and cowardly assault on the Democratic party.

The foregoing article, reprinted from The Centre Democrat of even date, is correct in every detail, and the defense by the Democrat against the malicious assaults made by the Watchman and Gazette is appreciated. Further than that, no comment is necessary.

S. W. SMITH, Editor.

Tusseyville

Mrs. Thomas Swartz is spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Alice Kobb, at Bellefonte.

James McCool, who has been in the Philadelphia hospital receiving treatment for his eyes, has returned to his home at this place.

The service held on Sunday in the Union church, by Rev. R. R. Jones, was largely attended.

Miss Mary Stutterbeck will resume teaching at the Fleisher Gap school, after a three weeks' vacation on account of the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Emenheiser are spending several weeks at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Isbier.

George Gingerich was suddenly called to Williamsport Saturday of last week on account of the illness of his nephew, whose death occurred later.

Mr. and Mrs. John Noll, and Mr. and Mrs. James Harshbarger and family spent Wednesday evening very pleasantly at the home of W. R. Neff.

Roy Martz will begin work again for W. F. Rocky after being confined to home for several weeks with the measles.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year in advance.

Potters Mills

The sick of our town are W. W. McCormick and Mrs. Jacob Auman.

Mrs. Sarah Wilson, one of our aged ladies, attended her sister's funeral at Lemont this week.

Miss Edith Sankey started on her western trip Monday. She will be gone several months.

Foresters Siggins of Colyer and Stadden of Stone Creek spent several hours in town last Saturday.

W. E. Montgomery, forester, spent last Saturday in Coburn.

Miss Caroline McClosky is sewing at the home of William Sweeney at Georges Valley, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Foust and granddaughter, Miss Myrtle McClellan, spent Sunday at the home of F. W. McClellan at Spring Mills.

Miss Agnes Lingle of Robert is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Lingle.

James Foust made a business trip to Potters Mills on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. M. Lingle fell and broke her arm, last Friday. Dr. H. S. Branch reduced the fracture and she is getting along nicely.

Laundry will go out from this office, Wednesday, February 3rd.

CENTRE OAK

Lots of snow again, and this makes glooding first class.

O. A. Jamison from Monroe, Wisconsin, spent a few days in this section visiting his school mates of twenty-four years ago. Your correspondent is always glad to meet old friends and talk school day times over.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Long attended the funeral of the latter's uncle, Jesse Long, at Rebersburg, on Monday.

Mrs. Maynard Meeker spent last week with her mother at Jersey Shore. Harry Hipple from Baltimore, Maryland, spent a few days at the Meeker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross Shook spent Sunday with W. F. Rishel and family. Miss Della Spayd spent Sunday afternoon with her friend Mary Frankenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ream and Mrs. Wolbach spent Saturday afternoon at the Frankenberger home.

Miss Bessie Schreckengost from Philadelphia is spending some time with her brother, Harry M. Schreckengost, and family.

H. A. DODSON'S SUCCESS.

Great Popularity of Plan to Sell Medicine at Half-Price and Guarantee a Cure.

H. A. Dodson, the enterprising druggist, rather than await the ordinary methods of introduction, urged the Dr. Howard Co. to secure a quick sale for their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia by offering the regular 50c bottle at half-price.

The wonderful success of this plan was a great surprise even to H. A. Dodson and today there are scores of people here in Centre Hall who are using and praising this remarkable remedy.

In addition to selling a 50c bottle of Dr. Howard's specific for 25c H. A. Dodson has so much faith in the remedy that he will refund the money to anyone whom it does not cure.

When your head aches, your stomach does not digest food easily and naturally when there is constipation, specks before the eyes, tired feeling, giddiness, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, heart burn, sour stomach, roaring or ringing in the ears, melancholy and liver troubles Dr. Howard's specific will cure you. If it does not, it will not cost you a cent.

This latest achievement of science is of great value in curing sick headache. Thousands of women are today free from that painful disease solely through the use of this specific. adv.

Report of Gettysburg Reunion.

One of the most interesting public documents ever produced by the State of Pennsylvania is the report of the Pennsylvania Commission of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, as presented to Governor Tener for transmittal to the legislature. The report is in the form of a cloth bound book of 280 pages, compiled and edited by Col. Lewis E. Bettler, secretary of the commission, to whom The Reporter is indebted for a copy. The report, in addition to reciting the work of the Commission, has a wealth of detail as to the battle fifty years after its occurrence, including reports, addresses, descriptive and newspaper articles. Most interesting even to a non-participant are the portraits and other photographic reproductions with which the report is profusely illustrated. The photographs are re-

produced are largely those taken by the newspaper representatives at the reunion, and they combine many interesting views of impressive scenes, of small and large groups of veterans, of friendly greetings and the intermingling of survivors of the Blue and the Gray, of parting and other touching scenes of the occasion caught by the ever-ready camera. Some of the views are quite extensive, taking in the entire battlefield and large groups of distinguished personages in attendance, and also accurate representation of the great city of tents as provided and arranged by the national government. The report as thus prepared is one that reflects the highest credit upon Col. Bettler, who unquestionably has given many hours of painstaking care and research and thoughtful discrimination in its compilation. The report is of decided general interest, but it will have a particular attraction and value for the Gettysburg veterans and their families and friends.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, P. of H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1914.

DAVID K. KELLER, Sec'y, Centre Hall, Pa.

I. S. FRAIN, Pres., Mill Hall, Pa.

Table with columns: RISKS, In force Dec. 31, 1914, Written in 1914, Expired & cancelled in 1914, Risks in force.

Table with columns: NOTES, In force Dec. 31, 1914, Written in 1914, Expired & cancelled 1914, Notes in force.

Table with columns: INCOME, Received from premiums and policies, Assessments.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, Secretary's salary, Writing 157 policies, Postage and printing supplies, Office rent and fuel, Interest, Directors' pay and mileage, Executive committee, Premium returned, Assessments overpaid, Adjusting losses, Treasurer's commission, Auditors' pay and mileage.

Table with columns: LOSSES BY FIRE, James Miller, barn and contents, A. J. Boon, barn and contents, Sara A. Lindermuth, dwelling and contents.

Table with columns: DAVID K. KELLER, SECRETARY, DR., To premiums and policies, Assessments, Amount paid Treasurer.

Table with columns: GEORGE L. GOODHART, TREASURER, DR., Cash received from Secretary, Balance due Treasurer from 1913, Borrowed money paid, Officers paid, Treasurer's commission, Balance in treasury.

Table with columns: ASSETS, Premium Notes, Office in nature, Outstanding Assessments.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, Losses adjusted but not due, A. O. Meyers, barn and contents, Samuel R. Hoy, barn and contents, Irvin M. Bieley, contents of barn.

The average cost of insurance per \$100, for one year, for a period of thirty-eight years, including survey, premium and policy.

21 Cents

We, the undersigned, auditors elected by the Centre County Pomona Grange, No. 13, hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., P. of H., and that the above is a just and true statement of the financial condition of the Company, to the best of our knowledge and belief, for the year 1914.

C. R. NEFF, M. A. SANKEY, Centre Hall, Pa., Jan. 13, 1915. Auditors.

IF you want to buy or sell property in or near Centre Hall consult Chas. D. Bartholomew, before acting. I have several fine offerings now on my list. Chas. D. Bartholomew CENTRE HALL, PA.

See me for best prices on all sizes of WATER PIPES -also- PUMPS and REPAIRS. Everything in the Plumbing Line—bathroom fixtures, etc., at lowest prices. S. J. ROWE Centre Hall, Pa.

A few more Bed Blankets and Horse Blankets, for cold weather. Heavy Hose, Good Warm Sweaters, Heavy Gloves, Heavy Wool Working Shirts, A few Heavy Caps, Dress Goods for Dresses, Coat Suits, Etc. SCHMIDT'S BREAD three times a week; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. This Store Will Close Every Wednesday Evening at Six O'clock. H. F. ROSSMAN SPRING HILLS, PA.

HORSE SALE at MILLHEIM. F. O. HOSTERMAN WILL SELL AN EXPRESS LOAD OF HIGH-GRADE ILLINOIS HORSES at the National Hotel, Millheim Monday, February 1st at 12:30 P. M. This will be the Banner Load of the season, consisting of the best selected lot of Draft Horses and Mares, and General Purpose Horses ever shown in this market. Among them are— 4 Pairs of Dark Grey Geldings, weighing from 2800 to 3200. Pair of Fine Bay Geldings Very well mated, 4 years old, weigh 3000. Fine Black Full-Blooded Percheron Mare, In foal, 6 years old, weighs 1650. Registry papers furnished day of sale. Pair of Dark Grey Mares, 5 and 6 years old, weigh 3100. Pair of Black Draft Mares, Both in foal, weigh 3200—a great pair. Also several other good Mares in foal. This is the greatest opportunity that will be offered this season for farmers to get good stock. Every one in the load a real good one. Be sure to be on hand and see them sold. L. F. Mayes, Auct. F. O. HOSTERMAN