

LOCALS

More than 4200 hunters' licenses have been issued in Centre county.

W. C. T. U. at the home of Miss Gertrude Spangler, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Dinges visited relatives in Altoona for a few days last week.

Wanted—Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

William Bitner, of Tusseyville, was a caller at this office on Monday to advance his subscription.

In some sections of the west salt is being used to preserve immature corn. The practice has not been thoroughly established, but appears to be effective.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Meeker, of Johnstown, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Meeker, at Old Fort, and other relatives here.

Bierly Brothers, sons of W. R. Bierly, of Rebersburg, have suspended publication of their newspaper—The Reynoldsville Volunteer—because of lack of advertising support.

The Freeport Bulletin in its last week's issue quotes dressed pork, at wholesale, at thirty-two cents per pound. That's just about eleven cents better than our local market.

Substitute Mail Carrier Christ D. Keller served route No. 1 for the Centre Hall post office or several days this week owing to the illness of the regular carrier, William F. Keller.

S. I. Poorman, of near Pleasant Gap, will make sale of farm stock and implements on Tuesday, December 11. Mr. Poorman will be employed in driving the big truck for the Lauderbach grocery company of Bellefonte.

Miss Helen Brubaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brubaker, came to Centre Hall, on Saturday, on a brief visit to her parents. She is a senior in the Middleburg High School, and will not join the Brubaker family until after she graduates in June.

Probably the largest deer hunting party out the first day was the Potters Mills crowd, which numbered twenty-eight. This young army routed a herd of deer, but got a shot at only one buck, which they crippled but failed to get, although they tracked it a considerable distance by the blood.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kreamer and Miss Beatrice Kreamer, on Friday, went to Lewistown where they will remain during the winter months. They will do light housekeeping, with the view of returning to Centre Hall again in the spring. Mr. Kreamer is a moulder and is engaged at Burnham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and daughter Miss Margurite, of Williamsport, for an hour stopped with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smith on their way to Reedsville where Thanksgiving Day was spent. They were traveling in a Cadillac, a new machine. Mr. Smith is president of the Smith Printing Company in Williamsport.

George B. Winters, of Rebersburg, who nine weeks ago went to Rouse's sanitarium at Williamsport for treatment of a cancerous growth on his face, returned home on Saturday with apparent success of the removal of the growth. At times it looked as though he could not hold out to the treatment but with his pluck of endurance he won.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gramley, of Spring Mills, have returned to their home after a pleasant two weeks' visit to their son, Bruce S. Gramley and family, of New York city, where the latter is employed by the Long Island Lighting and Heating Co. as purchasing agent. They enjoyed their trip and speak of the wonders of America's metropolis. Bruce S. Gramley is one of Penn State's boys of 1908, and has been filling the above responsible position for more than six years, thus demonstrating that he is making good.

"Step Lively", the supreme musical comedy sensation built for laughing purposes, will be seen at the Garman opera house, Bellefonte, Monday, December 10, and word in advance guarantees the big fun event of the season. Headed by Billy House, and Billy Wise, comedians par excellence, supported by a cast of well known musical favorites selected for fitness for the various parts and voices, together with a bevy of beautiful girls, makes an entertainment of delightful enjoyment. The material numbers are of the whistly kind and are put on with snap and "pop" that makes the two hours and a half of enjoyment pass away almost too quick. Prices, 25, 35, 50, 75, \$1.00.

Lieutenant W. "Ned" Keller is enjoying a week's furlough at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. W. Keller, at Linden Hall, over the Thanksgiving season. The young man, after a season of training at Fort Niagara, followed by a term of intensive training in trench warfare at Camp Oglethorpe, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was commissioned a First Lieutenant in Uncle Sam's army, and this week will leave for Camp Jackson, South Carolina, to train the recruits who will pour into that camp from several of the southern states. Lieutenant Keller was in Centre Hall on Saturday and favored the Reporter with a call. He is every inch a soldier and looks hardy enough to play the exacting game of the modern war.

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By the way, the hog doesn't spit. Allen Lay's Mash only \$3.00 per hundred.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

J. S. Rowe, who is engaged in concrete construction work south of the Mason and Dixon line, is home for a brief vacation.

Edward Durst is in Philadelphia this week representing the local Masonic fraternity at the annual meeting of the grand lodge.

Reigel, the cattle and hog buyer, shipped a car load of hogs on Friday. Sixteen cents per hundred pounds, live weight, was the price paid.

To stimulate Winter Egg production feed Beef Scraps. Fresh stock just received, \$3.00 per hundred.—Chas. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, Pa.

Miss Mary Delinda Potter, who is teaching school at Dalton, Lackawanna county, spent the Thanksgiving season with her father, J. T. Potter.

Mrs. Schieler and two children—Philip and Elizabeth—of Sunbury, were guests of Merchant and Mrs. C. F. Emery from Saturday until Monday.

Is he a true sportsman who petitions to have his county closed to deer hunting, and then goes over into his neighbor's hunting grounds to kill? There are many like him.

Private George Alfred Crawford was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Crawford, in this place, over Thanksgiving. He is in training at Camp Meade, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Palmer and two daughters—Hazel and Eleanor, of Watsonville, spent Thanksgiving at the former's parental home at Linden Hall. Mr. Palmer is a relief clerk for the P. R. R.

The barn on the farm of Mills Alexander, at Unionville, was destroyed by fire on Friday. Insurance was held in the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, P. O. H., to the amount of \$1400.

Mrs. J. S. Getchell and son Wendell, of Greensburg, and Mrs. Thomas Keifer and daughter Agnes, of Youngwood, are enjoying a short stay at the home of the ladies' parents, 'Equire and Mrs. Brungart.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Kreamer, of Lewistown, spent Thanksgiving Day with relatives in town. Mr. Kreamer is employed in the Standard Steel Works, and judging by his appearance, the work agrees with him.

Mrs. Edward Lingle and two little sons for several days last week were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Harry McClenahan, east of Centre Hall. Mr. Lingle is spending this week in the Seven Mountains is quest of game.

Miss Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary, was the first to purchase Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps at the local post office. She set an example that ought to be followed by many children in and about Centre Hall. Here is an opportunity for children to do their bit.

Lewis C. Beatey, a farm hand employed by W. E. Bower, near Salons, was instantly killed by falling from a load of corn fodder and under the wheels of the wagon. His head was crushed. A sudden lurch of the wagon, caused by falling sheaves of fodder frightening the horses, was the direct cause of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beury and two little daughters are expected to arrive on the Pacific coast about the twentieth of this month. Mr. Beury has been doing work among the Armenians in Southern Russia, being one of a commission there from the United States. Mrs. Beury and daughters have been with Mr. Beury's sister, Mrs. Charles Keer, in Nanking, China, during Mr. Beury's stay in Russia and other countries.

Hassel Montgomery, one of the proprietors of the Bellefonte clothing firm of Montgomery & Co., is in the stores keeping branch of the U. S. service, with his headquarters at League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia. In one of his letters home he mentions that the quantities of clothing, provisions, etc., being shipped to France and Belgium are so enormous as to fairly bewilder the casual observer. At present he is engaged in the clothing department at League Island.

Among the out-of-town friends and relatives who attended the funeral of P. H. Meyer, on Friday, were: Samuel Meyer, of Hershey; Mr. and Mrs. William Lytle, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Charles Stamm, of Union county; Jacob and Russel Stamm, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. William Metherbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Meyer, George Meyer, Ed. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer, of Boalsburg; Calvin Meyer, Curtis Meyer, Miss Alice Kline, of State College.

J. M. Moyer, of Potters Mills, contemplates leaving for California some time next week. It is probable that Mr. Moyer will have as a companion on his trip Williamson Taylor, of Millroy, nephew of the late Colonel Taylor. Mr. Taylor's annual winter migrations have been to Florida, but to please his friend he will change his direction this year provided Mr. Moyer makes the trip to San Diego, before going up farther into California, which Mr. Moyer has promised to do.

DEATHS

Dr. Harvey W. Burd, a veterinary practicing in Philadelphia for many years, died Wednesday of last week of pancreatic cyst. Several weeks ago he entered the University Hospital at Philadelphia and was operated on for a diseased pancreas. He was born Oct. 6, 1874, at Aronsburg, a son of Elijah and Mary E. Burd. His father is still living, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. H. R. Rauch, of Altoona; his mother died a number of years ago. He was married to Miss Flora M. Woodling, who survives with no children. The body was brought to Rebersburg, burial being made in the Union cemetery, Saturday. Services held at the home of Jonathan Spangler, Mrs. Spangler being the mother of Mrs. Burd. In early life deceased was confirmed and connected with the Lutheran church. Rev. J. Womelsdorf of the United Evangelical church officiated.

Samuel Furst Yeager, born in Centre county, in 1828, died in Freeport, Illinois. He went west in 1847. His wife was Miss Lydia Beck, also of this county. Five of nine children survive.

Pine Grove Mills.

Farmer C. M. Ross invested in a corn husker and is now making the huskins fly.

Mrs. Ralph Musser, of Boalsburg, is at her parental home at Rock Springs for a short stay.

Mrs. C. H. Martz is quite ill with pleuro-pneumonia, so that her family has been summoned to her side.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kline motored from State College on Sunday, spending the day at the W. H. Roushe home.

W. M. Goheen, the one time popular sale caller, spent last week with his brother, J. B. Goheen, at Baileyville.

Mrs. J. B. Heberling, of State College, spent Sunday at the Hon. J. W. Kepler residence.

Ira Cori, who two weeks ago went to Florida in quest of health, is back home with his family.

Last Saturday a class of twenty-two was admitted to Washington Grange, No. 157, P. O. H.

Fred Roushe, of Troop L, returned from Camp Hancock, honorably discharged because of a fractured elbow joint.

At last Sunday's service in the Presbyterian church at Graysville, Dr. R. M. Campbell unfurled a beautiful service flag containing five stars, representing the following boys in service: George Irvin, Wallace Archey, Roy Gates, Thomas Frank, Warren and Paul Ward.

Oscar Stover and son, Riley Stover, of Boalsburg, spent a day last week at the Samuel Durst home.

D. Wagner Geiss, of Bellefonte, was admitted to the Bellefonte hospital Monday of last week, suffering from a slight attack of typhoid fever with which he had been housed up for a week. His speedy recovery is looked for.

NOT MEANT TO BE SERIOUS

Comparative Harmlessness of French Duels is Largely a Matter of Arrangement.

A large proportion of the duels in France end without bloodshed. When the offense is not very serious it is agreed beforehand that the words of command shall be given so rapidly that the duellists will not have time to take good aim. Sometimes three shots are exchanged without a hit, and then the seconds step in and "honor is satisfied." At the word "Fire!" the pistol is raised instantly, and it must be discharged not later than the word "three," so the speed with which these words are given regulates the time in which it is possible to take aim. Therefore the speed with which they are spoken is agreed upon beforehand, this depending upon the seriousness of the duel. The words are timed with a metronome. If the encounter be very serious this is set at the slowest speed, 80 beats a minute, which gives time for taking accurate aim. A speed of 140 beats a minute allows no time for aiming, and, therefore, is used when the seconds consider the duel should be made as little dangerous as possible.

Ladies Toggery Shop wishes to announce that in connection with the tailored to individual measure coat suits, separate coats, separate skirts and corsets, they will have a stock of ready to wear coats, waists, and corsets, along with Swissland embroidered wool and silk crepe in dress patterns for both evening and street wear. Spring street, Bellefonte. adv

SALE REGISTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, at 10 a. m., S. L. Poorman, 3 1/2 miles east of Lemont and 1/4 mile north Shiloh, will sell farm stock and implements.

FARM FOR RENT.—Good farm for rent, apply to George A. Hatter, 3 son, Stone Mill, P. O. Address, Centre Hall, Pa., R. D. 6 50 pd.

LOST.—Bunch of keys—dozen or more—used on locks of State Highway property. Lost between Centre Hall R. S. station and Centre-Mills county line. Finder please return to CARSON, Potters Mills, Pa.

GARTHEISE IRON BLUE SOAP removes all stains from clothing or hands that ordinary soap will not remove. For sale by MISS GLADYS JONES, Centre Hall, Pa.

Merry Christmas

YOU WILL FIND SMITH'S A REAL GIFT STORE

We are fully prepared to solve that everlasting perplexing problem that appears annually—"What shall I give for Christmas?" To enumerate the big list of appropriate and acceptable articles for gift-giving which we have, would fill a page. So we simply say to you, Come in and choose from our Big Christmas Stock.

Christmas Goods

suitable for Father, Mother, Brother, Sister & Baby

Many Valuable Articles in Wool

A Handsome Scarf, Neck Piece, Gloves, Mittens, or a Pretty Sweater will please many members of a family, and is something you can give without feeling any regrets. You will find these woolen goods all moderately priced, too.

Toys for the Children

Our "Toyland," with its complete assortment of mechanical toys will surely please the children. Bring them in to see what's new in Toyland.

Lots of CANDY for All

Those who thought the sugar shortage would affect the Christmas candy crop, will find a pleasant surprise in our well stocked cases. All grades and prices—AND ALL PURE.

Make this Store your Headquarters for Xmas buying.

C. M. SMITH Penns Valleys's Big Store [CENTRE HALL

Merry Christmas

Table with 2 columns: PRODUCE AT STORES, Butter, Eggs

FARM FOR SALE The undersigned offers for sale his farm, consisting of seventy-eight acres, and located three miles west of Centre Hall, W. Va. on reasonable terms. R. F. D. service.—F. D. OSMAN, Centre Hall, R. D. 1. 47-0-49

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 50c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

JAMES W. SWABB JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LINDEN HALL, CENTRE CO., PA. Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, etc., written and executed with care. All legal business promptly attended to. Special attention given to settling of Estates, Marriage Licenses, Annuities, Licenses, and all other Applications. Blanks kept on hand. Nov. 25-27

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Antients of All Races Believed That Beautiful Sea Maidens Once Lived—Maybe Our Forebears Wore Fins and Scales.

Mermaids were not mythical creatures at all, but real, living beings, according to some scientists, who, in support of this belief, point to the skeleton of a strange animal, half human and half fish, said to be more than 4,000 years old and reported to have been found deeply imbedded in sand on the coast of China. This skeleton, however, is said to be considerably smaller than the proportions of a mermaid, according to popular conception, which pictures her with a form much the same as that of a woman. It is pointed out, however, that this skeleton might have belonged to a dwarf of the species, or to a kind of fish which is said to have been common in Chinese waters about 6000 B. C. And it is conceivable that the creature might have grown to larger size in a different climate.

The skeleton which has come to light after centuries is described as having had a head, shoulders and arms like those of a woman, as proved by the formation of the bones and skull. The lower half of the body became petrified, and in all respects was like the tail of a fish, with several fins. On the head and the upper portion of the body a shriveled skin was found, similar to that of an Egyptian mummy. If further proof were needed, it would seem to be supplied by a few strands of hair on the head. Dermatologists have decided that this was once flaxen and grew abundantly. Every story of a mermaid pictured a goddess-like creature sitting upon a rock in the sea, combing her hair. Almost every one of the ancient races left behind them accounts of the mermaid. These have been discredited for ages, being grouped with other myths such as the Greeks entertained. The sea serpent and dragon of such terrible aspect described by writers of old were ranked with the mermaid as a figment of imagination. But the discovery of this skeleton, it is claimed, discredits all the theories of civilization and brings to the fore once more the question so often asked—were there really mermaids?

Help Uncle Sam Save. How many people stop to think that a 1-cent postage stamp costs Uncle Sam as much as a postage stamp of the highest denomination made? It is a fact. Consequently people who place two 1-cent stamps instead of one 2-cent stamp on a letter are increasing the cost to the government of carrying on the post office, and the people who cover a parcel post package with small-denomination stamps instead of using one of two of high denomination to make up the amount of postage required are guilty of an act of thoughtlessness inimical to conservation. The department requests the public to think of this hereafter, and to do its best to help out Uncle Sam.

origin, corresponding with tradition and stren as used in antiquity. The Chaldeans called this creature Oannes, the Chinese named her Wimpus, and even one tribe of American Indians were said to have had a legend of the mermaid, in which they term her Ottawas.

It has been one of the unexplainable points of the mermaid legend that so many peoples in such distant parts of the globe believed in the reality of a creature half woman and half fish. It would be hard to imagine two races further apart than the Chaldeans and the Indians, but both knew of the mermaid.

Whatever of truth there may be in the reported finding of this skeleton, it, at any rate, opens anew one of the most fascinating chapters in the lore of mankind.

He Had Been Drawn. Capt. Ian Hay Beth, addressing the Chicago City club, recently told the following story to illustrate his statement that life in the trenches had its moments of comedy: "There were two friends in separate bays of a trench. Whenever a shell burst near by one would cry out, 'Are you all right, Billy?' and the answer would come back, 'Yes, I'm all right.' After this had happened several times the second man cried out: 'Yes, I'm all right, but what's the excitement about?' Then the first one answered: 'The men over here, have gotten up a sweetstake on who's going to be hit next, and I've drawn mine.'"