

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The ice men are looking happy. "White caps" are around—snow on the mountain tops.

Millheim people are preparing to hold a German entertainment this winter.

To-morrow evening the Till Family will appear at Bellefonte and will give an entertainment which will be worth hearing.

George W. Rumbarger has resigned the principalship of the public schools at Howard and accepted a better paying position at Retort.

Rev. Leidy, the presiding elder, of Tyrone, delivered an able sermon in the Methodist church, at this place, last Sabbath evening.

Mr. F. L. Shope, of Cherry Grove, Warren county, Pa., who has charge of one of Crider & Son's lumber camps at that place was in Bellefonte this week.

Mr. Frank M. Carroll, of New York has accepted a position in the glass works, at this place. He is a decorative glass cutter and executes some fine designs.

Millheim is on speaking terms again with the outside world. The telephone line to Coburn was put in operation last week after the necessary amount of rent was raised.

A little daughter of Rev. G. D. Pennypacker, of Tyrone was thrown into convulsions the other day by eating too many walnuts and her life was saved with difficulty.

Frank E. Bible, formerly editor of the DEMOCRAT has gone to Philadelphia where he expects to remain some time studying shorthand writing. His family is still in Bellefonte.

John Bumbarger, the founder of Bumbarger, now known as DuBois, died there on Sunday, aged 78 years. He settled there in 1865 and produced the town out of a wilderness.

It is not definitely known as yet when the shooting contest between C. K. Sober and Dr. Carver will take place. They have not had a meeting to decide upon time and place.

The musical convention at Coburn last week was a success and largely attended throughout all the sessions, Prof. J. G. Meyer, of Aaronsburg assisted by Prof. W. T. Meyer, of Shamokin conducted the class, which rendered some fine selections at the closing session.

The proposition to punish by law the dealer who sells cigarettes to boys under sixteen years of age meets with the approbation of every parent in the State. The law should be evoked to prevent young boys making fools of themselves in this respect as much as in the matter of intoxicating liquors.

James Wiggins, of Karthaus, Clearfield county, died on the 3d inst., aged 86 years 6 months and 17 days. He settled in that town half a century ago. He at an early day had a quarrel with Peter A. Karthaus, the founder of Karthaus, which was quite a fistic encounter and ended in one of the largest law suits that county ever had.

The room in Crider's new block next to Montgomery's store, is being finished as rapidly as possible, as Montgomery & Co. expect to occupy that also. They will keep a full line of ready made clothing in the new room and have the tailoring department in connection with it. Their business has grown so extensive of late that they find it necessary to have two stores.

Rev. W. E. Fischer, of Centre Hall Luth. church who was badly injured by falling into a cistern some time ago, performed this labor last Sunday: He preached and held communion in the morning; preached sermons to two other congregations subsequently, administered the sacrament at two private residences, baptized three children, and married two couples—one of the brides at her home and the other in the Lutheran church, both being sisters.

Wanted—Sheriff Walker wants to find the fellow who took a quarter of beef from his place on Monday evening. He had the beef cut up nicely ready to cook and laid it out on the shelf in the closet to freeze and the next morning he found that some fellow had "froze" on it and all was gone, except a few pieces of bone meat. The fellow was a scholar to judge the good parts of a beef and a gentleman in leaving a few bones for Miles, until he got a new supply.

Mrs. Mary A. Livemore, the last lecture of the Star course will be at Bellefonte Feb. 8th. Her reputation is very high and the many testimonials she has received are sufficient to recommend her to our people as a first-class lecturer and one worth hearing. The Swedish National Ladies concerts will be here one week later, Feb. 15th and their appearance will be the last of the course.

CARELESS COUNTY OFFICIALS

HOW SOME OF THE OFFICES ARE CONDUCTED.

Treasurer Goss Hunting Weeks at a Time—Incompetent Commissioners and General Dissatis action.

During the hunting season the present Treasurer, Goss, was absent from his office two and three weeks at a time, and it is not an uncommon thing to find him out of town two and three days of some weeks. The two commissioners from Pennsylvy leave at 2 p. m. Saturdays and never get in town before 10 a. m. Monday, while the third, who starves himself at dinner time, to save a dime (the price of a plate of soup) manages to get home for supper and takes breakfast in the morning, is consequently early to leave and late in arriving at his office. Recorder Harter often goes home Friday and seldom appears at his office before Monday evening.

Is there any reason for complaint here? Certainly there is. What is the use in having county officials if they don't attend to their business? The idea of the Treasurer being absent several weeks at a time is enough to satisfy voters. It does not matter much whether the Republican commissioners are on hand or not as they are incompetent and unable to transact business without the advice of their attorney who in fact has all the care and responsibility of the office on his shoulders, while Henderson and Decker draw their salaries for being figureheads.

Voters, open your eyes and take a square view of some of the Republican county officers. Can you stand another dose?

For Henderson's benefit we would say that soup is still 10 cents per dish with crackers and water thrown in—free.

The Sober-Carver Challenge

In our last issue we made mention of the fact that Mr. C. K. Sober had accepted Dr. Carver's challenge to shoot for the championship of the world. The challenge and acceptance as published in the American Field was kindly furnished us by Mr. Sober, and are given below as appeared in that paper:

DR. CARVER'S CHALLENGE

It is time the question be forever settled who the best shot in the world really is, and if any shooter or shooters in the world think I am not the best shot in the world, I will put up \$500 in a sweepstake and let in all those who desire to be champions, and the man giving the best exhibition of shooting shall win the money and title of champion shot of the world. This is what I have been waiting for and as the door is now open to see who is the best all-around shot with the double barrel shot gun. I am waiting to back myself up with \$500 that I can do more fancy shooting and perform more feats with said gun than any other man in the world, on Blue Rock and glass balls.

Enclosed please find check for \$500.00 forfeit to back up my statements.

C. K. SOBER,

MR. SOBER ACCEPTS

In answer to the above Mr. Sober immediately sent the following letter of acceptance:

Editor American Field:

I notice in your issue of December 22 an article from Dr. W. F. Carver, champion shot of the world. In this article he said he was willing to put up \$500 in a sweepstake match on Feb 1st in all who desire, and the man giving the best exhibition of shooting shall win the money and title of champion shot of the world. This is what I have been waiting for and as the door is now open to see who is the best all-around shot with the double barrel shot gun. I am waiting to back myself up with \$500 that I can do more fancy shooting and perform more feats with said gun than any other man in the world, on Blue Rock and glass balls.

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Jaw Broken in a Fight.

On last Saturday evening a fracas occurred in town which has turned out quite seriously for the parties interested. The disturbance took place on Allegheny street in front of this office and was between two young men named Al. Leightner and Mr. Kaup. They had some words which finally terminated in a fight. Policeman Garis arrived in time to get hold of Kaup; but the other man got away. Kaup complained of a severe pain in his mouth and was taken to a dentist for examination where it was found that a wisdom tooth was split and the jaw broken below. His injury is a very painful one and will put him in for repairs some time. Lighter, we are told was arrested since and is under bail for his appearance at court.

Encouragement for School Boys.

"I have never overcome a dread of rising to address an audience, however small," said Mr. Dougherty a few days ago. "Even when I rise before a jury I would feel grateful if the floor would open and swallow me. I want to get away. My lips are dry, my hands tremble and I feel myself turn pale. The sound of my voice is unfamiliar. After I get started I lose myself in my subject, this feeling gradually wears away, and I soon forget these disagreeable symptoms in my absorption in the work before me."

Huntingdon local news: John McClain a brother of Curtin McClain, while tamping a blast at the Shade Gap ore mines on New Year's day was badly injured by a premature explosion. He was blown ten feet in the air, receiving the full charge in the face and breast, which were burned with the powder and cut and bruised with the debris. His chances for recovery are good, but it is feared that he will lose his eyesight. He is aged 25 years, resides at Rockhill and has a wife and child.

WHIPPED THE CAPS.

Evil-Doers in Pennsylvania Summarily Punished by Masked Men.

Thomas Hague, of Cole Run, a small mining village three miles east of Shamokin was whipped by White Caps and thrown into a creek with a rope around his body and kept submerged until he was almost dead. Three miners on their way home approached the spot where the outrage was being perpetrated and were compelled to stay on the scene until the White Caps had exacted their vengeance, the leader informing the miners that one of the band had noticed Hague early in the evening attempting to commit an assault on a girl coming to Shamokin. Great excitement prevails in this place and Coal township.

A number of town people received warnings to stop indulging in drunkenness, gambling, etc., or they would receive a visit from the White Caps.

On the outskirts of Milton, two white men and a negro were taken from their cabin tied to a tree and received a terrible lashing from a number of masked men calling themselves White Caps.

Sleighting has been quite good since the fall of snow last Sunday night.

J. W. Yeisly, publisher of the Travlers, Informer Altoona, paid this office a short visit Saturday.

Isaac Miller, Jr., son of Isaac Miller Pleasant Gap, was seriously injured while playing foot ball at school near Philadelphia.

A new mail schedule has been issued on the Centre Hall and Potters Mills route, and will go into effect immediately. The mail will arrive at Centre Hall at 10.15 a. m. and return at 10.30 a. m. Under the old schedule the mail arrived at 2.20 and returned at 4.30 p. m.

An alleged physician was jailed at Lock Haven for practicing medicine and surgery without being registered. The law governing the practice of medicine is strict and the physicians of that place do not feel like being compelled to obey it, while strangers are allowed to go free.

Miss H. E. Brooks, of the Lock Haven Normal, visited Bellefonte last Saturday for the purpose of meeting the teachers of our borough schools and explaining the methods of instruction followed in the Model department of the normal at that place.

A crowd of Bellefonte's young people who for weeks had been anxiously awaiting for snow to have a sleighing party to the Old Fort gave up all hopes of getting there on sleighs and did the next best thing, went on wheels. Now they want some one to kick them for not waiting a little longer.

Messrs Harry Bush and R. G. Davies, two energetic young men paid their respects at this office Monday. They expect to go into the slating and roofing business on an extensive scale and have about completed all arrangements for that purpose. They will have their headquarters at Tyrone and expect to extend their business over central Pennsylvania. Any one having dealings with this firm will receive satisfaction and the most courteous treatment.

Constans Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar, held a reception in the Masonic Hall, Reynolds building Wednesday evening. A large gathering was present, composed chiefly of members of the organization and members of their families and immediate friends. Stoyer and Fisk's full orchestra of Williamsport consisting of twelve pieces was present and discoursed music during the evening. Their renditions were classical and operatic selections executed with an effect that brought forth many expressions of appreciation. There spacious rooms were sufficient to accommodate the many guests and entertained them in royal style. The banquet was an elaborate affair consisting of all the delicate viands and toothsome dishes to be had and were served in abundance. The reception was a social event of the season and reflects much credit upon the order of Knights Templar, of Bellefonte, which is a representative body throughout.

The new First National Bank building is about completed and will be ready for occupancy next week. The new structure is built on the same foundation as the one destroyed by fire last May. The general plan of the new building is much the same as in the former structure only it is more complete and much handsomer. The building is two stories high, mansard roof, with a tower rising from the corner; the walls are of light sandstone with brown stone trimmings and presents a stately appearance among the surrounding structures. The approach to the interior is guarded by two massive doors. The interior of the building is divided into two rooms, the banking department and the presidents private room. The banking department is elegantly fitted up and conveniently arranged. The wood work is finished in antique oak with heavy plate glass, nickel and brass railings and trimmings. The ceiling is paneled and finished in bronze, and in full harmony with the other colors in the room. The president's room is finished with cypress, the effect produced by the painters brush upon the walls and ceiling is admirable. The new bank is a model of beauty and convenience and worth a visit.

Killed at Lock Haven.

At Lock Haven, Saturday morning Robert Barret, the 23 year old son of a Lockport widow, was killed while working at the ruins of the recently burned State Normal school building. While on a ladder 25 feet from the ground something from above fell on his head, causing him to lose his balance. He fell to the ground and sustained such severe injuries that he died a few minutes after.

Hungarian Killed at Morrisdale Mines.

Two Hungarians, who had been working near Morrisdale, went into the mine very early Saturday, in order to do a big day's work. About 5 o'clock several tons of coal fell upon them, and crushed one of them to death, and injured the other, but not seriously. He had only been engaged at Morrisdale four days before he met his death.

ROUGH ON THE GIRLS.

The following wholesome advice was recently given by a celebrated divine to the young women of his flock: "The buxom, bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked, full-breasted, bouncing lass who can darn a stocking, mend trousers, make her own frocks, command a regiment of pots and kettles, feed the pig, chop wood, wrestle with the boys, handle an oar, do a bit of fishing, and be a lady withal in company, is just the sort of a girl for me and for any other man to marry; but you, ye pining, moping, lolling, screwed-up, wasp-waisted, pale-faced, consumptive, music-murdering, novel devouring, daughter of fashion and idleness, you are no more fit for matrimony than a pullet is to look over a family of fourteen chickens. The truth is my dear girls, you want more liberty and less fashionable restraint, more kitchen and less parlor, more leg exercise and less sofa, more pudding and less piano, more frankness and less mocking modesty, more breakfast and less bustle. Loose yourselves a little, enjoy more liberty and less restraint of fashion, breathe the pure atmosphere of freedom, and become something lovely and beautiful as the God of Nature designed."

A Chestnut.

On Tuesday last a man by the name of Yet Johnson, a Swede, who lives in the lower part of this county, started to walk from Phillipsburg to Tyrone over the old turn pike, and before he reached the summit of the mountain, he commenced to feel himself getting tired, and picked up what he supposed would make him a good cane to help him on his journey. Mr. Johnson used his new cane until he got within a few miles on this side of Tyrone when he stopped in a house along the road to get a "warm on" and placed his walking stick in a corner near the stove. After remaining until he got warmed, he made preparations to resume his journey and reaching for his cane was much surprised to find it was gone. An investigation was made when he found his cane turned out to be a large black snake which had been frozen stiff and when it thawed out commenced to crawl around as lively as ever.—Osceola Courier.

The Boss Bear Story.

The Renovo News comes to the front with the most thrilling bear story of the season. Two Philadelphians who are sojourning at Renovo started out last Saturday morning to hunt bear. After traveling seven or eight miles they struck bruin's trail, which they followed up until the game was overtaken, when both men discharged their guns at the bear, but unfortunately missed their mark. Then the fun began and bruin hunted the men. They ran as fast as their legs could carry them with the bear in close pursuit. The hunters finally concluded to seek safety in climbing a tree, but the bear decided to climb the same tree. According to the News the men each had a flask of whisky in their pockets which they poured into the bear's throat, making the brute drunk and while he was in this condition they descended and made their escape.

A Successful Merchant.

Whatever differences of opinion there may be as to the political practices or business methods of Mr. John Wanamaker it cannot be disputed that he has been a successful merchant.

When asked a few days ago the secret of his success he answered: "I have tried each day to do that day's work and to make each following day an improvement upon its predecessor. That is the whole secret."

The same inquirer put to him the question, "And you believe in liberal advertising?" to which Mr. Wanamaker made this answer: "I spend \$5000 a week in advertising and pay a skillful man—a former newspaper editor and a good one \$1000 a month to do it for me. I make money by it. Advertising is the leverage with which this store has been raised up."

Design for the New Normal.

The Lock Haven Democrat says: We were shown at the Irvin House a very fine draft of a new Normal school edifice to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire, on the hill. The design is by Robert Cole, of Bellefonte, an elegant architect and draughtsman, and not only this, but a carpenter and builder as well. We consider Mr. Cole's plan a very fine conception and cannot imagine how it could be surpassed. It comes of a family noted as architects and builders.

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PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS.

ADVICE FOR OUR FARMERS AND OTHERS.

Are Stock Insurance Companies a Benefit? Who Pays the Money? Who Gets it Finally? A Poor Investment.

It would be advisable for our farmers and stock owners to be cautious in dealing with all stock insurance companies and their agents as well. Of late, if reports are true, this section has been overrun by these agents who work mostly among farmers, urging them to insure their horses, cattle and all manner of live stock.

Our first suggestion in regard to the above scheme is that if you leave your hands off of these concerns, by the end of the year, you will have more money in your pocket and will save a great deal of annoyance and trouble. The farmers pay in the money to keep these concerns going in which there are a lot of fat officers, drawing large salaries, and agents who draw immense fees for every policy they issue, and all of this money comes from the hard earnings of our farmers. If the amount of money paid into the company could be ascertained and also the amount returned in the form of benefits to policy holders, we would venture the assertion that not 30 per cent. ever comes back to the policy holders. If it would not be thus, this scheme of insurance would not be worked as hard as it is. Run your own risk in these matters and don't support a whole herd of agents and officials who evidently are prospering off of your earnings. Many policy holders complain that in different cases where their stock died, they were unable to secure their money and when they did it was only about one-half of the amount insured and the cost of collection often exceeded that.

Another grave objection we see in this business, is that you are often dealing with agents who are rascals and will catch you in some way or another. It is said that in some sections agents represented that no assessments would be made by the company, but in the course of a month or more had their eyes opened and were compelled to pay up before a Justice of the Peace. Agents have also gone around and collected assessments from the farmers then stuck the money in their pockets and skipped the country. In this case the assessments had to be repaid to the company.

Centre county farmers have been duped time and again by all sorts of swindlers and slick tongued agents and they can not be too careful. Farming is by no means bringing the returns it should to our people, and economy is the only means of keeping a clear title, and for this reason they should avoid all schemes which always take three fold more than they return and in many cases are a pure loss.

If we are mistaken in our view of this matter it is because we have been misinformed, which is not likely the case. In short we say be careful in your dealings with stock insurance companies.

Special Excursion to Washington via Pennsylvania Railroad.

In order that the residents of this section may enjoy the opportunity of visiting Washington, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a special excursion to that city on Thursday January 24th. The National Capital is one of the most interesting cities in the Union. It is esteemed by many the most beautiful city in America, and the fact that it is the seat of the government and the location of the handsomest public building in the land, makes it interesting to every citizen.

Both branches of Congress are in daily session, and in fact every branch of public service may be seen in actual work of conducting the government. The public buildings embracing the Capital, White House, Treasury, State, War, and Navy Department, the great Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum, are open to the public every day, and offer a field for interest and study that cannot be excelled anywhere. The great Washington Monument, the highest memorial shaft in the world, is in itself worth a trip to see.

The rates are, unusually low, and the limitation of the tickets ample for a most pleasurable visit.

Excursion tickets good for ten days, admitting of a stop-over in Baltimore within in the limit, either going or returning, will be sold from Pittsburg at \$9.00, and at correspondingly low rates from other stations in Western Pennsylvania. The tickets will be good for use on any regular train of the date above named, except limited express trains; and in addition to the regular service a special train of parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburg at 8.00 a. m. and run through to Washington, stopping at principal stations. The return coupons will be valid for passage on any regular train, except the New York and Chicago Limited Express.

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IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The house of Jacob Himeisbaugh, an aged man who is living alone, near Pine Glenn, Mifflin county, was entirely consumed by fire on the 11th instant.

The dwelling house of John Stover in Mill Hall, Clinton county, was totally destroyed by fire last Friday night, caused by a defective flue. Loss \$2,000 partially insured.

Two double furnaces are being added to the puddling department of the Lochiel iron and steel works at Logan, Mifflin county, which will give employment to sixteen more men.

Blue birds are warbling, japonicas are out in leaves and buds, and trailing arbutus is getting ready to shed its fragrance in Mifflin county, and the snow birds have taken their departure.

A 10-year old daughter of Isaac Edmiston, in Reads township, Cambria county, was accidentally shot by her little brother, who was handling a revolver. The ball took effect in the shoulder, lodging under the breast-bone.

The barn of Miles Hood, near Richfield, Juniata county, was burned down a few nights ago. The fire was caused by a son of Mr. Hood's. While he was ascending a ladder to the mow with a lantern the chimney fell off, and with the burner fell to the floor among the chaff below, which ignited immediately.

At Lock Haven, a lumber fire on Thursday night in Linzing, Shafer & Co's yard of incendiary origin, destroyed lumber valued at \$9,000, partly covered by insurance. Part of the burned lumber was owned by T. B. Lovland, and the remainder by Kinzing, Shafer & company.

Charles Louder, son J. Calvin Louder, blacksmith, of Huntingdon, was struck by a shifting engine last Friday and had his skull fractured about two inches above the left eye. His recovery is doubtful. He was in the act of furnishing a tramp with a pair of shoes when he met with the accident. The tramp carried him home.

Thomas Stafford, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, while watching an empty coal train pass, the trainmen of which were making a flying switch stepped out of the way of the locomotive but on to the track the train was coming, and was knocked down. Seventeen cars passed over him, breaking his neck and severing both the lower limbs, one being cut off at two different places. He was 25 years old.

Death of Ed. B. O. Deiningger of Millheim.

The sad intelligence of the death of B. O. Deiningger, editor of the Millheim Journal, on Tuesday 22 reaches us as we go to press. Mr. Deiningger for a number of years was suffering from a malignant form of scrofula which seemed finally to penetrate his entire system and gradually kept undermining his constitution. Some time ago he seemed to rally and was confident of recovery but all hopes slowly faded away. An attack of pneumonia and scrofula which settled on his lungs was the cause of his death.

Mr. Deiningger, was a man whose life was felt in the community. He was a public spirited man and always at the head of enterprises started in the community. Unable to give date of funeral His age was about fifty-eight years, and leaves a wife, and two children who are of his first marriage.

Death of D. D. Shope.

On last Saturday Mr. D. D. Shope, of near Milesburg, passed away at the age 59 years, 7 mo, and 4 days. Mr. Shope had lived in that section all his life and was borne but a short distance of the scene of his death. He was a member of the Baptist church and an earnest zealous worker in the cause of religion. He was a highly respected citizen and all spoke well of him. He leaves a family of eleven children, six of whom are married. Two brothers Jacob and Daniel and a sister Mrs. D. F. Shope still survive him. The interment took place at the Advent church Monay 21.

DIED.

On the 16th, at Axemund, Mrs. W. G. Vansoyce, aged 77ys. 10mo, and 16 days. Interment took place at Lutheran Cemetery Pleasant Gap, Friday. Her maiden name was Andersons.

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