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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Benjamin Housel, of this place, was recently granted a pension.

Miss Laura K. Hafer will practice dentistry in Bellefonte ere long.

Ex-register John A. Rupp and family moved from Bellefonte to Oak Hall, on Tuesday, by rail.

The "Racket Store" has a few words to buyers in this issue. They believe in the virtue of printers ink.

The funny little man in the "Dazzler" is a great attraction. At the Opera House this Thursday evening.

Sunday last was a great day for strolling about. The weather was delightful and like a genuine summer day.

Mr. J. M. Bunnell, the music dealer, expects to have his family move from Milroy to Philipsburg where he is conducting a store.

Since the pot of money was found (?) in the old Conrad building cellar Mitch Cunningham is considered a rival of the famous Tom Pepper.

The grain fields about the county have an excellent appearance and give promise of good crop. There is danger yet, though, of late frosts.

When Burgess Meyer turned over his account for the past year he had a balance of \$118.85 on hand. That is a good showing.

The "Dazzler" at the Opera House this evening is an excellent attraction. Their last engagement here gave elegant satisfaction.

Book beer is one of the delicacies of the season. It is the kind of stuff that puts an awful head on a fellow before he knows what has happened.

On Sunday six immersions occurred at Milesburg. The exercises were conducted by the Baptist minister and was witnessed by a large gathering.

Mr. Culveyhouse makes a specialty of cleaning and repairing organs. If you have any work of that kind call upon him at his store on Bishop street.

Improvements continue in the vicinity of the Central Penna. depot. A massive stone wall is being built to protect the road bed from the waters of spring creek.

The Brokerhoffs have a strong force of men at work on their new business block. The design of Cole & Co., has been adopted and the building is to go up at once.

The semi-annual meeting of the Centre-Clearfield district of the Independent Order of Good Templars will be held at Glen Richey on April 17th and 18th.

The Valentine Furnace company are receiving ten car load of coke daily and other stock is regularly being received. We are reliably informed that in a few weeks the plant will resume operations.

Rev. W. A. Houck, pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church, has been located at Hazleton, Pa., by the conference in session at Harrisburg last week. The congregation and many friends of the family are sorry to see them leave.

James and John Houser, of near Pleasant Gap, have rented the property now occupied by Mr. Lyons, the butcher. They expect to open a wall paper store and will be prepared to do all kinds of painting and paper hanging.

G. H. Leyman, of Roland, returned recently from a month's trip to Catawagus county, New York, where he successfully represented the good points of the "Little Bonanza" fanning mill. He says the farmers in that section are prospering.

The old court house roof is in bad shape and will soon have to be replaced by a new one. This will give occasion for argument for a new court house. In case Judge Furst should be re-elected that will be, without a doubt, the programme.

THE SILENT MAJORITY.

WERE THEY SLIGHTED BY FURST?

Only a few Active Attorneys Selected—Others seem to be ignored—What Does their Silence Mean—Who are they for?

The Keystone Gazette, in its issue of March 9th, contained a communication urging Judge Furst to be a candidate for re-election. This letter was signed by eleven republican attorneys of the Centre county Bar Association. There are, as far as we know, twenty-three republican attorneys on the list and why His Honor only picked on a favored few and denied the others such a distinction we cannot understand. Those who signed the letter were as follows, with a brief description:

HON. JOHN B. LINN, historian and justice of the peace.

GEN. JAMES A. BEAVER, engaged in active practice.

COL. D. S. KELLER retired on account of failing health.

COL. JAS. P. COBURN, of Aaronburg, Pennsvalley's apostle of Blackstone; retired gentleman, Decoration Day orator.

JNO. M. HALE, Philipsburg, hardware dealer.

G. H. LICHTENTHALER, Philipsburg.

GEN. W. ZEIGLER, Philipsburg.

JOHN M. DALE, Beaver's junior partner.

HARRY KELLER, successor to D. S. Keller.

HENRY C. QUIGLEY, recently admitted.

JAMES NOLAN, of Philipsburg, formerly groceryman at Bellefonte, recently admitted.

Of the above list but five attorneys are engaged in active practice. The other six have either retired, or are "not in it."

His Honor was unusually choicy in this selection. He wanted the cream of the Bar when he selected Gov. Beaver, Jno. B. Linn, Jas. P. Coburn, James Nolan and others to endorse his call. Why should he slight the balance of the Bar Association, all of whom we imagine were only too anxious to appear on the list? Why was it that only five active attorneys were selected? This was a peculiar move and we know that some of those whose names are missing keenly feel the slight. In this connection it may be in order to mention the remaining list of republican attorneys in this county. They are:

WILBUR F. REEDER, in active practice.

H. H. HARSBERGER, in active practice.

E. R. CHAMBERS, in active practice.

C. P. HEWES, in active practice.

JNO. KLINE, in active practice.

A. A. DALE, in active practice.

CLEMENT DALE, in active practice.

JNO. G. LOVE, in active practice.

W. E. GRAY, in active practice.

S. D. RAY, in active practice.

W. D. CROSBY, in active practice.

GEN. D. H. HASTINGS, in politics.

The above list largely represents the silent majority and the public are anxious to know whether they Love Furst or whether their Fu(r)st Love is for some other fellow.

The silence is annoying; the suspense is painful. This "silent majority" attracts attention.

Too Familiar.

On Saturday Prof. Clarence Davis and Mrs. Amos Redding were placed under arrest, on charge of adultery, preferred by the husband, and in default of bail were committed to jail. Mrs. Redding left her husband about one year ago. Their home was at Howard, Pa., where he conducted a blacksmith shop. She is a daughter of Jonathan Schenk of the same place.

Prof. Davis has but one leg and about a year ago came to Howard where he gave entertainments.

At the hearing on Monday before Justice Linn the prosecutor withdrew and the wife agreed to accompany her husband to his home. District Attorney Singer held them under information made by the constable of the West Ward on the same charge, and in default of bail. Prof. Davis and his "love" were taken back to jail again.

Veterans' Reunion.

Comrades of the 205th regiment Pennsylvania volunteers. A reunion of the regiment will be held at Lewistown, Pa., on the 23d of this month. The hotel rates will be from about \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day. Orders for excursion tickets can be had by writing to T. H. Nicowonger, 907 Eight avenue, Altoona, Pa.; J. M. Owens, Lewistown, Pa., or Henry Whitaker, Elizabethtown, Pa. It is hoped that all the comrades who can possibly be present will be so. Blair, Centre, Lycoming, Huntingdon and Bedford county papers will please copy this.

Persons desiring orders for excursion tickets from Bellefonte can secure them by applying to Mr. F. Peebles Green, Adjutant of Gregg Post, Bellefonte, Pa.

At the Opera House

The "Dazzler" company will be at the Opera House to night. They give an entertainment that is appreciated and is full of genuine comedy. It is one of the most laughable productions on the stage. Go and see it, it will drive the blues away. Better than a dose of medicine.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

At the Central Penna. conference of the Methodist church, in session at Harrisburg, the following appointments were made for this session:

ALTOONA DISTRICT.

David S. Monroe, Presiding Elder, postoffice, Altoona.

Allegheny—Harry K. Ash.

Ashbury—James H. McCord.

Chestnut Avenue—John W. Rue.

Eighth Avenue—J. Ellis Bell.

Epworth Mission—To be supplied.

Fifth Avenue—William Moses.

First Church—Martin L. Ganoe.

North—Crawford L. Benscoter.

Simpson Church—Emory T. Swartz.

North—Crawford L. Benscoter.

Ansenville and Melahaffey—Chas. W. Rishell.

Bellefonte—James H. McGarrath.

Bellefonte—James B. Stein.

Birmingham—John W. Glover.

Centre—Samuel Lower, (supply).

Clearfield—William A. Stephens.

Coalport and Irvonia—Ashbury W. Guyer.

Curwensville—J. Patton Moore.

Duncansville—George E. King.

Glen Hope—Emmanuel W. Woner.

Half Moon—Robert L. Armstrong.

Hastings—Charles W. Wasson.

Holidaysburg—C. V. Hartzell.

Houtzdale—Herman H. Crostley.

Howard—Nathan B. Smith.

Karthauss—Bruce Hughes.

Lumber City—Freeman S. Vought.

Martinsburg and Woodbury—Jeremiah B. Breneman.

McKee's Gap—George F. Boggs.

Milesburg and Unionville—George Warren.

Morrisdale—Curtin G. Hoop.

New Washington—Job Trax, (supply).

Osceola—William B. Picken.

Penn's Valley—Ralph W. Hingsworth.

Philipsburg—Alexander R. Miller.

Pine Grove—John W. Forrest.

Pleasant Gap—John C. Young.

Port Matilda—Gideon F. Sarvis, (supply).

Ramey—Charles A. Biddle.

Roaring Spring—Edwin H. Witman.

Shawmut—David E. Phillips, (supply).

Snow Shoe—Henry M. Minnigh.

Tyrone—First Church—Richard H. Gilbert. Second Church—Vaughn T. Rue. Utahville—L. L. Logan, (supply). Wallace—George Trach. Warriorsburg—Hugh Strain. West Clearfield—Lyons M. Brady. Williamsburg—Frank W. Ledy. Woodland and Bradford—Richard Wharton. Samuel Blair, city missionary; member of First church, quarterly conference, Altoona. Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers—John A. Woodcock, George B. Ague, Jesse R. Akers, John W. Olewine.

Doings of Council.

The following is a brief summary of Monday evening's meeting.

The salaries of the borough policemen, Messrs. Montgomery and Garis, was fixed as the same price as formerly—\$35 per month. Supt. Ryan's wages were also made the same.

Mr. Henry Wetzel was selected borough engineer, to be paid 40 cents per hour for all services rendered.

The Brokerhoff estate was given permission to lay a private sewer from the Conrad building down the alley to connect with the sewer at the hotel stables.

The Central R. R. of Pa. was charged \$100 per year for use of water at this place.

Rules and regulations of the Board of Health were reported by H. C. Quigley for approval.

Gov. Beaver, as chairman of the Village Improvement Committee, had a lengthy report. He advocates the improvement of the principal thoroughfares of the town. Curtin and Wilson streets should be graded and side walks be made according to the same. All the extra earth to be removed to grade the public school ground and that the poor department, the school board and property owners along such streets confer for the purpose of making these improvements.

Railroad Extension.

On Tuesday evening there was a large gathering in the old academy building, at Pine Grove Mills, Pa., to discuss the project of extending the Bellefonte Central Railroad from Struble station, a point near State College, to Pine Grove Mills, a distance of 3 1/2 miles. Among those present were Gen. James A. Beaver, D. F. Fortney, Esq., Supt. Thomas and others. The proposition made by the company is, that if the right of way is furnished by the citizens of the community, the company will build the road. D. F. Fortney made the opening address, Gen. Beaver then spoke at some length and was followed by Supt. Thomas, T. H. Harter and others.

When an opportunity was offered for subscriptions Ex-treasurer John Mitchell started the ball rolling by putting down his name for \$100. A number of 850 subscribers did likewise and at the close of the meeting the total reached \$410. This will be increased considerably and it is almost a settled thing that the extension will be built.

Burned Down.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hennich, near Penn Hall, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday of last week, caused by sparks from the chimney lodging on the roof. Very little furniture was saved. The occupants were aged people and in declining health.

The building was years ago the Reformed church parsonage.

Public Sale.

There will be offered at Public Sale 40 Buggies, Carriages, Spring Wagons and Carts. Also a large assortment of Implements, Bicycles and numerous other articles. Sale at 10 o'clock, a. m., Wednesday, March 23, 1894.

J. S. WAITE & Co. Bellefonte, Pa.

THE DEATH LIST.

MRS POLLY KLINGER.

Early on Sunday morning Mrs Polly Klinger died at her home on Thomas street after a brief illness, with paralysis. On Thursday she was stricken down and lingered but a few days. She was about 80 years of age and was one of the old residents of the town.

She leaves to mourn her death seven children, four daughters and three sons, as follows: Mrs. George Marshall, Mrs. William Derstine and Mrs. Augustus Cox, of Bellefonte; and Mrs. Simon Harper, of Centre Hall; and Jacob Klinger, of Oak Hall; William, of Big Run, Jefferson county, and John of this place.

The funeral occurred on Tuesday morning, services were held in the Reformed church of which she was a devout member.

HARRISON FAUST

Last Monday morning 12th, the death of Mr. Harrison Faust, a highly respected and esteemed citizen of Potter's Mills, occurred at his home at that place. Mr. Faust had a severe attack of grip during the winter from which he never fully recovered and about one week previous to his death was attacked with bilious fever.

Mr. Faust was a veteran of the late war, and a member of the Samuel Shannon Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Faust leaves a family of a wife and five children, three girls and two boys.

The funeral took place following Wednesday morning from his late residence at nine o'clock.

MRS. GEO. P. WAKEFIELD.

Mrs. Geo. P. Wakefield, died at Mount Union, Pa., at the home of her husband, on Sunday evening 11th.

Her maiden name was Miss Margaret Rishel, and the youngest daughter of Mr. John Rishel, deceased, of Centre Hall.

Mrs. Wakefield was aged about twenty five years. The funeral took place the following Tuesday afternoon; interment being made in the cemetery at Mount Union.

ABSALOM CONFEL.

On Tuesday the 13th Malinda, wife of Absalom Confer, died at her home in Aaronsburg, Centre county, at the age of 73 years, 10 months and 3 days. Deceased was a daughter of Henry and Margaret Stover, one sister, Mrs. Wm. Burd, of this place; two brothers, Elias and Thomas Stover, of Brush valley, and her husband are left to mourn her departure.

JOSEPH HALL

A recent death at Howard was that of Mr. Joseph B. Hall, a brother of ex-county commissioner J. Newlin Hall and a brother of Mrs. Kline, wife of ex-sheriff D. Z. Kline of this place, deceased. Mr. Hall was aged 75 years, having been born in the spring of 1819, in Bellefonte. His death was caused by paresis, after an illness of many months. He leaves a wife and five children, all residents of Howard and vicinity.

J. T. SHEARER.

On Wednesday evening, of last week, J. T. Shearer died at his home in Lock Haven, of paralysis, after an illness of about four weeks; aged about 57 years. Mr. Shearer was born and raised in the vicinity of Rebersburg, this county. He followed school teaching and later engaged in renovating feathers. One child survives him.

MARGARET MEISS.

On Wednesday evening 12th, Mrs. Margret Meiss, a very aged lady, died at the home, of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Jacob From, at Tusseyville, Mrs. Meiss had been bed-fast since last summer, when she met with an accident, breaking a leg by a fall. She was aged about 82 years. The funeral took place Thursday, at Centre Hall.

JAMES H. McCLAIN.

Mr. James H. McClain, a former resident of this place, died at his home in Massillon, Ohio, last Friday morning. Mr. McClain was a brother-in-law of our townsman, Mr. Henry Harris, he being married to Miss Ellen Toner, a sister of Mrs. Harris and a daughter of the late Rev. John Tonner, deceased.

WILBUR ROY SHEARER.

Wilbur Roy Shearer, aged 2 years' 9 months and 23 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shearer, of this place, died on Saturday morning after a brief illness. The funeral took place Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

Trial List.

For the first week of court commencing on Monday, April 23rd, 1894.

M Shires vs W H Musser.

John Duck et al. vs Henry Keen.

J C Nason vs Jno C Hoover et wife.

W C Heinle vs John Swartz, et al.

John W Cook vs I J Huff & Co.

A Baum, Agt. vs E J Swaverly.

E S Dorworth, use of vs James K. McMullen.

Daniel Butler vs J H Hall.

J. S. Waite & Co vs J N Shaw.

L C Bullock vs John Rishel et al.

Wm. Mann, Sr. vs First National Bank, of Bellefonte.

Suits made to order \$15 to \$18. New Spring Goods.

MONTGOMERY & Co. Tailors.

AFTER NATURAL GAS.

A WELL TO BE SUNK AT SALT LICK, PA.

Company Organized on last Friday—\$4,000 to be Spent in Prospecting—Indications are Exceedingly Good.

On last Friday there was an important gathering of prominent men and capitalists at Snow Shoe, and the purpose was of considerable significance. It resulted in the organization of a company to be known as the "SALT LICK GAS AND OIL CO." The object is to sink several wells at a point in Clearfield county, near the Buttermilk Falls, not far from Karthauss in the hope of striking either natural gas or petroleum, and probably both.

Many years ago a salt plant was located at this place. Deep wells were sunk from which natural gas escaped in such quantities that when it became ignited the derricks and buildings were destroyed by the flames. In those times very little was known of the utility of natural gas. These facts are well known. The structure of the rocks and the geological formations are encouraging and induced the organization of the above company, with stockholders from Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming and Northumberland counties, all of whom own tracts of land in that vicinity.

The company was organized with the following officers: President, Hon. J. H. Holt; Vice President, Samuel Christ; Sec. and Treas., M. Fredericks. Directors: Judge J. W. Smith, Sam'l Christ, M. K. Kulp, J. H. Holt, T. B. Buddinger, Hon. W. W. Betts, Hon. W. E. Ritter, C. M. Bower and Ira C. McCloskey.

It was decided to issue 800 shares of stock at \$5 per share, amounting to \$4000. That amount is to be expended in sinking at least three wells over 2500 in depth.

The company are confident that they will strike something and are willing to sacrifice that amount to satisfy their curiosity. Should they strike a gas belt, by their location they would be in close touch with all the important river towns in Central Pennsylvania, such as, Altoona, Tyrone, Huntingdon, Philipsburg, Bellefonte, Clearfield, Lock Haven, Williamsport and other points to which the product could be conveyed by pipes for commercial purposes.

If they find gas it will be a bonanza for the stockholders. If they don't, their curiosity will be satisfied and none will suffer a particular great loss.

Operations are to be begun at once and in less than ten days drilling machines will be at work.

85 Present.

Trout fishing season opens on the 15th of April. It is a customary thing for parties to catch trout in advance and on the morning the season opens come into town with a basket filled with fish. They are often caught on outlines or set nets for this purpose. During the season many trout are caught at night by scoop nets. Game fish are scarce enough and extreme measures should be enforced for their protection. We hope that District Attorney Singer will keep a sharp look out for all poachers and illegal fishermen. Every fisherman should take a like interest. THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT will make a present of \$5 to the first person who furnishes the evidence and secures the conviction of any person catching trout in an illegal manner, within five miles of Bellefonte.

Riot Between Americans and Italians.

The trouble between the American and Italian laborers on the line of the Logan Valley Electric railway between Altoona and Bellwood became very serious Monday afternoon when the Italians were attacked by the Americans and driven in confusion into the woods. Several were more or less hurt but no one killed according to latest accounts several hundred men were engaged in the melee. The trouble arose from an offer of the Italians to work at lower wages than was paid the Americans. The outlook just now is promising for a very serious ending of the difficulty.

The Coal Trade

The bituminous coal trade season of 1894-5 will be open on April 1st. The prices for soft coal f. o. b. vessels at Philadelphia, Baltimore, Georgetown, Newport News, Norfolk and alongside docks at New York will be 25 cents per ton less than last year's prices. The bituminous trade continues dull, and at present market prices are somewhat lower than the proposed new circular figures.

Special Services.

Services are being held every night of this week in the Reformed church at this place. The pastor Rev. Noll is being assisted by Rev. Black, of Boalsburg, and Rev. Isenberg, of Centre Hall. Preparatory services will be held on Good Friday morning; confirmation Friday evening. Communion services Sunday morning and Sunday school Easter services Sunday evening.

Minister Installed

Rev. Lesher, late of Port Royal was recently installed as minister of the Boalsburg Lutheran charge. The installation sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Earnest, of Millburg.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Issued During the Past Week—Taken From the Docket.

Jas. H. Reish, - - - Centre Hall  
Sadie Heckman, - - - " "

Robert G. McClellan, - - - Potters Mills  
Ida E. Tressler, - - - Harris twp

C. H. Weston, - - - Tyrone  
Annie M. Meese, - - - Loveville

J. R. Lingle, - - - Milesburg  
Jennie B. Boal, - - - Centre Hall

Howard H. Goss, - - - Spring twp  
Minnie M. Bortoff, - - - Ferguson

D. F. Houser, - - - Benner  
Sallie S. Wagner, - - - " "

Crimes Classified

Steal a chicken and you are a thief. Steal \$