

HAPPENINGS IN BELLEFONTE

Local Events Briefly Told in a Few Lines

PERSONALS, SOCIAL EVENTS

What has Transpired During the Past Week - Movements of our People - What the Local Scribe Saw Worthy of Mention - A Week's Local News in a Few Words.

The jury commissioners are at work this week.

Chas McClure is home from Princeton College on his vacation.

Miss Laura Hafer, of this place, has gone to Kansas, on a visit to friends.

Misses Eleanor Harris and Katie Brisbin are spending the holiday season in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Geo. Brandon and daughter Winifred, of Carlisle, are visiting relatives in Bellefonte.

You will miss a rare treat if you don't hear Gen. Gordon's lecture, at the court house, this evening.

The Logan's will hold their annual New Year's assembly in the armory Friday evening, December 30th.

S. H. Williams has bought Mrs. Barbara Rankin's property on the corner of High and Thomas streets for \$1,600.

Among the new pensions granted last week were: Nathan McCloskey, Romola, 26; George H. Kucely, Bellefonte, \$12.

Good sleighing has prevailed in most parts of Centre county during the past two weeks except in the vicinity of Bellefonte.

Fred Blair, who has recovered from his long seige with typhoid fever, has gone to Philadelphia for several weeks to recuperate.

Walter G. Butts has given up his Imperial hotel in Houtzdale and located in Windburn, where he will engage in the same business.

No paper will be issued from this office next week. Our employees want a short vacation and we expect to observe the usual custom of allowing a week off.

A successful revival has been in progress in the church at Valentine's forge the past few weeks, under the direction of Rev. Williams of the Methodist church.

G. F. Weaver, of Penns Cave, who is attending institute this week will likely be in the political field as a candidate for Register. Of course he is a democrat, and an active one too.

Miss Lydia Sheffer and Charles Houser were married on Wednesday evening at the parsonage, by Rev. Rhen. Mr. Houser is an expert painter and desiring such a model bride.

Miss Minnie Brew's assembly, in the armory next Wednesday evening, 28th, will be the social event of the holiday season. Many visitors will be in town for the occasion and it will be largely attended.

Last week Wm. H. Ott, teacher of the Coleville school, was agreeably surprised upon receiving a fine turkey for a Christmas gift. It was given him by Bella Ward, Lulu Markley, Ruth Stringfellow and Grace Winkler.

On Saturday Adam Bartsge, one of Penn township's leading citizens and prosperous farmers was in town attending to business. It is quite likely that he will be a candidate for county commissioner this coming year.

William Runkle has accepted a position in Parrish's drug store, and will fill the position formerly held by Geo. Bayard. Will. took his first lesson in the business with Zeller & Son. After that he attended a school of pharmacy in Philadelphia and is up to date in that line of work.

Little Sarah, the five-year-old daughter of Gov. and Mrs. Hastings, was compelled to submit to an operation for the removal of a fungous growth, in her throat that effected her hearing. The operation was performed two weeks ago in a hospital, in Philadelphia and the little one is improving.

It is announced that Prothonotary M. I. Gardner has retained Arthur Kimport as deputy, who filled the position in such an efficient manner under Mr. Smith. Mr. Kimport always proved himself pains-taking and obliging to the public and thoroughly understands the complex duties of that office.

James Kellerman, of this place, purchased a farm located in Marion township, about five miles from town, on the road to Jacksonville, owned by Mrs. Reuben Valentine, now occupied by John Baylets. The family expect to move there in the spring. Miss Louise Kellerman will remain in the Bell Telephone Exchange here.

There was a meeting of the new Commercial Telephone Company, at which it was decided to extend lines to Centre Hall, Potters Mills, Millheim and Woodward. Thirty subscribers have been secured in that vicinity. Lines will be strung in Lock Haven just as soon as the preliminary arrangements can be completed. In January the workmen will commence erecting the poles for wiring Bellefonte.

"A Bachelors Honeymoon" at the opera house, on next Tuesday evening, 27th.

Gilbert Beaver, of New York, is home to spend the holiday season in Bellefonte.

Don't you have a friend who would appreciate the Centre Democrat for a year as a X-mas gift?

W. Harrison Walker is on the sick list this week with chicken-pox, which confines him to his room at the hotel.

The Hon. C. A. Faulkner, of Philipsburg, attended to business in town on Monday and is looking quite well.

Prof. D. M. Wolf, of Penn Hall, who by the way is one of Centre county's most prominent instructors, is attending institute this week and is as hale and hearty as ever.

Manager Garman has booked a good attraction for next week, "A Bachelors Honeymoon" for next Tuesday evening. It will be sure to entertain and please the most critical audience.

Harry Jenkins discontinued his cigar store in the Brockerhoff House block, this week. His newspaper business will be continued by Charles Cruise, from the news stand in the Bush House.

The Commercial Telephone company now have some 80 customers in Bellefonte who want phones. Over \$4000 stock has also been subscribed in the town. They are much encouraged over their prospects.

R. D. Musser, of Spring Mills, was appointed Mercantile Appraiser for the ensuing year, by the county commissioners. Of course Mr. Musser is a Republican, but that does not say that he will not make a good official.

On page 2 of this issue will be found the announcement for the sale of some valuable real estate, the C. C. Loose estate in Miles township and the Michael Fishburn homestead in Benner. Both are desirable investments.

The Christmas services in the Lutheran church will be of special interest on Sunday. In the morning the pastor will preach an appropriate sermon. In the evening the Sunday school, with the congregation, will render a beautiful service "The Angel of Peace." The church will be handsomely decorated. All are cordially invited.

The Presbyterians are practicing a cantata to be given the week between Christmas and New Year's; the Methodists will have their Christmas festival the night before Christmas, and the Episcopalians are preparing some fine music for their services. Special services will be held in all the other churches of the town in which special music will be the prominent feature.

An effort is being made to establish a lock factory at this place for the purpose of placing the "Houser Springless Lock" on the market. A number of leading business men of the town have taken stock in the project, which doubtless would prove a good investment if properly handled. Our business men should give this matter a bit of consideration. We need some new industries at this place.

NO PAPER.

According to the usual custom, no paper will be issued from this office next week, in order to allow our employees the usual holiday vacation—one and all, connected with this establishment will enjoy a brief rest at this season of the year.

To those of our patrons who may grow lonesome, in the meantime, for good reading, we would recommend a dusting of the old family Bible. There is much there to interest, entertain and instruct. No doubt it would be time well spent in renewing acquaintance with the Good Old Book, at this season of the year and be ready to begin 1899 with new impulses and better intentions.

Thanking one and all for past kindnesses, our wish is that the best of the season may be in store for them—A Merry X-Mas and a Happy New Year.

Decline to Prosecute.

At the Old Bailey (Central Criminal Court) in London, the officials declined to prosecute Kate Lyon and Mrs. Mills for alleged unlawful conduct in connection with the death of Harold Frederic, the London correspondent of "The Philadelphia Press," and the defendants were discharged from custody. They were of the Christian Science faith. Mention was made of this case last week.

Your Danger Now

Is from the overworked condition of the liver and kidneys which are unable to expel impurities from the blood. This causes rheumatism. Hood's Sarsaparilla has been wonderfully successful in curing this disease. It neutralizes the acid in the blood and permanently cures the aches and pains which other medicines fail to relieve. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best winter medicine because it purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood. It gives help just where help is needed. It tones the stomach, stimulates the liver, and arouses and sustains the kidneys. It wards off pneumonia, fevers, bronchitis, colds, coughs and the grip.

Why don't you subscribe for the CENTRE DEMOCRAT? Do you know it is the cheapest paper in Centre county, if you pay for it in advance.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

IN THE COURT HOUSE.

Legal Intelligence Gathered from Various Offices.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John H. Musser, Pa. Furnace; Mamie A. Campbell, Fairbrook; Blair Mingle, Birmingham; Ida McCaleb, Nittany; Charley E. Heaton, Boggs; Mollie E. Poorman, Philipsburg; Wm. B. Southard, Philipsburg; Amanda M. Oswalt, Philipsburg; Harry I. Hoy, Marion; Anna M. Fisher, Boggs; Charles M. Houser, Bellefonte; Lydia M. Sheffer, Bellefonte; Harry C. Gill, Pleasant Gap; Julia C. Woomey, State College.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Rebecca Musser to Ada T. Hoover, dated Dec. 1st, 1898, for tract in Liberty Twp. \$1. etc.

J. Edward Confer et ux to Rachel M. Butler, dated Aug. 16, 1898, for lot in Boggs Twp. \$1. etc.

J. L. Sommerville et ux to James P. Irwin, dated Dec. 15, 1898, for lots in Snow Shoe Twp. \$650.50.

Jacob Stine et ux to Adolph Loeb, dated Jan. 13, 1868, for lots in Snow Shoe Twp. \$800.

Robert Henderson to James Henderson et al, dated Dec. 19, 1898, for tract in Marion Twp. \$1. etc.

Andrew Morgan et ux to Andrew Gerin, dated Nov. 28, 1898, for tract of land in Snow Shoe Twp. \$75.

Robert U. Wasson to Amanda Wasson, dated Sept. 21, 1898, for tract of ground in College Twp. \$1.

Louis E. Reber, et ux to Elizabeth J. Shaeffer, dated July 30, 1897, for undivided 1/4 part in tract of land in College Boro. \$50.

Philipsburg Coal & Land Co., to Geo. Vaux, dated Nov. 16, 1898, for lot in Rush Twp. \$350.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

To Mrs. Jane R. VanValzah, upon the estate of Dr. F. H. VanValzah, dec'd, late of Gregg Twp.

CENTRE COUNTY'S CAPITOL.

Something About the Building and Repairing of the Court House.

The first court house built in Centre county was erected in Bellefonte about 1806. It was a small affair about one-third of the size of the present one and on the same site which was an excavation made in the side of Jail Hill in order to get level ground for a foundation. As the business of the county increased in proportion to the increase in population, the building was inadequate to transact properly the official business, but no two grand juries would recommend the construction of a new court house, which was necessary for them to do before the county commissioners could legally erect one. In 1855 Messrs. John Hartman, W. A. Davidson and Henry Kelley became county commissioners and seeing the need of a new building, had the sand in them to construct a new one under the act giving them the right to repair public buildings and on March 25th, of the same year let the contract to construct a building two thirds larger than the old one which they tore down, all but the pillars and the portico. The contractor was the late G. W. Tate who agreed to construct the building for the sum of \$5,568.62. After the letting, the plans of the building were changed and the contractor was paid \$7,366 in addition to his contract price. The size of the building necessitated a larger excavation in the hill which cost the additional sum of \$5,000 which made the total first cost of the present building amount to \$12,514.62. The building walls were made of stone and plastered on the outside.

Some 14 years ago there was some \$5,000 repairs put on the building, mostly on its exterior. The auditorium being one of the largest in the state without any pillars for the support of the ceiling, consequently the roof was large and flat, causing the shingles to rot in a few years, letting the rain in and damaging the plaster and the interior of the building.

COUNCIL MEETING.

At council meeting on Monday the following business was transacted: Complaint was made that the vibration of the High Street bridge effected the walls of the Watchman office building, as one of the piers rests against that building. Nothing special was reported by the various committees.

Some discussion was heard relative to street lighting. The Edison Co., of this place, was represented by its leading officers and stockholders, who insisted on having consideration from the fact that they represented one-fifth of the borough takes. A proposition was made by them for a five-year contract for 40 arc lights.

Thomas Cooper who represents an electric supply company and is anxious to erect a boro plant at the water works spoke of the advantages of such an investment. No definite action was taken in the matter. Bills to the amount of \$323.42 were approved.

By way of comment on the street lighting proposition, we believe our people are paying rather a high rate for their street light service. That is a common opinion. Our people think the old company should make a liberal reduction, and then be awarded the contract.

52ND TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Continued from 1st page.

brooding or moody disposition; 4th, urge upon pupils that deep thinking is more beneficial than the acting.

After roll call, Prof. John B. DeMotte, A. M., M. D., Ph. D., of Bryn Mawr, Pa., was introduced and gave a good talk, his theme being, "Are You Happy?"

Dr. DeMotte will lecture to night on "The Harp of the Senses; or the Secret of Character Building." Adjournment.

Wednesday afternoon session opened with singing. Prof. P. H. Myer, our proficient musical director, deserves to be congratulated upon the enthusiastic manner in which he has conducted the singing. The teachers are proud that such a man is to be found in Centre county.

Dr. Smith occupied the first period of the afternoon; his subject was "Children's Untruths." He gave the following scientific definition of a lie: A lie is any expression intentionally made between persons of mutual good faith for the purpose of deception. He impressed many good things upon the teachers in the way of being truthful to their pupils. Strengthen the bond of love between yourself and the child. Encourage the pupils in every way possible to bring his troubles to you. The Dr. concluded his talk by saying that thorough-going truthfulness is one of Heaven's laws.

The Rev. Dr. Deatrick gave his concluding talk, his main theme being, "The Woos and Beatitudes of the Teacher." He stated that in thousands of cases, the defects, such as blindness, deafness, and stammering, are due to negligence on the part of the teacher. Dr. Deatrick's talk was a feast of good things, and all were sorry that he could not stay throughout the week.

The following ushers were appointed for Wednesday evening—Messrs Harry Hartsock, C. V. Woodward, W. F. Harpster and J. A. Gettig.

Dr. DeMotte gave an interesting talk on the "Mental Background" of the mind. We were left with the single thought, "What I am, I am now becoming." Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Dr. John DeMotte, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., gave a scientific lecture on "The Harp of the Senses; or the Secret of Character Building." His lecture was illustrated by using stereopticon views.

51ST TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Reference to the origin of teachers' institutes in Central Pennsylvania may be interesting at this time.

The first one that we have any account of was organized at Oak Hall, Harris township, Centre county the first week in October 1850. "It was not numerously attended nor long continued, but it was gratifying to all present, and gave evidence of its powers for good. The next session was a failure, and hope was failing when some friends of education in Howard township, who had met at an examination of the Mechanicsville school, rallied around the sinking institute, and it is now established "strong in the hearts of men," and bids fair to realize all expectations that have been so long deferred. The present is highly favorable."

Thus writes Prof. William G. Waring to the editor of Pennsylvania School Journal vol. 1 page 350, who still resides at Tyrone, Pa. It was our pleasure to preside at this session of the Centre county teachers' institute commencing December 27, 1892. Its sessions have been regular since that time. Prof. Waring was then the principal instructor, and well understood his business. Teachers and directors in but a few localities were at this time petitioning the legislature to pass a law providing for superintendents, but most of the people were not prepared for it.

The districts above mentioned—Howard and Harris, were the first in Centre county to become interested practically in public instruction, and became so principally through the exertions of Samuel Baker and Nathan J. Mitchell, of Howard, and William G. Waring, of Harris districts.

The reputation of the schools at Howard became so well known that the undersigned was solicited, as early as 1849 by H. T. Beardsley, secretary of Lock Haven school district, to be principal of the public schools then held in the old academy.

In pursuance of previous notice a large number of teachers and others assembled at Salona, Clinton county, on Monday, January 15, 1855 for the purpose of establishing a teachers institute. The meeting was organized by calling C. St. C. Berkeley to the chair and electing William H. Smith and L. L. Hartman, secretaries.

It would require too much space to give the proceedings in full, or even the names of the active workers at that time, most of whom have gone to their final rewards.

On motion A. H. Best, Mrs. H. C. Best, Messrs. N. L. Atwood, J. S. Furst, Geo. Herr, G. W. Croizer, Samuel L. Allison, Samuel Brady, Hugh Conley and Rev. P. W. Watkins were elected honorary members of the institutes.

[See page 309 Pa School Journal, Vol 3] It gives us pleasure to meditate upon these times and remember the choice personalities of our earlier acquaintances.—Lock Haven. O. T. N.

A full line of all kinds of fruits and nuts—at Sourbecks.

ROYAL Baking Powder. Made from pure cream of tartar. Safeguards the food against alum. Alum baking powders are the greatest menacers to health of the present day.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Dec. 14, 1848, the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. McEntire was solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents, at Houserville, the ceremony taking place at 10 a. m. Fifty years having passed since then, and in honor of this important event in their lives, an anniversary was arranged and held at their comfortable residence, at Fillmore, Wednesday, Dec. 14th, where they have resided for almost one quarter of a century. Printed invitations were issued two weeks previous and about sixty invited guests were present. An elaborate dinner was served and a jolly, good time was had. Rev. Runyon, of the M. E. church, Stormstown, was present and was toast master for the occasion. His remarks being of a humorous nature, elicited much laughter and applause. The following members of the family were present: A. B. Cowher and family; Dr. J. C. McEntire and family, of Bellefonte; Dr. O. W. McEntire, of Howard; E. C. McEntire and wife; H. H. and family, of Williamsport; and twelve grandchildren.

Regrets were received from J. C. McEntire, chief burgess of Reynoldsville, Pa., brother of L. B.; also from S. R. Houser, of Sandusky, Ohio, only brother of Mrs. McEntire, who were unable to be present.

Jacob Houser and wife, life-long residents of Houserville, were present as they also were at the marriage that took place fifty years ago. Mr. and Mrs. McEntire were the recipients of many handsome presents. Everyone present expressed themselves as having passed a most pleasant and enjoyable time, and will always remember with much pleasure this fiftieth wedding anniversary.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

The choir of St. John's Reformed church is preparing a musical service for Christmas morning, which for beauty and variety has probably never been equaled in this place on a similar occasion. They will sing the sacred cantata, "The Coming of the King," one of the most beautiful works of that master of church music, Dudley Buck, in which the advent and birth of the Saviour are set forth in masterly melody, full of the Christmas spirit depicting the Christmas joy. The choir, which comprises some of the best voices of the town, is under the direction of Mr. Chas. Guthrie leader of the famous Franklin & Marshall College Glee Club and organist of the institution and will be prepared on Christmas morning to render this music in a perfect manner, and make the services a beautiful worship of song and praise. The regular choir of which Mr. A. H. Lakenbach is the leader, is composed of Miss Lula Harper, soprano soloist, Mrs. J. W. Kurtz, Miss Nelly Anderson, Miss Aurora Moore, alto soloist, Mrs. H. E. Jenkins, Mr. J. E. Lawrence tenor soloist and Mr. Fisher. They will be ably assisted by Miss Twitmore, Miss Miller, of Lock Haven, Mr. Hard Harris, and the pastor. Mrs. Hayes is the accompanist. The order of worship in full copies will be distributed at the church.

The public of Bellefonte, together with the congregation, are most cordially invited to attend and enjoy this service. In the evening the Sunday School will continue the celebration of Christmas by recitations and singing. The cantata will be repeated on New Year's night. A silver offering will be taken at both services.

Buy a graphophone for a X-mas present for the family; \$10 upwards—at Bush's.

Was Never Well

But Hood's Sarsaparilla Has Given Her Permanent Health.

"I was a pale, puny, sickly woman, weighing less than 90 pounds. I was never well. I had female troubles and a bad throat trouble. I came across an advertisement of Hood's Sarsaparilla and had faith in the medicine at once. I began taking it and soon felt better. I kept on until I was cured. I now weigh 103 pounds, and never have any sickness. Hood's Sarsaparilla will not cure. My blood is pure, complexion good and face free from eruptions." MRS. LUNA FARNUM, Box 116, Hills Grove, Rhode Island.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are tasteless, mild, effective. All druggists, 25c.

Farmers Institutes.

Sessions of farmers institutes under direction of the state board of Agriculture will be held at Warriors Mark on December 30th and 31st. The state speakers who will be present are: Gabriel Heister, Harrisburg; J. D. Fries, State College; Prof. S. B. Hughes, York; J. T. Rothrock and R. S. Seeds.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by F. Potts Green, druggist.

The largest line of 10 cent candies in the state—at Sourbecks.

PUBLIC SALE REGISTER.

Parties contemplating having sale this year will do well to have their bills printed at this office. It is an acceded fact that the best display sale bills are secured here. We use extra heavy paper, better than most offices, have ample supply of material, and good workmen who give pains and attention to your wants, and the result is our patrons are always pleased.

We won't promise to print your bills for nothing, nor for half-price, nor cheaper than anybody else, and when you come, "pull your leg." We will charge you a fair, legitimate, consistent, living price; The CENTRE DEMOCRAT always believed in "sizing and let live" and has won the reputation for reasonable prices and honest dealing.

Notice of date of sale and sale notes will be furnished free to persons securing their bills at this office. To others the charge is 5 cents. A complete copy of bill will be inserted for \$1.50 until day of sale. We have one price for all.

JANUARY 17—Valuable real estate of C. C. Loose, in Miles township, will be sold at his residence in the village of Rebersburg, at one o'clock, p. m. W. J. Carlin, Assignee.

JANUARY 22—The Fishburn homestead, in Benner Twp., and 1/2 miles south-west of Bellefonte, containing 50 acres more or less. Sale at 2 o'clock at the Court House. Israel Kauffman, Administrator.

MARCH 16—Two and one-half miles east of Centre Hall, Hiram Durst will sell 80 head of live stock, including 3 short horn bulls, binder, mower, wagon and a lot of farm implements, etc. W. G. GOREN, Auctioneer.

Bellefonte Markets.

The following prices are paid by SECHLER & Co., for produce:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Potatoes, Onions, Eggs, Lard, Tallow, Butter, Wheat, New Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley.

Important Notice.

If any of your family should be attacked with a sudden Cough or Cold, don't fail to try a bottle of Gray's Balsam, the great guaranteed Cough Cure. It never fails to relieve and promptly cure Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup and Whooping Cough. No family with children should be without it. Samples free. Large bottles 25 cents. Sold only by C. M. Parikh, Bellefonte; Wm. H. Noll, Pleasant Gap; G. F. Metz, Woodward; W. H. Miller, Axemann; J. B. Griffin, Stormstown; L. B. McEntire, Fillmore.

A Few Preferences...

You prefer the heart of the celery, the tenderloin of the beef, the loin of the lamb.

You prefer cream to milk. You prefer the best minstrels, the best operas, the best plays, the best books.

You ought to prefer

A Good Suit

that FITS to a dozen cheap ones that don't. Then why not come to us? We tell you truthfully about the cloth, the fit, the style and the price, with the best knowledge and experience we possess. If we should happen to make a mistake it will be no loss to you, as we will guarantee to refund the money to any customer dissatisfied in anyway within reason.

Bargains! Bargains!

Children's Suits, Reefers and Overcoats, \$1.50 to \$5.00.

Youths' Reefers, Suits and Overcoats, \$2.50 to \$10.00.

Mens' Reefers, Suits and Overcoats, \$2.50 to \$10.00.

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Suit Cases, Umbrellas, Mackintoshes, Mufflers, Collars and Cuffs, Trunks.

Sweaters for children, youths' and men. All ready for the Holidays. Special prices for the season.

MONTGOMERY & CO., Progressive Clothiers, BELLEFONTE, PA.