

LOCAL NEWS

BRIEFLY TOLD

Happenings In And About Bellefonte.

PERSONALS, SOCIAL EVENTS

Items That Are Worth Noting in a Few Lines—What Has Transpired in This Community During the Past Week—Movements of Our People.

—E. S. Stuart has been appointed postmaster at Sandy Ridge, this county.

—Francis Speer attended the Y. M. C. A. convention in session in Williamsport over Sunday.

—Assistant postmaster, Austin Brew, is sojourning at Atlantic City for the benefit of his health.

—A. Duncan Vocum, whose father was a former Methodist minister at this place, has been chosen principal of the Chester Springs public schools. Mr. Vocum was quite young when he left this place.

—Fred Casey, the mail agent on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, has been promoted to a run on the low grade division of the Allegheny Valley railroad. His run will be from Driftwood to Emporium.

—Monday evening Miss Minnie Brew gave a delightful masquerade party in the arcade hall for her dancing class. It was well attended and there were some grotesque and fantastic costumes in the display.

—J. C. Nason, who is lumbering in the mountains near Philipsburg, was in town on Monday and is carrying the marks of a half dozen boils and carbuncles on his neck. Like Job, of old, he is patient with all these misfortunes.

—Over \$125.00 was cleared by the dinner for the benefit of the monument fund last Thursday, which Gregg Post will aid to their fund. All the members of the post seem to be working in earnest to help this fund along and make the monument a reality as soon as possible.

—The ladies of the M. E. Church, at Roland, have an article in another part of this issue setting forth the claims of that church for the organ we propose to give away. They have called and examined the Cornish instrument and think it just what they need, and is one of the best made.

—Prof. Eiters informs us that the contributions at the public school exercises on last Thursday were almost \$40, for the monument fund. At other points the amounts were proportionately large. As there are over 250 schools in the county the amount given by the children will be quite a large sum.

—Matthews Volk, the new operator at the Roopsburg brewery, is meeting with success at that plant. The product is pronounced by connoisseurs as equal to the best on the market, and is having a large sale in this community. Mr. Volk is a former resident of Tyrone, and in that line of business has had long experience.

—A number of our horsemen went to Centre Hall to day to attend the Gentzel and Beizer horse sale this Thursday afternoon. They brought a car load from the west that certainly are fine animals and will command fine prices too. The selection was mostly heavy work horses.

—This evening an entertainment will be given in the opera house, under the management of Gregg Post, for the benefit of the Monument Fund, to consist of moving pictures. The character of the entertainment is such as to interest and entertain all who may care to attend. As the proceeds are for a most commendable purpose it should receive the liberal patronage of the community.

—Herbert Shaffer is now connected with the Central R.R., at this place, and is putting in his time at the freight department where he is doing any-old thing from hustling goods off the cars to drumming up business for the company about town. He has given up the idea of moving away and will likely continue to reside on Allegheny street. He no doubt will prove a valuable man in the freight department.

—One of the finest calendars sent out this season came to our office this week with the compliments of Wm. Grauer, the representative of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. Each monthly sheet contains a beautiful reproduction in colors of noted paintings representing life on the western plains, a half century ago, when this company was organized. This company has the reputation of doing everything in good shape, and their calendars are at the head of the list this season, as far as we have seen.

—Wednesday W. M. Dukeman retired from the recorders office where he has served so efficiently for a number of years as deputy, and much of the time attended to the duties of the office himself. Mr. Dukeman is a man of rare clerical ability and the only reason that he leaves is that politicians demand that there be a republican deputy, and Mr. Robb found it advisable, only on that ground, that a change be made. Mr. Dukeman is open for an engagement and it will not be long until someone will be looking for just that kind of a man to fill some position of responsibility.

—Howe's moving pictures at the opera house this Thursday evening.

—John Harris departed Monday morning for Philipsburg to take the position of manager of the Philipsburg Bell telephone exchange.

—A. G. Morris, of Tyrone, has planned quite a trip abroad this summer for Rev. F. L. Bergstresser, and his son, Alex. G. Morris, Jr.

—G. W. Ream, one of Gregg townships farmers, was in town and called to tell us that they had a lively Spring election in their township this time. In their precinct there are only a few republican voters who are kept there out of curiosity, more than anything else. That is where they roll up the heavy democratic majorities at the general election.

—Chas. S. Bechdel, of Gladston, Col., was a caller in our office on Wednesday evening, being on his way home to Blanchard, he stopped off between trains at this place to attend to business and call on some of his old friends. He was summoned home on account of his father's sickness, and will remain east until springtime.

—A white apron sale, for the benefit of the Lutheran church, will be held in the Y. M. C. A. during the afternoon and evening of March 8th, 1900, by Mrs. H. C. Holloway and her Sunday School class. The aprons have been solicited from friends all over the Union, and present quite a novel display. Cut flowers and ice cream and cake also. The public are cordially invited.

—The Penna Match Co., of this place, have been distributing samples of their product about town the past week and the goods are of the very best quality; should have a ready sale on the market. The sticks are nicely finished, and they ignite with little trouble. They failed to reach our office when the distribution of samples was made, and if they had known that we have money to burn and are run out of matches, they certainly would have come to our relief.

—The contest for the Cornish Chapel organ seems to be narrowing down to three contestants and as each is holding a large number of premium coupons or votes it is a little uncertain as to who may get the highest vote. These premium coupons are only issued at the office, and to persons who pay their subscriptions in advance, or bring in a new subscription. A new yearly subscription entitles anyone to 24 votes, and a year paid in advance by a regular subscriber 12.

ODD FELLOWS BANQUET.

Last Friday evening there was a delightful affair given by the members of Centre Lodge 153, I. O. O. F., of this place, the event being the 54th anniversary of the organization at this place, and it is their custom to observe it each year with a loyal repast to which many of their friends are invited. On this occasion there was a large attendance, about one hundred and fifty in all.

The banquet was served by Harrison, the caterer, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Following this came another treat, wit and wisdom, when Toastmaster J. C. Meyer arose and demanded the attention of banqueters to the various speakers who were announced in the following order, with appropriate topics: Hon. C. M. Bower, F. E. Naginney, W. Harrison Walker, Esq., Robert P. Hunter, D. P. Fortney, Esq., Hon. James Schofield, Chas. R. Kurtz, and H. S. Taylor, Esq., at the close of whose remarks the audience arose and heartily joined in two verses of that patriotic song, "America," and the festivities of the evening came to a close. Music for the occasion was furnished by Prof. P. H. Meyer, Christie and Fred Smith, Frauk Deitrich and Wm. Derrine.

Centre Lodge 153, for the past year has had a good record, not only in the addition of new numbers, but also in the line of work for which this organization is so well known.

MONUMENT FUND.

The following sums for the Soldier's Monument fund have been received to date from the public schools in the county:

Table with 3 columns: Name, amount, district. Lists contributions from various schools and individuals like Scott, Wolf, Hannah, etc.

Schools reported \$3, Amt. Recd. \$101.55 Teachers, remit promptly, but do not send the amount collected in postage stamps.

C. L. GRAMLEY, Supt. Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 26, 1900.

—Go to the opera house tonight and see the moving pictures.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Gathered From the Various Offices About the Court House.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. { James F. Stover - Pottery Mills, Mary L. Koch - Centre Hall, Geo. S. Williams - Benore, Martha D. Parsons - "

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

F. B. Riddle et ux to Abraham Weber, May 2, 1899; for three acres land in Henry township, \$225. Henry C. Quigley trustee to Clarence G. Weaver, Feb. 6, 1900; for lot of ground in Snow Shoe township, \$140.

Balser Weber's Exrs. to Abraham Weber, May 17, 1899; for house and lot in Howard boro, \$500. Osborn B. Lambert's Admr. to James D. Lambert, March 5, 1897; for house and lot in Bellefonte boro, \$715.

Jacob Tome Institute to Charles Boyer, Jr. Dec. 11, 1899; 60 acres and 149 perches in Huston township, \$400. W. Miles Scholl's Admr. to Howard A. Scholl, Dec. 30, 1899; for farm in Union township, \$3917.75.

William B. Mingle et ux to Daniel Hess, Feb. 17, 1900; 2 lots in Centre Hall boro, \$1600.

C. T. Harlacker et ux to W. B. Mingle, Dec. 5, 1899; 2 lots in Centre Hall boro, \$1800.

Geo. W. Packer et ux to A. J. Lucas, Feb. 21, 1900; for 66 acres land in Curtin township, \$75.

W. J. Carlin assignee to Emanuel Heaton, Feb. 28, 1899; for 2 lots in Rebersburg, \$2015. Robt. Loyd et ux to Curtis Beatty, Dec. 14, 1899; lot No. 58 in North Philipsburg, \$100.

John W. Harter et ux to H. E. Gramley, Sept. 24, 1897; for one acre land in Miles township, \$100.

William Bierley's Exrs. to Thos. J. Ocker March 16, 1899; for four tracts of land in Miles township, \$757.

LAST WEEK'S FLOOD.

It seems that we go to press at an unfortunate hour for almost every week some important event occurs, about a half hour too late for us to get in our issue. Such was the case last week on account of the flood. We started to print our edition in the morning and before it was finished Bellefonte was partly deluged, and there was a great deal of uneasiness in the lower portions of the town from the rising torrents that swelled the water course of old Spring creek. During the previous night we had a heavy fall of rain and the ground had just been covered with a sheet of sleet that froze and the result was that the entire rainfall, instead of being absorbed by the earth, it swiftly found its way to the creek and the streams rose with alarming rapidity.

The result was a flood, and the water was higher than the time of the memorable Johnstown flood. Considerable damage was done to property in various places. Bridges, fences, etc., were swept away. Among the worst afflicted was the "Watchman" office, as they had about four feet of water in their press room. That meant that their machinery was covered with a thick deposit of muddy slime and the room left in a vile condition and the loss of considerable paper and other stock. The duration of the flood was short.

HIGH WATER THIS MORNING. The elements are repeating their antics. Wednesday night sleet and snow fell and was followed by continual rain. The result, streams are swollen from the rush of surface water. Spring creek is very high at 9 a. m. The Watchman office is again flooded with two feet of water in their press room and the stream is rising. Telephone messages from Spring Mills and Howard report very high streams.

Game Protective Association. Monday evening there was a large gathering of local sportsmen in the arbitration room at the court house for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing an association in this county for the purpose of protecting the game and fish. The sentiment was in favor of an organization, and a committee of five was appointed to frame constitution and by-laws and submit same at another meeting to be held Friday evening, at the same place, when it is thought that a permanent organization will be effected. The purpose of the organization will be to have representatives in every section of the county who will report every case of illegal fishing or hunting, and the funds of the association will be devoted to the complete prosecution of every case that comes to their attention. This organization will spring into popular favor and can do a good work in this direction.

Dissolution of Partnership. In another part of this issue will be found an announcement of the dissolution of the partnership of the well known firm of "B. F. Shaffer & Son," general merchants, at Nittany, Pa. Ex-sheriff R. P. Shaffer retires from the firm and the business will be continued by his son W. E. Shaffer, the junior member. This firm has been doing business at that point the past thirteen years and always enjoyed a lucrative trade that extended for miles around. W. E. Shaffer is an active young man who understands the mercantile business thoroughly, and knows the needs of the public in that line, and for that reason the business will no doubt grow to still larger proportions under his careful management.

RECENT DEATHS.

ROBERT NEWTON ELLENBERGER:—Of State College, Pa., until a few months ago a resident of Tyrone, after two days illness of stoppage of the bowels, died at Dayton, Armstrong county, Friday morning, February 23. The deceased was traveling salesman under J. C. Trout, of Altoona, general agent for the Osborne Farming Implement Machine company, of Springfield, Ohio. He was on one of his regular trips when taken suddenly ill. Mr. Ellenberger was born on a farm near Marengo, Centre county, January, 1855, and at death was aged 45 years and 1 month. Twenty-one years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Clara J. Hannah, who survives him, together with one son and one daughter, viz: Robert G. and Roberta M. Ellenberger. He is also survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Susanna J. Ellenberger, of Marengo, and the following brothers and sisters, viz: James Ellenberger, of Altoona; David Ellenberger, of Warriors-mark; George Ellenberger, Mrs. Jacob Barts and Mrs. David Powley, of Marengo. Interment in Tyrone cemetery.

Mrs. JOHN AYRES:—Died at her home near the Empire furnace Monday morning at 1 o'clock, of child-birth. She was born at Runville, Centre county and was about 28 years of age. Her maiden name was Carrie Walker and she was a daughter of the late George Walker, of Boggs township. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and four small children, besides the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Sabert Ramsey, of Altoona; Mrs. Alice Gill, of Altoona; Mrs. George Rider and Mrs. William Hampton, Bellefonte; William and James Walker of Runville; Harry Walker, of Altoona, and David Walker, Cold Forge. Interment in Sunnyside cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

SARAH RHONE:—After an illness of but two weeks, Mrs. Rhone, mother of Hon. Leonard Rhone, died at the home of her son at Centre Hall, early Saturday morning. Mrs. Rhone up to three weeks ago was in comparative good health, but contracted a cold which finally culminated in her death. Deceased was remarkable as being one of the oldest twins in Pennsylvania, having on January 28, in company with her twin sister, Mrs. Lydia Young, celebrated her 83rd birthday. She was a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the county, her father, Leonard Kersteter, emigrating to the county and settling at Coburn, while the valley was all a wilderness.

MARY ELIZABETH EWEY:—Wife of W. H. Ewey, died at her home in Altoona Monday morning of consumption after an illness of several years. Deceased was a daughter of James and Mary Miller, deceased, and was born at Pine Grove Mills 43 years ago. She was married in 1880 to W. H. Ewey. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Florence Miller, Charles Allison and Walter Murray, all at home, also the following brothers and sisters: James Miller, of Altoona; Mrs. Florence Bailey, of Downs, Kan.; Mrs. Margaret Giles, Petersburg; and Mrs. Jane Jamison, of Spring Mills. Interment at Oak Ridge cemetery Altoona, on Wednesday.

HENRY DECKER:—Died at his home, in Holton, Kansas, of pneumonia on the 14th of Feb., aged 62 years 5 months 11 days. He leaves to mourn his wife and two sons—Charles and Edward, and one daughter Della all in Holton; also five brothers and three sisters, viz: Mary, wife of Thomas Schantz, Circleville, Kansas; Catherine, wife of Jacob Geppart, (deceased) Millheim; Sarah, wife of Samuel Stam, Loganston; George living in Missouri; John and William, at Hubbersburg; Samuel in Zion, and Adam at Snydertown. Mr. Decker was born at Hubbersburg, Centre county, Pa., he left for Kansas about 30 years ago and was prosperous.

JOSEPH NEWMAN:—Formerly a resident of Bellefonte, died at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, at Milton, of typhoid fever. He had been clerking there. A mother, one brother and four sisters survive. Interment at this place, time of funeral not known at time of going to press.

HORATIO C. WILLIAMS:—Died at his home in Los Angeles, California, Sunday, February 18th of stomach trouble. He is survived by a wife and four children all grown up and residing in Los Angeles. Also by one brother Samuel H. Williams of this place, who is the last surviving member of a family of five children. For a number of years he was engaged in the planting business here with his brother. He was a member of the 20th Cavalry and entered the service at the age of 16 years. He left Bellefonte about 15 years ago.

WM. McCALMON:—On Feb. 7, at Dakota, Stephenson Co., Ill., occurred the death of Wm. L. McCalmon, aged 75 years; immediate cause of death having been heart failure. Deceased was born one mile east of Zion, this county; his father, Thos. McCalmon, having located there in the then almost unbroken wilderness, in 1798. In 1849 he married Emily Struble, who, with her daughter, Mrs. J. V. Wittmyer, survives him.

TWO DEATHS:—The home of Edward and Annie Lucas, of Bellefonte, has been sorely bereaved during the past two weeks by the loss of two children. The first, James Samuel, aged 2 years, 9 months and 2 days, died Feb. 13th; and Minnie, May, aged 3 months and 24 days, died Feb. 22nd. Interments were made at the Messiah cemetery.

WILLIAM REHNER:—One of Tusseyville's oldest citizens, died very suddenly at his home in that place Wednesday morning. Death was probably due to old age he having passed the 80th milestone in his life's journey. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

Col. WALTER BARRETT:—A member of the Clearfield county bar, died on Sunday morning. Colonel Barrett was the son of the late Judge Barrett, and was in his 60th year. His widow survives him. REBECCA FINKLE:—Died in Georges valley, on Sunday, of apoplexy. Age about 60 years. She was the widow of David Finkle, and three sons survive. RACHAEL BENNETT:—Oldest sister of O. M. Sheets, of this place, died at her home in Gastonville, Washington county, Pa., Feb. 25th.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following parties have remitted on subscription during the month of February and the date on their labels have been credited as follows:

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the subscription, including Sarah J. Waltz, Pleasant Gap, N. W. Eby, Woodward, etc.

SALE REGISTER.

All Public Sale Bills Printed at This Office will be Inserted in this Column Free.

Table listing public sale notices with dates and descriptions of goods, including Friday, March 2—Benjamin Alkey, 1 mile east of Curtin Works, 4 horses, 7 head cattle, farm implements, harness, etc.