

BELLEFONTE AND VICINITY

The Local Happenings Condensed in Short Paragraphs

EVENTS WORTHY OF MENTION

What Has Transpired at the County Seat—Movements of our people—Personal and Social Events—Local Items Always Desired.

—Miss Henrietta Butts is at Atlantic City.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Ardell are at Chautauqua.

—Miss Iona Donachy is visiting friends in Watsonstown.

—The Misses Benner are visiting friends in Altoona.

—Miss Mame Sourbeck has returned home from an extended stay in New York.

—Miss Lillian Bucher of Altoona, was visiting her friend, Miss Blanche Smith, on Thomas street.

—Miss Martha H. Corwin, of Pleasantville, is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison Walker.

—Miss Rose Fox returned Saturday from an extended visit to Philadelphia, New York and Atlantic City.

—Dr. H. M. Hiller, of Philadelphia, spent a few days at the residence of Mrs. M. H. Wilson on High street.

—Miss Emma Weight left Friday for Altoona where she will remain for the next two weeks visiting friends.

—W. T. Meyer, of Philadelphia, is a visitor in town. While here part of his time is devoted to tuning the pianos.

—William Speer, Jr., of Pittsburg and family, after a recreation of ten days here, left for their home on Monday.

—J. Victor Royer is now at his parents' home at Spring Mills; he has been unwell for several days past and it is hoped the change will do him good.

—A horse belonging to M. C. Gephart, the piano dealer, was killed on Saturday night by falling out of the stable door at Abe Baum's livery stable.

—Miss Jennie Harper, after an absence of eight weeks with friends in Lewisburg, Williamsport and Lock Haven, returned home on Saturday evening.

—Mrs. Henry, of St. Louis, is visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hoover on Spring street. Mrs. Henry was formerly Miss Carrie Liggett, of Beech Creek.

—C. U. Hoffer, of Philipsburg, spent Sunday with friends here. His wife and children have been visiting at the home of her father, C. T. Gerberich, for the past two weeks.

—Andrew Knisely, who conducts a large restaurant at Shamokin, Pa., accompanied by Miss Wetzel of that place, are visiting Andy's parents, Hunter Knisely and wife of East Howard street.

—Ira D. Garman with his wife and three children arrived in town Sunday and are visiting at the home of his father on High street. Mr. Garman has a jewelry store at 101 South Eleventh street, Philadelphia.

—On Saturday L. B. Bathurst, of Roland, left some fine samples of oats at our office the stalks are five and half feet tall and heavily filled. He has a field of it and expects a big yield. It is the "Hungarian" variety.

—G. W. Rumberger (Domino) of Unionville, while in town when asked what he was doing these days made the characteristic reply: "me and Jack (Griest) and another boy are running the store" and he never smiled.

—Mrs. Evelyn Rogers, at her handsome home on Allegheny street, entertained a large number of friends on Saturday evening, who were there by invitation, to meet her visitors, Mrs. Harvey Musser, of Akron, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Huston, of Norristown.

—Miss Mabel Musser, of Scranton, arrived in Bellefonte Monday morning, to visit her sister, Mrs. Paul Sheffer, but on reaching here a telegram awaited her announcing the serious illness of her mother, upon which she left for Scranton at once accompanied by Mrs. Paul Sheffer.

—J. W. Leathers, of Walker, who is engaged in roof and painting business was one of our recent callers. He has been doing a large amount of work in this section and now has a contract for painting the buildings at the Stevens lime operation west of town. Their roof paint is a good article.

—Harvest Home services were held in the Lutheran church last Sabbath morning, Dr. Holloway preaching an appropriate sermon to an attentive audience. The church never before was so beautifully decorated with flowers, evergreens, and prettily arranged fruits of the season. The ladies certainly deserve great credit for the taste and skill shown. A handsome collection was taken.

—Editor John C. Miller was an active and important factor in the success of the hospital masque ball benefit at the Armory last Thursday evening. There is occasion for this as the first operation will likely be a delicate one, that of trepanning his cranium and inserting an ample drain to relieve him of "Water on the Brain." The operation will be attended with much interest by portions of the town council.

—Harry Otto is on a visit to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

—Business Men's Picnic comes next week, Thursday, at Hecla Park.

—Miss Josephine VanNess, of Troy, is the guest of Miss Lillian Crittenden.

—Mrs. D. L. Jauss, of Harrisburg, is being entertained by Mrs. J. A. Aiken.

—Mrs. Andrew Brockerhoff and two little children are visiting friends here.

—Moses Montgomery went to New York and Philadelphia for a short vacation.

—The business men's picnic on August 21st is the next big event to look forward to.

—The Senatorial Conference in the Court House will be public. You are invited to attend.

—The Senatorial Conference will organize this evening promptly at 8 o'clock in the court house.

—James Furst who was confined to his home by a severe attack of typhoid fever is able to be about.

—Charles Gillen, now at Cleveland, Ohio, and Edward, living at Clearfield, were here during the past week visiting their parents.

—Will Brackbill, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsfield, Pa., was called here by the serious illness of his wife.

—Miss Margaret Sechler, of Baltimore, Md., will spend the summer at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hammon Sechler.

—At the fancy dress masquerade ball in the Armory last Thursday evening George Murphy, of Huntingdon, lost a pocket book containing \$55.

—Harry Taylor, a brother of Capt. Hugh S. Taylor left for Baltimore to enter the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company at that place.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Ardery and daughters, Verna and Lela, are in Pennsylvania where they will visit friends and relatives at Aaronsburg and other points.

—Owing to the absence of Rev. Shriner, there will be no preaching in the Methodist church, at this place, on Sunday. The other services will be held at the usual hour.

—George T. Bush left last Thursday for an extended trip to Idaho Springs, Los Angeles, Cal., and southern Colorado to look after some mines in which he is interested.

—William Taylor, of Bellefonte, and Miss Gertie May Kerstetter, of Pleasant Gap, were united in matrimony by Rev. W. H. Brown at the United Evangelical parsonage August 6th.

—Will Bible, a son of Frank P. Bible, and a former resident of Bellefonte, is visiting his old friends in this place. He is now a student at a Theological Seminary in New York city.

—The Potter-Hoy Hardware Company started a car load of patent plaster in their new warehouse on West High street Monday evening the floor gave away dumping the whole lot into the cellar.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Gross and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lose and child and Clyde Smith made up a jolly party that departed Friday for a ten days visit to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

—W. W. Spangler, of Centre Hall, C. S. Fortney, Wes. Foreman, D. R. Foreman, and Sam'l Slack, all of Potter, transacted business in town Tuesday. All report good oats over that way and fair apple crop.

—The Corinthians of Bellefonte and a nine from Williamsport played a game of base ball last Thursday at the colored picnic at Hecla Park and as a result the visiting team went home with a score of 10 to 0 against them.

—Mrs. M. H. Wilson was so unfortunate last week as to trip over something in the hall of her residence on High street, which caused her to fall, striking her face and arm in such a manner as to cause painful injuries.

—The Centre county fair will open on Tuesday, September 30th. The time isn't far distant and will roll around very soon. If you have some friends whom you want to entertain during the fair now is the time to invite them.

—Edward F. Whipps, who is clerking in Kauffman's large department store at Pittsburg, is visiting his old home at Port Matilda. Ed. was at one time a resident of Bellefonte being in the employ of Joseph Bros. & Co., and has many warm friends here.

—We are glad to notice that James Harris is improving rapidly in health, and expects to be able to attend to business in a few days. He has suffered greatly from rheumatism which interfered with his walking but is now almost entirely relieved of the disease.

—Wm. Brown, son of Mrs. Jane Brown, of East Howard street, who has been a sufferer from a cancer on the jaw for some time past, returned home Tuesday night of last week from Binghampton, N. Y., where he had a successful operation performed which entirely removed the cancer.

—Rev. T. W. Perks and his family have moved into the parsonage recently completed, adjoining the U. B. church on West High street. Superintendent Geo. Grimm, of the Nittany Iron furnace, has leased the house on Thomas street out of which Mr. Perks moved, and with his family is now in possession of it.

—Miss Mildred Shaffer, of Lewisburg, is visiting friends in Bellefonte.

—Edgar Burnside departed on a trip to western cities.

—Miss Mary Sommerville, of Winburn, is visiting Mrs. Louise Hoy.

—During the past week we have had some touches of cold weather.

—Mrs. C. T. Gerberich is seriously ill at her home on Thomas street.

—Miss Margaret Cook is at Eagles Mere, to attend the Chautauqua at that place.

—Mrs. J. C. Harris, of Lock Haven, is a guest at the home of Col. and Mrs. W. F. Reeder.

—Mrs. L. H. Gettig and her little children, Ethel and Donald, are at Pittsburg visiting friends.

—Capt. H. S. Taylor won the tea set chanced off by the Pleasant Gap band Saturday night.

—Mrs. S. E. Bonbright left Monday night for her old home in Canada, to be absent for a few weeks.

—John M. Bullock is in New York to take a course of cutting and fitting at "Mitchell" School of Design.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Zeller are entertaining Miss Hubley, of Erie, and Miss Carrie Zeller, of Lock Haven.

—Misses Erma and Verna Snook are spending this week at the home of B. C. Achenbach and wife in Lock Haven.

—Miss Mary B. Platt, of New York City, is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Potter, on Linn street.

—Misses Sarah Vallance and Mary Martin left Saturday for Williamsport, Philadelphia and Atlantic City to be absent till Sept.

—Miss Florence R. Beckel, of Grandville, Ohio, and Mrs. Emily Van Billard are welcome visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burns Crider on Linn street.

—Solit, the shoemaker, on South Allegheny street, solicits all kinds of repair work; he is prepared to sew soles instead of using pegs and guarantees entire satisfaction.

—According to the report just issued by the Bellefonte School Board \$26 pupils received instruction during the past year at an average cost of \$18.54 per pupil.

—Jim Shorter, who has charge of the Fair Ground, told us Tuesday evening that the track is in better condition than ever before, and he is anxious to have it used as much as possible and invites every one who wishes to exercise their horses to go and use it.

—William Brown and Robert Jodor, two Bellefonte boys who hold good positions at Niagara Falls, made a weeks visit at their homes in this place. Mr. Brown is employed in a shredded wheat factory while Mr. Jodor is a motorman on a street car line.

—The Williamsport Evening News says: During the machinists' picnic at Hecla Park on Saturday several Bellefonte young men stole a quantity of silverware and eatables. They were overtaken, however, and after being severely reprimanded and returning the stolen articles, they were released.

—The races at the Lock Haven driving park this week will be held on Friday afternoon instead of Saturday as previously announced. The entries are as follows: First race, "Marion Chimes," "Topsy H" and "Arch;" second race, "Billy" and "Billy Howe;" third race, "Domicilla M.," "Marrilla" and Joe Wilkes." The admission to the park including seats in the grandstand will be 25 cents.

—The large warehouse and phosphate house of G. Watson Fredericks at Flemington were totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning. When the fire was discovered by Harry High shortly after 1 o'clock, the flames were burning in the front part of the building. The flames burned rapidly and soon it was seen that there was no hope of saving the building. No wind was stirring, however, and as there was plenty of water in the canal, a bucket brigade directed their efforts towards and saved the surrounding buildings.

Correspondents Please Note. Next week all the business places in Bellefonte and Lock Haven will be closed, on Thursday, on account of the Business Men's Picnic at Hecla Park. That is the day the Centre Democrat is published. In order for our employees to attend, we will have to get the paper to press a little earlier, and this can only be done providing our correspondents will oblige us by sending in their weekly letters a little earlier than usual. Kindly remember this. Try and mail your letters on Monday, sure.

Veteran's Picnic. The Centre County Veteran Association held a meeting Saturday, to arrange for the annual reunion. It was decided to hold it at Hecla Park on Saturday September 6th and the following committees were appointed: Transportation—John I. Curtin, A. V. Miller. Speakers—Gen. James A. Beaver. Arrangements—W. H. Masser, S. H. Williams, Charles Eckenroth.

Notice. The Bellefonte Central R. R. will run a special return train from Business Men's Picnic, Aug. 21st, 1902; leaving Bellefonte at 9 p. m. For special rates see hand bills.

NOT NEW IN CENTRE COUNTY.

"There is no new thing under the sun" is an old and true saying which is illustrated forcibly many times and in various ways. It applies very appropriately to the subject upon which we wish to write.

The question of rural free mail delivery is receiving a great amount of attention by the post office department at Washington, and is considered a wonderful improvement over existing methods, and something entirely new—in fact an inspiration of the present decade.

Our readers will doubtless be surprised to learn that free rural delivery was instituted and successfully carried on in Centre county, over fifty years ago. James Harris is authority for our statement, for as far back as 1851 he says, it was conducted in a most satisfactory manner in Snow Shoe township, having been inaugurated by Samuel Askey, post master at that time, and for many years previous.

The mail, in those days, was carried on horseback once a week from Bellefonte to Brookville, and when it reached his office, he would put the letters in his high hat, and in traveling through the country deliver them anywhere between the two Moshannons, and as far out as the West Branch, thereby affording those who lived remote from the office, the opportunity of getting their letters promptly without extra expense.

The plan was highly satisfactory, and Mr. Askey continued it as long as he remained in commission. His successor, however, was either not so public spirited or probably did not wear a high hat, at all events the service was discontinued. We can, therefore, safely claim for Centre county, the credit of establishing and carrying on this system over half a century ago, long before many of the post-office officials were born.

Mr. Askey was one of the first pioneer settlers of Snow Shoe township, and died many years ago. A man of intelligence and integrity, he was a moulder of public sentiment in that entire region, and was honored and respected for his good qualities. He was a veteran of the war of the Revolution, a loyal man and devoted to his country and its interests. His family of six sons and two daughters, were men and women who inherited the sterling traits of their father, they settled in various parts of the country and many of their descendants reside within the confines of our county.—Bellefonte News.

A DEFUNCT INTEREST.

Monday of last week saw the removal of the last load of bark from the sheds of the Moshannon tannery at Philipsburg and "finis" may be written of leather tanning in Philipsburg.

For at least 25 years this tannery was a leading industry here, furnishing steady employment at good pay to a large number of men, and providing a market for all the bark that this scope of territory yielded.

The original firm, known as Munson, Holt, White & Co., comprised the late Chester Munson and D. W. Holt, of this place; Wm. McClellan, of Bellefonte, and a man named White, of Stroudsburg, and during the pinching times along in the early seventies, it proved the salvation of hundreds of poor people who could bring a jag of bark to the tannery, get a good price for it and thus sustain life when other avenues were closed to them.

When the tannery was purchased by Fayerweather & Ladew a new era of prosperity dawned upon it, and under the energetic management of J. B. Childs the Moshannon tannery was a perfect hive of industry and the output became famous for its excellent quality. After the death of Messrs. Fayerweather and Ladew their heirs accepted the offer of the United States Leather company to purchase the plant and then the evil days drew nigh, when gradually the old Moshannon got squeezed out; shut downs were frequent and, finally, the entire plant was abandoned and silence and ruin now reign where the busy hum of industry was formerly heard. The employees scattered to other scenes of labor, the great smoke stacks ceased to belch forth soot and stood, grim sentinels, over the deserted industry, while the mammoth bark sheds sheltered hundreds of tons of bark that would never be used here. Now that has been shipped away, the final load leaving on Monday, and the process of dismantlement is going on as rapidly as possible.

It's a sorry tale for Philipsburg, but it is the same old story of the old making way for the new. Invention has lessened the cost of producing leather at least 25 per cent, and the old tanneries must either be rebuilt or abandoned, and in a country like ours, where the timber is all cut and the bark supply exhausted, it may be folly to pursue any but the latter course.—Philipsburg Ledger.

ANY CHURCH or parsonage or institution supported by voluntary contribution will be given a liberal quantity of the Longman & Martinez Paints whenever they paint. NOTE:—This has been our custom for twenty-seven years; any building not satisfactorily painted, will be repainted at our expense; about one gallon of Linseed Oil to be added to every gallon of the paint to make ready for use; it's mixed in two minutes, and cost of the paint thereby made less in price than any other. Yearly product over one million gallons. Longman & Martinez, Sole Agents.—J. W. Glasgow, Coburn, Pa. x-37

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

{ Harvey D. Specht . . . Lewistown
{ Elizabeth Brown . . . Spring Mills
{ Joseph C. Hassinger . . . Kichacoquillas
{ Sarah J. Garman . . . Coburn
{ Korman U. Yearick . . . Nittany
{ Sarah B. Whitman . . . Bellefonte
{ John A. Whitmer . . . Fillmore
{ Elizabeth M. Garman . . . Piedler
{ Thos. C. Bowes . . . Millheim
{ Katie M. Vonada . . . Madisonburg
{ Boyd F. Harter . . . Wilkesbarre
{ Alma A. Bierly . . . Hannah
{ Benj. F. Clewell . . . Milesburg
{ Dorcas M. Sharer . . . Howard
{ Wm. F. Lucas . . .
{ Effie I. Lucas . . .

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Joseph Wilkinson et ux to Jno. W. McMullen, June 14, 1901; lot in Rush. \$125. Philipsburg Coal & Land Co. to Wm. A. Brown, et al, July 18, 1898; tract of land in Rush twp. \$350. J. M. Lieb et ux to American Lime & Stone Co., Jan. 7, 1902; lot in Spring. \$15. Edgar B. Greene, et ux to Harry Badger, Aug. 9, 1902; lot in Bellefonte. \$550. Henry W. Garret to Laureton Lumber Co., July 14, 1902; 50 acres in Miles. \$175. Jeffrey Haves to S. R. Right, Aug. 7, 1902; lot in Philipsburg. \$5000. James A. Decker to P. R. Randolph, Jan. 22, 1902; property in Ferguson twp. \$2250. M. I. Gardner, et ux to W. R. Gardner, Aug. 9, 1902; 102 acres and 123 perches in Marion. \$1. Carnegie Steel Co. Ltd. to Carnegie Land Co., April 30, 1900; land in Centre Co. \$1000. Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to Mike Gordon, April 11, 1902; lot in Snow Shoe. \$25. J. G. W. Shivel to Susan Wilson, Nov. 8, 1882; lot in Rush. \$400. James I. Nyman, et ux to Milton Nyman, July 28, 1902; land in Boggs Twp. \$700.

COUNCIL MEETING.

At the last meeting of the borough council there was considerable business done of importance to the public. Among other things the ordinances providing for Willowbank and Water streets were passed, bringing these streets under the jurisdiction of the borough authorities.

It was really amusing to see the lot of people who were before the council in person or by attorneys claiming damages or threatening to do so, for an old barren hill producing nothing, and never fit for any purpose except that the town boys find some fun in rolling stones down it into the street. The very idea that the council would attempt to widen and straighten North Water street took the breath from the editor of the Daily News. The whole scheme of damages was ridiculous.

If the people of the borough would join in and assist the borough council to beautify our streets and make them better instead of claiming damages and resist and kick, howl and growl, it would make the town more beautiful and the citizens much happier. (x)

Jury Commissioner Appointed.

On Wednesday afternoon, a short session of court, Judge Love named John D. Decker, of Potter township, to fill the unexpired term of Jury Commissioner made vacant by the death of Wm. Robb, of Curtin township. Mr. Decker held this position heretofore and will be able to assume the duties with little difficulty. His acquaintance over the county will be of an advantage. It also gives each side of the county a Commissioner. Mr. Decker some years ago was a County Commissioner and succeeded in securing the clerkship for Candidate James B. Strohm who turned around and knocked Jonny out of his position. That is the reason that Jonny Decker will not be over enthusiastic for Candidate Strohm of the same township this year. Mr. Strohm's name usually is written "James B. Strohm," but he is more appropriately known from year to year as "Candidate Strohm."

Dates of Fairs This Fall.

The department of agriculture has issued a bulletin having a list of the county and local agricultural associations and a list of the fairs to be held this year. The state fair will be held at Lancaster on Sept. 16-19. Granger's picnic, Williams' Grove, Aug. 25-29. Dauphin fair at Middletown Sept. 9-12. Carlisle fair, Sept. 3-5. Centre encampment and exhibition, Centre Hall, Sept. 15-19. Centre county fair, Bellefonte, Sept. 29 to October 3. Perry at Newport, Sept. 16-19. York, Oct. 15-17. Hanover, Sept. 16-19. Northumberland at Milton, Sept. 30 to Oct. 3.

—Miss Blanche Shaugnessy left Wednesday for a three weeks visit to friends in Altoona and Pittsburg.

RECENT DEATHS.

HAZEL VIOLA HOLT:—daughter of Oscar and Sadie Holt, of Winburn, Pa., died Aug. 10, 1902. Age two years, six months and ten days.

J. WALLACE MCCOOL:—son of Emanuel McCool, died at the home of his father, near Orangeville, Ill., Sunday morning, 3rd, from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid taken in mistake. J. Wallace McCool was born near Spring Mills. He was aged 23 years.

ROBERT G. DAVIES:—Robt. G. Davies, who was a resident of Bellefonte some years ago and was engaged in the roofing business, also an instructor in chemistry at the Penn'a State College in 1887, met with an accidental death near Hitchcock, Virginia, recently. He was instantly killed while in the act of taking a flat car down an incline, slipped or was thrown from the car and was crushed over the heart.

HON. JOHN U. SHAFER:—Editor of the Renovo Record, died last Friday evening after an illness of several months. His health began to fail last August, but not until four months ago did his condition cause any apprehension. Mr. Shaffer leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters, Mrs. R. J. Henderson, of Newark, N. J.; John U. and Herbert, of Princeton; W. Ernest, Claire and Genevieve, at home.

GEORGE MUSSER:—Died Sunday morning two weeks ago at his home at Orangeville, Ill. Mr. Musser was born at Penn Hall, Centre county, Oct. 20, 1828, and was the oldest son of Jonas and Maria Musser. When 24 years old he was married to Miss Lydia Condo in 1852, after which they conducted a hotel until 1863; and in 1866 they went west and settled on a farm in Oneco township, adjoining the village of Orangeville. He is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters. Six brothers also survive him, viz: James and Daniel, of Orangeville, Charles of Pearl City; Benjamin and Wm., of Jewel City, Kansas, and Michael, of Rushville, Nebraska.

Weather Report.

Table with columns: DATE, TEMPERATURE (Maximum, Minimum), and weather conditions for August 7-13, 1902.

Rain: On 7, at night, .06 inch; on 10 morning, .10, afternoon; 28 inches; on 11, at noon, 11 inches.

Advertisement for 1847 Rogers Bros. Silverware, featuring an image of a silver fork and the text "Silver Plate that Wears." and "The trade mark '1847 Rogers Bros.'" and "on Spoons, Forks, etc., is a guarantee of quality the world over."

25 Cents!

Will pay for THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT from this date to January 1st, 1903, about six months, at half price. You will want to read the paper during the campaign.

FREE AD COLUMN.

LOST—A top of gold ring with setting, Saturday evening. Finder will please return same to this office and be rewarded. A. B. Y. Pay every two weeks. W. D. Walker & Bro., State College, Pa. x36

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Table of market quotations for Bellefonte produce and grain, listing items like Eggs, Butter, Flour, and various types of grain with their respective prices.