

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

—Last week's election is still the talk of the town.

—Wm. R. Bartley, of Bellefonte, has pension increased to \$22.

—This kind of weather makes the steam heat plant earn their money.

—R. M. Magee, Esq., of Philadelphia, spent a few days in town the past week.

—Miss Anna Sechler is visiting her sister, Miss Margaret, at Baltimore, Md.

—Mrs. P. Gray Meek is in Aspinwall, Allegheny county, visiting her grandson.

—A number of new public sales have been added to the Democrat's register this week.

—F. C. Motz, a prominent lumber merchant of Pittsburg, Pa., had business in town last week.

—Bruce Garman has added two fine beagle hound pups to his collection. They are good ones.

—There will be some fun when the next town council is organized. Some changes are needed, in fact should be demanded.

—Remember, March 1st comes next Monday. We are anxious to hear from about four hundred patrons before that date.

—George Stroop, compositor in the Daily News office, has been confined to his home in Milesburg for several days by sickness.

—Grant Hoover, the insurance man, has put in a large typewriter for filling out standard policies, doing away entirely with penwork.

—Miss Clara Anderson, one of the efficient compositors of this office, is spending this week visiting friends in New York City.

—Rev. J. Ellis Bell, Presiding Elder of the Altoona district of the Methodist church, preached in the Methodist church Sunday evening.

—Concerts, festivals, lectures, and plays in the opera house, must have gathered in upwards of \$10,000 in this town in the past six months.

—We have been asked why Register Arcey spends so many Sundays in town. We don't know, but quite sure that we are glad to have him with us.

—Miss Louisa Valentine departed for Downingtown last week. At that place she will join her uncle and aunt for a trip to Florida, Nassau and Cuba.

—Geo. W. Thomas, of W. Curtin street, is in failing health; he was a prominent and highly respected merchant in this place, and still retains this esteem.

—Sam'l Loper has purchased the Willard Hall Newspaper Agency and will give it his personal attention, resigning his position as salesman with Montgomery & Co.

—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cook, with their little daughter Grace, are in Jacksonville, Florida, and will spend several weeks at various resorts in the land of flowers.

—Mr. and Mrs. Austin H. Bartley left last week for Altoona, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Bartley has secured a good position as a carpenter, in the car shops.

—J. T. Lee, one of Centre Hall's leading citizens, transacted business in town, and favored our sanctum with a half hour's call. S. P. Hockman, of Mingo, also paid his respects.

—By next week public sales over the county will be in full swing and continue up to April 1st, every day, some days having 2, 3 to 4 sales; the entire season will aggregate \$60,000 to \$75,000.

—Col. Fred Reynolds was on the staff of three governors, Pattison, Hastings and Stone, which afforded the Colonel wide opportunity in home military life in camp and upon occasions of military reviews by these governors.

—D. F. Luse, one of Centre Hall's business men, transacted business in town on Monday. Also, Thos. D. Gray, of Fairbrook. Sam'l Spangler, of Kippel, passed through here by rail, on his way to his native haunt, Tusseyville.

—Howes' Moving Pictures will appear at Garman's opera house, Tuesday evening April 7. It will be a benefit performance for the Logan Fire Company. This is sure to be a good attraction, as he has been here before and always pleased his audience.

—Reuben Miller, was sitting in one of the windows of the casting rooms at the Nittany Furnace Friday, when he accidentally fell out of the window to the railroad track below, a distance of about twenty feet. His nose was broken and a deep gash cut in his forehead.

—The notice printed in some papers that Arthur Holloway, of Sallsburg, Md., was electrocuted at Schenectady, N. Y., while in the testing department of the Electric Company, and in some way came in contact with a powerful electric current, was a son of Rev. Dr. Holloway, of this place, is incorrect.

—About forty sales are advertised in this paper.

—Louis Lounsbury is visiting friends in Corning, N. Y.

—Callers on business were, J. W. Tressler, of Oak Hall, and J. B. Hazel, of Madisonburg.

—The County Commissioners went to Karthaus, Tuesday, to inspect the bridge at that point which is in need of some repairs.

—Miss Emma Shrock departed Monday morning for New York City, where she expects to be employed at the millinery trade until after Easter.

—Mrs. A. O. Furst, Mrs. Wilbur F. Reeder and Mrs. W. L. Daggett are at Washington, D. C., to attend a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

—We had fourteen snows thus far this winter, the first one on Nov. 30, which measured 5 inches in depth; the deepest was the one last week, Feb. 16, 10 inches. How many more are on the tree?

—Geo. F. Miller, of State College, was in town and favored the Democrat with a call. He informs us there is much sickness among horses up that way, the trouble seeming to be epizooty and distemper.

—J. Benner Graham has taken up the agency for The Germania Life Insurance Co. of New York, in this territory. It is one of the strongest insurance companies in the country and can put up a good policy for you.

—Tuesday, February 24th, Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker gave his first state dinner to the members of Senate and house of Representatives. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Chambers, Esq., of this place, were among the special guests on this occasion.

—The season of Lent, generally observed throughout Christendom by Roman Catholics and some Protestants began February 22, which day is known on the church calendar as Ash Wednesday. The feast of Lent is one of the most important festivals of the year in Roman Catholic churches.

—The Phillipsburg Journal says: Our good looking legal friend, W. Harrison Walker, Esq., of the law firm of Portney & Walker, was elected Burgess of Bellefonte, by the large majority of 343 votes. Mr. Walker is a first class lawyer, as clever and popular young man as Centre county can produce, and will make a hustling, up to date Burgess. Shake, Harrison. This shows that our friend is climbing up the ladder of fame two rungs at a time.

—The Central Supply Co. discontinued their grocery store last Saturday having sold the entire equipment to Platt Barber & Co., of Philadelphia, who will discontinue the retail trade and occupy the rooms as a wholesale grocery. The Central Supply Co. had been under the management of Edward Geist, assisted by R. S. Brouse and John Vanpel. Mr. Brouse has purchased the grocery of Mr. Smith next to the postoffice.

—Saturday evening the Masonic order, at this place, celebrated the semi centennial of their lodge with an elaborate luncheon, at which Dr. J. L. Seibert presided as toastmaster, responses being made on the program by J. Miles Green, John P. Harris, James P. Coburn, F. Potts Green, Hammon Sechler, James H. Dobbins and Wilford P. Shriner, also C. M. Bower, W. I. Fleming, W. C. Heinle, F. P. Blair, Wilbur F. Reeder.

—Public sales in this county, after all have gone up in numbers to those of former years almost. Earlier in the season the announcements were few, leading to the belief that there would only be half as many sales as in years past. But within the last few weeks the rush set in and our presses were kept busy putting out sale posters. In another column of this issue of the Centre Democrat will be found a complete list of all sales to come off in Centre county between now and April first. Preserve list for reference.

—Miss Regina Currie, whose brutal and mysterious murder in Philadelphia last Thursday night is still unaccounted for, was a resident of Bellefonte during Rev. Father O'Brien's pastorate of the Catholic parish here. Father O'Brien was Rev. McArdle's predecessor and during his stay his sister and her niece, the murdered woman, made their home with him. She was at that time quite a young girl and is said to have been both pleasant and prepossessing. She was twenty-six years of age and was a dressmaker.

—The contest over the award of a fine diamond ring for the most popular fireman in Bellefonte, by Cruse's cigar store, closed on Saturday night amid much excitement. The race narrowed down to two men, the expert mixologists, Geo. Cunningham, of the Brockerhoff, and Jas. Noonan, of the Bush House, and both seemed to have an army of staunch admirers. Saturday at midnight the contest closed and there was a crush to buy cigars. They went by tens, hundreds and thousands. Everybody struggling to place their cash. The vote when counted stood Cunningham, 29,440; Noonan, 25,355; scattering about 3000. At 5 cents per cigar for a vote would total close to \$3000. Mr. Cruse generously presented Mr. Noonan with a handsome ring. This is another evidence that an expert who can supply the wants of his patrons, touch the spot, is ever appreciated.

—The W. C. T. U. will hold a chicken supper March 12th, in the Petrkin Cafe.

—"Romeo and Juliet" at the opera house next Wednesday evening, March 4th.

—On Friday evening the Thespians of State College, will present their annual play, "A Night Off."

—H. L. Hutchinson, passenger agent for the P. R. R., is confined to his home on East Howard street by illness.

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—The oyster supper given by Gregg Post on Monday evening net proceeds were close to fifty dollars. They were eaten out early in the evening.

—Merchant Robert Mensch, of Aaronsburg transacted business in town, taking out letters of administration on the estate of Mr. Silvis, dec'd.

—Presiding Elder J. I. Ressler, of Tyrono, will preach in the United Brethren church Sunday morning. He is an interesting preacher to listen to.

—The building fund subscription for the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. has reached about \$8000. When \$12000 is assured subscriptions will be binding.

—Our people no doubt will take advantage of the opportunity to see a first class Shakespearean play at the opera house next Wednesday evening.

—The basket ball teams of the Bellefonte Academy and the Bellefonte Athletic Club will play a game of basket ball Saturday evening next, in the Armory.

—Joseph Kelleher, conductor on the P. R. R. shifter at this place, left on Monday morning for Philadelphia to enter a school for passenger conductors. He will be gone about two weeks.

—Henry C. Quigley, Esq., referee makes a distribution among the creditors of John P. Condo bankrupt at his office, to-day. The money to be distributed arises from the sale of his personal property and will amount to almost \$5000.

—J. S. McCarger received the second prize from the Equitable Life Assurance Society for the number of lives insured during the past year. The prize consists of a sterling silver tea set of five pieces. When Mack goes after anything he usually scores.

—Special services were held in St. John's Reformed church yesterday, Ash Wednesday. Missionary meeting with exhibit of Japanese curios in the evening. Litany service every Friday evening during Lent at 7:30 with readings from "The Greatest Thing in the World."

—Thomas Moore who is so seriously ill with typhoid fever at the German Hospital, Philadelphia, is not improving as rapidly as desired, though there are strong hopes of his ultimate recovery. His sister Miss Mary Moore has gone to Philadelphia to be with Mrs. Moore in her suspense.

—We are pleased to note that Bellefonte and one of its well-known ladies has been honored by the D. A. R., in session at Washington this week. Mrs. Wilbur F. Reeder, of Bellefonte, was elected vice-regent in place of Mrs. Abner Hoopes, of West Chester, who declined to serve any longer.

—Ensign Alfred Terry Brisben, of this place, graduate from the Naval Academy, has been assigned to the "Kearsarge," the flag-ship of the North Atlantic Squadron, now cruising in the South Atlantic, and ordered to report to Admiral Higginson, in command of the fleet, off Galveston, Texas.

—Simville's production of "Romeo and Juliet" will be adequate. While preserving the nobleness and grandeur of the play. Every act and scene will be specially staged and the revival of the most noted and popular play ever written will be magnificent, at the opera house next Wednesday evening, March 4th.

—"Compliments of C. K. Sober, Lewisburg, Pa." tell us where a handsome calendar came from, illustrated with photographs, showing his farm buildings, his attitude in the feat of shooting blue rocks with a barrel over his gun, his celebrated Acetylene Gas Generator, mode of grafting his noted chestnut orchard, and as a centre piece, a nest of giant chestnuts from his orchard—Thanks.

—The "A" class of the High school will hold a "Measuring Party" in the High school rooms on Friday evening of this week. The A's are striving even to outdo the Junior entertainment a few weeks ago. They have arranged a program in which the following will take part: Mary Brown, Louise Calloway, Teres Shields, Mrs. Lena Brown, Michael Hazel, Frank Curtin, Henry Thomas, Frank Neubaker. The Bellefonte Orchestra, with its full quota of pieces, will be present all evening, and add much to the pleasure of all who go up to the High school. Ice cream and cake will be served, the proceeds of which will be used to furnish rooms in the hospital.

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VARIETY OF LOCAL NEWS

Gathered From Centre and Adjoining Counties

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

Events That Have Transpired Recently and Worthy of Mention—Items of Interest for All—Doing of Neighbors

Ira C. Corman, of Oak Hall, will farm the Frank Black farm in Ferguson, next season.

Calvin Rishel, of Madisonburg, advertises letters of administration upon the estate of Lucy Brian, of Gregg.

Fred Mathler, of near Beech Creek, who recently lost his saw mill by fire, will rebuild a portable mill in its place.

"A night off" or "The Professors Tragedy" is the name of a production that will be rendered by the Thespians of Pa. State College.

Justices of the peace elected at the recent election must give notice to the prothonotary within 30 days of their election of intention to lift their commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. McGaffey, of Phillipsburg, are fixed for a trip to the Pacific coast. The time fixed is early in March and the trip will cover about six weeks.

Miss Jennie Weaver, of State College and W. C. Pollock, of Osceola, were married at the home of the bride's parents at high noon last Wednesday by Rev. Jack, of Altoona.

Miss Carrie, daughter of Bruce S. Lingle, of Cherokee, Iowa, and John Addy, of same place, were married last Thursday. The father is a native of Centre Hall, but went west years ago.

Edmund Mauk, of Loveville, and Miss Ellen M. Newman were married at the bride's home in Tyrone, Friday evening, by Rev. Isaac Heckman. Mr. Mauk recently became a resident of Tyrone.

Spring Mills is to have a rural mail service to cover the territory served by the postoffice at Penn Cave. This will close the Farmers Mill postoffice in addition to the Penn Cave office already abolished.

Miss Julia R. Sheasly, of Flemington, and Wilson H. McKissick, of Blanchard, were married Thursday morning 19, at St. Luke's Reformed parsonage at Lock Haven. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Warren J. Johnson.

Mrs. Henry Meyer, of Boalsburg, is the possessor of a grip of long straw which was cut with the sickle by Mr. Meyer's father seventy five years ago near Campbelltown. The straw is bright as though cut last harvest.

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Table listing marriage licenses with names of couples and locations.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Table listing real estate transfers with names of parties and amounts.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

John H. Martin, Clearfield, and Frank H. McCully, Osceola Mills, were named by President Roosevelt, as postmasters and the nominations were sent to the Senate on Monday.

Earl Matter, of Lock Haven, has purchased the home and store of W. G. Berry, of Loganton, and will take possession April 1st. Mr. Berry will go south, probably to North Carolina.

Editor Matt Savage was elected Burgess of Clearfield, last week. Some time ago it was announced that Matt was a political corpse, but he is a lively one. His efforts to improve Clearfield and build up her industries is appreciated.

The casing has been drawn from the Gumbo gas and oil well in Clinton Co., preliminary to commencing work of drilling the new well. The derrick will be moved bodily from the old well to the new and it will be but a short time until the drill is in operation.

The story published in many papers last week of the finding of a pot of gold on the Revel property, in the Scootac region of Clinton county, proves to be all a hoax. Persons acquainted with the circumstances pronounce it as such. It was a good story, nevertheless.

Two burglars attempted to gain entrance to the home of Benjamin Bottoff in Flemington, Sunday night, at 10 o'clock. While they were working at the window shutter to open it they were frightened away by the report of five pistol shots. The bullets were fired from a 38 calibre revolver and the firing did not only scare the burglars, but wakened the whole neighborhood.

The newspapers almost daily contain announcement of the birthday anniversary of some very old persons, or the anniversary of the marriage of an aged couple; but Sam Cosel is on hand with a case that tops the sheet. Isadore Hirschfeld and wife, who resides at Newburg, West Prussia, celebrated the eighty-second anniversary of their marriage on the 16th of January last. Mr. Hirschfeld is 105 years old and his venerable wife is aged 102 years. They are both in good health.

Burnham, Mifflin county, has a remarkable old couple in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stewart. Last Monday was their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary and both are hale and hearty. Mr. Stewart is an employe of the Standard Steel Company and is always found at his post, although he has passed his four score years. Their family consists of twelve children, ten of whom are living, most of whom reside there and are employed in the steel works.

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