

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.

—August wasn't an "august" month at all. —Miss Rose Hoover, of Olivia, was a pleasant caller. —All "Union" stores in Bellefonte will be closed on Labor Day.

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—The rains, end of last week, were regular soakers, raising the streams with muddy water, and, perhaps, helping on the potato rot. —Vinton Beckwith, of Hannah, was a pleasant caller at this office, Friday. Rural delivery has changed his P. O. address to Port Matilda.

—Andrew B. Young, foreman with the Bituminous Record, Philipsburg, spent several days in town this week preparing to move to Philipsburg. —Prof. John Harrison does not expect to move his family to Jersey Shore, where he has accepted a good position as instructor in the public schools.

—Robt. F. Hunter arrived home last Thursday in time for his brother's funeral. He spent over a month in the zinc operations about Joplin, Mo. —Mrs. Robert Gilmour and daughter, Madge, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Harvey Lingle, of Patton, have been visiting Bellefonte friends the past week.

—Much oats yet on the shock in the fields, will spoil from too much rain. Some farmers had their crop all in the barns, and escaped last week's rains. —Dr. David Mingle, of Iowa, a native of Aaronsburg, was an arrival on Saturday, visiting his brother Albert Mingle, of this place, and other friends in this county.

—Landlord Ray, of the Brockerhoff House, has mechanics at work refitting and refurnishing the hotel dining room and it promises to be a thing of beauty. —Col. W. Fred Reynolds returned home Friday afternoon from Mt. Getz, where he attended the meeting of the ordinance board of the National Guard of which he is a member.

—John Van Peit left on Monday for Hastings, Pa., where he has accepted a position in the large coal mining operations conducted by his uncle, Col. J. L. Spangler. The boys at the Brockerhoff House gave him a farewell. —Charles Smith sold his insurance agency to Wm. Burnside who will give the office his personal supervision.

—Michael Beezer, of the firm of Beezer Bros., architects of Pittsburg, was here last week and on last Thursday started on a journey to Germany. He took his mother, Mrs. Katharine Beezer, of Benner township along, who will visit her aged mother at Antwerp. —The peach crop in our county is near a total failure. Reports from other counties are about the same. A peach orchard near Marietta, containing 1000 trees, will yield this season just about one bushel of fruit, not a peach to a tree, the scale being responsible for this state of affairs.

—August had only six clear days. —Coming soon, the great American Kinetograph Co. —Paul Fortney was chosen principal of the public schools at Snow Shoe. —Our Semi-annual half price sale is still on. Montgomery & Co. —Arthur Valentine, of Crafton, Pa., is visiting at the home of Miss Emily Natt.

—Wm. H. Harter writes the Democrat the peach crop is a failure down about Hazleton. —Mrs. Annie Newell, of McKeesport, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reese. —Miss Gertie Kramer, accompanied her sister, Mrs. Wm. Rishel to Braddock, on Saturday.

—Miss Lillian Crittenden has accepted a position as instructor in a Kindergarten school, at Pittsburg. —Lieutenant Frank E. Schell, of Lock Haven, was a guest Saturday of Roger T. Bayard on Spring street. —The Odd Fellows had a wet day for their picnic at Hunter's Park last Thursday. About 500 were present.

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—Joshua T. Potter, of Clairton, Allegheny county, favored us with a call. He is in to see to his farm near Centre Hall, on which he lived, until last spring when he moved to Clairton, where his son W. Harry Potter has been holding a nice position for several years. —The terra cotta drain pipes at the court house have been causing much trouble of late. Upon digging down it was found that they were completely clogged with a mass of fine roots like network. Wherever a root penetrated a point it spread out at once obstructing the passage.

—On Monday express agent Howard F. Gearhart, of this place, was transferred to a position as express messenger on the Bellwood Gap division, with headquarters at Bellwood. Harry Taylor, of Bellwood, has taken charge of the Bellefonte office. Harry is a Bellefonte boy and is glad to get back to Bellefonte once more. —The new pipe organ for the Bellefonte Reformed church was shipped last week from Detroit and is said to be of fine make. Its cost is \$1500. Some alterations of the church will be necessary to gain space for the organ, and it is proposed to remove one of the arches to right of the pulpit and by removing a part of the wall a recess can be built for the instrument and choir. The estimated cost of this change is \$300.

—Dr. Fisher, of Zion, had a painful mishap on Saturday afternoon. While driving towards Bellefonte, coming down the road on south side of Reynolds's mill, his horse stumbled and fell. The Doctor jumped from the buggy, and in his efforts to free the horse from the harness, the animal kicked him upon one of his legs, causing several painful bruises. The horse broke the shafts in falling. The Doctor was able to be out again on Tuesday and attend to his practice. —The fresh streams in the section of Bellefonte are well adapted to the raising of water cress, and quite a profitable industry might be created in that salad if the opportunities presented by nature were utilized. Here is a pointer that leads the Centre Democrat to the suggestion: "A great crop of water cress on ex-Senator J. Donald Cameron's Donegal estate, near Marietta, is now being gathered for the New York market." See how the watercress swamps along the streams all over Centre county could be farmed for revenue cheaply, now so little thought of.

—Fall is on—summer failed to make connection. —Rev. Horner, of Colyer, favored our sanctum with a call. —J. Newton Gordon, of Pittsburg, is visiting Bellefonte friends this week. —Our Semi-annual half price sale is still on. Montgomery & Co. —Mrs. Aikens has just returned from the eastern cities, to lay in stock of fall goods. —Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hughes returned home Saturday from their summer vacation. —The Centre Democrat has a weekly edition of almost 4000,—good thing for intelligent advertisers. —The Knights of the Golden Eagle will swarm into Bellefonte on Monday. A big crowd is expected. —Sheriff Taylor and ex-sheriff Brunngart were at the Democratic State Convention, in Harrisburg, yesterday. —Mrs. Mary Rapp, of Coalport, gave our sanctum a call, accompanied by James Culver and wife, of Snow Shoe. —Potatoes are offered now at 50 cts. per bu., and apples at 40 cents, from wagons. Good solid cabbage, 5 cts. per head. —The Bellefonte steam heat and gas plant have been sold to a company headed by Hugh Taylor, as manager. They promise improved service at a reduced price. That certainly will be appreciated.

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