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HOLIDAY CROP OF WEDDINGS

A Favorable Season for Nuptial Festivities.

MANY WEDDINGS REPORTED

Names of the Contracting Parties and Other Information Concerning Those "In the Realm of Bliss"—May Happiness Attend Them.

DEITZ-ORR.
At Hubersburg, on the 30, by Rev. H. I. Crow, Wm. Deitz and Miss Luella Orr, both of Walker.

WHITE GLOSSNER.
At Hubersburg, on the 24, by Rev. H. I. Crow, Wm. J. White, of Bellefonte, to Miss Esther A. Glossner, of Walker.

HARNISH-ZONG.
Robert N. Harnish and Miss Gertrude M. Zong, both of Mingoville, were married by Rev. H. I. Crow, at Hubersburg, Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th.

KORMAN-BENNETT.
Among the marriage licenses issued in Blair county during last week we notice one to Harry E. Korman, of Bellefonte, and Nannie Bennett of Blair Farnace.

FYE-LUTZ.
On Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1903, at the home of the bride's father in Benner twp. Centre county, Pa., by Rev. E. L. Eslinger pastor of Half Moon M. E. charge Wm. A. Fye, of Altoona, and Miss Mary Lutz of Benner twp.

SKILLERS-ELLENBERGER.
On Saturday, Jan. 2, 1904, at the M. E. parsonage at Stormstown, Pa., by the Rev. E. L. Eslinger, James H. Skillers and Miss Lucy G. Ellenberger, both of near Warriorsburg.

GATES UTLEY.
At high noon, on Dec. 25, Benner C. Gates, of Loville, and Sarah L. Utley, of Dunbar, were married by the Rev. E. M. Aller, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Malaker, Tyrone.

TAYLOR POWERS.
Julia Powers, formerly of Bellefonte and W. R. Taylor, of New York, were married in New York on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, 31st. She has been employed in New York, for the last four years in a large publishing house.

BOTTORF HORNER.
At the home of the bride's parents, John W. Bottorff, of Lewistown, Mifflin county, and Miss Edna A. Horner, of Colyer, Pa., were united in marriage by Rev. A. J. Horner, Dec. 27th, 1903. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

LODER SPRAGUE.
R. B. Loder and Mrs. Nettie Sprague, of Cross Fork, were united in marriage by Rev. S. F. Rounsley Thursday evening, 24. Mr. Loder is well known in Centre county. He was reared and for many years lived near Jacksonville.

DONACHY SHUEY.
On Thursday evening, 31st, Charles Donachy, son of Samuel Donachy, and Miss Berenice Shuey, daughter of C. C. Shuey, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on High street, by Rev. John A. Wood, Jr., pastor of the Methodist church. Only the immediate families were present.

YARNELL FETZER.
At the Baptist parsonage of Milesburg, on Wednesday, Dec. 23d, 1903, at high noon two well known Centre county young people were married: George C. Yarnell, of Yarnell, and Miss Maude B. Fetzer, of near Milesburg. The best man was Martin Fetzer and the bridesmaid was Miss Lulu Fetzer, a sister of the bride. After the ceremony which was performed by Rev. A. C. Lathrop, the young people proceeded to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fetzer, of Boggs township where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. The groom is a son of Jacob Yarnell, the well known tax collector, of Boggs township.

HUFFMAN WENTZEL.
A quiet but very pretty wedding took place at 12:30 pm., on Thursday, Dec. 24, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Wentzel, of near Yarnell, this county. The contracting parties were May Wentzel, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Wentzel, and Wm. P. Huffman, of Phillipsburg. Rev. H. I. Crow, pastor of the Reformed church at Hubersburg, officiated while Miss Annie Daley, of Curtin township, very efficiently rendered the wedding march. Miss Bertha Wentzel, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid while Herman Huffman, brother of the groom, was best man. Shortly following the wedding a royal dinner was partaken of by the select party of invited friends. The wedding trip was unavoidably postponed for a short time owing to the groom's inability to be spared just at this time from his responsible duties as fireman on the railroad between Osceola and Clearfield. The wishes for a long life of happiness are extended to the newly married couple by their hosts of admiring friends.

CIRCULATION STATEMENT:

(Sworn Average)
1894.....1100.....2506
1896.....1733.....2759
1897.....2052.....2884
1898.....2342.....3325
1903.....3804

BELLEFONTE, PA., Jan. 1st, 1904.
The following is the Press Record of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT during the year 1903:
For 51 issues there were printed 194,097 complete copies of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT. In that time but one edition was less than 3800, while the largest was 4221. Excepting the few copies necessary for office use, all these papers were regularly mailed.
Total for 51 issues.....194,097
Average number of copies per issue...3804

I, CHARLES R. KURTZ, publisher of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, being duly sworn according to law, say that I know the above statement to be correct and that the average circulation of this paper during the past year of 1903, has been OVER 3775 COPIES per week.
CHAS. R. KURTZ.
Centre County, Pa.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Jan. 1904. W. H. WALKER, Notary, Bellefonte, Pa.

United States Postoffice,
BELLEFONTE, PA.
JANUARY 1st, 1904.
CHAS. R. KURTZ, Pub. "CENTRE DEMOCRAT," Bellefonte, Penn'a.
Dear Sir:—In compliance with your request, herewith is furnished a statement (copied from the official records) of the weights of editions of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT for the first issue of each year, as sent to this office for mailing, since 1883:

Yrs. Co.	Outside Centre Co.	Inside Centre Co.	Pounds mailed.	Number of copies mailed.
1893..	44.	48.	92.	900.
1894..	42.	52.	94.	900.
1895..	45.	61.	106.	1000.
1896..	65.	74.	139.	1300.
1897..	73.	96.	169.	1600.
1898..	78.	116.	194.	1900.
1899..	101.	143.	244.	2400.
1900..	135.	162.	297.	2900.
1901..	140.	176.	316.	3100.
1902..	154.	183.	337.	3300.
1903..	195.	219.	384.	3800.

During the last six months of 1903 no issue was less than 425 pounds.
Papers sent to Bellefonte and Phillipsburg offices are not included in "Inside Centre County" but are in "Outside Centre County" column, as they must pay that rate of postage.
W. W. MONTGOMERY, P. M., Bellefonte, Pa.
Mailing Clerk.

The above statement, made by the Postmaster of Bellefonte, shows a four-fold increase in circulation from 1883 to 1903. As ten copies of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT weigh one pound, the last column shows the number of copies mailed each year, and does not include about 100 copies of the paper retained for office use.

PUBLISHER.
Annually the Centre Democrat makes a detailed statement of its circulation. This is done for the benefit of our patrons and the information of the public. Upon the completion of Volume 25, the past year of 1903, we submit the above sworn statement, which is fully verified by the records of the Postoffice at Bellefonte, and are accessible to any one interested.

The above shows the circulation for 1903 to have exceeded 3800, and our present edition is beyond that mark. The average reader hardly appreciates what that means. For a country weekly it is a remarkable showing. It is the largest circulation attained by any newspaper ever published in Centre county.

In fact there are but two or three papers of the same class, in this state, that exceed it in this respect. And the remarkable feature is that it has attained this record in a few years, in the face of the strongest competition, for the newspapers in Centre county are generally conceded to be far above the average in editorial effort and mechanical excellence.

It is gratifying to know that our efforts are appreciated by the public, and is an inspiration that adds new zeal for future usefulness.

A New Year Age Social.
The Age social given by the ladies of the U. E. V. church of Lemont at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grove on New Year's eve, was a success judging from the beautiful picture the table presented with its many biscuits of all shapes, sizes and color; no time was spared by the host and hostess and the good ladies who assisted to make the evening one which will long be remembered by all who were present. The evening passed very pleasantly with games of various kinds, music and recitations, which was very much enjoyed by the boys and girls, and at the close, all joined in, in singing "The Good Old Summer Time." Many thanks to those who assisted in making the evening pass by delightfully and all those who gave so many pennies beyond their age. X.

Golden Wedding Anniversary.
With a large number of friends and relatives Mr. and Mrs. James H. Holmes celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at State College Saturday. One feature of the occasion was the presence of the only surviving five persons of the more than 60 guests who attended the wedding 50 years ago. These are Mrs. Charles Wilson, of Altoona; John Conley, Centre Hall; John Holmes, Nittany; Mrs. Amanda Hughes, Cedar Springs, and Mrs. Margaret Wakefield, Lock Haven. Mr. Holmes was born in Bellefonte 67 years ago. His wife was Miss Emily McKibben.

MANY DEATHS RECORDED

From All Parts of the County During Two Weeks

A. C. MOYER WAS KILLED

Dies From Serious Injuries in a Railroad Wreck Last Week—Short Sketches of Others who were Summoned Hence

PAUL LUTZ—the four year old son of Jerry Lutz, a farmer living below town on the Jacksonville road, died Christmas eve after a brief illness from membranous croup.

Another child of J. W. Glasgow, of Coburn, died of diphtheria on Saturday night, 26 ult. This is the second one that died of the dread disease within a few weeks.

M. P. BURKET—died at his home at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, on Friday 18th, of paralysis, aged 74 years and 10 days. He was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre county.

MRS. JOSEPH TURNBAUGH—died very suddenly at her home in Phillipsburg, night of 29 ult. She had attended an entertainment at the theatre earlier in the evening. She was aged about 45 years.

MRS. ALICE J. WILKINSON—wife of Warren Wilkinson, died at her home in Aaronsburg Tuesday night, 29 ult., aged 55 years and 14 days. She has left to her five year husband and five children. Interment at Spruce town.

MISS ANNIE CLEMONS—an aged maiden lady residing at Baileyville, Centre county, died on Friday evening, January 1st at the home of Luther Miller. She had been an invalid for many years. She was an aunt of Frank Clemons of this place, and Daniel Clemons, of Pittsburgh. Interment in the Gatesburg cemetery, Monday.

JACOB SNYDER—one of the oldest and best known residents of Eagleville, died at 6 o'clock Friday evening. He had been in ill health all winter, having suffered an attack of pneumonia early in the fall. He was aged 72 years. Besides his widow he is survived by one daughter, Cora, wife of George S. Berthel. Mr. Snyder practiced dentistry some years ago and was a painter by trade.

W. W. TATE—died Thursday morning in the hospital at Monongahela City of hemorrhages of the lungs, aged 32 years 3 months and 2 days. He was a telegraph operator employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Duncansville, where he was born at Milesburg and was the son of E. Potter Tate, formerly of Yeagertown, Mifflin county, Pa. Interment in the Meyer's cemetery, Benner township, Sunday morning.

ROBERT MORRISON SR.—died Saturday at his home on East Howard street of infirmities incident to old age. The deceased was born in Ireland about 25 years ago and had been a resident of Bellefonte for the past fifteen years. Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Mrs. William Clark, Jane at home; Andrew, Alexander, Robert, Jr., James, John and Thomas. Interment in the Union cemetery, Monday.

MRS. MARGARET AIKENS—of near Milesburg died on Dec. 28th, at the age of 74 years, 4 months, and 12 days. She was one of a family of 20 children all of whom have passed away except one brother and one sister. She is survived by her husband, Perry Aikens, three sons, Litch and William of near Milesburg, and George of Uniontown, Pa., and one daughter Mrs. Nettie Heverly, of Milesburg. Interment was made in the Messiah cemetery, December 30.

MARY KURTZ GLOVER—wife of David L. Glover, died in Mifflinburg, on Tuesday 22nd. The illness of Mrs. Glover was of such a nature that an operation was found to be necessary, and it was performed by a specialist, since which time she gradually grew weaker, passing away. She was a daughter of Luther D., and Ellen Kurtz, both parents natives of Aaronsburg, where she was born; the family many years ago moved to Mifflinburg.

MRS. HELENA M. KOHLBECKER—wife of Frank C. Kohlbecker, formerly of Milesburg died at the Mercy hospital in Pittsburgh Tuesday morning, 23 ult. She suffered from a complication of diseases, and had been under treatment at the hospital for the past thirteen weeks, having been ill about two weeks before being taken to that institution. She was aged 22 years, 7 months and 5 days. Deceased was the only daughter of John and Margaret Matthews of Tyrone. Six brothers survive the deceased and reside at the family home, viz: Bernard N., Frank O., James, Leo, Vincent and Albert Matthews. Deceased was a member St. Matthews Catholic church. Interment at Tyrone.

MRS. ROSANNA G. SHORTLIDGE—widow of the late William Shortlidge, died Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26. Mrs. Shortlidge resided on South Thomas street but about six weeks ago while visiting her sister Miss McCalmont and daughter, Mrs. John S. Walker, she was suddenly taken ill and her condition was so serious that she could not be removed to her home. She suffered from a complication of diseases. The deceased was one of the oldest and most influential families in the county, she being a daughter of James A. McCalmont. She was born at Jacksonville in Marion township, March 16, 1833. On May 25, 1857 she was united in marriage to William Shortlidge, who preceded her to the grave several years ago. She was the mother of six children, four of whom are dead and two living. The surviving children are Martha Elizabeth, wife of John S. Walker and Anna W., both of this city. She is also survived by her brother, James, of State College, and her sister, Miss Jane McCalmont of this place. The interment was made in the Union Cemetery.

MRS. MARGARET M. MILES—the widow of Joseph Miles, died Tuesday morning at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Robert Cole on East High street, aged 88 years. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house.

JOHN D. WAGNER—died on Sunday, Dec. 27th, at the ripe age of 74 years, 4 months, and 8 days. He was a member of Co. H, of the 145th regiment of Penna. Volunteers, and served nearly 3 years in the war of the Rebellion. He was married August 18th, to Miss Phoebe Ardrey, who still survives him. To this Union twelve children were born of whom seven daughters and one son survive.

For 56 years he was an active member of the M. E. church, and has been class leader of M. E. church at Martha since before the war. Funeral services in his memory was held in the M. E. church at Martha on Dec. 29th, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. B. Durkee, who was assisted by Rev. A. C. Lathrop. Interment was made in the Williams' cemetery.

MARY E. AIKEY—peacefully fell asleep Christmas morning, aged 21 years, 1 month, and 2 days. The deceased had been for about nine months a sufferer from the dread disease, consumption. She was a member of the United Brethren church of Bellefonte. During her illness she was taken care of in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mrs. John Jordan, of Milesburg, where every ministry of love and kindness that could be done for the young sufferer was cheerfully rendered. Miss Aikey is survived by her father, Theodore Aikey, of Bellefonte; two sisters, Miss Minnie, of Curtin, and Miss Mittie, of Bellefonte, and two brothers, Harry and Eddie, of Red School House, and a half brother, Elmer, of Bellefonte. Interment was made at Curtin.

SARAH ELLEN McLAUGHLIN—died on Dec. 24th, at her home at Snow Shoos Intersection, aged 57 years, 2 months and 4 days. While but a child she was converted and united with Unionville Baptist church of which she was a consistent member for 39 years. She is survived by her husband, Chas. McLaughlin and the following children: Mrs. Mary McKee, Bradock, Pa.; Mrs. Ethel Murray, Milesburg, Pa.; Mrs. Besse Smith, Miss Sue McLaughlin, and Ralph McLaughlin, all at home. There also attended the funeral her brother, William Taylor, and two daughters from Defiance, Pa., and her sisters, Mrs. Mary Hancock Runville, Pa., and Mrs. Martha Meyer, Rebersburg, Mrs. Clara Leathers, Washington, D. C. Interment was made in the cemetery at Unionville.

A. C. MOYER—of Tyrone was fatally injured in a railroad wreck at Newville, Franklin county, on last Thursday. With others who were injured in the wreck, Mr. Moyer was removed to a hospital at Chambersburg, where during the night his right arm was amputated, but owing to other injuries perhaps the shock was too great for the vitality of the man, and he died some time during Saturday morning. Andrew Curtin Moyer was born at Potters Mills in this county, and would have been 45 years old had he lived until next March. Nearly all his life was spent in Centre county. About five years ago himself and family removed from Bellefonte to Tyrone. Besides the deceased's wife, Mrs. Clara Moyer, three children survive and are at the home in Tyrone, viz: Margaret, Lucy, and Edmund. His mother, Mrs. Lucy Moyer, also survives and resides at Potters' Mills. His father, Dr. Frederick Moyer, died at Bellefonte only recently. Mr. Moyer was a practical brick maker of superior ability in his line. At the time of the accident which resulted in his death he was on his second trip as traveling agent for the Mount Savage Fire Brick company, whose works are at Johnstown and several other points. His territory covered a portion of the south, and he was moving in that direction when the train that was carrying him was wrecked. Mrs. Moyer is the niece of Col. E. J. Pruner, ex-burgess of Tyrone. The funeral services were held at his late home in Tyrone Tuesday morning and the remains were brought to Bellefonte and taken direct to the Union cemetery where the interment was made in the family plot. The unfortunate man was a nephew of the late Mrs. Andrew G. Curtin.

YOUNG MAN PROMOTED.
Once more we hear of one of our Centre county youths receiving merited praise from his employers, and to show their appreciation of his good work, they have promoted him to a good position.

The subject of this sketch is Leroy DeLong, formerly of Romola. Mr. DeLong will be remembered as one of Centre county's teachers, until two years ago last April, he went to Homestead and engaged as a book-keeper for Nelson Morris & Co., one of the four largest wholesale meat concerns in the U. S. He later worked for the same firm in Pittsburgh, and from there was sent to their Bradock branch over which he was put in charge as chief book keeper.

The head of the firm in Chicago soon learned of Mr. DeLong's ability as an accountant, and his keen and shrewd business traits. A few weeks ago he was chosen as an auditor of a district, consisting of several branch houses, having his headquarters in Chicago at present. He has more than tripled his salary in the short time he has been with this firm.

Mr. DeLong has a bright future before him, and we wish him abundant success in every undertaking in life.

Smallpox at Beech and Eagleville is about over. No new cases and the first ones are about recovered. In Georgesvalley the disease has also abated.

AGED LADY'S MISFORTUNE

Clothes Caught Fire and was Fatally Burned

DIED SEVERAL HOURS LATER

Owing to a Lack of Evidence a lot of Hunters Escaped a Heavy Fine—Hearing Before Justice Harshbarger, on Monday.

A frightful burning accident occurred at Centre Hall on Thursday morning of last week, that terminated fatally. Mrs. John Dauberman, an elderly lady was the unfortunate victim. For over a year she had been in poor health and was so weak that she slept down stairs on a cot, while her husband and son were up stairs. Last Thursday morning, at 4 o'clock, they heard her scream and hastened to see what was wrong. They found her sitting on her cot with her night clothes afire, which they quickly extinguished, but not until she was badly burned over the face and front part of the body. Medical aid was quickly summoned but she lived only a few hours, until 8 a. m., her feeble condition would not withstand the shock. She seemed to suffer little, and was conscious most of the time. She said her shawl caught fire; one of the small doors of the parlor stove was partly open when they entered her room, and that is all they know of its origin. Mrs. Dauberman was 68 years of age, her maiden name being Mary Goodhart. She is survived by her husband, John S., and son John G. Dauberman; and two brothers, James Goodhart, of Lewistown, Pa., and G. L. Goodhart, of Centre Hill.

NOT PROVEN GUILTY.
Considerable interest was manifested over the result of a hearing before Justice Harshbarger, on Monday afternoon. As was stated in a former issue, fourteen hunters from Pittsburgh and vicinity were arrested upon the charge of chasing deer with dogs during the hunting season out in Rush township. Hunters from Phillipsburg, Port Matilda, Tyrone and this place issued writs of habeas corpus, and should prosecute them for a serious violation of the game laws. Mr. Rightmour finally took the matter up, and after investigating the various reports proceeded.

At the hearing on Monday all the parties were present, and had as their counsel Senator W. C. Heinle, of this place and A. H. Woodward, of Clearfield; District Attorney Spangler assisted the game warden.

The testimony of the prosecution showed that the party had dogs with them in the woods, but there was no definite evidence that they chased deer with them, yet they went to and from the camp with the dog. When closely cornered, their defence was that they were hunting on a bear trail.

Certain witnesses for the prosecution, previous to the hearing, were outspoken as to what they saw in the line of the illegal hunting, failed to toe the mark on the stand and it is a question why. From the hearing, the justice concluded that there was not sufficient evidence to hold the accused, and they were discharged. In the minds of nearly every one present, and commonly expressed, the party was guilty of violation of the game laws, but unfortunately it was not clearly proven by the evidence.

Bear Stopped Train.
A big black bear almost frozen, stopped a heavy freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad early Sunday morning and the train had to be shoveled out of the snowdrift in which it halted. The train crew was making a desperate effort to get to Altoona in the heart of a wild blizzard. While toiling up a heavy grade near Dunlo the engineer saw a black form on the track and shut off steam. The bear arose and came toward the locomotive. When the engineer saw that it was a bear and not a man on the track he made a desperate effort to get started again, but in vain. The water froze in the supply pipes, and as the snow drifted deeper in front of the locomotive the train crew realized that nothing was to be done but to wait for help.

The bear, after vainly trying to warm himself in the glare from the headlight, freely resenting any movement toward him by the members of the crew, finally shuffled off in disgust. The train remained frozen over several hours until a force of shovelers got it out of the drift.

Drawn as Jurors.
The term of United States District Court, will open in Williamsport, Pa., on January 18. Among those chosen were: Grand jurors; W. I. Fleming, Bellefonte; Pett jurors; W. L. Foster, State College.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

THE CROSSROADS STORE.
You can talk about yer Congressmen, An' Senators and such, Debatin' down t' Washin'ton In a way to beat the Dutch; Wavin' their arms wild in the air, And stampin' on th' floor— But the place where things gets settled is Daown to the Crossroads store.

We gather there 'most every night When all the work is through, An' sorter glance the kentry o'er, Takin' a bird's eye view Of politics, diplomacy, Religion, crops and soar To patriotic heights—you bet!— Daown to the Crossroads store.

Sometimes our argymints grow hot, An' Deekin Brown rips out A good old cuss word, like "Gold darn Whut Italy's about!" Then Grandpop White jumps up from his cheer An' grabs an ole axe-believe. "By gum!" he squeaks, "that's what we done 'Way back in Eighteen-twelve!"

You can believe the eagle screams, An' cannons crash an' roar, When we're settlin' mighty questions Daown to the Crossroads store.

There was a girl in our town Whom people called a bird, Because she cackled like a hen When'er she uttered word; But one day when she fed the chicks, They quickly all took fright. The cause was seen, the cause of all— Her comb was not on right.

Bills for light are very often heavy. Might isn't right; but it is seldom left. A Happy New Year to all our readers. Jockeys should naturally wear fast colors.

A man feels downcast when he is on his uppers. What a woman lacks in logic she makes up in instinct.

A man never knows who his friends are till he needs one. The same old New Year's resolutions will soon be on deck.

The fellow who blows his own horn is not always a man of note. A woman seldom expresses any surprise when a man makes a fool of himself.

For a year now the luckless maiden will have the chance of popping the question. Some people never begin to save for a rainy day until they see the clouds gathering.

A blind man walked into Olewine's hardware store on Tuesday and picked up an ax and saw. A preacher remarked the other day that a "swell wedding often is followed by a divorce. A quiet trip to the parsonage may result in happiness." This is true in many cases. Live within your means.

A man in Tyrone recently had a large pimple on his nose, and got some medicine to reduce it. But the pimple continued to grow with every application, until it was as big as a tea cup. A roar to his wife developed the fact that he was using the wrong bottle, and had been using his wife's bust developer.

Miners Strike.
The new year sees little or no change in the labor situation at Altoona, and vicinity. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company shops which employ in the neighborhood of 15,000 men, are at work on full time with no cut in wages. The bituminous coal situation for that region also remains unchanged. Several efforts were made by small operatives recently to cause an average reduction of 15 per cent., but in each instance the miners went on strike. No settlement has been made and the strikers appear willing to remain out until the new scale be held there in March. The big coal concerns are standing by the present wage scale.

Teacher's Institute.
From what we learn the annual session of Teacher's Institute at Phillipsburg was well attended last week, in fact very few teachers were absent. The citizens of Phillipsburg gave the teachers a royal welcome and did everything to make their stay an enjoyable one. They were given a banquet and a ride over the new trolley road and generally entertained. Owing to several of the leading instructors falling to keep their engagements, the work of various sessions was hardly up to the standard. There being a surplus of \$140 in the treasury, Superintendent Gramley, naturally is intensely gratified.

Horses Perish in Flames.
Fire originating from an overheated office stove entirely destroyed the livery stable owned by C. S. Thomas, located in the business section of Lewistown, Monday morning. Fourteen horses, some of which were owned by private parties who boarded them at the stable, were burned to death. The loss is \$5000 partly covered by insurance.