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Department :

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**MILES TWP.**  
WEST BRUSHVALLEY.  
Hello! Brusvalley scribe, where do you get all your news? news is as scarce in West Brushvalley as hen teeth in Brusshvalley.  
Harry Weaver and Miss Mable Duck returned home to Moshannon on Monday from a week's visit to relatives and friends in this community.  
R. E. Wert, Misses Mable Duck and and Minnie Grenoble, spent Saturday evening at the home of James Wert, R. E. Wert entertained them with his talkophone; all reported having a good time.  
John Wert, Jr. spent Sunday evening at the home of H. M. Wert.  
A large number of our young people attended protracted meeting on Sunday evening in Pennsvalley.  
Some young sports had quite a hard cough and no cold to suit the cough.  
Wm. Rachau and Allman Limbert returned home from Ohio on Saturday.  
Squire Geo. Weaver transacted business at the home of H. M. Wert's.  
R. E. and John Wert Sunday along the mountain mountains. What was the attraction boys?  
CENTRAL BRUSHVALLEY.  
C. E. Yearick is busy hauling staves.  
The West Brushvalley scribe would better have Dr. Quick come after himself and keep him down stairs on Sundays.  
Grenoble Bros. are busily engaged in running C. P. Long's saw mill in Pleasant valley.  
Butchering is all the go at present and wages are going up; Sugarvalley is able to pay \$2 per day for butchering.  
Mrs. James Duck is slowly improving.  
Wonder what became of the North Gregg scribe? I believe those good butchering meals done him up; hope he will be able to fill up the vacant place.

**BIG RUN.**  
Snow fell thick and fast on Monday.  
David Confer, Jr., met with a misfortune by falling on the ice and badly bruising and spraining his knee.  
Supervisor Coder fendered the dug road along Big Run which was badly needed to make driving safe during the winter.  
Mr. Long, sawyer for Big Run Lumber Co., spent Sunday at his home in Williamsport.  
George Williamson, of Williamsport, devoted part of last week at this place looking for timber and paying his employees.  
Butchering is over and John Confer capped the climax by killing the heaviest hog in this section. The weight being 505 lbs. Not so bad for a pig.  
The Liberty Twp. school board made some very necessary improvements in a Big Run school house by putting in a new slate blackboard.  
The streams in our section are very low and frozen over in places which affords skating to the pleasure-seeking youth.  
J. A. Bitner, Liberty township's assessor, visited the citizens of our section Monday, attending to his official duty.

**WALKER.**  
Cyrus Hoy and wife, who have been spending several weeks visiting friends, but mainly putting up with his brother, Joseph Hoy and his brother-in-law, departed for their home Wednesday morning. Both families will miss them very much.  
Joseph Hoy is very ill at this writing and his recovery is very doubtful.  
Will Smith has been very ill during the past week but is improving.  
Mrs. Jacob Dunkle visited at the home of her brother Joseph Hoy, last Saturday.  
James Martin and wife visited friends in Hutlertown.  
The people of this community are busy butchering.  
The schools are getting along very successfully under the instructions of B. L. Noll and Miss Blanche Irwin.  
Blanch Irwin visited her friend Miss Velodie Erly last Sunday.  
Nannie Long has been spending several weeks with her parents.  
Men's leather boots at your own price, we want to get rid of them.—Yeager & Davis.

**POTTER TWP.**  
Mrs. Jerriet Confer returned home after spending a few weeks at Phillipsburg.  
Anna Winkleblech returned to her home at Coburn after staying the latter part of the summer with Wm. Curry.  
Miss E. Alexander, who is working at Milroy, spent a few days at home.  
Rev. G. W. McAlvay took supper at the home home of F. T. Royer.  
J. F. Royer and Miss Kritzer helped to move the later's son to Yeagertown. J. B. Royer and Mrs. Kritzer expect to make sale and also move over to Yeagertown in February.  
M. W. Alexander spent a few days at Centre Hill.  
Protracted meeting is still in progress, but is not very successful.

**COLYER.**  
Robert Brown, of Milroy, returned home after a week's visit at the home of Wm. Moyer, of Fruittown.  
Fillman Martz, of Altoona, is visiting his brother William, of Tusseyssink.  
Mrs. Cora Burchfield, of Bellefonte, is making her parents a visit at this place.  
Miss Myrtle Fleisher, of Burnham, is making her parents a visit at this place.  
Wesley Nevil, wife and daughter Mary, spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Reiber.  
Among the visitors at the home of J. H. Moyer were as follows: Henry Moyer and wife, W. H. Moyer, wife and son Elmer, and daughter Nellie, and Michael Leitzell, of Spring Mills, all report a nice time.  
Mrs. Sarah Philips and daughter Maggie, spent a week at Alanville, Milfin county, visiting her son.  
Blanche Philips returned home from Milroy where she was employed in the knitting factory and will go to school at this place.  
Frank Philips and Foster Ripka are the champion hunters of this section. Last week while hunting on the thick head they killed three bear, two deer, twenty-seven rabbits, nine pheasants and a fox; one of the bears weighed nearly 589 lbs. Its head being nearly riddled with Winchester bullets before Bruin gave up his bearship. The hunting season never closes without a large amount of game falls prey to their unerring aim, although they are only boys not out of their teens yet.

**FRUITTOWN.**  
John Weaver and John Bubb spent Sunday very pleasantly at the home of Jacob Royer.  
Hello, where is the Potter twp. scribe—is she sleeping?  
John Glasgow was a caller at the home of Mrs. Ellen Holderman, Sunday.  
Mrs. Hoffman and son Fred spent Friday at the home of Calvin Cooney.  
There was a mistake in printing the items last week it was Lydia instead of Kydia.  
Butchering is very near over in Fruittown the next big dinner will be Xmas.  
There was quite an accident happened on Saturday evening while two girls were out driving with their fellows. They drove into Thomas H's buggy, broke the shaft, and the girls had to get out and walk up from Tusseyssink to church; next time, girls, look where you are driving to.  
A couple of rabbit hunters were out hunting rabbits on Saturday. John said he would jump them the rest should shoot them; if they couldn't shoot them why he would. When the rabbit jumped bang, bang went Geo's gun; the poor rabbit stopped and looked at the gunner and didn't seem to be scared at all; then Jacob tried his best, of course John had to shoot it.  
Arthur Holderman spent Sunday with his cousin Frank Philips.

**FRUITTOWN NO. 2.**  
Fruittown scribe No. 1 stated last week that Elmer Stump, Myra Moyer, Della Garbrick and Viola Bubb attended a dance at Penn Cave; that is a mistake; wish the editor would correct it.  
Among the visitors at J. H. Moyer's on Sunday were Wm. Moyer and wife and Henry Moyer and wife.  
Geo. Jordan spent Sunday with his cousin Jacob Royer.  
PLUMGROVE.  
Butchering season is just about over among the farmers; next on the program will be the cry, "Oh, yes."  
Emanuel Swartz and wife, from Clintondale, assisted their son Harvey to butcher, Wednesday of last week.  
Philip Auman and son Charles were to Linden Hall on Wednesday assisting Jerome Auman to butcher.  
W. H. Swartz and daughter Prudence spent several days with the former's parents Emanuel Swartz and family, at Clintondale.  
Nathaniel Ziegler is reported on the sick list.  
John Korman and wife spent several days at the home of John Kline at Linden Hall.  
Wm. Kern returned home on Wednesday after spending a few weeks in Bellefonte with his daughters.  
P. A. Auman and son and Samuel Stump and wife spent Saturday evening at the home of Victor Auman.  
Miss Bertha Jamison spent a few days in Georgetown last week with her sister Mrs. Wm. Lingle.  
Mrs. Eliza Stump is at present visiting at Aaronsburg.  
Mrs. O. C. Homan who had been on the sick list is some better.  
Roy Shaeffer and Miss Sarah Keen took a trip to Coburn on Sunday. Roy was all smiles, he knows a good thing when he sees it.

**EARLYTOWN.**  
D. L. Bartsge has ordered a lot of choice small fruit, also a lot of Paragon chestnut trees, to start a chestnut orchard.  
James Stover, from Ohio, is home visiting his parents, Geo. Stover's at this place.  
Rev. J. W. Berkley, from Lebanon, accompanied by James Wert, from West Brushvalley, spent some time Saturday with David Bartsge on business.  
Most of the farmers at this place are kept busy hauling water.  
Butchering is all the go among the people of this community.  
—We can sell you the Lambertville snag-proof rubber boots and shoes at the same price you will have to pay for the poor kind.—Yeager & Davis.

**RECENT DEATHS.**  
The 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Garret died at their home in Penn township on Tuesday night, 29th.  
HELEN HECKMAN—youngest daughter of Mrs. George E. Heckman, west of Centre Hall, died Monday afternoon, 25, age two years and nine months.  
Mrs. TOBIAS GREEN—of Milesburg, was found dead in her bed Tuesday morning. Death was due to heart failure. She was 59 years of age and is survived by her husband, three boys and two girls.  
FRANK BECHDEL—died very suddenly of heart failure, at Howard. He was aged 65 years and is survived by seven daughters, who live in Minnesota. One sister, Mrs. Levi Rupert, of Howard township, also survives. Interment was made in the Disciple graveyard.  
EDGAR FOREST SMITH—died Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 1904, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, of Milesburg. The little one was their youngest child, age 3 years, 3 months and five days. Interment was made in the Advent cemetery, Tuesday morning.  
Mrs. ABIGAIL McCLOSKEY—widow of Abner McCloskey, died Monday morning at the family homestead adjoining Beech Creek. She had long been a sufferer from a complication of diseases and death was a relief to her although she bore her suffering with true christian fortitude.  
Mrs. CHARLES HAINES—died at her home in Beaver Falls, Wednesday 30, of typhoid pneumonia. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Haines was Miss Mazie Keeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Keeler, of Bellefonte. She is survived by her husband and two small children. The remains were brought to Bellefonte for interment.  
WILLIAM BAILEY—died at his home in Stormstown, Sunday 26, of stomach trouble. Deceased was 57 years of age and an old soldier, having served through the war in Company G, 148th regiment under General Beaver. He is survived by his wife, seven daughters and four sons, also one brother, David Bailey. Interment was made at Gray's cemetery.  
Mrs. FRANK KESSINGER—died at her home in Eagleville, Tuesday morning, November 22nd, with consumption. Deceased was 35 years of age and is survived by her husband, four sons and two daughters, namely: William F. Hugh, Clayton, Henry, Mrs. Margaret Rubert and Mrs. Sarah Masden, of Salamanca, N. Y. The funeral took place Thanksgiving morning. Interment was made in the Nestlerode cemetery.  
JOSEPH TWITMIRE—died at his home on Spring street Friday afternoon of infirmities of old age. The deceased was born in Spring Twp., between Zion and Pleasant Gap; his age was 80 years and 5 months. When a young man he worked at the Mann Axe Factory. When the factory went into the trust and was closed down he moved to Bellefonte where he has since resided. His death occurred on the 59th anniversary of his marriage to Miss Jane Steele. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Jane Twitmire, who is past 85 years of age; one son, Wilbur T. Twitmire, of this place, and a brother, Henry, of Newry, Blair county. Interment in the Union cemetery.

**GREGG TWP.**  
MUDDY CREEK.  
Mrs. Robert Finkle is on the sick list.  
Chas. Lingle had the misfortune of falling in a bucket of hot water, but is improving.  
James Zerby, our village jeweler, reports business good since election.  
Wm. Ripka says he butchered the largest porkers in the valley; two of them weighing 600 lbs each.  
Elias Zerby and family were guests at Geo. Siler's on Sunday.  
Amnon Vonada will quit farming next spring; Steward Ripka will farm where Amnon lives.  
Earnest Zettle, our famous trapper, caught a wild cat last week; he reports game plenty.  
Chuby, our east end trapper, reports game scarce.  
James McCool will take up the study of law in the near future.

**NORTH PENN HALL.**  
The callers at Henry Roush's were John Detwiler and wife, and James Roush and family.  
Some people had a bad cough on Sunday eve, coming home from preaching, but had no cold to suit. I wonder why?  
Preaching was well attended at Cross Roads on Sunday eve.  
Old Mrs. Hettinger spent a few days with her son Robert Hettinger.  
Mrs. G. F. Shook spent Sunday afternoon at Samuel Ulrick's.

**A PLUCKY SCHOOLMARM.**  
She is Forcibly Ejected by Pupils, But Will Stick to Her Task.  
School teaching in Milfin township, on Jersey Shore rural route No. 2, has, during the past week, proven to be strenuous employment. The sight of a lady teacher being carried out of the school house bodily by six of her pupils is an unusual one, yet it actually occurred and had the snow been deep and banked high there could have been but one termination of this undignified preparation to whip him. Before she could do so, however, the boy had signalled to three Greenway boys and a Greenaway girl, who came forward, together with a boy whose name was not learned. The six quickly overpowered Miss Snyder—half of the attacking party grabbing her feet and the other half her head and arms and in this unceremonious manner hustled her out of the school. The pupils then hurried back into the building, locked the door and threw the teacher's belongings out of a window.  
Miss Snyder reported the matter to the school board, which held a meeting the same night and expelled four of the six pupils who figured in the disgraceful affair. Miss Snyder is full of pluck and announces that she will hold the position no matter what happens.—Clinton Democrat.

**YAK SKIN BOATS.**  
Quaint Craft Used by British Soldiers in Mysterious Tibet.



The British soldiers saw many strange sights during their journey into Tibet under General Macdonald as escort to the Tibetan commissioner, Colonel Younghusband. The natives of Tibet have had so little to do with the rest of the world that they seem almost like residents of another planet to those who penetrate their mysterious country.  
When the British crossed the Brahmaputra river they saw in use as a ferryboat a remarkable craft. It was made of skins of the yak, the common beast of burden in Tibet. The skins were sewed together into a shape distantly resembling a boat, and the craft was propelled back and forth across the river by a cable. Other skin boats were used as rowboats.

**PRINCE KANIN'S FEAT.**

Japanese Whose Bravery and Strategy Won Victory.  
Although the Russians place great reliance on their cavalry, this branch of their military service has been unable to save them from serious reverses in the war with Japan. Little was expected from the Japanese cavalry, but on several occasions it has distinguished itself. In the engagement of Oct. 12 at Benshu a force of cavalry under Prince Kotohito Kanin executed a brilliant flanking movement and contributed largely to the repulse of the Russian advance.  
Prince Kanin's force made a detour of the enemy's left flank in the rear of Benshu and put the Russians in great confusion, thereby helping the movement of the Japanese infantry against the Russian lines. Prince Kanin is a nephew of the mikado and a major general of cavalry. When he reached the front several months ago his arrival created much enthusiasm among the troops. There are several other near relatives of the mikado who are winning distinction by their bravery and ability in the war with the Russians.



**MISS CHARLOTTE DOD.**  
Great Britain's Woman Champion Golfer and Her American Defeat.  
Miss Charlotte Dod, champion woman golfer of Great Britain, who is making a tour of the United States and Canada, is one of England's best known athletes so far as the fair sex is concerned. A dozen years ago she



won the woman's lawn tennis championship of Great Britain, and she has long been an expert golfer.  
Her recent attempt to capture the American championship for women golfers at the Merion Cricket club's links was a failure, for she was beaten in the first round of match play, and the championship went to Miss Georgiana Bishop of the Brooklawn Golf club of Connecticut.

**TRAINING OF GIRLS.**  
Women Are Declining to View Marriage as Their Sole Vocation.  
Dr. G. Stanley Hall, a revolutionist in matters of education, believes that some of the things in the school curriculum should be eliminated. The training of girls should be governed, he thinks, by their presumed destiny of wifehood and motherhood. Referring to the subject, the following is stated in Good Housekeeping:  
"Dr. George E. Howard in his matrimonial institutions claims that it is not marriage or maternity which educated women are shunning, but they are declining to view marriage as their sole vocation. Let us not worry about the destiny of college women. It is simply wrong wedlock which they are avoiding. They have, suggests Muirhead, a careful regard for the 'kind' of marriage. They are determined to have only the genuine article. They look on marriage not only for the old fashioned 'union of hearts,' but for the union of heart and head in some serious interest which will survive the mere attractions of sex and form a gold bond of union even in the absence of others which, like the birth of children, depend on fortune. So 'far from being hostile' to the family, 'they are only preparing the way for a purer and more beneficent form of family life.'  
"That college women are not weaker physically than others, that they are not less prolific as mothers, is the positive assertion of Miss Thomas, the president of Bryn Mawr college, a woman of broad outlook, who has given the subject thorough investigation. To college bred mothers Miss Thomas traces intellectual and social progress of great value to society and the nation. Their influence upon their sons will be past reckoning."  
Ladies if you have trouble with your feet try a pair of Julia Marlowe shoes.—Yeager & Davis.  
That regrets for the mistakes of our youth seldom prevent us from making greater ones.  
Ladies warm lined shoes 98cts.—Yeager & Davis.  
When a man stands on his dignity he ought to be well heeled.  
Ladies good warm felt slippers, felt soles 50cts.—Yeager & Davis.  
Lots of people feel puffed up without the aid of a press agent.  
Men's canvass leggins 50cts.—Yeager & Davis.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIALS**

**KNITTED NOVELTIES**

Ladies' Golf Vests, Blouses, Sweaters, Skirts, Shawls, Infants' Hoods and Toques.

New Styles—New Patterns—all nice articles for Christmas Gifts, and large varieties shown on our middle counter.

**Another Invoice of Furs**

arrived this week. The kind and style that everyone wants. Children's Fur Sets, and separate Boas, are also comprised in this lot. What is better for a Christmas present than a nice Fur?

**Spring Styles of Merrerized Waistings**

Six new pieces sent earlier than usual for Christmas trade. Every one a beauty, too; styles different than heretofore. You'll like them if you see them.

**"The Elite Neckwear"**

We take pleasure in stating that we handle this line of Ladies' Neckwear. We've just doubled our order for Christmas selling. Everybody can always use a new collar. Specials in this line are a lot of turn-over collars and cuffs to match.

Perhaps you are still thinking of  
**Coats or Millinery**

We guaranteed to save you just 50 percent. in these lines.

**KATZ & CO.,**  
The Bargain House of Bellefonte.

**Spurred Bag of Gold.**  
To have a small fortune in gold nuggets offered him and refusing to accept it for fear of being made the victim of a practical joker, was the experience of L. C. Smith, a produce dealer at Williamsport.  
The gold was contained in a bag which had been shipped by express from the Klondike and was addressed to "L. C. Smith, Williamsport, Pa." The bag of nuggets was taken to Mr. Smith's place of business, but as the contents of the bag felt very much like coal, he concluded the affair was a hoax, and declined to pay the express charges.  
The bag was returned to the express office, and, on Monday, another L. C. Smith arrived in Williamsport, a great deal excited, in search of the nuggets of which he had in some manner lost track. He proved his ownership of the bag and its contents. The nuggets were worth about \$5000.  
—Julia Marlowe shoes for ladies are made for comfort, we sell them.—Yeager & Davis.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.  
E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

**Weather Report.**  
Weekly report—Bellefonte Station.

DATE	TEMPERATURE.
	Maximum Minimum
Dec. 1, clear.....	26 26
2, pt cloudy.....	26 22
3, pt cloudy.....	26 23
4, cloudy.....	39 24
5, cloudy.....	29 15
6, clear.....	23 15
7, cloudy.....	23 24

Snow: On 2 night, 1/2 inch; on 6, afternoon, 1 inch.

**It Will Pay You**

To look at our Holiday Goods before purchasing. We have Comb and Brush sets, Manicure sets, Gents' Traveling Cases, Military Brushes, Pocket Books, Card Cases, Letter Cases, Writing Cases, Medicine Cases, Choice Perfumes, and a hundred other things you ought to see. Call and we will be glad to show them to you, whether you wish to buy or not. You'll find our prices right.

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