

Bellefonte and Vicinity

The Local Happenings in Short Paragraphs

—A few candidates are bobbing around after borough offices.

—Yesterday, Wednesday, was the shortest day in the year.

—The finishing touches are being put on the interior of the Catholic church this week.

—Michael Cooney, after an absence of fourteen years in West Virginia, is home on a visit.

—Al. Garman came to town on Monday to see how things were moving along, up here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Walker left Tuesday for Pleasantville, Pa., where they will spend Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Harris departed Tuesday morning for Philadelphia where they will spend Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Parker and three children are at Somerset, Pa., where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Parker's mother.

—Horace Seltzer, of Reading, has returned to Bellefonte and accepted a position as clerk at the Bush House, a position he formerly held.

—Landlord Ray contemplates some extensive improvements upon the interior of the Brockerhoff House and especially for the office.

—The show windows of Bellefonte stores are quite indicative that one does not need to go to the city, or out of town, to buy Christmas goods.

—The Centre Democrat makes a specialty of fine sale bills. A sale advertisement in this paper is one of the best investments you can make.

—Miss Margaret McDermott has returned home from a year's visit to her brother, Charles K. McDermott, of Charleston, West Virginia.

—There has been sleighing in the eastern part of the state during the last week, also in some parts of the county, but none around Bellefonte.

—The public schools of Bellefonte will close for their Christmas vacation on the 23rd of December and will reopen on the 2nd of January.

—The winter examinations at the Academy will be held this week and vacation will begin Friday noon and continue until January 9, 1905.

—S. M. Bell, of Boalsburg, left a handsome calendar at our office, issued by the Grand Union Tea Co., which firm he represents through this section.

—The assessors of each ward will be at their respective election places on next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 20 and 21, to register all sixty day voters previous to the coming February election.

—Some time ago while Charles Mc Coy was blacksmithing, a piece of red hot steel struck him in the eye and as a result he lost the sight of the eye. He had the injured eye removed at the hospital.

—R. P. Miller & Son have closed up their store on Pine street, and have bought out Harry Irvin's grocery on South Water street, near the Phoenix pumping station, and are moving their goods there.

—The Salvation Army will this year, as in years past, give a Christmas dinner to the poor children of the town, in their barracks over the Centre county bank. The success of the Army's effort in this direction will depend entirely upon the generosity of our citizens.

—Lyman H. Howe's famous Moving Picture show will be given in Garman's opera house on Thursday evening December 29, 1904, under the auspices of the Logan Fire Company. The reputation of this show in Bellefonte is well known and they will no doubt be greeted by a crowded house.

—Frederick K. Foster, the insurance agent, was all out of sorts on Friday. He had just received a letter, he said, from his girl and was unable to read it. He would not trust to invite assistance and to refer the matter to the writer would be suicidal. We make mention of it so that she will know better in future efforts.

—James Reed, Jr., a son of Wm. R. ed, of Coleville, became unruly Monday and Officer George Jodon locked him up in the cooler. During the night he tore loose the steam heat radiator and with it battered down the door and made good his escape. The interior of the building was demolished and Reed is still among the missing.

—Sidney Krumrine, the druggist, has refurbished the interior of his store with a handsome outfit built to order. The material is polished quartered oak, ornamented in handsome designs and beveled plate mirrors. It enables him to display his goods to better advantage and gives him the credit for the handsomest store in this part of the state.

—J. J. Bower, of the law firm of Gettig, Bower & Zerby, of Bellefonte, was a business visitor to the burg today. John is one of Centre county's most able young attorneys, although young in years, he is climbing up the ladder of fame right along. He has many friends in this place who are always glad to take him by the hand. This is one of the strongest law firms in Central Pennsylvania.—Philpsburg Journal.

—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

—Simon Dinges, insurance agent, of Williamsport, gave us a call.

—Brady's "Way Down East" at the opera house on January 5th.

—Manager Garman says "Way Down East" will be good, coming January 5.

—Culhanna, Chase and Westons Minstrels at the opera house Friday evening, December 30.

—Mrs. James Hand and daughter Lizzie, of Julian, did some shopping in town and pleased the Democrat sanctum with a call.

—A Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all the Centre Democrat's readers. Will see you again the first week in 1905.

—Lew Bullock, of Milesburg, is pushing sales for the Colts acetylene light gas generators. He sold the outfit used in the Racket store.

—Harry Corman, of Cresson, a former citizen of this county, accompanied by his daughter, while visiting hereabouts, gave our sanctum a call on Friday.

—Lumberman Huyett, of Centre Hall, was a pleasant caller. His lumber operations at Nittany are not suffering for want of water. Huyett always has good luck.

—A handsome art calendar and desk tablet was left on our desk by John E. Neff, of Milesburg, the local representative of the famous Prudential Insurance Company.

—Miss Laura A. Waite, of South Thomas street, arrived home for a vacation from Northfield, Mass., where she has been engaged as sewing preceptress in the ladies' training school.

—The young athletics of the town are in a quandary, as they have no place to practice for basket ball and a series of games are waiting to be played. They can't get the armory and the Y. M. C. A. is not finished.

—Rev. Dr. Boal, of Centre Hall, was in town last Thursday. The esteemed divine, as always, gave our sanctum a pleasant call. Delicate health has led him to quit preaching, his services in the Presbyterian church as a minister were highly prized wherever he filled the pulpit.

—The present unprecedented dry spell leads us to refer to our record for the rainfall, beginning with July last viz: July 5.18 inches; August 2.69 inches; September 1.75 inches; October 2.16 inches; November .51 inch, and December 2 inches, a total of 12.13 inches from July to this date. This is about half what it should be, the normal rainfall being 4 to 5 inches per month, or about 50 inches per year, which includes melted snow.

—A novel educational feature at the High school last Friday was thoroughly interesting. The students have been studying Shakespeare for some time and a mock trial of Macbeth was arranged, the parts being taken entirely by students except the Judge which was filled by Hon. W. D. Zerby, of the law firm of Gettig, Bower & Zerby and he did it with decided grace and marked dignity. The trial was arranged by Prof. Meyer and it proved a great success.

—Next week—being Christmas week—there will be no paper issued from this office, in accordance with a time-honored custom over the country. Ninety per cent. of the population of this country fix on Christmas week as one for recreation and the Democrat force belongs to that ninety per cent. We therefore ask the kind indulgence of our esteemed patrons, all of whom we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The office will be open during the holidays.

—A Lock Haven maiden, who passed several days at the world's fair, wrote the following description of her visit to the home pastor we are told: "O, I had a perfectly beautiful time. I contrived there at 9.30 and took a cabby to the hotel. It was so converted you know? We stopped at a house where we rode to our rooms in a refrigerator and our rooms were illustrated with election lights. There was no stove in our rooms, but one of them legislatures in the floor and the heat poured right up through. I did not have any appetite and could not get a single thing I could realize. Honestly, when I got home I was almost an individual."

—The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Centre county was held in their room in the Reynolds' bank building on Tuesday. A full board was in attendance. Renewals and new applications for insurance were passed to amount of \$77,000, premium notes to amount of \$6,432.95 were taken; amount of cash premiums received, \$313.84. The following losses were ordered to be paid for recent fires: Lydia Foust, in Potter, \$15; George Walker, in Potter, \$17.95; Albert Hoy estate, College, \$24.80.

—Rather than be a dead hero on the field of battle most fellows would prefer to stay home and get half-shot.

GATHERED OVER THE COUNTY.

In different parts of the county ice houses were filled last week, the ice being eight inches thick.

Frank H. Clemons has become David F. Kapp's successor as superintendent of the Scotia ore works.

Oliver Bitner, of Beech Creek, a typhoid fever patient, was discharged from Lock Haven hospital, cured.

Rev. H. W. Gross and family, of Howard, moved to Indiana, where he will fill the pulpit in the Church of Christ at that place.

George Ulrich is confined to his home in Millheim with a threatened attack of pneumonia, and F. F. Wetzel is reported very sick in same town.

The Union cemetery association, at Zion, Pa., will meet Jan. 2, 1 p. m., in Zion Grange Hall. All lot owners are requested to be present.

J. W. Nestlerode, of Millhall is the champion rabbit hunter. During the season, just closed, he killed 49 of the "cottontails. Can any Centre county sportsman show up more cottontails?

The First National Bank of State College opened for business Thursday, the 15th. The officers of the bank have already been named in these columns. The bank will carry on a general banking business.

George Houser, the proprietor of the Houserville Woolen Mills, recently went to New York for medical treatment. He had been ill for the past few months, but the surgeons thought it best not to perform an operation.

Preston Garbrick, the sixteen-year-old son of Jacob Garbrick, had his foot badly crushed while at work at the Gatesburg ore mines Thursday afternoon. His foot was caught under one car and crushed, but aside from a few scratches and bruises, he was not otherwise injured.

I. S. Frain, of Marion, returned on Friday from Auburn, N. Y., where he purchased a very fine registered bay Percheron stallion 4 years old, weight 1550 lbs., an extra fine horse for breeding purposes. He always did know something about horses and keeps good stock.

Mrs. Rebecca Sparr, a member of the Boalsburg Reformed church of which Rev. A. A. Black is pastor, has presented to Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, a Christmas offering of \$500. Mrs. Sparr is a woman of means and on several previous occasions has given liberally to the church.

The wheat fields of the country are covered with some three inches of snow at present which is a fortunate protection against the very cold weather of the past two weeks. The fields have been in a bad plight from the previous cold snaps and the present mantle of snow is a protection against further harm.

Not long ago it became necessary on the part of Landlord Harry Law to dig a sewer trench in his hotel yard, at Houtzdale, when to his surprise he struck a thick vein of fine Moshannon coal. The work on the sewer was converted into a coal shaft, and an immense pile of coal was removed, enough to last Mr. Law a long time.

Jacob Reed's barn in Haines township, recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt, by Seymour Winkleblech and Thomas Smith contractors. The lumber firm of Motz & Stover will move their saw mill into Mr. Reed's timber tract and saw the lumber necessary to rebuild the barn. The work will begin early in the spring.

W. H. Pifer and associates of Nittany valley purchased the imported Percheron-Norman stallion which has been on exhibition at Harvey's livery, Mill Hall, for the past 4 weeks. The animal was sold by H. C. Meyers, who represents the Hartman stock farm of Columbus Ohio. The price paid was \$3,000. The stallion is 4 years old and weighs 1,980 pounds.

Centre county farmers who cultivate the soil at little remuneration might take a hint from the following item and "do better." A farmer in Deerfield, Pa., raised 37,500 bushels of white potatoes on a farm of 150 acres. Value \$20,000. He used 100 tons of fertilizer and half a ton of Paris green to kill potato beetles. The total cost of the crop was \$7,000 and profit was \$13,000.

A hot water boiler in the kitchen of John G. Platt, of Philipsburg, burst, completely demolishing the stove and breaking the windows in the kitchen, not leaving a whole one. The domestic had made a fire, we presume, not knowing the boiler was frozen, when the explosion came. Strange as it seems, the girl who was standing not far from the stove, was not in the least hurt, notwithstanding pieces of the stove flew in every direction.—Journal.

A man named Johnson who had been employed for some weeks at outside work about the paper mill and boarded with George Gardner and family in "Greensburg," a Tyrone suburb, is now at his home in Milesburg suffering from an attack of smallpox. Two days ago a rash appeared on his face, and Mrs. Gardner suggested that his trouble might be smallpox, whereupon Johnson at once proceeded to his home at Milesburg. Word has been received that the disease has now fully developed. We understand that there are other cases of smallpox in Milesburg. Johnson thinks he may have contracted the disease by association with some people from over in the Houtzdale region at Bellwood on Thanksgiving day.—Tyrone Herald.

Albert Williams has been appointed postmaster at Hublersburg, Pa.

There is every prospect of having a white Christmas. Whether it forbodes a "green easter" ask the goosebone man.

The Free Methodist meeting will not commence at the Forge on Thursday eve as announced, but will commence on New Years eve. All are invited to attend these services. J. K. Mumum pastor.

Christmas services will be held in the Reformed churches as follows: Pine Hall Dec. 24 at 7.30 o'clock; Boalsburg Sunday evening Dec. 25. A special service of song and recitations will be conducted at each of these places.

Grange Asks Fair Play.
The annual report of the committee on legislation of the state grange in session at Erie read their annual report before the grange. The committee is composed of W. T. Creasy and E. B. Darsett.

Equalization of taxation forms the keynote of the report and appears to be the line on which the granges will work this year. United protest against the repeal of the Groat oleomargarine bill is made, and parcel's post and postal savings banks are also urged. On taxation the grange went on record as favoring a tax of one mill on corporate and personal property for road purposes and to distribute the same according to the public road mileage. It favored laws whereby all licenses, taxes, personal property taxes and taxes on county and municipal loans be retained by the counties in which the taxes are collected. The report was ordered printed and distributed to all grangers.

The following newly-elected officers were installed and will serve for the next two years: Master, W. F. Hill, Franklin county; overseer, A. C. Barrett, Susquehanna; lecturer, Albert M. Cornell, Bradford; steward, Theodore Klein, Wayne; assistant steward, H. H. Pratt, Chester; treasurer, S. E. Nevin, Chester; secretary, J. T. Ailman, Juniata; state keeper, Wallace Chase, Tioga; ces, Mrs. Velma West, Erie; pomona, Mrs. Mary Fisher, Chester; flora, Mrs. J. S. Dale, State College; lady steward, Mrs. Frances B. Arters, Erie.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.
Clinton county school teachers are attending institute at Lock Haven this week.

There are only 119 applicants for liquor license this year in Clearfield as against one hundred and sixty odd a year ago, and against 129 licensed places in this county up to the first Monday of March last. Evidently the belief is general that Judge Smith intends to stand by the record made during his first license court.

Altoona has found a way to bridge over a threatened water famine. It seems there are wells belonging to the Altoona Glass and the Citizens' and Logan Ice companies which contain an abundance of water, and the water authorities of the city have arranged to force the aqua from these wells to the city's mains by means of a high duty, compound duplex, double-action water works pump.

The New Academy.
Last Friday evening the remodeled Bellefonte Academy was formally opened by a public reception. The exterior and interior have undergone wonderful improvement since the fire last summer. It now is one of the most imposing and stately structures of the town, which ornaments one of the high points, and from which there is a fine view of surrounding country. Painted pure white, from a distance it has the appearance of white marble.

The capacity of the interior was greatly enlarged, affording quarters for many more students than formerly. Class rooms, laboratory and other facilities have been enlarged and improved.

During the evening many hundred people inspected the building and were greatly pleased with the transformation that has taken place.

Today the Bellefonte Academy is in better shape than at any previous date in its history—not alone in building but in instructors as well.

Coming.
The following attractions are booked for the opera house:
Friday, December 30, 1904—Culhanna Chase and Weston's Minstrels,
Thursday, January 5, 1905—W. A. Brady's "Way Down East."

Both these attractions Manager Garman strongly endorses. This is assurance that you make no mistake on either date.

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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Annie B. Yearick	"
Witmer E. Lee	Centre Hall
Mazie E. Frank	"
Charles M. Wheeler	Cottage, Pa
Hattie E. Duff	Avis
Wm. Jones	Hawk Run
Thurza Flook	"
Christie M. Pringle	Port Matilda
Mary K. Woodring	"
James E. Gilbert	Wolfs Store
Maud E. Walters	Rebassburg
Claud Jodon	Bellefonte
Nellie Emert	Mill Hall
Daniel W. Bodle	Julian
Nora M. Williams	"

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jas. Sepestine, et ux to Stephen Kindrit, April 9, 1903; lot in Clarence, \$249.

J. C. Meyer, et ux to J. Frank Torbert, et ux June 16, 1904; land in Burside twp. \$100.

J. C. Meyer, et ux to J. Frank Torbert, et al July 11, 1904; lot in Taylor twp. \$100.

Nancy J. Walizer to Sarah M. Jones, Dec. 12, 1904 house and lot in Howard twp. \$550.

Mary Walton to Samuel Rodgers, Dec. 3, 1904; house and lot in Philipsburg, \$17000.

John S. Auman, et ux to John H. Weber, Aug. 8, 1904; lots in Centre Hall, \$4500.

Edward P. Butts, et ux to William Harper's exr to Dec. 12, 1904; lot in Bellefonte, \$2,250.

A. W. Templeton, et ux to Mary Ellen Bryan, Dec. 10, 1904; 35 acres in Taylor twp. \$500.

E. R. Williams, et ux to Irvin G. Gray, March 12, 1904; 9 acres 120 perches in Houston twp. \$60.

John Bilger, et ux to Elwood Brooks, Dec. 3, 1904; 71 1/4 square rods in Spring twp. \$50.

Thomas B. Way, et ux to Irvin G. Gray, Dec. 2, 1904; two tracts 161 acres 143 perches, No. 2, 4 acres 90 perches in Houston twp. \$2500.

Thos. W. DeLong et al, exers, to M. W. Adams, April 6, 1904; tract of land in Miles twp. \$600.

Frederick Womelsdorf et ux to M. W. Adams, March 28, 1904; tract of land in Miles twp. \$600.

Della M. Garrett et baron to M. W. Adams, April 29, 1904; 27 acres and 30 perches in Miles twp. \$350.

Mary Ward et baron to Oscar I. Harris, Dec. 19, 1904; land in Snow Shoe, \$3000.

Mrs. Bridget Ceader et baron to Alfred J. Heverly, Dec. 6, 1904; two lots in Spring twp. \$500.

N. P. Riddle's heirs to Martha M. Johnston, Nov. 22, 1902; land in Howard twp. \$300.

John Lyons et ux to John M. Corman, Dec. 6, 1904; 29 acres 44 perches in Howard twp. \$1,000.

Mary W. Linn to F. W. Crider, Dec. 20, 1904; lot in Bellefonte. \$5500.

COUNCIL MEETING.

At council meeting on Monday about the only thing done was discussion of the pumping stations and the following calculations were produced:

To run the water works with the old station using coal, it would cost the borough something over \$4,200. With the new pumping station using coal part of the time, the cost would be about \$2,103.25. Allowing the \$300 for exonerations of taxes, it would mean a saving to the borough of \$1,825.25 a year.

Dr. Kirk presented estimates to show that the old plant could be operated for about \$600 less than the Phoenix plant by putting in machinery to cost \$4,000, but his calculations were disputed. By the contract made with Col. Reynolds last February the Phoenix plant was to furnish 65 horse power. This plant is to be rented for \$1,500 a year by the borough. It is claimed from careful tests that it does not develop much over half that amount of power and council desires some reduction from the rental of a new contract.

A motion carried that a committee be authorized to make some satisfactory agreement with Col. Reynolds.

Wednesday Dr. M. A. Kirk had a communication in the Daily News in reference to the contract with Col. Reynolds for the pumping station. If the Dr. has quoted accurately and fully from the agreement we believe that he and Councilman Peter Keichline did exactly right in voting to hold Col. Reynolds to the contract, and when our taxpayers study the situation they may persuade the balance to do the same.

Smallpox in Blanchard.
Harry, son of James Gunsallus, is ill with smallpox at the home of his father in Blanchard. The case was first noticed Tues. y 12 when Dr. Kurtz of Howard was called and diagnosed it as smallpox. The school board immediately closed the schools because a young brother of the victim was a pupil. The Gunsallus family and the young man's grandmother have been quarantined, also Richard Runner, janitor of the school building and mail carrier, who boards with the Gunsallus family. The quarantined houses are in the centre of the town. The school rooms were thoroughly fumigated and sessions resumed Wednesday. Altogether five houses are under quarantine in Blanchard.

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A Large Deed.
Recorder John Rowe received a bulky typewritten document this week that required some days to put on record. It is a deed for 24,000 acres of unseated land located partly in Centre, Union and Mifflin counties, in the Seven Mountains territory. Nearly all this land was lumbered over by the firm of Witmer & Sons, of Sunbury, and by them was sold to the state.

A case of smallpox developed last week in the north-eastern section of Mifflinburg. The victim is C. A. Weiser, who contracted the disease while working at Lock Haven.

PUBLIC SALE REGISTER.
Notice of sales inserted under this heading for \$1 when not exceeding 5 lines. Persons having bills printed at this office circulate no time free. As this paper has over 400 circulation, its value as an advertising medium can be appreciated.

FRIDAY MARCH 10—1 mile east of Azenann, on Glewville farm, C. S. Hazel will sell farm stock and implements. Wm. Goheen auct.

THURSDAY MARCH 16—3 1/2 mile east of Wolfs Store, live stock and farm implements. JEREMIAH BELMONT auct.

FRIDAY MARCH 17—3 1/2 mile east of Spring Mills farm implements and live stock. L. E. ROSSMAN auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21—1 mile south of Azenann live stock and farm implements. W. T. SMITH auct. A. E. HARTOGS.

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FOR SALE—Nickle plated, double harness shifting buggy pole, both