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EDITORIAL

1904 AND 1905.

Old 1904 has been gracefully bowed out and spry 1905 has entered to take its place. The past year has been an eventful one in many respects, as every reader well knows, hence we will not enumerate. It has been a prosperous year. Notwithstanding the great loss in life and property by conflagrations, earthquakes, casualties appalling, and thus on. It will go into history as having on its pages one of the most appalling wars recorded in the world's annals.

On March 17, 1881, by sale, the Snow Shoe road passed into the hands of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which has been successfully operating the same up to this time. There is, however, but a small fraction of the coal "brought across the mountain" to Bellefonte and the Bald Eagle valley, as compared with what used to be the case. The reason of this is the extension of the Beech Creek and Fall Brook lines into the Snow Shoe and Clearfield bituminous territory thus affording a much easier grade to bring the black diamond commodity to Eastern markets.

The distance from Bellefonte to Snow Shoe over the driving road is but 16 miles, while the railroad is nine miles longer, owing to the switchbacks necessary to get up and down the mountain. William Temple, before the Civil war, was a conductor and upon his return from service at the front became engineer and filled that position until a few years ago, when he was killed through one of the very few accidents which occurred on this road, at what was known at the Spring Hollow trestle wreck. This was the same trestle built by Robert Lipton in 1857, and withstood the test during all those years of heavy coal trains passing over it. This trestle has since been abandoned by filling in the deep depression at that point of the road.

The present efficient conductor, who looks after both the freight and passenger traffic passing over the line, is Martin Reese, a trustworthy man in every respect for the position. Mr. Reese has been engaged on this road in some capacity or other for the past 32 years. He began when but a mere lad and is thoroughly conversant with every detail of his employers' interests under his supervision.

Snow Shoe City has grown into quite an important coal mining community during these nearly half-hundred years. There are to-day but few of the old landmarks remaining. Among some of the early settlers still there and engaged in business is the veteran, John G. Uzzle, who has without a doubt captured more wild game, fought as bravely for the preservation of the Union, proved himself a benefactor to more people in the community and accumulated more realty in that section than any other man in it. Although getting pretty well up in years, Mr. Uzzle is fully competent to look after his deer parks, fish ponds, farms, hotel and other realty.

Snow Shoe possesses all the advantages for an ideal summer resort on top of the Allegheny heights. Game of all kinds plenty and the atmosphere superb. All Lewistown is interested in supporting the child of Mrs. Clemens to being the youngest grandmother in the state. She was born in 1869, and in 1884 was married. Her son, Homer G. Clemens, was born thirteen months later, and in 1903 was married to Miss Minnie Ramsey. To this pair a son was born this year, and named David Brooks Clemens. At the time of his birth the father and mother were just under 19 and 17 years old respectively. Some enthusiastic citizens of Lewistown go so far as to claim for Mrs. Mollie Clemens the title of the youngest grandmother in the country. If records similar to this become popular, race suicide will speedily become a dead issue.

One of the strangest requests ever made to the Blair county courts was that of Mrs. John S. Weber, of Altoona, when through Attorney W. S. Hammond she filed a bill in equity praying for an injunction against her late husband's relatives, restraining her to attend his funeral. Mrs. Weber stated in the bill that she believed her husband's relatives would not permit her to attend Weber's obsequies. Judge Bell refused to grant the injunction, saying that it was very unusual and unprecedented, but advised an amicable adjustment of the difficulty. Weber was a merchant of Altoona.

A FIERCE RIDE.

Down Big Hill on Log, Make a Three-Mile Dash in About Four Minutes. Edward Powers and William Needham, lumbermen, employed at one of the Goodyear camps, in the Sinnemahoning district, won a wager the other day in a thrilling manner. They are members of a crew whose business it is to skid logs to the top of a three-mile chute, which winds and twists its way down among the ravines and out over black chasms until it ends on the edge of a creek where the logs are being banked for spring freshets.

The chute is made of half logs, hollowed out in the shape of deep troughs, then laid end to end the whole three miles into the valley below. A descent of nearly 500 feet is made in that distance, and the logs, on the ice-covered slides, gain a frightful momentum before they run out on the home stretch at the "landing."

A knot of men at the camp shanty one night last week declared that none of the log rollers was brave enough to ride a log down the slide. A "pursé" was raised in the banter, it consisting of a barrel of flour and a ham for the widow of one of the woodmen who had died of typhoid fever last summer.

Powers and Needham, both single men, accepted the banter, and the following day, selecting a smooth hemlock log, started on their toboggan journey. They lay flat on the stick, using their legs to keep the craft "right side up," and the slide was made without mishap.

The entire descent was made in a little more than four minutes. The widow for whom they won the flour and meat got it on Christmas day.

A DESCRIPTION OF SNOW SHOE R. R.

Continued from page 1.

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Owing to the number present the court room was thrown open and the crowd soon gathered there. Recorder John C. Rowe opened the proceedings by calling Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., forward and the oath of president judge was administered to which he affirmed.

Following him the oath of office was taken by Wm. G. Runkle, the district attorney and then by Arthur G. Kimport, the prothonotary. After the credentials were completed His Honor, Judge Orvis, took his position and made a few appropriate remarks, which in substance were as follows:

Gentlemen of the Centre County Bar and fellow citizens:— Permit me to thank you for the friendly interest that your presence here this morning makes so apparent.

No one other than he who has had the experience, or he that is about to enter upon the same, can realize how important are the duties and responsibilities that await the coming Judge.

The President Judges of the courts of Pennsylvania have greater powers than are usually conferred upon courts of similar jurisdiction, even in our sister states. They are practically the only courts of record that have original jurisdiction in the Commonwealth, and that jurisdiction is not circumscribed but extends over the entire Commonwealth and covers the vastest interests and the largest values.

In the several states of the Union the courts constitute the judicial branch of the government and are therefore co-ordinate in power and dignity with the executive and legislative departments. In none of the civilized countries of the old world are the judges entrusted with such governmental functions. It is their peculiar privilege to expound and defend the constitution of the several states and of the United States, and it is by virtue of this function that American judges can declare the most solemn acts of the Legislature or of Congress null and void, though such legislation has received the approval of large majorities of both branches of the Legislature and the sanction of the Governor or President.

When we consider the vast mass of legal literature constantly increasing from the innumerable daily decisions of the appellate courts of the civilized world, it can readily be seen that no amount of previous study or learning can too fully equip the judicial officer for his duties. New and unexpected questions will constantly confront him. Even our mechanical inventions and changes in business methods invariably engender novel legal complications, and rights that have not been heretofore adjudicated. No legislature adjourns without having begotten a batch of legislation, the purpose and constitutionality of which must be threshed out in courts of justice.

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These great duties place upon the judge correspondingly great responsibilities. Of these none are more painful or perplexing than the meeting out of punishment to one's fellow-man in the criminal courts.

It will thus be readily seen that such a position and such duties demand from the Bar not only a great deal of sympathy, but the utmost fidelity to the court. For this co-operation and this constant fidelity I now ask, feeling confident, however, that it will be most cordially bestowed.

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A CARD.

To the Public:— The partnership heretofore existing between Fortney & Walker in the practice of the law, has been dissolved.

All books, papers, suits, judgments of records, as well as Orphan Court matters remain in the hands of D. F. Fortney for settlement, trial, etc. Parties desiring information concerning anything formerly in the hands of the firm, will call on the undersigned, who retains the old office and will always be ready, in the future, as he has been in the past, to attend faithfully to any business entrusted to his care.

Respectfully D. F. FORTNEY.

Weather Report.

Weekly report—Bellefonte Station.

Table with columns: DATE, TEMPERATURE, Maximum, Minimum. Rows for Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Rain: On 2, to midnight, 52 inch; snow on 3, early morning to night 4 inches. Total rainfall in December, 92 inch. Total of snows, 13 inches.

December had one rain, of an inch, and thirteen inches of snow, at half dozen different times, the heaviest being seven inches on Christmas. This makes the total precipitation of rain and melted snow for December, 7.6 inches—a mere fraction over an inch. But it helped fill up the cisterns.

TRIAL LIST.

For January Term of Court, commencing January 23rd, 1905, and continuing two weeks:

FIRST WEEK. Eunice H. Jackson vs D. D. Woods. M. J. Averbek vs F. P. Blair & Co. H. B. Wright vs Joseph Diehl. Thomas E. Ricketts & son vs T. M. Meyers. Montgomery & Co. vs M. W. Cowdrick. Joseph Brothers & Co. vs M. W. Cowdrick.

SECOND WEEK. Bellefonte, Aaronsburg and Youngmanstown Turnpike Road Company vs Centre County. Wm. E. Shope, admr. vs James N. Shope. Cyrus Brungart, sheriff vs Mary Thomas and James Schofield. Heirs and devisees of C. and J. Curtin, co-plaintiffs vs E. M. Huyett, A. R. McNitt and D. S. McNitt. Nellie Zeigler vs Barney Mendleman. N. G. Gates guardian vs Minnie Gertrude Rowan and Alfred Rowan. N. G. Gates, guardian vs Daniel Meyers. B. F. Harris vs Huston Township. Thomas G. Ingram vs Orvis Peters. Thomas B. Harned vs Admr. of, etc., of D. Hastings decd., Ella J. Cooke, admx. of, etc., of John W. Cooke, decd. Wm. W. Rachau vs Admrs. of C. M. Bower, decd. A. A. Dale, guardian of Domer C. Rachau vs Admrs. of, etc., vs Admrs. of C. M. Bower, decd. W. H. Williams, admr. of Aaron Williams, decd., vs Admrs. of C. M. Bower, decd. Executors of Christian Dale, decd., vs Exrs. of C. Dale, Jr., decd. W. Harrison Walker, guardian of Ruth N. Hubler vs Admrs. of C. M. Bower, decd. Emma Swarts vs Annie K. Riddle, of, etc., of F. B. Riddle, decd.

The application of Harry T. Cole for a hotel license at Beech Creek was refused by the Clinton county court on Saturday.

Williamsport, Pa., Commercial College. Winter term begins Jan. 2, 1905. Students admitted any time. Low rates for board. Eighty six calls for bookkeepers and stenographers in seventy school days. Persons and mail course. Catalogue and first mail lesson free.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS. NOTICE OF DIVIDEND. The Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Bellefonte has declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. free of tax from the earnings of the past six months. Dividend checks have been mailed. \$30.00 was added to surplus making this fund \$70,000.

Dec. 31st, 1904. CHAS M McCURDY, Cashier.

LEGAL NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that Fred Mosebarger of Bellefonte, has ceased to Louise Wierman eight horses, buggies, harness &c. for the term of 6 months from Jan. 1, 1905, that said property is now in the possession of D. K. Wierman of Bellefonte, Penna. subject to the terms of said lease, and that said lease is recorded in the Recorder's office at Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa., in Miscellaneous Book, Vol. 6 page 141.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC SALE. By virtue of an order issued out of the Orphan's Court of Centre County in the estate of Susan Hain, deceased, the undersigned will offer at public sale, at the premises at Penn Hall, in Gregg Twp., Centre County, Pa., on Saturday January 14, 1905, at 1 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate:

At 1 o'clock p. m. the following described real estate. All that certain messuage tenement and tract of land situate in the Township of Gregg, Centre County and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone, thence north 10 1/2 degrees west 2 1/2 perches, thence north 8 degrees west 40 perches to a stone; thence north 60 degrees east 5 1/2 perches to an oak; thence south 7 degrees east 20 perches to a pitch pine, thence south 2 degrees east 20 perches to a stone; thence south 7 1/2 degrees west 35 1/2 perches to place of beginning, containing 11 acres more or less.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent of bid on day of sale and the balance on confirmation of sale. W. G. RUNKLE, M. L. EMBERT, Attorneys, Bellefonte, Pa. Administrator of Centre Hall, Pa.

COURT PROCLAMATION. Whereas, the Honorable J. G. Love, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 12th Judicial District, consisting of the county of Centre, having issued his precept, bearing date the 5th day of Dec. 1904 to me directed for holding a Court of Common Pleas Orphan's Court, Quarter Session of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, in Bellefonte for the county of Centre and to commence on the 4th MONDAY OF JANUARY, being the 23rd day of January, 1905, and to continue two weeks, notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said county of Centre, that they be then and there in their proper persons at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 23rd, with their records, inquiries, examinations, and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertain to be done and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the Jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand at Bellefonte, the 15th day of Dec. in the year of our Lord 1904 and the one hundred and twenty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States. H. S. TAYLOR, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in the borough of Bellefonte, on MONDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1905, at 1 o'clock p. m. the following described real estate to wit:

All those two certain lots of ground situate in Centre Hall Borough, No. 12, beginning at a stone, thence along said Turnpike into lot of Joseph Bittner, thence North thirty and one half degrees West ten and nine tenths perches to a post; thence by Mountain lot North fifty eight degrees East thirteen and eight tenths perches to a stone, thence by lot of Joseph Krotzer South twenty five and one half degrees East three and seven tenths perches to a post; thence by the same South twenty-nine degrees West eleven and two tenths perches to a post; thence by the same South thirty-four and one half degrees West five perches to a stone at the place of beginning: Containing one hundred and ten perches.

Also No. 2—Bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Turnpike and running eight feet along said Turnpike into lot of David Musser to a stone; thence twenty eight and one half degrees East five perches to a stone of the line of Neff and Simpson; thence containing one square perches and two tenths of a perch. Thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house, barn and outbuildings. Goods taken in execution and to be sold as the property of F. E. Arney and Elizabeth J. Arney.

Terms:—No deed will be acknowledged until purchase money is paid in full. Sheriff's Office, H. S. TAYLOR, Bellefonte, Pa. Sheriff, January 4th, 1905.

DIVORCE NOTICE.

DAVID MOORE) In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, No. 23, (NORA MOORE,) Aug Term 1904.

To Nora Moore, whereas, David Moore your husband has filed a bill in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county to No. 23, August Term 1904, praying for a divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear in said Court on or before Monday the 23rd day of January 1905 to answer the complaint of the said David Moore and show cause if any you have why the said David Moore should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence. Sheriff's Office, H. S. TAYLOR, Dec. 15, 1904. Sheriff

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A FINE HOUSE AND LOT bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone, thence along turnpike road, S. 89 1/2 deg W 6 2 1/2 perches to a stone; thence along lot of Susan Smith N. 20 1/2 degrees W. 10 perches to an alley 10 feet wide; thence along said alley N. 50 degrees E. 6 2 1/2 perches to a stone; thence along lot of Frederick Moyer S. 10 deg E. 10 4 1/2 perches to the place of beginning containing 6 1/2 perches more or less, thereon erected a good 1 story frame dwelling, 8 x 10 and all necessary outbuildings. TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent on day of sale, the balance of purchase money to be paid on confirmation of sale. Wm G Runkle, Wm P Hosterman, Attorneys, Bellefonte, Pa. Administrator, Penn Hall, Pa.

REGISTER'S NOTICE. The following accounts have been examined, passed and filed in the Register's office, for the purpose of settling and settling creditors, and all others in anywise interested and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Centre County for confirmation on Wednesday, the 25th day of January A. D. 1905:

1. The account of William H Keller, guardian of William H Bryson, minor child of William Bryson, late of Phillipsburg Borough, Centre County, Pa. deceased.

2. The first and final account of M F Hess and Samuel Kreamer, executors of the estate of John M. Neidigh, late of Haines Township, deceased.

3. First and final account of Clement Dale, administrator of &c of Sarah Jane Grubb, late of Millsburg Borough, Centre County, deceased.

4. First and final account of Cornelius Bland, administrator of &c of Eliza Bland, late of Potter Township, Centre County, deceased.

5. The account of John M. Dale, deceased, as administrator of &c of Sarah M. Galt, late of Hamilton County, Ohio, deceased, as stated by Florence F Dale executrix under the last will and testament of the said John M. Dale, deceased.

6. The second account of Ellis L Orvis, administrator, of &c of S. S. Lyon, deceased.

7. First and final account of H H Royer, administrator of &c of Herman Walters late of Mills Township, deceased.

8. The first and final account of H M Grove and Caroline A. adm. administrators, of &c, of Hiram Cain, late of Gregg Township, deceased.

9. First and final account of W. H. Mastor, trustee of &c of John Horner, deceased.

10. The final account of Daniel Ripka, administrator of all and singular the goods &c of Jacob Ripka, late of Gregg Township, deceased.

11. The last and final account of Alice M. Parker and W. G. Arney, administrators, of &c of John M. Arker, late of Bogus Township, deceased.

12. Second Partial account of A. Y. Wagner and Ellis L. Orvis, executors and testamentary trustees under the last will and testament of John Wagner, late of Bellefonte Borough, deceased.

13. First and final account of W. C. Patterson, guardian of Ash S. Yder, a minor child of Sarah Snyder, late of College Township, deceased.

14. First and final account of Rebecca F. Glossner and D. W. Glossner administrators of &c of Samuel H. Glossner, late of Liberty Township, deceased.

ALEX ARCHYPI, Register. Dec. 2, 1904.

We Thank You for the very liberal patronage given to us during the past year. We now enter upon the 52nd year of our connection with things Pharmaceutical, and the experience of half a century has certainly been valuable to us. It has been our aim to establish a reputation for business integrity and therefore we never sacrifice quality to price. We desire still more of your business, and wishing one and all a happy and prosperous new year, we are Yours very truly, Green's Pharmacy Co., Bush House Block.

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GETTIG, BOWER & ZERBY, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. Successors to Orvis Bower & Orvis. Practice in all the courts.

SIM, THE CLOTHIER Reductions in Men's and Boys' Winter Suits and Overcoats. SIM, THE CLOTHIER A watch lost here Christmas week awaits identification.