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## CONCLUSION OF AUGUST COURT

Many Criminal Cases Were Tried This Session.

## \$5000 FOR THE MONUMENT

Recommended by the Grand Jury--A Number Sent to the Western Penitentiary--Synopsis of Important Cases--Busy Week.

Conclusion of last week's court proceedings continued from our last issue: Commonwealth vs. Gottlieb Kerstein, prosecutrix Agusta Geiser; indicted--first count, statutory rape; second count adultery and bastardy. This case is from Cassanova, in Rush township, across the line from Munson Station. The prosecutrix is Agusta Geiser, who will not be seventeen years of age until the 29th of September, 1906, and, according to the allegation of the commonwealth the defendant came to the home of the father of the prosecutrix and obtained boarding on or about April 18, 1905, and boarded there until some time about the 27th of October, 1905. The case was certified to the Court of Oyer and Terminer and tried therein, and the facts are of such character as to be practically unprintable. Verdict on Thursday morning of guilty in manner and form as indicted.

Commonwealth vs. John Peace, prosecutor Harry Stine, indicted for assault and battery. It appears that some trouble arose between the prosecutor and defendant on the 2nd day of June, at Milesburg, growing out of the over-driving of the horse of the defendant by the prosecutor on the 30th of May, which case was tried during the present week. After some altercation the prosecutor alleges the defendant struck the prosecutor and the defense alleging that the defendant thinking that the prosecutor was going to hit him, took advantage and struck first. Verdict of not guilty, and the costs to be divided equally between the prosecutor and defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Maines, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor Samuel Foreman. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and the balance of the sentence sustained.

Commonwealth vs. Jacob From and James From, indicted for illegally cutting timber trees on the lands of another. Prosecutor, J. C. Dale. This case is from Potter township, but both prosecutor and defendant living in Centre Hall borough, and according to the allegations of the commonwealth the prosecutor cut some sap pine trees and others upon the lands of Marie Hoffer and her sister Mrs. Dale in the early part of 1906 and causing some of them to be manufactured into lumber and stored upon the premises of the defendant. The defendant alleged that they had gotten permission from two of the adjoining land owners to the Hoffer and Dale tract to cut a few trees for the purpose of manufacturing lumber, and that part of it was cut on the lands of one William Knosinger, which particular seemed to be disputed. Knosinger claiming that his line was farther over and Dale claiming the line at another place, alleging that these trees were cut upon disputed title, that they supposed that the larger trees were cut on the lands of Mrs. Horner from whom they had permission, and the cutting upon the Dale-Hoffer tract was an accident, not being acquainted with the line. Verdict on Friday morning of not guilty, and the county to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Mike Igness, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor Matt Lister. This case is from Spring township and appears that on May 25th of the present year the wife of the prosecutor went to the boarding house of one Mike Cushing, and that while there the defendant, who was a boarder, laid his hands on her and chucked her from the house, defendants alleging that this lady had been notified by the boarding house mistress, as well as her husband, not to come to the house anymore, and further that the prosecutor had notified his wife not to go to this house anymore, and that the defendant had not hurt the wife of the prosecutor, that he first showed her the door and when she refused to go, laid his hand upon her and led her out. That after she was out of the house the prosecutor whipped his wife. Verdict of not guilty and the costs divided equally between the prosecutor and defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Bert Weston, indicted first count, felonious arson; second count, building being a barn; prosecutor, Samuel H. Rhoads. This case was from Union township, and is the case of the burning of the barn in Union township of Rhoads and Thompson. The defendant had worked for this firm early in the summer and was dissatisfied with the settlement, the commonwealth alleging that he had made threats on or about the time of the settlement, that he the defendant, was at or near the barn in the evening of August 13th and further showed that the defendant had boarded a freight train which passed by Snow Shoe Intersection about one o'clock of the same night and rode with the crew to Lock Haven, where he was put under arrest pursuant to message, and lodged in the Lock Haven jail. It was discovered about the time of the fire that one of the horses was missing, which shortly afterwards returned with the bridle on it, showing the evidence of having been ridden; the tracks of the horse were followed which led in the direction of Snow Shoe Intersection, circumstances indicating that the person who fired the barn had taken the horse and ridden in the direction of Snow Shoe Intersection, to take one of the freight trains which usually stop there for water, and this defendant was first seen on the freight train at that point. The defendant ad-

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

For the purpose of further increasing its efficiency, and to still better serve its many patrons, THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT this week announces the addition to its editorial staff of W. Francis Speer, of Bellefonte, who will ably fill the position of associate editor. Mr. Speer is an experienced newspaper man, of marked ability who needs no introduction to the readers in this county; and we are confident that his efforts will materially improve the publication and increase its popularity with all people. In this connection we submit comment from a few of our exchanges, which we deem more appropriate and forceful than anything we might offer:

From Phillipsburg Journal: Francis Speer, who has been connected with the Bellefonte Gazette as local editor for sixteen years, has tendered his resignation and has accepted a position on the Centre Democrat as associate editor. Mr. Speer is an expert newspaper man.

From Lock Haven Express: BELLEFONTE EDITOR'S NEW POSITION. W. Francis Speer, who has been for 16 years connected with the Bellefonte Gazette as local editor, has severed his connection with that paper to become associate editor of the Centre Democrat. Mr. Speer has the ear marks of a bold newspaper man and has a crisp, snappy style of dishing up the little happenings about town. We congratulate the Centre Democrat on securing Mr. Speer's services and predict that he will prove an excellent man for the place.

From Sun, Williamsport: Francis Speer, that premier of Bellefonte newspaper men, will on September 1, retire from the staff of the Bellefonte Gazette to accept the position of associate editor on the Centre Democrat--a complete transformation politically, to be sure, but no less an opportunity to show his natural bent for news. Mr. Speer has been with the Gazette for sixteen years, and in that time besides making for himself an enviable reputation as a news-gatherer, has earned individual professional character as a compiler of an always fetching "That" column in the Gazette.

From Bellefonte Daily News: Quite a surprise was sprung in newspaper circle when it was announced on Saturday that Francis Speer had tendered his resignation as local editor of the Gazette and on September 1st would become associate editor of the Centre Democrat. Mr. Speer has been connected with the Gazette for the past sixteen years and besides being the author of the famous "That" column is a local editor of marked ability. In newspaper language we might say he has a nose for news and understands how to dish it up. We wish Francis success in his new position and congratulate the Centre Democrat on securing so trustworthy and reliable a man. We feel sure that he will "make good."

The above was copied by the Lock Haven Democrat" with the heading "He'll be in Good Democratic company."

From Democratic Watchman: W. Francis Speer has tendered his resignation as local editor of the Key-stone Gazette to take effect September 1st to accept the position of associate editor of the Centre Democrat. Mr. Speer went on the Gazette sixteen years ago, when it was owned and run by James A. Fiedler, and in addition to his local editorial work achieved considerable notoriety as the writer of the "That column." In fact, his witty "That" attracted such attention that an offer from a Philadelphia newspaper to go to the Quaker city and take a place on its editorial staff, but he was deterred from doing so through his love for home and Bellefonte. He is one of the hardest workers and most conscientious men in newspaper work in Bellefonte and in his new position on the Centre Democrat will undoubtedly prove as successful as he has in the years he has been with the Gazette and the already newsy Democrat will most certainly be the better for his services. As a neighbor and contemporary we have only the best wishes for the success of both.

From Millheim Journal: W. Francis Speer, who has been for the past 16 years local editor of the Bellefonte Gazette, has severed his connection with that paper and on September 1st, will become associate editor of the Centre Democrat. Mr. Speer has had wide experience in the newspaper business and is an able writer. The Centre Democrat certainly made a coup when it secured Mr. Speer, but it was not a very nice trick for a nephew to play on his uncle.

## Generous Gifts.

In response to a letter written by Dr. Thomas R. Hayes, of New York city, he has sent his check for \$1,000 towards reducing the mortgage on the local Y. M. C. A. property. Mr. White had previously given \$500 toward the erection of the Association building. When the annual report is printed credit will be given to all contributors and will show a goodly number of subscriptions of the \$100 class as well as \$50, \$40, \$30, \$25 and less. The goal of \$6,127 is lacking now by only about \$600 so a few more generous gifts will replace the local association on par with many city associations. As practically all outstanding amounts have been cared for, attention is now being given to the selection of furnishings.

## Tent Meeting.

A tent meeting will be held, beginning Wednesday evening, Sept. 5th, at Colyer, near Meese's store, in Mr. Moyer's grove. All are invited to attend these services. There will be meeting all day on Sabbath. Bring your lunch and stay all day. J. K. Mumau will be in charge. Other ministers will help; come one, come all.

To-day is a part of the future that we used to worry about.

## WILLIAMS' 7TH ANNUAL REUNION

Proves One of the Most Successful Gatherings Held by Them.

## SEVERAL THOUSAND PRESENT

Able Addresses by Prominent Speakers--Held in Miles' Grove, Near Martha Last Saturday--Becomes a Popular Holiday--Royally Entertained.

Saturday the 7th annual reunion of the Williams family took place in the beautiful grove of ex-county treasurer John O. Miles, near Martha. He had an arduous well sunk there, making a most desirable place to hold such large gatherings and festivals. The day was an ideal one for an outing and as a result between two and three thousand people were on the grounds. While it is known as the "Williams Reunion," yet it has reached the magnitude that people have begun to look with bright anticipation towards it, and that section of the county has practically proclaimed it a holiday. The railroad company has also recognized the reunion out of the ordinary and made concessions by stopping trains at the grounds. While the trains hauled hundreds of pleasure seekers, many more came by conveyances for miles around.

At 10:30 a. m. the Howard band, which furnished excellent music for the occasion, struck a familiar air that brought the people around the speakers' stand. In the absence of the president, R. J. Williams, A. S. Williams, the vice president, acted as chairman and did it very creditably. The invocation was made by Rev. George W. Downing, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Martha, but now of Alexandria, Pa. He has such a warm heart for the Williams family and the good people of that vicinity that it was said that he would like to return to preach to them, even if some of the stalwart members occasionally do sleep in church. The address of welcome was made by Walter R. Heaton, formerly of that section, but now a rising young lawyer of Michigan City, Ind. His address on this occasion sparkled with brilliant thoughts and noble sentiment. It was a clever production and it received hearty applause. It is said that he has a warm spot in his heart for the Williams family, and more especially for one member of it. The response to the address of welcome was made by Rev. G. A. Williams, who during vacation had been preaching at Blandburg, Cambria county. He is a bright young man and after he gets through at Dickinson college he will stand at the head as a Methodist minister. Before taking his seat Rev. Williams read a resolution of respect upon the death of the following persons who have passed away during the year: Mrs. W. H. Williams, Port Matilda; Mrs. Calvin Williams, Julian; Ralph Williams, Scotia; Eva Biddle, Buffalo Run, and Meril Earhard. He was followed by an address by Col. Austin Curtin, of Roland, who was captain of Co. D, 4th Regt. Penna. Volunteers, at the breaking out of the Civil war, in which there were eight of the Williams family.

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Next was the hour when the craving of the innerman began to exert itself, and all through the grove tables were spread, bountifully supplied with all the good things that go to make an outing of this kind all the more enjoyable. The people were kind and generous and thus no person left the woods with an uneasiness about their solar-plexus. It was the good fortune of the representative of the Centre Democrat, with Edward L. Gates and D. F. Fortney to become guests of our genial friend, ex-sheriff William H. Cronister, who owns a typical southern home about one mile from the picnic ground. The sheriff has a team of three-year old colts, of which he is justly proud, and behind these sprightly steeds were driven to the sheriff's spacious home, where he has all the comforts of life. We were a little surprised, however, from the fact that "Domino," of Unionville, declared that all the sheriff raised on the farm was a bountiful mulen crop. From what we saw we came to the conclusion that "Rummy" must have been laboring under an hallucination, as the farm of about 232 acres is the finest in all Bald Eagle valley. In partaking of the delicious viands we soon discovered that while sheriff Cronister was a bread winner his excellent wife was a bread baker of more than ordinary ability.

In the afternoon eloquent addresses were made on the grounds by Col. D. F. Fortney, Rev. J. C. Young, W. C. Heinle, Rev. Geo. W. Downing, Francis Speer, and District Attorney W. H. Runkle the latter making a strong and vigorous plea to get into the family. The Williams family is among the oldest and best in Centre county. About 1750 Jesse, George, David, Job, John and William Williams, all brothers, emigrated to Centre county from Chester county. They located in Bald Eagle valley, then a vast wilderness, and then for the first time the sound of the woodman's ax echoed through the dense forest. They built homes, churches and school houses. Soon the shrill noise of the "up and down" saw was heard, converting the tall oak into building material and thus the progress has been kept up all through the succeeding generations until Bald Eagle valley is teeming with life and industry.

## Died at Williamsport.

Mrs. Anna Helleman, of Williamsport, died Saturday morning, aged 86 years. She is the great mother of J. C. Hamm, of Phillipsburg, who left Saturday evening for Williamsport to attend the funeral, which took place Monday afternoon.

## A PRETTY NUPTIAL EVENT.

Miss Jane Sanderson Furst Becomes the Wife of John Curtin.

Wednesday evening Miss Jane Sanderson Furst, the only daughter of Hon. A. O. Furst, of Bellefonte, was wedded to John Curtin, of Roland, who for several years has been a competent clerk in the Centre County Bank at Bellefonte. Owing to the indisposition of the bride's father, the plans for a large wedding were abandoned, and thus the invited guests were limited to the families of the contracting parties, together with a few close friends of the bride.

The decorations were quite elaborate, consisting chiefly of clematis, laurel, cat-o-nine-tails and a variety of pretty blooming flowers. The ceremony took place at 6:30 o'clock in the spacious parlor of the handsome home. Fred Weaver played the wedding march, while James C. Furst and Walter B. Furst, brothers of the bride, carried the ribbons that marked off the bridal path to the altar. The beautiful little flower girls were Miss Louise and Elizabeth Furst, nieces of the bride. He was accompanied by his brother Mac Curtin, and the maid of honor was Miss Katherine Curtin; Miss Jennie Breeze acted as bridesmaid. In the bridal party were Mrs. W. S. Furst and Mrs. John S. Furst, who led the way to the altar where W. S. Furst gave the bride away. Rev. J. Allison Platts, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Dr. William Laurie, officiated, the beautiful ring ceremony being used.

After the ceremony an informal reception took place in which the guests congratulated the happy couple, wishing them unbounded happiness and prosperity through life. The music for the reception and the balance of the evening was furnished by the Bellefonte orchestra. A wedding dinner was served after which the bride and groom prepared to leave on the 8:16 train for a bridal tour. The bride is a kind and amiable young lady, and her popularity is attested by the many costly and useful presents she received. The groom is a son of Hon. Harry R. Curtin, and a worthy young man, who holds a trustworthy position in the Centre County Bank. On their return they will then make their home in Bellefonte.

Monday evening the groom gave a stag party at the Country Club at Hecla Tuesday evening the entire bridal party and a number of friends were entertained at the same place.

## DR. HOSTERMAN SENTENCED.

Recently a sensational trial took place in the courts at Washington, Pa., in which Dr. Thomas C. Hosterman, a dentist, was tried and convicted of adultery and fornication with Miss Annie Neardood, District Attorney Underwood asked for sentence at once, but Attorney J. Carter Judson, counsel for the defendant, asked that the sentence be suspended until he could communicate with attorney L. S. Levin, of Pittsburg, who is associated with him in the trial. The district attorney assented to this saying that he would wait a half hour. During that time the two defendants remained in the court room.

When Dr. Hosterman and Miss Neardood were brought before the bar for sentence Mr. Judson made a plea for leniency stating that neither of the defendants were ever in trouble before. Judge McIlwaine in reply said: "The court must recognize the jury's verdict. Our only interest in the case is that of the commonwealth. These two people have been convicted of an offense against the public morals and of a disregard of the sentiments of the people of the community against two people living as man and wife who are not married. Their conduct has had a demoralizing effect and they have shown no respect for proprieties."

He then imposed a fine of \$50 and costs on Miss Neardood. Dr. Hosterman was sentenced to costs, \$100 fine and 60 days in jail.

## Stabbing Affair.

Between 5 and 6 o'clock Monday afternoon, at Clarence, near Snow Shoe, was the scene of a stabbing affair, which came near ending the life of an Italian named Anthony Santo. It seems that during the day a bunch of Italians had been having some trouble among themselves, when finally their wrath and indignation centered on Santo. About 5 o'clock Rosie Starr slipped up behind Santo and stabbed him three times--once through the right arm, once under the shoulder blade and again in the stomach. Santo fell to the ground bleeding profusely, but in the meantime a big Italian named Sollicken struck Santo over the head with a big stone. The two Italians, Starr and Sollicken were arrested and taken before Justice of the Peace, Chas. Zindel at Snow Shoe who gave them a hearing and then remanded them to jail. They were brought to Bellefonte at midnight Monday and lodged in Fort Kline. Santo was standing in front of his cabin when Starr slipped up behind him taking him unawares. It is alleged that Starr had an old grudge against Santo and took this opportunity to get revenge.

It has since been learned that Santo was not fatally injured and there are hopes for his recovery.

## Coming--Big Show.

The Walter L. Main circus and Colonel Cumins Greater Wild West and Indian Congress, which comes to Bellefonte, Friday, Sept. 21st, is one of the most noted of all educational, historical and ethnological exhibitions in the world. The success of three great World's Fairs, it has been augmented this year with a stupendously impressive Fire and Flame spectacle, reproducing with full sized buildings of steel construction throughout the devastating Baltimore fire of a couple of years ago. Also there will be exhibited one of the largest menageries of trained animals in existence and which have been trained to appear in one cage, something unprecedented in the history of circuses and wild beasts. In this collection there will be seen the terrible Cola Camba, the offspring of the chimpanzee and gorilla, and which is more ferocious than any of its begetters.

## GOOD ADVICE TO PROHIBITIONISTS

Why Corey Will Not Follow Swallow and Castle.

## A HYPOCRITICAL ATTITUDE

Prohibition Com. Composed of Superannuated Men--Selling Principles for a Nomination--Homer Castle Severely Rebuked.

J. B. Corey, millionaire coal operator of Braddock, uncle of President Corey, of the United States Steel Corporation, having received invitations from Dr. S. C. Swallow and State Chairman David B. McCalmont to subscribe to the campaign and take the stump for Castle, declined in a hot letter addressed to the chairman. Mr. Corey says:--

Allow me to say, while I was surprised to see your committee was composed of a lot of superannuated men whose extreme age in life rendered them incapable of any important public service, still I was more surprised to find that outside of what Homer J. Castle wanted, the majority of the committee had no mind of their own at all, or as the man put it who moved the committee adjourn until Castle would arrive saying "whatever Castle wants we will do," which, as you know was passed without a dissenting voice. When Castle arrived, as you know, he refused to allow the committee to act one way or the other and not until he would see why the Democrat-Fusion party leaders did not keep their promise to nominate him as Lieutenant Governor did he consent to your committee nominating him as the Prohibition candidate for Governor. I earnestly pleaded with you not to allow Castle to place the Prohibition party in the most disgraceful attitude: that of offering to sell out its professed Christian principles for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

I appealed to you not to nominate Homer J. Castle, against whom the charge would be made of having tried to sell out the party to the Democrat-Fusion Party. I am astonished beyond measure that you and Dr. Swallow would ask me to contribute money and give my personal aid in placing the Christian men of the Keystone State in the Prohibition party in the most hypocritical attitude any party ever was placed in.

Allow me to say that for me to contribute or vote for such a manifestly dishonorable and hypocritical party would be to give the lie to my lifelong profession of being an honest man. The Prohibition party until it atones for the un-Christian, hypocritical action of its committee, need not expect a dollar of my money nor a vote of approval of its conduct from me.

Mr. Corey has long been an ardent and prominent Prohibitionist.

## Overrun by Polecats.

The following was clipped from the North American, and the indications are that the Bellefonte council will have another knotty question to solve, that of purchasing a cologne wagon to sprinkle the streets:

"Portions of Bellefonte are being literally overrun by polecats. For the last month or six weeks they have made their abode in the eastern portion of the town, where they have burrowed and bred amazingly, and have become extremely bold and aggressive.

It is no uncommon thing to see a polecat strolling unceremoniously through the back yard or garden, or even stealing under the porch of most any house in the eastern part of the town.

A few days ago an old mother cat with eight young ones played hide and seek in the front yard of an imposing residence on East Linn street, the most fashionable thoroughfare in Bellefonte, while just a day or two prior to that an old skunk walked into the kitchen of a house on the same street. On another street they are so numerous that they make their homes under the porches and fight the house cats for the refuse of the kitchens.

Several years ago a wild animal fancier in town secured a number of young skunks, with the intention of raising the animals for their pelts. About the time they were two-thirds grown they were turned out of their enclosure one night.

Each year since skunks have become plentier and plentier in that neighborhood, until they have become so numerous this year as to be an almost unbearable nuisance, resisting in their characteristic way all efforts to dispossess them."

## Veterans to Picnic.

The 31st annual basket picnic of the Veteran Club of Centre County will be held Saturday, September 8th, at Hunters Park which is beautifully located along the Bellefonte Central railroad. Addresses will be delivered by prominent members of the order. The old soldiers with their families and friends expect a day of enjoyment. It is a basket picnic and everybody is invited to be present. There will be coffee for all soldiers and families. Trains leave Bellefonte for Hunters Park at 6:30 and at 10 o'clock. Trains from the park will connect with all regular trains at Bellefonte.

## Railroad Notice.

On and after Saturday September 8th, the Bellefonte Central R.R., will resume the full schedule of trains between Bellefonte and State College. Trains will leave Bellefonte at 6:30; 10:15 a. m., 3 p. m. From State College 8:00; 11:50 a. m., 5:20 p. m.

## G. E. Convention.

The 14th annual convention of the Centre County Christian Endeavor union, is being held at Port Matilda, Sept. 5th and 6th. A list of competent speakers are engaged. Every session will be interesting and instructive.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

Do the wheels of fortune ever travel in cog? Politeness sometimes merely paves the way for a tooth.

The average new leaf is so dog-eared that it won't stay turned.

The cheap actor has no difficulty in choosing his walk in life.

The doctor is in no hurry to heal the man who is already well healed.

Many a man who burns the candle at both ends discovers that the game isn't worth the candle.

Love makes the world go round but the trouble is there doesn't seem to be enough men to go round.

There is frequently a bond of sympathy between a man and his trousers. They are both pressed for money.

One man can drink and know when he has enough, while another doesn't know he has enough until he doesn't know anything.

A certain young man in Middlebury called upon young lady last week and in the course of the evening he resolved to kiss her, and he made known his intention. She said, "John, if you do I will scream." He didn't believe her however and he undertook the liberty, and in a moment he performed the act with a rousing good smack. The young lady screamed and brought the father and mother down stairs into the room. "What on earth is the matter?" exclaimed the mother. The young man stood at the piano almost paralyzed with fear, wishing the roof would fall and bury everybody. The young lady by this time was standing on the sofa. The mother demanded an explanation. The young lady then told her mamma that she had seen a mouse and it frightened her almost to death. The parents went to their room and the young man kissed her until she couldn't have told a mouse from a mule.

## EPIDEMIC AT BLANCHARD.

Irvin Clark's Family, Sadly Afflicted with the Ravages of Typhoid Fever.

The family of Irvin Clark, of near Blanchard, are very much afflicted. The father and three daughters have been ill with fever. The father has recovered, one daughter died and was buried on Wednesday of last week and the other three daughters are yet in a critical condition. Dr. P. P. Hall, of Lock Haven, who was called to attend the patients, two nurses, one from Williamsport, and one from Nittany, are constantly in attendance upon the patients.

When death entered the home and took away one of the girls, Mrs. Margaret Bechtol, a neighbor, in the goodness of her heart, went to the house and rendered much valuable assistance. She was the only person, except the nurses, on account of the false rumor about the nature of the disease, who could be induced to enter the house, and assist the family in this their time of deepest distress and need.

A cruel rumor was put in circulation that the malady was yellow fever and hence nobody went to the house to assist the nurse until Mrs. Bechtol, like the good Samaritan, lent a helping hand. Why the good people of that neighborhood should give credence to the unfounded reports and thus multiply the sorrows of this greatly bereaved family is beyond comprehension. Dr. Ball states that the ailment is typhoid fever, and while this is bad enough, there is need of thoughtless persons injuring the family and the community by circulating the base rumor that the disease is something other than typhoid.

## New Telephones Installed.

H. W. Smith of Bellefonte, electrician of the United telephone system, was in Blanchard this week and installed new phones in some residences of Henry C. Williams and Jesse S. Hall and in the office of the Pennsylvania Fire Brick company. The pay station was also installed in the Bellevue hotel. This makes 12 phones in that borough in the Bald Eagle Telephone company and having connection through the Howard exchange with the United Telephone or Commercial system. The new styles of phones in use on the Bald Eagle Valley company's line are working splendidly and giving good and satisfactory service. Wiremen have finished their work on this line for the present and are now working in Sugar Valley on the new lines there.

## Cunningham-Croft.

A quiet wedding in which many people will be interested occurred at the Baptist parsonage, Milesburg, Thursday morning, Aug. 29th, at 10:30 o'clock, when George H. Cunningham and Mary E. Croft were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by pastor A. C. Lathrop. The groom is an industrious and esteemed young man, employed at Nantyglo. The bride is a talented young lady, possessed of many virtues, living with her parents near Yarnell. Many friends wish the happy couple unbounded success and prosperity in their journey through life.

## Wreck at Snow Shoe Intersection.

Wednesday evening a freight on the Bald Eagle Valley going west collided with the Snow Shoe freight at the Intersection, above Milesburg. It was a head on collision and a bad one. Both engines are smashed, 17 cars were derailed, 10 cars smashed and traffic suspended, but fortunately no one was injured but Herb Cheany, conductor of the Snow Shoe freight landed under the wreckage, but crawled out uninjured. The air-brakes on the valley freight failed to work and caused the trouble.

## Struck By Lightning.

During a terrific electrical and rain storm last week, the spire of the United Evangelical church at Woodward was struck by lightning. The belfry of the edifice, which was erected in 1856, was badly shattered, the damage being in the neighborhood of \$100.