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NEGRO COMMITS A VIOLENT ASSAULT

Strikes Down a Girl with a Stove Poker and Gags Her.

VILLAIN MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Whole Community is Aroused Over the Assault—Commissioners Offer a Reward of \$200—Several Arrests Made—A Desperate Deed.

On Thursday afternoon Ferguson township was stirred from centre to circumference with excitement and indignation over a vicious assault committed on Miss Irene King, a young lady about 20 years of age, whom Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gray, of Fairbrook, had adopted. Thursday afternoon, after the children had gone to school, Mr. and Mrs. Gray went to Pine Grove Mills to do some shopping, leaving Miss King alone in the house. It is a quiet and peaceable neighborhood, and thus nobody thought for a moment that any person would be molested. Shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Gray had taken their departure, a big burly negro entered the kitchen where Miss King was busy ironing. He asked for something to eat, to which she replied, she would get it just as soon as she had gotten a skirt ironed. In the meantime he asked whether she was alone to which she replied, that her father was somewhere in the house. The dark skinned villain then declared that her statement was not true, as he had seen her parents leave the house in a buggy. This frightened the young lady so that she went to the stove where she deposited the iron and then made a rush for the door. Finding that she was trying to escape he picked up the poker and struck her twice over the head, causing her to fall unconscious on the porch. Not being satisfied with this fiendish act he bound and gagged her, filling her mouth with dirty rags and grass.

It was first reported that he had committed a criminal assault upon her, but this the young lady emphatically denied. It is probable he imagined he had killed her and then was afraid to carry out his further evil designs, and hastily took his departure.

The young lady lay in an unconscious condition for shortly after 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock, when she was found by the children on returning from school. She remained in a critical condition until Saturday morning when she began to recover rapidly, with the exception that she is quite nervous. Soon after the vicious assault had been made known, a large posse of armed farmers was organized and the community thoroughly searched, but the assailant could not be found.

On regaining consciousness Miss King described him as being a negro, about five feet six inches tall, heavy set, and would probably weigh 170 pounds. He wore a black hat, black coat and grey pantaloons. It is said soon after the cowardly deed had been committed a man answering this description was seen going over Meyer's wheat field, making his way toward Oak Hall, where in the evening he was seen by some of the citizens. It is probable that he was waiting for a train and discovering that he would have to wait too long, went towards Linden Hall.

Frida morning the County Commissioners telegraphed and telephoned, as well as distributed circulars all over Central Pennsylvania, offering a reward of \$200 for the capture and conviction of the fiend. Immediately there were scores of men out all over the country in search. Monday, a report reached Belleville to the effect that a band of searchers had a negro surrounded in a log hut in a deserted lumber camp, in McBride's Gap north of Linden Hall, Sheriff Kline, Sheriff Paul Fortney started for the place, by going to McBride's Gap and following the road over the mountain to Linden Hall, carefully examining all the old lumber camps, but were unable to find any trace of such a man.

Monday morning the Commissioners received a telephone message from the sheriff of Mifflin county, stating that a negro had been arrested at Lewistown who answered the description. Tuesday morning, Sheriff Kline, Sheriff Kline, Sheriff Montgomery and James Corl, drove to Mifflin where they met Sheriff Kemberling with the prisoner. It was evident that he was not the man wanted, although they brought him back for identification. He gave his name as Robert Burrell, a native of the Indian Territory. He is of a light complexion, with long, straight hair, revealing the fact that he is half-breed, Negro and Indian. He claims that he was never in this community, and when arrested he was freighted it from New York City to Pittsburg. He is quite intelligent, and while coming to Belleville entertained the officers with songs and stories. On arriving here the prisoner was placed in jail where he spent the night. Wednesday morning Miss King arrived in Belleville and on going to the jail said at once that he was not the man. He remained with Sheriff Kline until after dinner, when he continued his journey to Pittsburg.

HARRY DELIGE ARRESTED.

For the last few days suspicion was directed towards Harry Delige, of Scotia, and on Tuesday afternoon, Col. H. S. Taylor and John Trafford left Belleville for the Delige home. When with in a short distance of Scotia they met Harry Delige's brother whom they took into the carriage, and before they were through with him made him prove his whereabouts on the day of the assault. After he had cleared his skirts they drove to where they found Harry Delige. They searched the house for clothing answering the description of those worn by the negro who had committed the brutal deed. They found nothing but a pair of light colored trousers, these they made Delige put on, together with a dark blue flannel shirt. They failed to find a derby hat, and this was taken to the Gray home wearing a cap. At

A STEADY GROWTH.

Following our custom observed for years, herewith is submitted a statement of the circulation of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT for the past year 1906. This is something every advertiser is entitled to know, and which every publisher should cheerfully furnish who seeks public patronage.

The following statement is comprehensive, brief and definite:

BELLEVILLE, PA., JAN. 1, 1907.
During the year 1906 there were printed and circulated 239,354 complete copies of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT which shows an

Average Circulation per issue, - 4,787
last 6 months, 4,913

During 1906 no edition was less than 4500. For our regular edition over 5000 copies are now printed each week, and the BONA FIDE circulation now is and during 1907 will be - over 4,900

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss.
CENTRE COUNTY.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of January, 1907.
W. HARRISON WALKER,
Notary, Belleville, Pa.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The following shows the steady growth of this paper since 1804:

1804 - 1100	1808 - 2342	1901 - 2845
1806 - 1733	1809 - 2506	1902 - 3325
1807 - 2052	1900 - 2759	1903 - 3804
1904 - 4087	1905 - 4457	1906 - 4787.

The above figures indicate progress during the year just closed. THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT now is accorded the largest proven circulation of any county weekly in this state. It means that its circulation is 2,000 (two thousand) more than any other paper published in Centre county; and that its sworn statement exceeds even the combined circulation claimed by all other democratic papers in the county.

Our mailing list is always open for public inspection.

THE PUBLISHER.

the latter place they found an old derby which they placed on his head and took him before Miss King who, after sizing him up pretty thoroughly, failed to identify him. Thus up until this time the culprit is still at large.

It is stated that on Saturday evening a strange negro entered the store at Sandy Ridge who talked with the man wanted for committing this crime, but he was unmolested. That is, they never thought he might be the man until after he had departed.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Tuesday morning about 8:30 o'clock a serious accident took place at Linden Hall, on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad. As Mrs. Henry Houtz, an aged lady, and Martha Houtz, the 12-year old daughter of her son Elmer Houtz, who live about one mile north of Linden Hall, were passing over the railroad at Linden Hall, their buggy was struck by the west bound passenger train. The horse had gotten almost over the track, the buggy received the full force of the impact, and was turned over several times within a distance of several rods, being converted into kindling wood; strange to relate the occupants escaped with their lives, which was nothing less than a miracle. Mrs. Houtz received a strained hip and back, while the young lady suffered from a sprained back. Dr. Kidder, of Boalsburg, was summoned, who made a careful examination and found that no bones were broken. The one hind leg of the horse was so badly crushed that it became necessary to shoot it. The injured were taken home and are getting along as well as can be expected.

A New Organization.

A branch of the Westminster League has been organized in the Presbyterian church of Belleville with the following officers: President, Charles Gilmour; vice president, Sarah Fitzgerald; secretary, Helen Crissman; treasurer, D. Paul Fortney; usher, Milan Walker; secretary of state, James R. Hughes; secretary of devotion, Frances Eimore; secretary of music, Eva Crissman; secretary of missions, Mary H. Lina; secretary of finance, Kline Woodring; secretary of fellowship, Bessie M. Dorworth; pianist, Eva Crissman.

Gregg Post Installation.

Saturday evening the annual installation of officers of Gregg Post, No. 95, G. A. R., will take place in the post rooms, Belleville. A cordial invitation is extended to every old soldier in the county, whether he belongs to the post or not to attend. As a special inducement for them to accept, a chicken and waffle supper will be served, free of charge, in the rooms at 6 o'clock. The installation service will take place at 8 o'clock.

Powder Mill Blown Up.

Wednesday morning there was a slight fire discovered at the powder mill at Williamsburg, near Altoona. The manager took the precaution of warning the employees not to go near the mill lest it would blow up and kill some one. It, however, was carefully watched and this morning at 6 o'clock the mill blew up. The shock was felt for miles around. In the vicinity thousands of panes of glass were shaken from the houses. It is claimed the concussion was felt in Centre Hall. The mill was blown into atoms but nobody was injured.

There is only one woman in a thousand who will use the same tactics to keep a husband that she did to catch him,

CRAZY ANARCHIST HURLS A BOMB

That Kills Two and Destroys the Interior of a Bank.

BODY IS TORN IN SHREDS

Dead Cashier Was Married to a Centre County Young Lady—Many Employees Were Injured—The Man Wanted Money. Was Refused.

Angered by his failure to secure a loan of \$500, for which he offered no security from President Richard H. Rushton and Cashier William K. McLeary, of the Fourth Street National Bank, in Philadelphia, a man supposed to be Robert Steele, formerly of, dropped a bomb in the office of Cashier McLeary shortly before noon last Saturday blowing himself into atoms, killing the cashier, injuring more than a score of clerks and wrecking the interior of the bank, which occupies the rear portion of the first floor of the Bullitt Building, Fourth street below Chestnut. Two of the injured men are at the Jefferson Hospital and physicians say that there are slight chances for their recovery. One is William Crump, President, Rushton's colored messenger and the other Thomas B. Rutter, a discount clerk.

The havoc wrought by the bomb was something terrific, and by a sort of retributive justice the mysterious thrower received its fullest force. His legs were torn apart and his entrails wrenched from his body and hurled against an iron railing where they hung suspended. Teeth were blown out of his head, and his lower jawbone, with portions of his hair sticking to three remaining teeth, was picked up several feet away from the explosion. All that was left of him could be placed in a small handbag. The blood of both the bomb-thrower and the cashier covered the ceiling of the reception room just outside of Mr. McLeary's office.

CASHIER TERRIBLY MANGLED.

Mr. McLeary was sitting at his desk when the explosion picked him bodily from his chair, hurling him over the top of it into the rear of the office. His face and trunk were mashed into a pulp almost past recognition. His arms were torn from his frame, and only his legs showed no effects of the explosion. Glass partitions and windows were smashed into thousands of pieces, and everywhere could be seen the demolition from the bomb-thrower's dastardly act. More than \$20,000 in notes and currency were scattered about the floor and securities blown to remote corners of the bank, but all were recovered with the exception of one small note.

The identity of the bomb-thrower was determined from a name plate on a key ring which was badly twisted by the force of the explosion. It bore the name of Robert Steele, Garner, Ia. He was a fanatic, and no doubt mentally unsound.

A CENTRE CO. WIFE.

The wife of the dead cashier was born and raised in the pretty little town of Unionville, in the Bald Eagle valley. Her maiden name was Mary Bing, a daughter of the late John Bing, who at one time was Co. Commissioner. Mrs. McLeary, when single, was a frequent visitor in Belleville, and on several occasions McLeary came here to call on her. He was a fine looking gentleman, and while in Belleville made some friends. The mother of Mrs. McLeary, Mrs. Melissa Bing, resides in Unionville where she stays during the summer. Mrs. McLeary resides at St. David, a suburb of Philadelphia, and her family consists of three young children: Walter, aged 9 years; Helen, 8 years; and William, 2 years old. Cashier McLeary was sent to Europe to do some financing, and while on the ocean the ship was wrecked, and the long suspense, in not hearing from her husband, brought on nervous prostration, and for weeks her condition was considered serious. She had about recovered, when this terrible catastrophe took place, and she is again in a critical condition from the shock. She does not know that he was the victim of an assassin's bomb, but has been told that he was killed by some timbers which fell upon him in the course of repair work at the bank.

A Frightful Accident.

Friday evening as George Dale, and daughter, Miss Lilly, and Mr. and Mrs. John Dale, of Dale's Summit, were driving along the road a short distance east of Lavertown, in Spring township, the neckyoke broke and the horses ran away. Mrs. Dale and Miss Dale jumped from the carriage and were uninjured. John Dale was dragged over the dashboard and thrown violently to the ground, his face and head and body were badly cut and bruised. He was carried to James Houser's home where he remained in an unconscious condition for a short time. The horses were stopped on the top of Nittany mountain. The harness and carriage were slightly broken. George Dale escaped unhurt.

George Sincio Found.

The body of George Sincio was recovered Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock in No. 2 quarry of the American Lime & Stone Co. It was lying along the track about the middle of the quarry. The body was in a good state of preservation while his face was smashed beyond recognition. The workmen were so enthused over the finding of Sincio that they continued their search until late Wednesday evening.

Rev. Aikens to Preach.

Rev. Aikens, president of the University at Selinsgrove, will fill the pulpit of the Belleville Lutheran church, on next Sabbath morning and evening, January 13. Rev. Aikens is always an interesting sermanizer, well known in this community and county.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following have been drawn as jurors for the coming February term of court which commences on Monday, February 25, 1907 and continue for two weeks:

GRAND JURORS—FEB. 25.

Beightol, Thomas P., farmer, Marion Bigelow, K. D., marble cutter, Phil Spiller, David, laborer, Rush Schenck, William, farmer, Liberty Schenck, Frederick "Howard boro Solomon, Chas. S., clerk, Phillipsburg Sheasley, C. B., merchant, St. College Weaver, James S., farmer, Haines Young, Philip, laborer Worth

TRAVERSE JURORS—FEB. 25:

Brugger, Jos. E., farmer, Unionville Bowersox, Floyd E., blacksmith, Gregg Bradford, Geo. W., farmer, Potter Beezer, Joseph, butcher, Belleville Erie, D. A., farmer, Gregg Eby, N. W., distiller, Haines Ferguson, Wm. miner, Phillipsburg Fry, W. H., farmer, Ferguson Fortney, John B., farmer, Potter Fulton, W. T., merchant, Milesburg Fisher, George, farmer, Burnside Goodhart, J. C., "Potter Harper, Jared, gentleman, Belleville Heckman, J. C., farmer, Gregg Hamer, George, miller, Phillipsburg Houser, J. W. O., carpenter, Millheim Housler, Thos. laborer, State College Herd, John, merchant, Phillipsburg Hoy, Joseph F., farmer, Ferguson Johnson, Edw. merchant, Milesburg Kerstetter, J. W., "Peas Kennelly, Thos. stone mason, Gregg Lyons, John, laborer, Howard Boro Lukens, Arthur, carpenter, Phillipsburg Miller, John B., farmer, Huston Mingie, A. C., merchant, Belleville Musser, F. P., editor, Millheim Miller, Daniel, laborer, Spring Mark, Henry, farmer, Gregg Musser, Emanuel, "College Martz, George, gentleman, College Moore, Charles, teacher, Harris Owen, E. R., clerk, Spring, Pletcher, Shuman, carpenter, Howard Boro Pritchard, Josiah, liveryman, Phil Patterson, William, farmer, Taylor Port, G. W., laborer, Belleville Ripka, Bruce W., merchant, Gregg Reed, David, gentleman, Ferguson Schofield, James, dealer, Belleville Simler, George, drayman, Phillipsburg Schenck, Hayes, J. P., Howard boro Williams, James, tinner, Belleville Wert, L. W., laborer, Haines Woodring, Jesse, farmer, Worth Williams, Abednego "Huston Young, Israel, gunsmith, Harris Zettle, Jerre, carpenter, Gregg

TRAVERSE JURORS—MARCH 4TH.

Adams, Wm. H., farmer, Boggs Armstrong, Isaac, gentleman, College Barthurst, Bert, laborer, Belleville Beightol, Chester, "Burnside Breen, Benjamin, lumberman, Gregg Bowes, A. C., laborer, State College Condo, John P., salesman, Haines Carper, John, farmer, Harris Capron, H. P., "Patton Cox, George, gentleman, Spring Decker, J. H., "Curtis Decker, J. H., "Ferguson Eskridge, J. H., "Phillipsburg Garbrick Harry, merchant Spring Gephart, A. J., farmer, Millheim Getz, John, tinsmith College Glenn, W. H., farmer, Ferguson Greebe, William, clerk, State College Gates, Joseph, laborer, State College Hoffer, Tyson, clerk, Phillipsburg Hazel, M. F., farmer, Spring Hoy, Samuel C., "Walker Johnson, Elmer, laborer, Rush Kennelly, Gates, mechanic, Gregg Lingle, Bruce, farmer, Boggs Lyon, Shuman, laborer, Spring Meyer, Geo. C., grain dealer, College Meyer, T. F., merchant, Millheim Mensch, Geo. E., liveryman, Millheim Mothersbach, Charles, laborer, Harris Mensch, R. W., merchant, Haines Pletcher, A. A., teacher, Howard boro Roush, James, blacksmith, Haines Ruschel, William, farmer, College Sharrow, Abraham, carpenter, Rush Stover, Geo. B., laborer, Miles Smith, F., farmer, Rush Scholl, Geo. W., farmer, College Wagner, J. L., farmer, Liberty Walker, Stine, farmer, Ferguson

Fireman Elect Officers.

The Logan and Undine Fire Co's of Belleville, have elected the following officers to serve during 1907:

Logan Company.—President, H. J. Jackson; vice president, Geo. Everhart; recording sec., Fred Reese; financial sec., M. A. Jackson; treasurer, James Seibert; chief, B. D. Tate; first asst. Harry Kerns; second asst. Harry Auman; third asst. R. A. Beck; trustee, John J. Bower, R. B. Montgomery and Jacob Marks; delegates to State Convention, Homer Barnes and Undine Company.—President, D. Paul Fortney; vice president, George Doll; Recording Sec. James Lowery; Financial Sec. Edward Gehret; Treasurer Joseph Beezer; Chief, Charles Anderson.

School Directors Assoc.

The school directors of Centre county will hold their annual convention in the court house at Belleville, on Wednesday, January 23rd, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. D. J. Walker, principal of the Bloomsburg State Normal and J. George Becht, principal of the Clarion State normal, will address them on leading educational topics. Other prominent educators will be in attendance.

Just seven hours before the ushering in of Christmas day Mrs. Lee Larimer, of Jersey Shore, presented her husband with a bright little girl baby.

SCHOOL TEACHERS FAVOR PENSIONS

Several Lively Replies to a Former Article in This Paper.

PENSION OR BETTER PAY

Claims That Their Services Are Not Appreciated—Receive Less Than Mechanics—Requires Years of Preparation to Become Good Instructor.

EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT:

In your issue of December 20th, you were asked to grant space on a subject of interest to every taxpayer: "The Pension of School Teachers," you were also asked for a discussion of the subject. The writer asked you if there is any sound reason why teachers should be granted a pension more than any other citizen of our commonwealth? I say "Yes" and I believe it to be one of the most just bits of legislation proposed in recent years. As far as schools are concerned Centre county is one of the most backward in the state.

Many of the people, school directors included, of Centre county, are afraid of education. They pay the least possible wages to the teachers, and give the pupils the shortest possible terms. They do what the law compels them to do, and do that with a protest. Many of the rural school properties are a disgrace to the township, to the state, and to the age in which we live. Such districts, I say, compel their teachers to make preparations, go to schools, read, attend teacher's meetings, and then pay them the mere pittance of \$35 per month, less than the wages received by mechanics, and only a little more than foreign labor commands in our large cities and towns. A teacher, and especially a man with a family to keep and educate, should have some provision made for the future, unless you expect him to become wealthy on \$35 per month. Either pension him or give him a larger salary, for on \$35 a month he will never be a banker. But you say "let him take up some other work that pays better." Good teachers teach because they are teachers; they can help and inspire the young, and if your boy or girl has such a teacher, you know he earns his \$35.

Our worthy correspondent must live in "High Valley," or in some similar place, for he says that there is no dearth of school teachers, and that school boards are overrun with applicants. Poor man! Is he a Rip Van Winkle that he makes such statements? Any one who knows will tell you of the search that school boards must make when teachers are needed, teachers I say—people who are capable and able, not time killers but teachers. He would not hire a teacher who owns a farm and is willing to use his extra energy conserving his property.

A very eminent would-be-ex-director of one of the large Centre county districts, once opposed the election of a teacher because he did not need the money. He was not a pauper, he did not need the money, but he was a teacher, and that he was not considered. They wanted some one to keep the school house open, and this is the case too often I might say that the most progressive county (educationally) in the state, is one that pays its teachers fair wages; most districts pay \$45 and \$50; many pay more and few pay less; none pay the minimum. The writer was the first to take up and urge a fund for pensioning teachers. The public press of the same county is very pronounced in favor of good wages for teachers, and a just pension system, by which teachers will receive in old age a slight income to keep them off of charity. A pension would not be paid to teachers who were paid, at least half of what they earn.

We do not need better teachers, teachers need better preparation. Every teacher should have at least a normal school training. They should read much of the best educational literature. The shelves of a teacher's library should have all the good new books on education: The Recitation by Dr. Hamilton, The Ideal School by Search, Dr. Seely's new books and many others should be made a part of the mental and professional equipment of every teacher. The current Cosmopolitan makes a plea for better things in school and college life, a plea for teachers whose lives are examples for good and whose idle hours are not spent in the country store amid tobacco fumes as dense as a coast fog and whose moral atmosphere is even less desirable.

Had I the time, I might dilate upon this important subject, but suffice it to say that the time is at hand for 20th century educational legislation and that if legislators would place their names upon the scroll of fame, they must support the coming pension bill.

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

MR. EDITOR
I ask just a little space in which to differ with Mr. Citizen in a recent issue of the Centre Democrat. Is there any sound reason for pensioning school teachers? Let us look over the county at the teachers that fill the school rooms. Why? Are they teaching just for the money that is in it? Not likely; for if they did not give satisfaction by striving to help the young minds along, why would the directors hire them year after year? Would the county superintendent grant them license to teach all these years? You say they are well paid for their services. True they are while it lasts, but you would not like the idea of teaching and farming combined. Anybody knows that \$245 per year is not enough for a man to support a large family. "There is no dearth for school teachers." Surely not, and here I am sorry to say I must agree with Mr. Citizen. I know of persons who have no heart in their work; where it is only a matter of getting their own salary. Perhaps they only want to teach one

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

A new friend is sometimes just as unreliable as an old enemy.

It usually is a safe plan to be polite when approached by a stranger.

Don't tell a woman that you love her unless you intend to keep telling her.

A courtship can be conducted on hot air, but it takes cold cash to run a family.

It is better to have loved and lost than to have gotten married on a beer income when you have champagne tastes.

The promiscuous masher may discover that it is better to walk around with a chip on the shoulder than with one on the arm.

If I had my way the world would be girls, and the rest dolls. Man was made in six days, and on the seventh the Lord rested. Then he made woman, and nobody has had any rest since. That's what papa says.

A BAD FIRE.

Wednesday evening Belleville had another big conflagration which, for the time, may throw a large number of men out of employment. About 8 o'clock fire was discovered in the pattern shop of J. Howard Lingle's foundry and machine shops. By the time the fire department reached the scene the fire had made considerable headway. For some reason or other there was a limited supply of water at first, but the firemen finally succeeded in securing a full head and it was with the greatest difficulty that any part of this large industry was saved. As it is, part of the blacksmith shop and foundry, together with the pattern shop, were destroyed. The boiler room, at the rear of the machine shop, was also burned and the boiler damaged. They succeeded in saving the machine shop but the fire from the boiler room greatly damaged the large engine, together with several large and expensive belts and tools. The shed, in which the expensive patterns were kept, fortunately escaped the flames, although a number of patterns were lost in the destruction of the pattern shop. The pattern makers are Henry Walkey and Samuel Guise-wright who lost all their tools, which, of course, is an individual loss and a heavy one. The loss to Mr. Lingle will run up into thousands of dollars on which there was some insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. This industry was one of the best, not only in Belleville, but in Central Pennsylvania. It gave employment to over one hundred men and had orders on hand that would have kept it busy for many months to come. It is altogether likely that shops destroyed will be rebuilt larger and better than they were previous to the fire, although they will be greatly inconvenienced.

RECENT WEDDINGS.

SMITH—ELISE.

Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock a very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Elise, at Milesburg. The groom was Claude W. Smith and the bride Miss Edith L. Elise. The ceremony took place in the prettily decorated parlor, in the presence of about fifty guests. John M. Bullock acted as best man and Miss Ella Musser was the maid of honor. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. M. C. Piper, pastor of the Methodist church at that place, the ring ceremony being used. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Witter, of Tyrone. The little flower girl was Miss Ella Musser, Jr. The wedding ceremony was followed by an elaborate banquet of good things. Mr. Smith is head clerk in Montgomery & Co's store Belleville, and a very efficient young man. The bride is one of Milesburg's most esteemed young ladies. They left on the afternoon train for Cincinnati, Ohio. The presents received by the bride were many costly and useful.

RAY—EAMEY.

A quiet and pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ramey, at Altoona, at high noon Wednesday last week when their daughter, Miss Helen Ramey, became the wife of Fred Ray, formerly of Altoona but now of New York. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Ray, parents of the groom, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Horton Ray, of Belleville. Mr. Ray is engaged as clerk at the Hotel Albert, New York, his father being proprietor. Before settling down in New York they took a wedding trip to Florida and Jamaica.

term, as they only need so much money but that is one term almost lost to the scholars who are sent to such a teacher. Will he or she be hired year after year, or be recommended to another township? Will such a teacher be pensioned? I believe not. I believe they must teach a certain number of terms, and in order to do so must be good, earnest, honest workers in the school room. Therefore, if pensioning teachers will give us better service let us have it. Where is there an occupation so responsible as teaching school? The teacher is training our future lawmakers and rulers of our nation. Our children of today are men and women of to-morrow. Why should Mr. Farmer think he is the backbone of the nation. He has enough; 700 wheat and 300 corn, with other things to be independent over the teacher and the clerk. When the teacher goes to buy wheat from the farmer he says, "Well I don't have to sell, by waiting till spring it will bring more; I guess I'll hold on a while yet. The teacher will walk away wondering how he can make that \$245 buy everything from a spool of thread to a new suit. The farmer says he makes his money easy; let him pay for what he gets. If the farmer or mechanic deserves a pension let them have it, and if pensioning teachers will give more earnest work in the school room, let them have it, it is my idea of the matter. I am not a teacher but a

LIBERTY TWP. CITIZEN.

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