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EDITORIAL.

If all present signs do not fail the contest for the Republican Presidential nomination is fast narrowing down to Governor Hughes and Secretary Taft with the chances of the former.

There are signs of the express companies getting into a fight which may result in a cutting of rates. May it turn out thus; these companies have been fleecing the public unmercifully, and such a fight may result in reasonable express charges. The establishment of a parcels post by the government would be a wholesome check for all time against overcharges by express companies.

BENNER.

ROCK VIEW.

The weather is getting cold. Now boys and girls, get your skates ready.

We are sorry to say Miss Mae Royer has left our view, and has gone over to her parents, at Madisonburg.

The people in our view have been busy butchering.

We are sorry to say John Grove is on the sick list, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Carolyn V. Hoy, who is home on her Xmas vacation, has been making calls on her brothers and sisters, in our view.

Mr. Daniel Fishburn, of Nebraska, who left Pennsylvania twenty-seven years ago, and has not been back since, has been here visiting among his uncles, aunts and cousins; he thinks Pa, is all O. K.

Pearl and Mary Ellen Saxion have returned home, after visiting a few days in Tyrone. Pearl said she would have stayed longer, but "Jack," was so lonely and got her sick; how about that?

John J. Weaver returned home from Pittsburg, Ohio, last week, bringing with him a new hat, Gilbert Becker, of Pittsburg, is enjoying the country air, on the farm.

Miss Ida she was well remembered there is nothing like that, in our view.

Fleck is visiting in Summer

Ruth Benner visited at Harvey

Benner's at Axemann last week.

Miss Agnes Tolson, of Tyrone, after spending Xmas with her parents, has returned to Jas. Saxions, ready to go to work again in the laundry.

I have another item about Daniel Fishburn; before they left her twenty-seven years ago, his mother canned some fruit and among it was a can of huckleberries, it had not been opened until last September, that was for his sister's wedding, and the berries were just as nice as if they had been opened 26 years ago.

SPRING MILLS.

We wish a prosperous and Happy New Year to every reader of the Centre Democrat.

It's not too late to make new year resolutions. Make them and stick to them.

The beginning of the week seemed more like real spring than mid-winter.

Revs. Beiber and Schuyler, each presented calendars, giving the time for services during the entire year, to their congregations.

A son of James Beck came home with a severe attack of measles and poison from working in a rubber factory. It at first created sort of a smallpox scare.

The new bell is now on the school house and makes an improvement to the school building. The bell was purchased by a subscription through the efforts of Rev. Haney, the grammar school teacher.

Wm. Burrell died at his home last week and was buried on Tuesday. A week before his death he received a slight wound on his hand which developed into blood poison and later death.

There were a number of seedlings in our vicinity, during the holidays. For evidence see the license column in the Democrat.

Miss Blanche Limbert spent the past week visiting in Aronsburg.

Mayme Wert and friend spent Christmas at Wolffs Store.

Abner Rossman spent ten days with his brother Elmer, in Philadelphia.

Verna and Kathryn Rachau and Mayme Zerby spent Christmas at W. H. Bailey's in Pennsylvania.

F. H. Yearick and wife visited in Sunbury, recently.

Mayme Emerick spent Sunday with her parents.

The Fetterolf home was sold to Samuel Wise, for \$1570. He intends to occupy it in the spring.

Calvin King's new house is almost finished and is a handsome home.

Neither of our Sunday schools had Christmas entertainments but all treated their scholars.

Mr. Kane from, I-don't-know-where, has registered at the famous Penn Cave.

John Long, from Pleasant Gap, spent Sunday in this vicinity.

Prof. Lee's New Appointment.

Prof. J. H. Lee, who was a member of the faculty of the Pennsylvania State College for several years, has been appointed assistant director of the Carnegie Technical schools at Pittsburg. He has been registrar at the schools since he left State College in September, 1906, and this appointment comes in recognition of the valuable work he has done in that capacity.

OVER THE COUNTY.

All the leading public sales in the county are advertised in the Centre Democrat.

Mrs. Laura Lee, of Centre Hall, will spend the winter in Allegheny with her son, Arney Lee.

Walter J. Copenhaver, the Colyer merchant, is doing quite an extensive business in shipping pork.

Landlord James W. Runkle, of Centre Hall, remains confined to his room. He is suffering from sciatic rheumatism.

Ex-Sheriff Cronister, of Marthia, is making money hand over fist. He bought a piece of land near Altoona recently for \$4,000 and a week later sold it for \$5,200.

Mrs. James Gregg, formerly of Milesburg, but now of Tyrone, who was injured a couple of months ago in an automobile accident at Julian, is able to be around again.

A petition is circulating in Phillipsburg asking Judge Orvis to appoint Cornelius Cross as constable of the First Ward, to succeed Alex. Adams, who has moved to South Phillipsburg, and thus caused a vacancy.

Frank Hazel, who farms one of the Brockerhoff farms, had a cow that gave birth to a calf recently which weighed just ninety pounds, or double the weight of an ordinary calf. The cow was of no especial breeding.

While on her way home from the Earlstown school the other evening, Ruth Bradford was accidentally pushed into a passing vehicle by playmates and received several cuts on her head and limbs, but no serious results are anticipated.

After hearing all the testimony before H. C. Quigley as master, the Agricultural College and Junction Turnpike, from Lemont to State College, was condemned. The verdict awarded the company \$462 damages, and declared the pike free from toll.

Roy M. Farber, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Farber, of Benore, and a graduate of Bellefonte High school, was recently appointed to a clerical position at the headquarters of the state constabulary in Harrisburg. The appointment came under the civil service law.

Nick Vallimont, of Burnside township, butchered a notable porker a short time ago; from the time it was six weeks old it never grew; when killed it was fifteen months old, and weighed thirty-five pounds. What a nobby dinner that "hog" would have made, or dandy Christmas gift.

It was while loading logs that Samuel Burris, who is assisting Wm. Walker to stock the Bilger saw mill, west of Centre Hall, met with an accident that resulted in the great toe being crushed and the second toe being broken. A log was being rolled up a skid when the wheel collapsed, the stick falling on Burris' foot.

After a tour of the west for a period of three months, Joseph K. Bitner, of Farmers Mills, is back again highly pleased with his trip, which included a climb up Pikes Peak. He was very favorably impressed with the west and its people, and found many former Centre county people enjoying the fruits of past industrious days.

After extensive repairs inside and outside, the Reformed church at Rebersburg was re-opened on Sunday Dec. 22. The re-opening services were held at 10 a. m. Rev. K. Otis Spessard, Ph.D., of Millinburg, preached the sermon. Young People's meeting at 6 p. m. Communion services were held in the evening at 7:15 p. m., the sermon being by Rev. W. D. Donat, of Aronsburg.

Frank Karstetter, of Penn township trapped a male wildcat one day last week which was the largest specimen of its kind ever captured in Centre county. In fact, it was as large as good-sized dog. Its claws, as well as its fangs, were fully one inch in length. It was of ashen gray color, and it is believed to be a species of the Canadian lynx family. The pelt was purchased by Dr. G. S. Frank, of Millheim, who will have it mounted.

At a joint meeting of the student body at State College and the Alumni advisory committee, held recently, it was decided to do away with the old constitution and by-laws governing athletics at the College and pattern more after the custom in vogue in the big colleges by the election of a graduate manager, and George R. Meek, of this place, was chosen to serve until June, '09. A new constitution and by-laws will be prepared for adoption at the beginning of the college year in September, 1908.

Along in cider making time the women folks in the family of J. A. Confer, at Yarnell, boiled down five gallons keg of cider which they carefully stored it away in the cellar with pleasant vision of the many juicy pies it would help to flavor during the winter. But, alas, when they went to mix up the first mess of meat they found the cider barrel entirely empty, some thief having sneaked into the unlocked cellar and stolen every drop of it. Of course, they have suspicious but no proof as to the identity of the thief.

Saturday Prof. C. R. Neff has completed his moving from Millheim to his new home, south of Centre Hall, along the Boalsburg road. During the past summer Prof. Neff erected one of the prettiest dwelling houses in Penna Valley on a part of the farm known as the Peter Durst farm, which was purchased years ago by Lafayette Neff, and at his death was sold to Prof. Neff and his brother, Charles R. Neff. The dwelling is modern in architecture, and adds one more splendid home to the Boalsburg road section of the valley.

Merrill Walker and James Tate, the former being a son of Benner Walker, west of Centre Hall, went to the barn the other morning to harness up the teams for the day's work, and while in the act of doing so, a horse heretofore showing a vicious disposition, grabbed the forearm of the young man between his teeth and deliberately lifted him from his feet. The brute held onto its victim, throwing his head from right to left as though attempting to tear the arm from the body. The commotion attracted the attention of young Tate, who at once realized that something must be done to release his friend. Seizing a fork he began beating the horse on the head, and it was not until the weapon was reduced to splinters that the brute released his death-like grip. In great pain the young man was taken to the house and a physician—Dr. J. R. G. Allison—summoned, who discovered that both bones in the forearm were broken, the flesh of the arm badly bruised, and several minor bruises over his body.

The girl who can sing like a bird should be able to feather her own nest.

RUNVILLE.

"Hurrah! for 1908" sang the warty bachelors and maidens of Runville, Wednesday morn at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Grant Houseman, of Altoona, was the guest of her parents, James Lucas, the recently.

Raymond Williamson, of Moshannon, was the guest at the John Walker residence on Thursday eve.

Clyde Peters, of Milesburg, has accepted a position with Oran Poorman here.

Willis Wilerite and wife, of Conneville, were callers to their parental home, Saturday to see the former's father, who is very sick.

Elias Hancock spent Christmas with relatives at Phillipsburg and was accompanied home by his grandson Clyde.

Mrs. Sarah Eckley is visiting her daughter Mrs. George Woods, of Clearfield.

Those that are on the sick list are: H. A. Sherite, Mrs. Geo. Stewart, Doyle Walker.

Several days, recently, a young man living about two miles from our village represented himself in disguise as another man dealing in poultry and called a number of our farmers on the phone, telling his business, name, etc., and requested those that had poultry to sell to have them ready, for he would be in town in a very short time. Those who were little easy headed this preparation and had the chickens all ready for sale, when low and behold no one came. So now, kind friends, take warning, do not listen to everything you hear. This young man is known.

LINDEN HALL.

The scholars of this place spent Christmas at the home of J. T. Boal where they enjoyed themselves immensely, besides getting many fine presents. The teacher, who acted as Santa Claus, got a beautiful pearl handle knife and a new five dollar bill.

Wm. Brook and daughters Ruth and Mamie, spent Sunday at the home of A. Fleck, of Pleasant Gap.

Joseph Brooks, of Clairton, near Pittsburg, spent Christmas at the home of John Carper. They expect to reach home in time to find the New Year.

The scribe from Shingletown, had in the last items that the schools were very much broken up through the enforcement of the vaccination law. We wish to correct that by saying that only one remains out of our school.

Mr. John and wife spent Sunday at the home of Elmer Houts.

Edward Carper, who is employed at Pittsburg, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, John Carper's.

The Floray family spent Christmas at the home of John Diehl.

The sudden changes of the weather has caused a great many people to be laid up with colds.

The weather was so warm for a few days, it reminded one of spring and made one think of hunting up straw hats. Then the next day it was so cold that it nearly froze the ears of the scholars dinner pails on the way to school.

Maurice McClintic proved the other day that he was the best tree climber in this section.

PORT MATILDA.

By all accounts, it is very evident that some of our young ladies are taking advantage of leap year by starting early towards Unionville.

One day recently M. B. Williams, of Miss Elsie Funk, were united in the bonds of matrimony at Youngstown, O., all to the surprise of the entire community. Mr. Williams is a highly respected young man, who holds the position as telegraph operator at Hannah, while the bride, who was formerly of this place, but now of Tyrone, is a young lady of excellent character.

Some of our young men have a great attraction at Marthia; wonder what it is Paul?

Wm. Dey, wife and son, of Altoona, visited at the residence of Porter Woodring, on Xmas.

Lucy Baldrige, of Milesburg, visited at the home of Mrs. Mary Pringle.

Prof. J. A. Williams, Chester Pringle, and Henry Bennett, had an unsuccessful bear hunt in the Alleghenies last week.

MT. EAGLE.

Nora Shank, of Phillipsburg, Carrie Shank, of Lock Haven, spent Xmas at home.

Cloyd Bathurst, of Coatsville, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Elgie Tobias, of Woolrich, visited her brother Theo, Leathers.

Rebecca Harvey, of State College, visited Miss Tracy Leathers.

Lena Confer spent a few days at Centre Hall.

The Daniel Poorman, of Runville, visited the home or Mrs. Eliza Leathers. Cora Dietz, who has been seriously ill, is somewhat better.

Pearl Gates entertained a number of young people on Xmas night.

Theo. Bathurst, who spent Xmas with his family, has departed for Coatsville, where he is employed.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

James W. Crater.....Spring Mills, Pa

Lola M. Vonada.....Lamar, Pa

Edward M. Nolan.....Lamar, Pa

Gertrude Garbrick.....Bellefonte

John N. Reish.....Pleasant Gap

Roxie W. Stover.....Oak Grove

Walter H. Wood.....Altoona

Sarah E. Dunn.....State College

John H. Wolfe.....State College

Christian L. Leach.....Aronsburg

Thomas J. Stover.....Spring Mills

Sallie M. Albright.....Spring Mills

James Roy Vaughn.....Sandy Ridge

Nellie Casber.....

Clyde E. Daek.....Spring Mills

Minnie M. Grenoble.....Tyrone

Ira W. Wright.....Tyrone

Anna M. Korman.....Buffalo Run

Charles F. Mincer.....Lock Haven

Carrie Miller.....Bellefonte

John L. Haines.....Woodward

Alma C. Mosser.....Millheim

Christ C. Meyers.....Linden Hall

Rosa J. Runkle.....Tusseyville

Bruce C. Ausman.....Millheim

Eva B. Wilson.....Tyrone

RECENT DEATHS.

GEORGE W. GARBRICK—died suddenly on Friday afternoon, Dec. 23, in the Lutheran church at Jacksonville. Some time ago Mr. Garbrick purchased the edifice with the intention of tearing it down and bringing the lumber to Bellefonte with the purpose of erecting a house on Curtin street. Friday morning he hitched up and drove to the church for the purpose of loosening the pews from the floor. He put his horse in a stable, near the church, and commenced work, working there all day. It was getting late in the afternoon and as Mr. Garbrick failed to come for his horse one of the neighbors went into the edifice to inform him of the lateness of the hour. Not seeing or hearing him he began a search and was surprised to find him dead on the floor, between two front pews. It is probable that he died an hour before he was found. The fact that he left Bellefonte in reasonable good health in the morning, the news of his death was a great shock to his family and friends. Connected with his death there are some rather significant facts. Years ago Mr. Garbrick joined the Reformed church in this edifice and afterwards the building was purchased by the Lutheran congregation. After the deceased was married he joined the Lutheran church in the same building. A few weeks ago he purchased the church and finally he died in it. It is the stated and hearing company of that ten feet from where his parents are buried. It is very seldom you read of circumstances so strange and peculiar as these. Mr. Garbrick was a quiet, unassuming man, held in high respect by all who knew him. His age was 64 years and 7 months. He was born in Marion twp., and for many years was a farmer in Spring twp. About six years ago he came to Bellefonte to live. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a director in the Sugar Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was married to Miss Alice Brumgard on Sept. 29, 1870, in Bellefonte. Surviving the deceased are two children: Clarence Garbrick, of Philadelphia; and Mrs. Sarah Smeltzer, who lives on the old homestead in Spring twp.; the following brothers and sisters also survive him: Jacob, Emanuel and Henry, Mrs. John Ishier, of Benner twp; and Mrs. Peter Heckman, of Walker twp. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Interment in the cemetery at Zion.

NATHAN BUCKHOUT—the second son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Buckhout of State College, died on Thursday at noon. Physicians say death was caused by paralysis of the brain and was instantaneous. "Nate," as he was familiarly called came home from Long Branch, N. J., where he held an important position with the Light and Heating company of that place, to spend the holiday with his parents and the friends of his birth. Thursday noon while in the engineering building at State college he suddenly sank to the floor and in an instant the spark of life was extinct. Deceased was a graduate of State College, and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He was an exemplary young man, popular with his associates and beloved by all who knew him. Had he lived until the following year he would have been 29 years of age. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and lived a good life. He is survived by two sons, two daughters and two sisters.

The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was made in the Branch cemetery. Prof. W. A. Buckhout in point of service is the oldest professor at State college and he and his family are among the most prominent in the place. The untimely death of his son coming at this joyous season of the year has cast gloom over the entire community and he and his bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of everybody.

MRS. SARAH E. ADAMS—widow of the late David Adams, died at her home in Tyrone, Saturday morning. She had been seriously ill about two weeks, although for thirty-five years she had been a patient sufferer from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Adams was born at Pine Grove Mills, being aged at time of death 68 years, 11 months and 13 days. In 1864 she was married to J. C. Faber, who died in Washington, D. C., in 1866. To this union was born one son. In 1869 she became the wife of David Adams, who died September 9, 1904, and to whom she had one son. For thirty-nine years she was a resident of Tyrone. Mrs. Adams was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Adams was a graduate of Pine Grove Academy. She was a refined, educated, well-informed woman, and was instrumental in bringing to Tyrone such noted lecturers as Henry Ward Beecher, Schuyler Colfax, Theodore Tilton and John B. Gough.

DAVID H. CUSTABORDE—died at his home near Pennsylvania Furnace last Wednesday at one o'clock a. m., of a general wearing out of the system. He was a son of the late John and Katharine Custaborde and was born near where he died sixty-three years ago, where his entire life was spent. When the dark clouds of war hung over the country he enlisted in company F, 18th Penn. Vols., and was wounded in the foot. He married Elizabeth Harpster, March 21st, 1857. Their union was blessed with seven children, four of whom with the widow survive. He was of Capt. J. O. Campbell Post, No. 271, G. A. R. In early life he connected himself with the Lutheran church at Gatesburg, where burial was made on Thursday, at 9 o'clock, a. m. A squad of his old comrades in arms laid him forever out of sight.

MRS. ELVINA HARTER—widow of the late Emanuel Harter, died Tuesday at her home near Rebersburg at the age of 73 years. She had been ill for about three months with paralysis. She was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her, and her loss will be keenly felt in that community. She was a member of the Evangelical church and did much to advance its interest. Her husband died about three months ago. Surviving her are two daughters: Mrs. Wm. Hillibish, of Freeburg, Snyder county; Mrs. Ella Lose, who lived with her mother at home. The funeral will take place Saturday morning. Interment at Millheim.

MRS. CATHARINE GEHRET—died Thursday 19. Mrs. Gehret was born near Hecla Park, March 29, 1840, but has resided in Bellefonte nearly all her life. She had been suffering with a complication of diseases. Deceased is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Guy Linn, of Beaver Falls, and Miss Olive at home; also four brothers and three sisters as follows: Charles, William, and Solomon, all of Bellefonte; Frank, of Atlantic City; Mrs. Susan Irwin, of Penna. Furnace; Mrs. Livonia Weyland, of Lewistown; and Mrs. Ellen Bell, of Hall's Summit Kansas.

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