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EDITORIAL.

New York state furnishes young trees for planting at cost. More than a million pine and spruce trees will be set out in that state this spring. And the nurseries are able to fill less than half their orders. When all the states take that much interest in tree planting substantial results will follow.

THE massacre of Armenians is going on unchecked. It is reported that 12,000 men, women and children have been murdered in the region around Adana by the fanatical Moslems. More than 5,000 people are homeless, their houses having been burned. The American and European Christian missionaries are in great danger.

Two jury fixers have been convicted in Pittsburg recently. Such an example of prompt justice will cause all good citizens to rejoice. Polluting justice at its fountain-head, as the jury fixer does, is a crime deserving swift and severe punishment. We regret to say that if all reports be true jury fixing is becoming altogether too common a practice in many quarters besides Pittsburg.

MINGOVILLE.

Since fishing season opened the water has been so high that our sports have not been able to do much.

M. M. Zorge, our eye specialist, is visiting his brother in Juniata. The Hecla base ball team accepts the challenge the Pleasant Gap scribe offers, and guarantee him we do not have to go to Centre Hall for players.

Wm. Clevenston is putting up a new barn; the mason work is being done by John Zimmerman and Sam Hinds. Our farmers are nearly done sowing.

That leap year is past. Skip says the girls need not stop sending proposals for he is still ready to answer them. The flying devil has made another appearance at Hecla; it was first seen at Fulton's store, but Bert, with his noted bravery, succeeded in driving it away; it flew off in the direction of Neff's big pond.

Some men are lean, And some men are fat. But for good news, Take the Centre Democrat.

COBURN

Miss Marion Kerstetter went to Freeburg on Saturday where she will take a six weeks' course in instrumental and vocal music. We hope she will meet with abundant success.

While on their way to attend the funeral of John Y. Stover at Wolfs Store, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Vonada, of Lewisburg, stopped at the home of T. W. Hosterman, on Friday.

Mrs. T. W. Hosterman, Mrs. Cora Hosterman and two daughters, Lulu and Stella, and Jacob Kerstetter, attended the funeral of Wm. Hazel at Madisonburg last Friday.

Ada Corman, who is making her home with F. J. Malone's is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. O. Bower at Fiedler.

Among those who recently had the Bell phone installed are F. J. Malone, Daniel Meyer, S. R. Lingle and Fred Auman.

W. L. Hosterman has demolished the old barn at the grain house and has the foundation completed for a larger one to better accommodate his increased business.

SPRING MILLS.

Daniel E. Gentzel, V. S., a well known citizen of this county, had a paralytic stroke on last Saturday and has been in an unconscious state since.

D. W. Zeigler, who has been a citizen of this township all his lifetime, moved to Shamokin, last week; he will be missed.

Robert A. Coldren, of Huntingdon, was here last Saturday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Ezra Harter.

Pennsylvanian encampment, No. 270, I. O. O. F., was instituted here last Thursday with a membership of 17. Several from Philadelphia with the assistance of about 20 patriarches from Bellefonte and State College, did the work.

Ralph Bartges, a boy about 10 years old found a purse containing about \$50, last week; he immediately made it known, he should have been rewarded for his honesty.

FOWLER.

Mrs. Jane Walk is visiting her many friends here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler and daughters went to her mother's home, near Warriors Mark, to celebrate her mother's 76 birthday.

Mrs. Wm. Miller and family, of Osceola, are visiting her parents here. Edward McMonigal and wife, formerly of Altoona, have moved here to make their home.

Mrs. Wilson Laird made a business trip to Altoona. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walk are rejoicing over a little daughter.

Amos Copenhaver, who was very badly poisoned from weeds while plowing, is better.

Mrs. B. F. Walk is seriously ill.

UNIONVILLE.

Joseph K. Alexander, youngest son of William A. Alexander, received a sample copy of the Centre Democrat last week, and after giving it a thorough diagnosis, pronounced it "good" and now he is a full-fledged subscriber to it. Joseph, your head's level.

On last Wednesday morning, after a twenty-four hours' downpour, old Bald Eagle creek became rampant, flooding the lowlands all along its route. One of C. Buck's fields was entirely inundated. Cherley Potter has great faith in irrigation. He had his garden covered with just one foot deep of water by the scales, on last Wednesday morning.

At a recent meeting of the Unionville cemetery association, Perry Moran was elected sexton, to whom all persons desiring information concerning funerals, &c., should apply.

Al. Dale, Esq., and Dr. Musser, dentist, two prominent representative citizens of Bellefonte, were business visitors in our town on Saturday. Whilst neither of them was provided with a passport, they were permitted to perambulate through the town on good looks. Al surprised us by singing a couple of solos and accompanying same on piano. Al, I think you have mistaken your calling.

Prof. J. S. Fox closed his third year successful term of the grammar school, on Monday. Three of his pupils passed a very creditable examination held at Port Matilda some time ago, and each one is the happy recipient of a diploma from the county superintendent, which is a passport into any academy or high school. They are Bessie Lonsberry and Kessia Calhoun and William Fisher, Jr. Congratulations, young ladies, and gentlemen.

We are requested to state that there will be an interesting entertainment given in the Presbyterian church on Buffalo Run, for the benefit of the church, on Saturday evening, May 8th, by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society. A very entertaining program has been prepared for the occasion. Rev. Hamish will address the young folks. Admission 10 cents. Everybody invited.

While I am writing this article I have just learned that a son of Rev. Kiffer is down with diphtheria and that the house has been quarantined.

One morning, in the early part of last week, Irvin Logue, grandson of Irvin I. Morrison, and Chester Sprow, whose father is a fireman on a shifter in the Altoona yards, aged 8 and 9 years respectively, went up to the Kline siding at Dix Run and, no doubt, prompted by old Belzebub, with a stone managed to knock the lock off the switch and with their combined strength turned the switch so that the 9 o'clock passenger train would run on the side track, which is a very short one—the train being nearly due—and then skedaddled and got into the Dix Run school house, to watch and see the fun. Fortunately Benj. Alkey, who lives in a house near by, saw the boys pounding the switch lock and after they had run away, went to see what they had done. He at once notified division boss P. J. McDonnell and his crew, who were working on the track not far away. Mr. McDonnell put the switch in proper position and sent Jamet Holt to look for the boys, who found them in the school house as stated. The boys, when charged with the crime, acknowledged the "corn." Had the train run on the side track, at the end of which there is a dump of about six feet, the result would have been a terrible wreck, in which many lives would undoubtedly have been lost. When the young rebels were asked why they did this, they replied: "We intended to rob the passengers and get a lot of money," "but," said one of the boys, "maybe the passengers wouldn't have any money." "Oh, yes," said Logue, "the conductor surely would have lots of money." "Then what were you going to do with the money," was asked. "Oh, we intended to go to Lock Haven and buy revolvers, and get more money." On Friday detective Giles, of Tyrone, came down and corralled the boys, but he did not arrest them yet. He said they are too young to be sent to the Reformatory, but thinks they will be sent to the house of correction.

Take notice: If you see Charley Eckenroth going through a lot of antics—standing on his head, turning summersaults, et cetera—don't you think he's off, not a bit of it. The cause of his hilariousness is the fact that a sweet little female girl came to his home to board with him indefinitely.

County Detective Samuel Myers, of Lock Haven, came up from that town and arrested John Bard, alias Ammerman, on a charge of stealing chickens and ducks, on last Friday.

GATESBURG.

Wet weather is 'putting the farmers back with their spring work.

Mrs. George Gates and daughter Goldy, of Tyrone, are visiting at the home of Ira Harpster.

Mrs. Wm. Desarmit is on the sick list, also Miss Athalia Hastings.

Joe Myers and wife were in Tyrone on Saturday. Calvin Gates and wife, of Pa. Furnace, visited at the home of Mrs. Laura Rider on Sunday.

Dot Little German Band.

The second "little German band" to visit Bellefonte this season, has been discoursing sweet strains on the streets the past few days. The band is composed of seven pieces, including a bass violin, and the music is fine.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION.

Centre county was organized under act of assembly of February 13, 1800, from parts of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon, and the boundaries fixed as follows: Beginning at opposite the mouth of Queens Run, on the East Branch of the Susquehanna; thence a straight line to the mouth of Fishing creek, where it empties into the Bald Eagle creek; thence to the northeast corner of Miles (late Haines) township, including Nittany valley; thence by the northeastern boundaries of said township to the summit of Tussey mountain; thence by the summit of said mountain, by the lines of Haines township in Northumberland county, Potter township in Mifflin county and Franklin township in Huntingdon county to a point three miles southwest of the line between Mifflin and Huntingdon counties; thence by a direct line to the head of the southwest branch of the Bald Eagle creek; thence by a direct line to the head waters of Moshannon; thence down the same to Susquehanna and on down the Susquehanna to the place of beginning. The county is about fifty-eight miles long and thirty-six wide; area 1370 square miles, making 678,400 acres of land.

It was originally divided into the following eight townships: Upper Bald Eagle, Lower Bald Eagle, Centre, Haines, Miles, Patton, Potter and Warriors Mark. In January, 1801, the name of upper Bald Eagle was changed to Spring township, when Ferguson was erected. In 1802 Warriors Mark was changed to Half Moon. In January, 1810, Howard and Walker townships were formed out of Centre township, the latter name being abolished. In April 1814, Rush and Benner were formed out of Half Moon; Rush called after Benjamin Rush, and the latter after Dr. Jenner. In August of the same year Spring township was divided into Allen and Covington, the former named in honor of Capt. W. W. Allen, of the sloop Argus, and the latter in honor of Capt. W. W. Covington, who fell at Williamsburg. In January, 1815, the name Jenner was changed back to Half Moon, and in April of the same year, Allen was changed to Boggs, after the name of the late Robert Boggs, and Covington was changed back to Spring. In August, 1817, Bald Eagle was divided and the adjoining Walker called Lamar, after Major Lamar, who fell at Paoli. On November 20, 1826, Gregg township was formed and named after Hon. Andy Gregg. On April 27, 1835, Harris was formed out of Potter, Ferguson and Spring, and called after the late James Harris. Huston came in 1839, and named after Judge Huston.

By the formation of Clinton county, in 1859, Centre was deprived of three townships, namely, Bald Eagle, Lamar and Logan. January, 1843, Snow Shoe was formed out of Boggs; in August of the same year Marion and Walker were formed; in 1845 Penn and Liberty were formed; Taylor in January 27, 1847, out of Half Moon and named in honor of Gen. Zack Taylor; Worth, January 27, 1848, out of Taylor; Union, November 25, 1850, out of Boggs. Benner formed between 1850 and 1856; Burnside in April 1857, named after Judge Burnside; Curtin, November 25, 1857, and named after the Curtin family; College in April, 1875, and named after the now celebrated State College.

Local Amusements.

On Thursday, May 13, the Pennsylvania State Concert Orchestra will give a concert in the court house. A full orchestra of thirty people will be present under the directorship of R. H. Allport. H. I. Armsby, the famous vocal soloist, will be present which will be an attractive feature of the evening. Every player is an artist on his instrument, and the young men guarantee to give an entertainment that will be pleasing in the highest degree. Tickets now on sale at Parrish's drugstore. The price is 50 cents.

The managers of the Electric theatre at Garman's opera house are placing before the people of Bellefonte and vicinity one of the strongest vaudeville shows to be seen in this section of the state. The vaudeville attractions change twice a week which means the patrons of the theatre are being well cared for as far as new and up-to-date amusement is concerned. It is a strong show, brim full of merit and comedy. Besides the vaudeville there are several films of moving pictures shown every night. If you go there you can feel assured that you'll be treated square. The program, from time to time, consists of singing and dancing and acrobatic performances, dog shows and many other interesting features.

One of the most popular places of amusement in Bellefonte is at Clayton Brown's Scenic. When you go there you can depend upon seeing the very latest pictures. If you don't see them there you can make up your mind they are not out yet. Mr. Brown is so energetic that he always leads instead of following, and it doesn't matter, either, how much it costs. On this account Petrik Hall is crowded each night with a very appreciative audience. Another drawing card is the singing of Will G. Laye, of Lock Haven, whose singing has met with popular favor. In fact he is doing better than any singer who preceded him. His voice is clear and distinct which makes his selections very enjoyable. Some vocalists sing as though they had their mouth full of hot mush, but Mr. Laye is not one of these.

If you want to improve your time go to the Scenic.

The date for the benefit entertainment had been changed to Friday, evening, May 21st., when it will take place in Garman's opera house. Remember the proceeds will go toward the purchasing of an ambulance, something that is badly needed at the hospital. Every dollar that is added to the fund means a better vehicle, so our merchants and business men ought to seek to make this a big financial success. The change was made to suit some of the State College students who will be here to help make the entertainment worth seeing. Among the specialties there will be a very amusing skit, "Locked Out," by Mrs. Burnside and George R. Meek; the Salome dance—and you want to be there and guess whether it is given by a man or a woman; a character sketch by a popular actor; there will be music by a quartette and other specialties by The Pinarsons, of State College, and of course a big program of fine motion pictures. Christy Smith's orchestra will furnish the music. A neat program is being prepared which will be sold at the door and by the ushers for one cent a copy. The price of admission will be 25, 35 and 50 cents.

ROMOLA.

Quite a lot of rain last week. The water in Bald Eagle and Marsh creeks was so high that mail carriers could not deliver the mail on Friday and Saturday.

The communion services at the Reformed church were well attended on Sunday morning. Doc Brickley had a severe attack of lumbago and cramp on Saturday and has not improved any yet.

Not many of the farmers have their oats sowed on account of the wet weather.

Joseph Poorman spent last week at Glenn Harris.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER advertisement with decorative border and text: 'The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar'.

D. D. Confer and son Harry started to Lock Haven on Saturday, but only went to Beech Creek, where they were informed that Lock Haven was nearly all under water.

Last Thursday was a very bad day. There was thunder, lightning, rain, snow, sleet and hail.

ROMOLA, NO. 2.

William Batschelet, wife and son Lewis, of Beech Creek, Michael Heaton of Yarnell, Sundayed at the home of Mrs. William Robb.

Rosie Heaton, of Yarnell, spent Sunday at the homes of T. R. Robb and Sarah Bechdel.

Joseph Diehl, one of Howard's prominent business men, made a flying trip through here.

We are glad to note that J. R. Brick-

ley and wife are both improving very nicely.

Death of Congressman Barclay's wife. Congressman C. F. Barclay, of this district, will have the sympathy of his friends in the death of his wife, which occurred a few days ago at the family residence in Sinnemahoning. She had been in poor health for several years.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. Adam Hazel, of Spring township, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination of Jury Commissioner, at the primary election, Saturday, June 5th.

LIME Agricultural Hydrate and Building, near Kline's Siding, 1 mile west of Unionville, J. D. Shadle, Flemington, Penna.

Kline's Shoe Store advertisement with text: 'SHOES THAT WEAR, SHOES THAT FIT, SHOES THAT HAVE STYLE' and list of shoe models like 'JUST WRIGHT', 'DOLLY MADISON', 'THE LENOX'.

'More Goods for the Same Money' advertisement with list of various clothing items like 'Men's & Young Men's Fine Suits', 'Boys' Knee Pants Suits', 'Men's Fine Pants', and 'Men's Furnishings'.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SPRING EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON, D. C. advertisement with details on round-trip prices and departure times.

CLASTERS advertisement with text: 'THE BIRTHPLACE OF LOW PRICES' and 'UNDERSELLING STORE'.