

# The Centre Democrat.

BELLEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1909.

Vol. 32, No. 47

Circulation Over 5,500—Largest in Centre County.

## AN IMPORTANT TELEPHONE MERGER

### AMERICAN UNION ABSORBED BY A NEW COMPANY

### IT COVERS A WIDER TERRITORY

Sold to a New York Company—Forms Strong Competitor of the Bell—Gives a Wider Service—Grew from the old Commercial System

American Union Telephone company, which controls practically all independent telephone business in the state outside of Philadelphia and the territory of the Pittsburgh, has been purchased by the new Continental Telephone & Telegraph company, of New York. The transaction, which was completed on Saturday in New York is said to have given the new company immediate control and will enable it to unite the American Union territory to that of the company in Delaware, Maryland, New York, West Virginia, Virginia and New Jersey, where the company acquired the Interstate company recently.

The American Union was formed several years ago to take over the business of various Pennsylvania independent lines and had an authorized capital of \$25,000,000 of which \$5,000,000 has been issued. \$2,900,000 of preferred and \$2,700,000 of common stock. The bonds outstanding amount to \$11,000,000. The officers of the American company are John Graham, Newville, president; Frank D. Houck, Harrisburg, first vice president, and S. R. Caldwell, Harrisburg, secretary and treasurer.

### FLAG RAISING.

#### A Patriotic Demonstration by Public School at Hannah.

On Thanksgiving the Henderson school, near Hannah, taught by Miss Laura Bechtel, raised a flag in the presence of a large number of people aside from her school. The P. O. S. A. order, which was recently organized at Hannah, with a membership of about fifty, turned out and greatly assisted in making the afternoon program a success. With music they marched to the school house where they joined the teacher and pupils, six of the largest carrying the flag. They then marched one fourth of a mile to the home of Benjamin Weaver, returning in about ten minutes, when the flag pole, which was given by Mr. Andy Weaver, was swung in place by many willing hands, and "Old Glory" was raised forty-five feet in the air by the teacher, Laura F. Bechtel, amid the strains of the "Red White and Blue" and the cheers from the large crowd. After the flag was raised Rev. Harry McKelvey, pastor of the U. B. church, delivered a fine address, followed by remarks from Mr. Benjamin Weaver, and Squire Beckwith, and a recitation, "The Flowers of Liberty" by Sarah Newman which closed the exercises of the "Red Letter Day" for the Henderson school.

#### R. B. Taylor Gets Road Contract.

On Thursday R. B. Taylor was notified that he had received the contract for the new state road through Bellefonte. There were seven bidders from contractors in different parts of the State. Mr. Taylor's bid was about \$25,000, which means the completing of the road. Beginning at a point near the American Lime & Stone Co's quarries, north of Bellefonte, and running east on Linn street to Allegheny street. Then from there out south Allegheny street to Bishop street. Thence out east Bishop street to the borough line. The contract calls for the paving of Allegheny street from Linn to Parrish's drug store, to the width of twenty-five feet. From Parrish's drug store to Bishop street. Allegheny street will be paved solidly from curb to curb. The diamond will be paved from the pavement to the crossing over High street, between Mackey's green grocery and Beizer's meat market. Work, however, will not be commenced on the road until spring, with pike in front of the Beaver & Hoy row.

#### For Charity's Sake.

The entertainment to be given by the Elks, in Garman's opera house, on Friday and Saturday evenings, promises to be an unusually interesting affair. While it is called the Centre County Fair, it will contain many amusing features that will be sure to entertain all. It is entirely by local talent which will make it all the more interesting, as there will be an abundance of local witticisms and beautiful roasts. It will be worth the money that is the first inducement for you to go.

The next is the more important, as the proceeds will be entirely devoted to charity—not one penny to be used by the Elks for their organization. Fund will be divided between the Bellefonte Hospital and deserving poor of the town. Have you done anything for charity recently? If not now is the time to invest.

#### Fire at Milesburg.

On Saturday morning the residence of Frank Wallace, at Milesburg, caught fire from a spark from the chimney. It started on the roof of the kitchen and had a pretty fair start before being discovered by several hunters who were passing the house at the time. An alarm was given and in a few minutes afterwards a bucket brigade was formed which succeeded in extinguishing the flames before any great damage had been done.

—William Chamberlain, Esq., of Milton, spent Sunday in Bellefonte as the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. O. Furst, on Linn street.

### STATE SCRUBS, 47; B. H. S., 44.

The B. H. S. Basketball team opened its season on Friday evening in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, by losing to the strong State Scrubs. This is not a bad beginning considering the relative merit of the visiting team.

Our sturdy little captain, Hartranft, won the toss and chose to defend the south basket. For twenty minutes the spectators were thrilled by beautiful field goals by both teams. The half ending with State, a few points in the lead. Our crack forwards, Beizer and Hartranft, were everywhere, thus bewildering the opposing guards greatly, while Hartwick played the centre position admirably. Hollabaugh and Weston also kept up their past reputation by blocking many would-be shots, thus keeping the score down, as State had all kinds of luck in that department of the game.

The second half started with a slight change in Bellefonte's line-up. In this session of the game Weston was the whole show, with the rest of the team helping greatly, he making seven beautiful field goals.

The local boys are indeed greatly encouraged by the fine turnout of local supporters and wish to express their appreciation by always, during the rest of the season, putting up their best game.

Dr. Weston, the local secretary of the Y. M. C. A. refereed a very satisfactory game, and deserves much credit.

The line-up was as follows.

Position	B. H. S.	State
Post	L. Forward	Hartranft
Post	R. Forward	Beizer
Centre	Centre	Hartwick
Guard	R. Guard	(Gamble)
Guard	L. Guard	Hollabaugh

Field goals:—Posey, 5; Cameron, 6; Martz, 5; Small, 3; Kelley, 1; Hartranft, 5; Weston, 7; Hartwick, 4; Beizer, 3; Hollabaugh, 1; Gamble, 1; Foul goals:—Kelley, 5; Beizer, 2.

### DISCOVERED IN TIME.

#### A Fire was Raging in Mrs. Hibler's Home, Sunday Morning.

On Sunday morning, about 8 o'clock, expressman Harry Taylor and his wife were passing the residence of Mrs. A. Hibler, on Allegheny street, where they noticed smoke issuing from the windows of the parlor occupied by Mrs. Clara Gephart. Going closer Mrs. Taylor discovered the room on fire. Mr. Taylor summoned Mrs. Hibler, who in her excitement ran up stairs in the room over the one in which the fire originated. The smoke became so dense that Mrs. Hibler was unable to find her way to the stairway so she came to the window and asked for help. J. C. Harper and Paul Jones went heroically to her rescue and succeeded in taking her out of the second story window and landing her safely on the pavement.

In the meantime a chemical engine was being used to extinguish the flames in the room which proved a success to the extent that it kept the flames from spreading. The curtains, carpet and several pieces of furniture were destroyed on which there was a small insurance. Of course the interior of the house was more or less damaged by smoke. The fire originated by sparks from a defective flue setting fire to soot in the hearth of an old-fashioned chimney in the parlor which caught the wood work enclosing the hearth.

### Bugle Corps Disbands.

Two years ago, immediately after Hugh S. Taylor, of Bellefonte, was elected Colonel of the 5th regiment, Toner Hugg, of Milesburg, conceived the idea of organizing a bugle corps composed of musicians from Bellefonte and Milesburg. They started out with flying colors, and for beginners they didn't do so bad. Finally, however, they became weary in well doing and several weeks ago Colonel Taylor issued orders disbanding the corps. Last week a notice was sent to all the members to return their suits to regimental headquarters within five days of the issue of the order. During the last year it was found very difficult to hold the corps intact, as many of the members were compelled to go here and there to find work, while others were negligent in reporting for practice. It was a pretty good thing and Colonel Taylor regrets that it could not be kept up.

### Harmon Next Democratic Choice.

Former Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina in a recent interview at Richmond, Va., said: "Judson Harmon, Governor of Ohio, will be the next Presidential nominee of the Democratic party, in my judgment. Everywhere I have been I have found Harmon as the leading candidate in public and party opinion."

### Hunting the Grizzly.

On page 7 in this issue will be found a story entitled "Hunting the Grizzly." This is one of the best stories ever written by Theodore Roosevelt, and it should be read by every subscriber of the Centre Democrat. It is something that is bound to please all who will take time to carefully look it over.

### Credits Given.

If you sent us any money during the past month of November, in payment of subscription, you will find that credit of subscription, you will find that credit was given by a change of the date on your label this week. Look at it now, and in case of an error please notify us at once, stating plainly the amount sent and the error.

### Hat Factory Burned.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the West Branch hat and cap factory at Northumberland on Saturday. The factory was the town's main industry, employing 100 men. The loss is placed at \$100,000.

## GOOD ROADS A COMMON NECESSITY

### AUTOMOBILES ARE ONLY AN INCIDENT

### GOOD ROADS COST THE LEAST

#### The Grange Should Advocate the Improvement of our Highways—The Automobile Heavily Taxed—Must Pay More This Year.

At a recent meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange a series of resolutions were adopted in reference to automobiles and public roads. These were published in the various papers of the county and from it we glean that there is hostility among them for the automobile, and charge the owners with conspiring to impose costly roads and onerous road taxes on the farmers of this county.

Such an assumption is unfair, unwarranted; and the resolutions indicate a hostile and prejudiced attitude toward a great public improvement. Good roads are as much a necessity as good schools, good churches, good homes, good citizenship—because they pay a good return to the community which upholds and supports them. Good roads are the index of intelligent thought in the community, and invariably go side by side with modern and progressive agriculture.

There is a reason for all this. Time and time again, community after community, have learned that good roads are the cheapest, if they are properly built and given intelligent care. Good roads add to the value of real estate, same as railroads, because they enable farmers to market their products at any season of the year to great advantage, and at the lowest cost.

It would be absurd for an intelligent body of Grangers to intimate that good roads are wanted only by automobilists. Every community that maintains a good road enjoys more pleasure and realizes more direct profit from good roads than the occasional automobile that passes over them. We venture that in Potter township, where this meeting was held that fifty local conveyances pass any given point, to one automobile. Assuming that to be correct, is it not absurd to intimate that good roads are not a direct benefit, a profitable financial investment, to these people, and that they desire and need good roads—instead of placing the demand on the man who chances to own a device that adds much to the comfort of travel, but longer is the automobile a fancy of a few, or an extravagant device only for wealthy individuals. Its practical value is being demonstrated more and more every day. Many physicians and travel entirely by auto. Numerous business men, and salesmen travel the county in the same manner as they find it to be an advantage, and a saving of valuable time. Truck farmers in the Bald Eagle valley now bring their products to Bellefonte by auto. These instances merely indicate that the automobile is reaching the practical point and has come to stay. It is one of the remarkable developments of this age, and there is no use in any one decrying or denouncing its usefulness. Fools may run machines at a dangerous pace, but this abuse does not condemn its use.

Another complaint deserves attention. Every man must pay road tax, and in addition automobilists must pay a special tax each year, and this money is used by the state for improving the public roads. The automobilists of Pennsylvania last year paid in this manner for roads about \$100,000 in addition to the regular road tax; and this year the tax will be doubled in many instances. Therefore they are being pretty well taxed.

Yes, the automobilist wants good roads, so does every individual who travels to and from his home. They do not believe in extravagant prices for State Roads; and the mileage is too great to anticipate their building throughout the county. Yet the policy of building a continuous stretch of such road along the main highways, where it would be much used, is desirable and advisable; and should be encouraged, especially when the state so generously provides for the greater portion of the expense.

What the Automobile Club of Centre County desires to accomplish, is not to "intrigue with supervisors," because they have too much respect for the intelligence of these officials, and they deem such an intimation as hasty and unjust, and a reflection upon both the club and the officials concerned.

Never was the subject of "Good Roads" more seriously considered than today. The government at Washington is devoting time and study to the topic. Our state has an important department conducted for this special purpose; and in recent years millions have been expended in improving our highways. It is a live topic that enlists the best thought—it will not down, even if there is prejudice in some sections.

The automobile clubs, and other leading citizens, are cooperating with Road Supervisors, and have effected a permanent organization in our county. The purpose is to meet and discuss the best methods of maintaining our roads in good shape at the lowest possible cost. They want to learn from association and discussion. They want to avoid former errors and profit from their best experience. The automobilists want the tax payers of Centre County to know that "the best roads cost the least" and as proof, urge a trip through either Harris or Ferguson townships, where they have practical ideas, a definite purpose, and a determination to adopt modern meth-

ods, even though the wise-acres and carping critics damn them for the good they are accomplishing.

It hardly is an exaggeration that the roads of Centre county for generations have been built and maintained on faulty principles; as a result they are washed away every season because the average supervisor gives no intelligent thought to proper drainage. The result is a frightful waste, because they construct water-troughs for drive ways and the useless "breakers" to ruin their conveyances and cripple teams.

It is to be hoped that any antagonism to the automobile club of Centre county, or the Good Roads Association, that may exist will disappear as the effort put forth and the work thus far accomplished is bearing good results. Our supervisors are entering into their work with more thought and study, and with an attending agitation has aroused discussion and in every instance that is beneficial. The more of it the better, for the roads of Centre county, in the past year have shown the greatest improvement.

It is to be hoped that at the next meeting of the road supervisors of Centre county all the leading Grangers in Centre county will be in attendance to co-operate in a movement that more directly benefits them, than any other class.

### GRANGE RESOLUTIONS.

#### Adopted at a Meeting of Centre County Pomona Grange.

Whereas, The real estate owners are annually robbed of \$24,828,882—fifteen millions of this amount is being directly extorted from the farmers, and nineteen millions from the residents of cities and towns, (whether they be owners or tenants) and as it is this policy of the state that has driven away from the farms and the rural communities, according to the last census report over one hundred thousand people from twenty-two counties in the state; and whereas,

A movement has been started by the automobile owners and certain other personal property owners to force upon the farmers, by intrigue with the township road supervisors, costly state roads at seven to eight thousand dollars per mile, by either imposing still further excessive taxes on farms and home or entailing upon them large volumes of county and township road bonds; therefore, be it Resolved, By the Centre County Pomona Grange in regular session assembled at Centre Hill, Pa., this 18th day of November, 1909, that we enter our emphatic protest against either the county supervisors or township road supervisors entering into any such agreement with said combinations.

Resolved, That before there be any further agreement to construct costly township state roads that we demand that the tax laws of the state be amended so that the automobiles, banks, corporations, bonds, mortgages, salaries, professions and all forms of personal property be taxed at the same mill rate that farms and homes are taxed, and that said taxes be levied by each unit of government.

Resolved, That as the public roads are for all the people, therefore all the people and all business interests ought to be taxed for their construction at a uniform mill rate, as provided by the constitution of the state, to the end that the best interest of all the people may be served by the laws of the commonwealth.

### STATE WON GAME.

In the presence of an immense crowd in Pittsburgh, on Thanksgiving, the State College football team defeated the University of Pittsburgh by a score of 5 to 0. It was a game all through to stir the supporters of either side. After all was over, the fact remained that the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times says it was one of the finest games ever witnessed on the gridiron in that city. It was an exposition of straight football on both sides. But little strategy work was attempted.

State punted 21 times for a distance of 510 yards, while Pitt punted 16 times for a distance of 485. State made 10 first downs, all in the first half, while Pitt made four, all in the second half. State made two trials for field goals, while Pitt had none. Pitt fumbled three times to State's once.

### Gone to Florida.

W. A. Hartsock, of Julian, left last Monday for St. Cloud, Florida, where he will look the country over carefully and if it proves inviting will make a purchase with a view to locating there. W. S. Williams, of Julian, is already there and Mr. Hartsock will join him, in this way they will be good company and can cheer each other up as they think of the "flesh pots" of the upper Bald Eagle valley.

### Prize for Bellefonte Instructor.

The results of an essay contest on economic subjects participated in by college men all over the country, were announced on Thursday, 25th, the first prize of \$600 going to Frank H. Straightoff, instructor of mathematics in the Bellefonte Academy, for a paper entitled "The Standard of Living, or Budgets of American Workingmen's Families."

### Abe Lazy's End.

A few weeks ago the Democrat gave a brief sketch of Abe Lazy, the original tramp. We notice in an exchange the final end of Abe, thus:

"He died twelve years ago in the Harrisburg asylum, being a charge of Delaware township, Juniata county. His body was sent to Philadelphia where it was dissected in a medical college."

## ANNUAL CROP REPORT ENORMOUS YIELD

### FAR EXCEEDS THAT OF ANY FORMER YEAR

### THE BASIS OF ALL PROSPERITY

#### Pays Off Mortgages and Makes Better Homes—The Farmer a Citizen of the World—Value Double in Ten Years—Staggering Figures.

Most prosperous of all the years, despite its decimating droughts, is the glorious distinction which James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, assigns to 1909 in agriculture, in his annual department report, made public on Tuesday. It is a story of staggering immediacies which the Secretary strives to tell, and he admits its difficulty of narration by declaring that the value of farm products is so incomprehensibly large that it has become merely a row of figures. For this year it is \$8,760,000,000 a gain of \$89,000,000 over 1908. The value of the products has nearly doubled in ten years. The report says, "Eleven years of agriculture, beginning with a production of \$4,417,000,000 and ending with \$8,760,000,000! A sum of \$70,000,000,000 for the period! It has paid off mortgages, it has established banks, it has made better homes, it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world, and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making it more productive."

The increase in the value of farm products for this year over 1908, \$869,000,000, is enough to buy a new equipment of farm machinery for over 5,000,000 farms. The value of the cereal crops to the farmer would pay for all of the machinery, tools and implements of the entire manufacturing industry. The value of all crops, \$8,760,000,000, would make a half-payment on the value of all steam railroads, according to the valuation of 1904.

Compared with 1908, gains in value are found all along the line, the exceptions being barley, buckwheat, rye and milk. The increase for cotton, lint and seeds, is \$208,000,000; wheat, \$107,000,000; corn, \$105,000,000; hay, \$29,000,000; oats, \$22,000,000; tobacco, \$18,000,000; potatoes, \$15,000,000.

That the farmer is gaining greater proportionately in the increased values of products in the markets, is declared by the Secretary, who says there has been a tendency of the animals and crops of the farm to increase in value per unit at the farm at a faster rate than all commodities have increased. Within the wholesale trade, also, farm products exceed all other classes of commodities in relative increase of prices since 1896, and food is exceeded only by farm products and by lumber and building materials. The only large exception to the leading place taken by farm products in rise of prices is unfed beef cattle, the farm price of which has barely begun to rise above the price level of 1896-1900 for beef cattle.

### Corn and Cotton Lead Wheat.

The most striking fact in the world's agriculture, the report declares, is the value of the corn crop for 1909, which is about \$1,720,000,000. It nearly equals the value of the clothing and personal adornments of 76,000,000 people, according to the census of 1909. The gold and silver coin and bullion of the United States are not of greater value. It has grown up from the soil and out of the air in 120 days—\$15,000,000 a day for one crop, nearly enough for two Drednoughts daily for peace or war. This crop exceeds in value the average of the crops of the five preceding years by 36 per cent.

Cotton is now the second crop in value, and this year's cotton crop is easily the most valuable one to the farmer that has been produced.

Third in value is wheat, worth about \$725,000,000 at the farm, and this largely exceeds all previous values.

The hay crop is valued at \$665,000,000; oats at \$490,000,000; potatoes at \$212,000,000, and tobacco at nearly \$100,000,000. Beet and cane sugar and molasses and syrup, from farm and factory, will reach the total of about \$95,000,000. The barley crop is worth \$88,000,000; flaxseed, \$36,000,000, and 1,000,000,000 pounds of rice, \$25,000,000.

The production of all cereals combined is 4,711,000,000 bushels, an amount considerably greater than that for any other year except 1906. It exceeds the average of the preceding five years by 6.5 per cent. The value of all cereals in 1909 has never been equaled in a previous year. It is almost exactly \$2,000,000,000, or 34 per cent, above the five-year average. This is the year of highest production for potatoes, tobacco, beet sugar, all sugar, and rice; next to the highest production for corn, oats and all cereals.

### Sentenced for Stealing.

John Griffith and Samuel Cope, two young men who claimed Pittsburgh as their homes, pleaded guilty in Blair county court to stealing a kit of carpenter's tools valued at twenty dollars, in Tyrone, and disposing of them in Johnstown. They were both sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 and undergo an imprisonment of two years at separate and solitary confinement in the Western penitentiary. They evidently didn't belong to the Capitol gang, if they had they would not have been railroaded through so quick.

### He Skipped.

William C. Lilley, who disappeared on September 29 last, formerly treasurer of nearly every fund of the presidency of Pittsburgh, left a shortage of \$21,024.84 when he fled, according to the report of the auditors.

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The sixty-third annual Teachers' Institute of Centre county will convene in Garman's opera house, in Bellefonte on Monday, December 20, and continue until the 24th, inclusive. Among the instructors are the following gentlemen: Prof. O. L. Warren, of Elmira, N. Y., of the Institute Department of the State of New York; Supt. Chas. Lose, of Williamsport; Prof. H. F. Hall, Principal of the High School of Mansfield, O.; Supt. R. M. McNeal, of the Department of Public Instruction, of Harrisburg; Prof. C. D. Koch, Inspector of high schools of Pennsylvania; Prof. T. I. Mairs, of the School of Agriculture, of State College; Dr. Gabriel R. Maguire, the Irish orator, who spent six years in the heart of Africa. The latter will lecture on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening Dr. Byron W. King, president of the King School of O'rary, of Pittsburgh, a teacher, orator and poet, will deliver one of his lectures. Another fine entertainment will be given on Wednesday evening, and the closing number of the week will be the famous "Kosey's Boys" Concert Co., of Chicago. Prof. H. L. Meyer, of Philadelphia, will have charge of the music and Miss Bessie Dorworth will preside at the piano.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the School Directors' Association of Centre county, will convene in Petriken Hall on Wednesday morning, December 22nd, at 10:45 o'clock. Following the preliminary business and the appointment of committees, a short address will be made by the president, Hon. Wm. C. Heine. D. F. Fortney will make the principal address of the morning. At 1:45 p. m. an address will be delivered by State Inspector C. D. Koch, who will be followed by Supt. Charles Lose and Prof. H. E. Hall. On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the opening address of the day will be made by Supt. R. M. McNeal, and the closing address of the meeting will be delivered by Prof. O. Warren, of Elmira, N. Y.

### Hospital Notes.

The following were discharged during the past week: Mrs. Harry Pike, Bellefonte; Mrs. Emma Baylets, Bellefonte; Andrew Simco, Bellefonte, typhoid fever.

Mrs. Mary Barner and two daughters, Mabel and Ida, and son Harry admitted with typhoid fever; live in Brick Row, Bellefonte.

Jane Rocky, Bellefonte, operation; doing nicely.

Harry Gehret is improving. Dempster Reamer, Oak Hill, being treated for rheumatism.

Mrs. Samuel Deihl, Bellefonte, operation.

Little daughter born to Mrs. James K. Barnhart, Bellefonte, Tuesday.

The Thanksgiving donation was larger than usual for which all connected with the hospital are grateful. The children of St. John's school deserve special mention for their liberal donation.

The interior of the new building is being plastered this week.

Mrs. Irene Pressler, nurse in training, spent Sunday at her home in Altoona.

### Recent Changes.

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Pennsylvania State college, Prof. Cleus L. Goodling, of the dairy husbandry department, was appointed superintendent of the college farms, vice W. C. Patterson, deceased. The trustees also transferred Milton McDowell, who has long been associated with the experiment station, to the department of agricultural extension. Charles E. Grover as assistant professor of telephone engineering, R. S. Friday as instructor in engineering, D. A. Isenbarger to assistant in engineering. A course in milling, school of engineering, was authorized. The same school was authorized to erect two buildings for its experiment station work. The erection of greenhouses for the proposed horticultural building, was authorized.

### Large Donations.

The annual Thanksgiving donation to the Bellefonte hospital this year was more generous than upon any former occasion. There was a large variety of useful articles sent that were gratefully received and will be put to a good use. As more patients are being cared for than heretofore, the demands for maintenance are larger than heretofore.

Let it not be understood that donations are received only on Thanksgiving. Any day in ten year donations will be accepted and are needed.

### 25 Lives Lost.

Statistics show that with the end of the football season, twenty-nine players lost their lives in various parts of the country. Twenty-two players who were seriously injured it is believed will die. The minor injuries run into the hundreds. In 1908 there were thirteen fatalities against fourteen in the year previous.

### Sail For Europe.

T. H. Helms, one of Osceola's most prominent citizens, accompanied by his only daughter, Miss Lenore, will sail December 11 on an European tour, intending to spend a great part of the winter in Italy. Mr. Helms is a son-in-law of former merchant Daniel Hess, late of Lindenhill, dec'd.

### Hurt at Shooting Match.

Prof. Fletcher, principal of the Eagleville schools, was struck on the head by a glancing bullet or a piece of stone at the shooting match on Thursday. The missile just glanced off Prof. Fletcher's head breaking the skin. The Professor won two turkeys.

### Sudden Death of a Farmer.

Thomas Wilson, a highly respected farmer residing three miles west of Bellefonte, was stricken with apoplexy while engaged at work at his barn, and when his son went to the barn a little later the father was dead.