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## COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTE WEEK

LIST OF INSTRUCTORS AND EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS.

## SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MEETING

Institute Held in the Opera House—Various Committees Appointed—About Examinations—Other Timely Information.

The sixty-third annual session of Teachers' Institute of Centre county will be held in Garman's opera house, at Bellefonte, from December 20th to the 24th, inclusive. The twenty-third annual meeting of the School Directors' Association for Centre county will be held in Petrikin Hall, Bellefonte, on December 22nd and 23rd. For both these events elaborate programs have been prepared which not only insure the attendance of directors and teachers, but the presence of many others. For that reason the following timely information is given relative to these gatherings:

**Institute Officers.**  
President—David O. Eppers, County Superintendent.  
Vice-Presidents—C. L. Gramley, B. I. Meyers, R. U. Wasson.  
Secretary—F. W. Dillen.  
Enrolling Clerks—S. S. Williams, C. C. Smull.  
Door Keepers—W. S. Holter, T. L. Moore.  
Ticket Agent—Samuel M. Robb.

**Clergy.**  
Monday—Rev. F. W. Barry, Lutheran church; Tuesday—Rev. J. F. Howler, Evangelical church; Wednesday—Rev. T. S. Wilcox, M. E. church; Thursday—Rev. J. A. Platts, Presbyterian church; Friday—Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Reformed church.

**Institute Committees:**  
Legislation—Messrs. C. L. Gramley, chairman; C. R. Neff, B. J. Bowers.  
Reading Course—Messrs. J. E. Wagner, chairman; B. H. Bottenhorn, F. M. Pletcher.

**Resolutions—Messrs. J. S. Ruthrauff, chairman; J. C. Bright, M. E. Heberling.**

**Auditing—Messrs. J. A. Williams, chairman; H. E. Breon, W. E. Keen.**

**Ushers—Messrs. I. O. Noll, chairman; G. E. Ardery, S. T. Smith, J. K. Morrison, R. M. Decker, C. A. Weaver, E. Stover, C. A. Schneider, L. W. Stover, R. H. Harpster, Elmer Miller, A. T. Pletcher, J. W. Rishel, G. N. Hoy.**

**Perm. Certificates—Messrs. J. E. Wagner, H. C. Rothrock, B. I. Meyers.**

**The examination for Permanent Certificates will be held in Bellefonte, on Good Friday and Saturday following.**

**List of Instructors:**  
Supt. R. M. McNeal—Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Prof. O. L. Warren—Institute Director, N. Y. State, Elmira, N. Y.  
Supt. Chas. Lose—City Schools, Williamsport, Pa.

Prof. H. E. Hall—Principal High School, Mansfield, O.  
Prof. C. D. Koch—State Inspector of High Schools, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Prof. T. I. Mairs—School of Agriculture, State College, Pa.

Prof. B. I. Meyers, Philipsburg, Pa., will be musical director, with Miss Beasie Dorworth, Bellefonte, as pianist.

**Evening Entertainments:**  
All evening entertainments will be held in the opera house, beginning at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25, 35 and 50c. Course tickets, with reserved seats, \$1.50; can be had by calling on Mr. J. Homer Decker, Commissioners' office, or from the County Superintendent.

The board for reserved seats will be open at 1 o'clock, Monday, Dec. 20, and from 8:30 to 9 and 1 to 2 on all other days, at the opera house.

Monday—Lecture, "The Land and the Game where Roosevelt Hunts," by Dr. Gabriel Maguire, Cleveland, O.

Tuesday—Lecture, "All the World's a Stage," Shakespeare's view of the world and its people, by Dr. Byron W. King, Pittsburg, Pa.

Wednesday—Entertainment, "Things We Laugh and Wonder at," by Mr. S. M. Spedon, New York.

Thursday—Entertainment, Musical Concert by the Roney's Boys Concert Company, Chicago.

**Special Announcements:**  
Enrollment will begin at 10 o'clock, Monday, Dec. 20th, at the opera house. Fee \$1.50, the payment of which will entitle teachers and others to all privileges of the Institute, including reserved seat at the evening entertainments. All membership and course tickets must be presented to be punched by the ticket agent, when drawing for reserved seats.

**Round Table:**  
The High School teachers will meet in the Conference Room, Petrikin Hall, at 9:30 A. M., Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Prof. C. D. Koch, Department Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa., and Prof. H. E. Hall, Principal High School, Mansfield, O., will address the meeting. Ex-Supt. C. L. Gramley will preside.

**Examination for Public School Diplomas.**  
Names of pupils wishing to take the eighth grade examination must be sent by their respective teachers, to the County Superintendent not later than Feb. 1, 1910. Candidates will enter the class most convenient to them, having notified the superintendent of place selected. Upon entering the class, each candidate will deposit 30c to defray expenses. No pupil of doubtful preparation should be advised by his or her teacher to take this examination. This examination will be held on Saturday, March 12, 1910, as follows:

Millheim—Committee: R. U. Wasson, chairman; C. E. Toole, F. S. Henneberger.

Bonsburg—Committee: H. C. Rothrock, chairman; H. M. Hosterman, H. C. Musser.

State College—Committee: B. H. Bottenhorn, chairman; P. A. Noll, U. A. Moyer.

Bellefonte—Committee: J. E. Wagner, chairman; S. S. Williams, J. C. Bright.

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT.

**To Our Patrons:**  
Following our custom, adopted some years ago, we are making out statements this week and sending them to all of our subscribers, showing plainly thereby how the subscription account of each stands. There are many reasons for doing this: Business houses mail statements regularly at the end of each month—we send them only at the end of the year. If you have your subscription paid up, it will show you to what date? In case there is an error in the account your duty will be to call our attention to it at once, not wait several years and then offer that as an excuse for being delinquent.

We desire that our patrons pay subscriptions promptly each year, as short accounts make long friends. If you can't pay a small account, it will be more difficult when it grows larger. Owing to extensive improvements made in the mechanical equipment of this office during the past year, for the production of a new and better paper, we now are in need of all outstanding accounts, to meet these extraordinary expenses.

The U. S. Postal laws plainly say that subscriptions past one year due are uncollectible at the "2nd class rates," and a severe penalty is prescribed for the violation of the provision.

For these and many other reasons—unnecessary to enumerate, we would kindly ask all of our patrons when they receive their statement this week to give it the consideration it deserves. Remember our business depends entirely upon the collection of 5,500 of these small bills each year, therefore, it is important to us.

We do not send this statement because we question your credit or ability to pay, and no one will have occasion for offense.

We do not expect that you will "tear your coat up your back" or lick your wife and children to raise enough money to send us a remittance by return mail.

We do expect though, that if it is at all convenient, you will favor us with a prompt reply, or not later than January 1st, 1910, and we will prize it as an "Xmas greeting" from true and steadfast friends, who appreciate our untiring efforts to supply them with welcome weekly visitor in their homes.

Sincerely yours,

THE PUBLISHER.

## DISINTER A WIFE'S BODY

### Her Husband Had Insured Her Life Shortly Before Death.

Milroy is excited with suspicion of foul play cast over the death of Mrs. Rhoda Irene Lustig, a former resident who was buried in Mountain cemetery there on November 1. Two years ago Herman Lustig came there and got work in the Standard Steel Works.

No person appeared to know from whence he came, but some time later he married the daughter of Mrs. Lydia Mills and moved to New York City, where his wife died about October 26 in a tenement house in a very mysterious manner, the body having been brought there for burial on November 1. Last Thursday Dr. W. E. Smith, in company with one of the detective force of New York City, arrived there and told Coroner Potter that they desired to examine the body and perform a post mortem examination, stating that Lustig was under arrest in New York City on suspicion of having contributed to his wife's death.

The neighbors of Lustig say the pair quarreled almost incessantly, and investigation proved that on his arrival in New York City he had procured \$3000 insurance on the life of Mrs. Lustig.

Dr. Smith and the officer left on a late train for New York City, where a chemical examination will be made to ascertain if poison was used.

## Printers in the Pulpit.

Bellefonte just now has a coincidence of Reverends serving pulpits in town, that perhaps no other town can claim credit for. The following ministers of the Gospel are graduates of printing offices and in addition afterwards became graduates of theological seminaries, and now stand high in the pulpits of their respective churches: Rev. Dr. Platts, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. Dr. Wilcox, of the M. E. church, and Rev. Fred Barry, of the Lutheran church, all in excellent standing with their respective flocks and the public as well.

## Robbed the D. A. R.

As there are a large number of members of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Bellefonte and vicinity it will be of interest to know that a woman employed as a clerk in the national headquarters of the society at Washington, D. C., is a defaulter to the amount of several thousand dollars. The officers of the society have decided not to prosecute the woman who confessed to the peculations, which cover a period of at least three years. The clerk, however, was dismissed and her name withheld.

## Milk Matron's Experience.

A most peculiar experience was had by Mrs. Henry Davis, at Pine Grove Mills. She was milking a cow which was standing by the roadside, and while so doing a runaway horse happened that way. The lines on the harness were dragging on the ground, and in some way or other they became entangled with the lady's lower limbs and wrapped so tightly around them that she was dragged a considerable distance. The bruises and cuts inflicted were many and some of them quite painful.

## Claims The Record.

Harry L. McCloskey, the Beech Creek township farmer, claims that he holds the record for the largest hog. He killed one that weighed 463 pounds as against one of Charles Quay, his brother-in-law, which tipped the scales at 460.

## A GRIST OF DIRTY COMMONWEALTH CASES

MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE LAST GRAND JURY

## NO CASES TRIED IN COURT

Many Cases Were Continued and Some Settled—Others Pleaded Guilty Sentences Imposed Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.

The following is a condensed summary of the last session of court, at which only the constables and the Grand Jury were in attendance and no trials in court took place:

The grand jury was discharged late Wednesday afternoon, after making their report in substance, recommending some few repairs.

That they had passed upon 26 bills of indictment, 24 of which were found true bills, and two ignored. They inspected the county buildings.

The following cases have been filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions and were on the list for December Sessions, not reporting any wherein the arrest has not been made.

Lemuel Watson, charge assault and battery; prosecutor Green Watson, Nol. Prossed and county to pay the costs.

Malcolm Housel, betrayal; prosecutor Joseph Green, Nol. prossed and county to pay the costs.

Estright, betrayal; prosecutrix Grace Miller, Nol. prossed and county to pay the costs.

James J. McDonald, vagrancy; prosecutor, J. T. Beckwith, Nol. prossed and county to pay the costs.

Walter Hampton, indecent assault; prosecutor Robert Walker. Defendant pleaded guilty, sentenced pay the costs.

Harry Walker, larceny; prosecutor Ira. P. Confer. Plead guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of \$1.00, costs, and sent to the Reformatory at Huntingdon.

Oscar Hendricks, forgery; prosecutor Jackson Kline. Plead guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1.00 and costs, and sent to the Reformatory at Huntingdon.

Woodward Strunk, larceny; prosecutor L. C. Thompson. Defendant plead guilty, sentence suspended upon payment of costs.

Martin A. Stover, betrayal; prosecutrix Helen Stonebreaker. Continued.

Albert Kunes, illegal sale of beer; prosecutor O. J. Stover. Continued.

Bert Parks, larceny; prosecutor H. E. Yeager. Certified to the Juvenile court.

John S. Conda, adultery and seduction; prosecutor Harry E. Harter. Continued.

Mrs. Charlie Fore, maintaining nuisance. Continued.

Andrew Rishel, false pretense; prosecutor Mrs. Percy Embury. Defendant discharged upon habeas corpus hearing.

William Deemy, forgery; prosecutor Philip Welzlik. Continued.

Darb Swisher, aggravated assault; prosecutor J. W. Brus. Continued and recognized.

George A. Bush, desertion; prosecutor P. H. Herrity, Overseer of the Poor. Defendant plead guilty, and sentence was suspended upon the condition that he maintain and support his children and arrange for the payment of their school bills.

Frederick Mays, adultery; prosecutrix Annie Bartlett. Continued and recognized.

Henry Gordon and Joseph Wagner, larceny; prosecutor Harry Dukeman. Continued.

Edward Wilburn, willful negligence and battery; prosecutor W. H. Thompson. Plead guilty and sentence was suspended on arranging for the payment of the costs.

Charles Yarnell, desertion; prosecutrix Mabel Yarnell. Continued.

Edward Ward, larceny; prosecutor Gustavus Percival. Continued and recognized.

Charles Vonada, betrayal; prosecutrix Ida Rider. Continued.

Henry Kline, assault and battery; prosecutor S. E. Kline. Continued.

Clyde Smith, assault, assault and battery; prosecutor Joseph Diehl. Two cases; one settled and the other sentence suspended, on a plea of guilty.

Darb Swisher, surety of the peace and malicious mischief; prosecutor J. W. Brus. Continued and recognized.

John T. Bayletta, assault and threats; prosecutor Edmund Blanchard. Continued.

Wesley Biddle, malicious mischief; prosecutor Irvin G. Gray. Continued and recognized.

J. B. Daniels, betrayal; prosecutrix continued on page five.

## FIFTY-TWO GIFTS FOR ONE DOLLAR

Nothing Could Please Your Friends More Than the Centre Democrat.

Fifty-two Christmas gifts for one dollar hardly seems plausible, but that is just what a year's subscription to the Centre Democrat would mean to your friends. Nothing could be more appreciated by former Bellefonters and Centre Countyans, as well as those who reside here now, who do not get the Democrat, than a gift of this kind. It gives all the news all the time, and will keep your friends posted as to what is daily transpiring in good old Centre County. Do this and don't bother your brains any further about this gift business. And when the paper puts in its appearance every week for fifty-two weeks, your friends will have fond memories of the donor and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

## OVERDOSE OF LAUDANUM.

On Sunday morning about 8 o'clock Mrs. Samuel Coble, who resides in one of Steele's houses on Reservoir hill, took an overdose of laudanum which would have resulted fatally had it not been for the timely application of the stomach pump. It is not known definitely whether it was taken with a suicidal intent or whether it was used for medical purposes, as Mrs. Coble claims she was suffering from neuralgia, and on Saturday evening her husband secured the medicine for that purpose.

Samuel Coble is married to William Caldwell's step-daughter, and Caldwell being a widower resides with the young couple. When Mr. Caldwell remains sober they live happily together, but when the old gentleman becomes intoxicated it is said everything is topsy-turvy. On Saturday night Caldwell got on a bender and went to the house where he became obstreperous to the extent that both policeman, Justice and Dukeman, were called to the house to straighten him out. Finally Policeman Dukeman was compelled to take him to the lock-up against the strong protestations of his daughter. It is reported he was so abusive that Mr. Coble stated that he or the old man would have to leave the house, which evidently worried Mrs. Coble until she became hysterical and when in this frame of mind took the laudanum. Mrs. Coble has about recovered from the effects of the drug.

## ELECTRICAL TOWN CLOCK

The County Commissioners have decided to place a new clock in the cupola of the court house. It will be of modern electrical design and so constructed as to regulate clocks in all the offices in the building. The clocks are guaranteed not to vary a minute per month. The present town clock was purchased about 1852, thus for fifty-nine years or for almost two generations it has been constantly tolling out the time. Much trouble, however, has been experienced of late in getting it to keep correct time, and it was thought best to put it on the retired list. The new clock will have an illuminating dial which will give the town a more progressive appearance, and be in harmony with the improvements of the building when completed.

When the court house is finished and furnished the Commissioners will have a sale of furniture, etc., at which time the old town clock will be put up and knocked down to the highest bidder.

## Musser's Lumber Operation.

L. H. Musser, of Bellefonte, has gone into the lumber business and has the saw mill in operation, having purchased 500 acres of fine timberland which lies about one mile east of Julian, and within easy access of the railroad. The mill is operated by a large gasoline engine with power to spare. On the tract is found chestnut, oak and white pine, and it is estimated that it will take five years to get it off. The Pennsylvania Match Company, of Bellefonte, has given him an order for 1,000,000 feet of white pine which will be used in manufacturing matches. Most of the timber will be shipped to the western part of the state as railroad ties, and props, to be used in the bituminous coal mines near Pittsburg. It will not be long until Mr. Musser can supply the local trade with chestnut, oak or white pine lumber. Samuel Shope, of Altoona, with his family, his brother and father are among the residents of the new camp. When in full operation about fifty men will be employed.

## Commendable Act.

Rev. C. C. Shuey, of Bellefonte, has decided to support a native missionary in the foreign field. He believes that at the final judgment, when every knee shall bow to God, and every one will be compelled to render an account of the way in which he expended his early possessions, of which he is only a steward, he will fare better by doing good to humanity than if he had nothing but houses and lands to offer as the result of his stewardship. It is true that the veil between time and eternity has never been drawn, but if it were possible that such a thing could be done the probabilities are that the course adopted by such men as Mr. Shuey would be counted the most prudent, although in this life such actions are often ridiculed. Who knows but in the unknown world there are millions of tormented souls who would be glad to spend fortunes in winning the world for Christ, if they were only given another opportunity.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Raymond Williamson - Moshannon.  
Isabel Beate - Pine Grove.  
Robert G. Bailey - Boalsburg.  
Eleanor Houtz - State College.  
Boyd M. Stover - Madisonburg.  
Emma E. Haney - Madisonburg.  
Dennis M. White - State College.  
Mary E. Weaver - Lemont.  
John T. Horton - Philipsburg.  
Lillian M. Willoughby - Philipsburg.

## Mines Being Opened.

Seventeen thousand acres of coal land around Penfield, were bought by Pittsburg capitalists from the estate of N. T. Arnold. It is probable that the new owners will begin to develop the property next spring, and will make several openings and build a string of coke ovens.

## More Heavy Porkers.

Elmer Lambert, of Penn Township, killed a hog that weighed 503 pounds dressed.

Ed. A. Bower, of Aaronburg, killed two porkers that dressed 903 pounds. The hogs, before killing, weighed 1000 pounds and cost Mr. Bower just \$64.32.

## KNIGHT TEMPLARS HONOR REV. HEWITT

WELCOME HIS RETURN AFTER AN ABSENCE OF YEARS.

## AN ELEGANT BANQUET SERVED

Frank P. Green, Hammond Sechler and Others Pay Beautiful Tribute to Honored Guest—State Officers Speak For Benefit of Order.

On Friday evening Constans Commandery No. 33, Knight Templar, of Bellefonte, paid a high tribute to Rector John Hewitt, of the St. John's Episcopal church, on his return and re-affiliation with the Commandery of his birth, after an absence of 24 years. At 7:30 the regular meeting was held in their beautiful hall in which a degree was worked, after which the forty-five members present and the visitors adjourned to the banquet hall, on the second floor of the Masonic Temple, where an appetizing banquet followed. After the inner man had been beautifully supplied Right Eminent Sir Wilson I. Fleming, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, was selected as toastmaster. In accepting the courtesy he gave a brief and interesting history of Constans Commandery stating that it has furnished four Grand Commanders. It had a Governor of the Commonwealth in its ranks and was honored with several minor Grand Officers. He also rejoiced in the fact that they had with them their honored brother, Rev. John Hewitt, a Past Grand Prelate of both Pennsylvania and Nebraska. Past Commanders F. P. Green and Hammond Sechler, two of the oldest members of the Commandery, made interesting and affective speeches with reference to their association with Rev. Hewitt twenty-four years ago, whom they heartily welcomed back. Rev. Hewitt responded, stating how glad he was to return to his old commandery after an absence of nearly a quarter of a century. While it was a great pleasure for him to be back yet he regretted that the relentless hand of time had made so many changes in the personnel of the commandery. Many whom he once knew and associated with had sheathed their swords and gone the way of all the world. He delivered some of his experiences in the west, while in search of health, which was very interesting. The Toast Master then called on Deputy Grand Commander John E. Leadlen, of Williamsport, who stated his pleasure and pride at being invited to participate in the welcome home of the brother whom he had already learned to love. Division Commander R. Perry Blackburn, of Baldin No. 22 of Williamsport was called upon who spoke on some of the beauties of Masonry. Other toasts were made by Eminent Sirs L. T. Munson, J. S. McCarger, Dr. William Frear, Frank Warfield and others. A toast was then offered to Rev. Hewitt by Em. Sir Leadlen and a silent toast drank to the departed lives and after all had joined in singing Auld Lang Syne each shook Brother Hewitt by the hand and departed for their homes having spent a very pleasant and profitable evening.

## New Anesthetic.

Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, a Romanian surgeon, comes forward with a new anesthetic, a solution of stovaine and strychnine, and the value of his discovery was successfully demonstrated in the hospital of the New York Society for the relief of the ruptured and crippled on Tuesday. The anesthetic is injected in the spinal column by the use of a hypodermic needle and the patient remains perfectly conscious while the operation is performed. Four patients were operated upon and all conversed with the doctors present during the operation and experienced no pain whatever. Should the anesthetic come into general use, hundreds of sufferers, who now dread the thought of taking ether more than the operation, will no doubt submit to the surgeon's knife and thus find relief from prolonged suffering.

## Prospecting for Lead.

For some time past Robert F. Hunter, of Bellefonte, has been searching for lead on the flats and in the hills of the Witer farms, located between Lauertown and Lemont. Near the former place he dug a shaft in which it is said, he secured a sufficient quantity of lead to make him believe that there were several big fortunes to be made out there. "Bob" never stopped to think that in 1780 there was a big Indian village out in that vicinity, and it is altogether probable that the lead found by him in his investigations was buried there by the red skins. It is also stated that J. J. Dreese's farm is right on the seam of lead and if everything comes his way he will make John D. sit up and take notice.

## Trust Punished.

The ice trust got a freezer that should be administered to a dozen other trust skimmers of the public. The American Ice Company, one of the great corporations which lives by dealing in the necessities of life, was found guilty in the New York supreme court of restricting competition in an attempt to create a monopoly of the sale of ice. The court imposed the maximum sentence of \$5,000 fine, under the provisions of the so-called Donnelly anti-monopoly law of the state. The conviction is the first under the new law.

## Valuable Coal Property Sold.

The Cresson and Clearfield Coal and Coke Co's property at Frustrality, Cambria county, embracing nearly 6,000 acres of good coal lands, mines, coke ovens, buildings, etc., was sold at auction on Thursday, 9th, in Philadelphia for \$238,500. The name of the buyer could not be learned.

## MILLIONAIRES' TRIP TO ALTOONA

The Adventures of Some of Our Local Capitalists.

The other Sunday a distinguished party of gentlemen left Bellefonte for Altoona. Andrew Carnegie Curtin Wagner put his Franklin car at their disposal. The names of the others are John D. Rockefeller, alias L. H. Wian, Daniel Houser, alias Farmer William Cressay, and Tom and George Hazel, alias the Gimble Brothers. They had a very enjoyable trip, with the exception of the little fracas they got into at Unionville when United States Senator George Washington Rumberger hung them up for exceeding the speed limit of 175 miles an hour through that city where there were thousands of busy people trying to dodge the street cars, but when they were required to dodge an automobile belonging to multi-millionaires, George said it was too much for a fellow to endure and so he imposed a fine of \$25,000.00. John Rockefeller laughingly paid it, saying that it was only a drop in the bucket. George is now going to New York City to see Charles M. Schwab's palace on the Riverside drive, with the object of building a similar one at Unionville. They proceeded then to the city of Martha where they met Congressman John Q. Miles, who made a speech and, in closing, wanted to fine them for running too fast, but when told how they were fleeced at Unionville, monstrous tears rolled down his cheeks and he forgave them all, stating that money was a mere bagatelle to him. Farmer Cressay then assured Congressman Miles that he would vote for any measure he might offer in Congress that would raise the price of butter, eggs and suppress the obnoxious odor of the Angora goat.

They then proceeded, first lighting their cigars costing two for five—we mean two for \$5, if you please. We haven't heard whether they had anything under the seat or not. Altoona was finally reached when the Gimble Brothers wanted the party to go to a hotel at \$100 a day, but this generous offer was refused and on going around among their friends they secured excellent dinner, and were warmly received.

They returned the same day, but here comes the joke on Farmer Cressay, who resides at Houserville. Sunday evening he telephoned to his son to meet him at Lemont on Monday morning as he was coming home on the early train that leaves Bellefonte at 6:40. Unfortunately Cressay Houser got on the State College train and never discovered his mistake until the train had reached the junction. He jumped off and like a race horse came up the track to get his train, but on reaching the depot found it empty.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On December 8th, occurred the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Ezekiel Confer and wife, of Bosworth township. Many friends gathered at their home to congratulate these aged people, who, through a half century of joy and afflictions, are today a happy couple. No bride, who had just taken the marriage vows, could have been more radiantly happy than this bride of fifty years. They have been loyal members of the United Brethren church for more than fifty years, and give liberally of their money to the cause.

This union was blessed with thirteen children, three of whom are in the glory world. The remaining ten were permitted to be there with parts of their families. The children are: Mrs. Jennie Lucas, Ira Confer, George Confer, Thomas Confer, Jerome Confer, Jesse Confer, Mrs. Emma Watson, Irvin Confer, Mrs. Elizabeth McCartney, and Edward Confer, all of whom live in Centre county. There are thirty-four grandchildren, all of whom were present. An interesting feature was the presence of Mr. Franklin Confer and wife, Mr. Joseph Packer and sister Jennie, all of Howard; Mrs. Joseph Walker, of Flemington, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shultz, of Curtin; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shawley, Mr. and Mrs. David Tanner, all of Fairview; and Mrs. Amelia Packer and Miss Ethel Woomer, of Pleasant valley.

The gifts were some white and beautiful, among them were gold pieces, silver, china, woolen, silk and a beautiful reclining chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Confer, with their honest, upright lives and many good deeds, have won a golden reputation that anyone might envy. The music rendered by their granddaughter, Miss Ruth Confer, was very fine. Greetings from C. C. Bingham were read by a granddaughter, Miss Cora Confer, which was responded to by able speeches from Rev. Hamilton and Mr. Joseph Packer.

## A New Feature.

The First National Bank has added a new feature to their institution that should meet with favor. It is the installation of a system of Safe Deposit Boxes of modern construction for storing and safe-keeping of valuable documents. That no charge is made for the use of these boxes certainly is liberal. They will have more to say of their system later.

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