

Correspondents' Department

THE NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY

PORT MATILDA.

Everyone is looking forward to Christmas and the annual visit of that good old gentleman, Santa Claus. We hope he may be able to visit all our homes in our town. Many have begun already to select their gifts. That is the best way, for then you get the first choice.

Our blacksmiths were worked nearly to death last week on account of the ice. It seems that everyone had put off having their horses rough-shod until the ice came, and then they all came at once. One smith, we know, worked until nearly nine o'clock at night that he might get one man's horses finished. People should be looking ahead and be ready for such things, and then it would be unnecessary to work these men so hard.

Get your sleds and other winter vehicles repaired before you find snow here, and then there will not be so much worry, rush, disappointment, and sometimes waste of good air in the use of good-sized oats. Give the man a chance who is serving you.

We are glad to state that J. M. Williams, who has been affected with lung trouble, is improving rapidly and we hope he will soon be entirely recovered.

The young folks are enjoying themselves on the ice. The loss of A. W. Reese's dam spoils the skating which formerly could not be better, but several nice strips may be found, which give the young folks a chance. Have a good time. We all did the same when we were your age.

On Monday of last week death came to the home of Calvin Weston, taking from it his little son Clifford, aged eight months and eight days. The funeral took place on Wednesday at the Black Oak U. B. church, where interment was made. All of us must go the same way as this child. Some die in their youth, others are permitted to live a little longer; still life is short at best, and death is sure. Let us then live each day as if it were our last.

Misses Ruth Cowher, Mammie Laird and Ruth Williams spent Sunday with friends at Martha Furnace.

The members of Black Oak U. B. church will hold a chicken and waffle supper in A. W. Reese's Hall, at Port Matilda, on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Dec. 25th. The public is cordially invited to attend and help the good cause along. Ice cream will also be served.

MT. PLEASANT.

Ira Lewis, Miss Edna Decker and Miss Amber Lewis, of Bald Eagle, attended meeting here one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Edmonson, of Sandy Ridge, spent Sunday of last week with relatives near here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cowher spent Sunday with relatives near here.

FILLMORE.

There has been a decided change in the weather, giving us but little promise of rain, which is so badly needed in some parts of our community.

Farmers on the Barrens side of the valley have been hauling water from the Buffalo Run creek for nearly a month.

Butchering has been carried on very extensively for the last three weeks, many fine porkers have been killed.

Noah Rocky, of this place, has come home after a long visit with his daughter in Pennsylvania, and he tells us that people in that vicinity have been killing hogs weighing from five to six hundred pounds. By that report we are not in it.

Protracted meeting is in progress at this place. So far there has been but one conversion.

Foster Frazier and wife and William Rocky, of Centre Hall, spent Sunday at the home of J. B. Rocky.

John Rocky was kept very busy in his shops the day of his butchering, but John didn't care.

The report is that there is a partner making his home on our mountain and comes down into the valley during the night; so Andy thought it best to carry a revolver so that he could scare him away.

Edward Taylor is about to build a large butcher shop and ice combined which is a very good plan.

Charles Underwood, who worked for William Brennon on the farm during the summer, has gone back to his home in Sunbury.

William Meckley shot at a fine big rabbit on Saturday, after it was out of sight; he didn't get the rabbit.

Jay Crust and Bud Rimbarger are working in the repair shops at Hollidaysburg.

Steward Rocky has gone back to his old job—firing an engine for the Penna. R. R. Co.

BOALSBURG.

Edward Meyer has started singing class last Friday evening with about thirty scholars.

The Lutheran and Reformed Sunday schools are busy getting ready for Christmas service. The Lutheran exercises will be held on Christmas eve, and the Reformed on Christmas night.

Frank Sparr and wife, of Altoona, attended the funeral services of his sister, Mrs. Annie Reed, last week.

Oscar Gilman, of Rebersburg, spent a week with his uncle, J. Wesley Miller and family.

William Reich, of Salona, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. George Hotinger.

Mary Reich is visiting at the home of Newton Yarnell.

The stores are all beautifully decorated with Christmas goods, suitable for old and young.

Mrs. Davis with her maid, Agnes Bane, and her sister, Miss Buttles, left on Monday for their Southern home.

John Fortney spent part of last week in Bellefonte as a juror.

Linnie Miller and her brother, Ellick, of Pine Grove Mills, spent Saturday at the Ira Rishel home.

Margaret Lytle is spending a few weeks at Lemont, with Mrs. John Thompson.

EARLEYSTOWN.

Mrs. J. W. Raymon, who was on the sick list, is better again at this writing.

Those who visited at D. L. Bartsch's on Friday were: W. M. Ertel, of Coburn, and Abby Moyer, of Stony-lanesome.

Miss Ella Moyer and B. Runkle spent Sunday at State College.

Mrs. Burchfield is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frantz, a few days and will help to butcher.

Miss Ruth Bartsch was sick last week, but is well again.

Lewis Householder is working for Mr. Bartsch this winter.

—There is no risk to run; if you want to return it after Xmas, we'll exchange it or refund the money. Sim, the Clothier.

MILESBERG.

Miss Bessie Bryan, who was operated on at the Bellefonte Hospital, last week, for appendicitis, is improving and expects to spend her Xmas at home.

Mrs. Benjamin Austin left on Monday of last week for Buffalo to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lipton.

Wm. Gingham is rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl.

Robert Spicer left on Monday of last week for Bloomsburg, Pa., where he has secured employment in the new match factory recently built there.

Sunday school orders can be promptly filled at wholesale prices by Toner Hugg, the confectioner.

Edward Shope returned to his work at Altoona, after spending a few days at his home last week.

James McMullen and wife attended a butchering at his brother, Thomas's, at Tyrone recently. From there they went to Warrior. Mark where they paid a short visit to Samuel Dunlap's, Mr. McMullen's cousin.

Albert Bierley's new plant, engaged in the manufacturing of confectionery, and fire works sticks, is running every day, giving employment to several men.

Henry Kohlbecker has been confined to his bed for several days, suffering from rheumatism.

Thomas Wheeler left for Somerset where he has secured employment.

C. F. McKisley returned to his work at Altoona where he is employed by the P. R. R., after spending Sunday with his parents, Edward McKisley and family.

JULIAN.

The protracted meeting which has been going on in the M. E. church for the past ten weeks, closed last Friday night with about 95 conversions. Most all united with the above church.

On last Wednesday William Donlevy, of this place was run down by a shifting engine in the Renovo yard, and had one leg crushed and the other broken in two places. He was at once removed to the Lock Haven hospital where he died two hours later. His body was brought home on Friday and funeral services held in the M. E. church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ake. Interment in the Julian cemetery.

John W. Murphy, formerly of this place, but for the last six months has been making his home with his brother David, of South Fork, died last week, aged about 55 years. Interment at South Fork.

Miss Lizzie Hand has gone to Philadelphia where she expects to spend the winter.

J. C. Hoover moved to the new house just erected by Mr. Alexander. Daniel Murphy moved to the house Mr. Hoover vacated, and Mr. Albert Miller to the house vacated by Mr. Murphy.

Next Sunday morning will be the regular time for preaching in the U. B. church at 10:30; and at 7:30 P. M. the Young People's Christian Endeavor. All are welcome to these meetings.

ROCK—BENNER TWP.

Miss Vianna Grove expects to have an entertainment on Friday the 17th, at Rock Forge Schoolhouse.

H. E. Walters bought George Shuey's store goods and he expects to continue the business at Ira Benner's house, and now is ready to wait on any person who may want to buy.

William Stinson, of Lemont, visited here one day last week.

Mrs. Grace Tressler has been laid up the past week with a bad case of quinsy.

Earl Walters made a flying trip to Buffalo run one night last week and it was a hard night for him to be out, therefore there was not so much pleasure in the trip.

Daniel Homan bought a 5-horse power gasoline engine to do his hard work around the farm, and he finds it is just the thing, as it does the work all right.

Listen for the three weddings here at Rock, between the 1st and 15th of February. Boys, get your bells and horns ready.

WINGATE.

Mabel Eastright transacted business in Bellefonte on Monday.

Clinton Murray, of Altoona, spent a few days with his parents.

Ole Summer, after an enjoyable trip out through Phillipsburg, returned home Tuesday.

Last Sunday while out walking Neilin Summer became very ill and hurried him home where he was given an examination and found to be having a bad cold; we are glad to say he is able to be around again.

T. B. Way, of Stormstown, spent Friday with his son, R. S. Way.

Mr. T. Murray, after spending a couple of weeks with her daughter at Ellitotsburg, returned home on Friday.

Maud Muray, who is employed at Bellefonte, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Preaching Sunday, the 19th at 7 o'clock P. M. by Rev. H. J. Dubbs; all come.

WOODWARD.

Chas. Knorr returned to his home at Lewistown on last Monday after spending the greater part of this summer at this place. Now what will the young lady do?

On last Tuesday night the stork made a visit to the home of T. D. Bowersox and on its departure presented said family with a bright girl.

Quite a number from the nearby community were visitors in town on Sunday.

Squire E. H. Musser and son Roy made a business trip to Millheim last Saturday.

Mrs. Phoebe Wise and E. F. Orndorf were visitors in Aaronsburg on Sunday.

Roy Musser, who has been unable to teach his school for sometime on account of typhoid fever, took charge of the school again on Monday morning.

Fairview—Boggs township

The golden wedding which was held for Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Confer was a success. There were about 70 guests present. All report having a fine time.

Lizzie Lucas spent Sunday at her home, after staying several weeks at Howard.

Raymond Shawley spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. Lewis Miller, of Pleasantvalley.

Miss Carrie Bennett spent Friday with Mrs. Chas. Chapman.

Mrs. Ada Feinle and daughter Alta spent Monday at the home of Miles Lucas.

Alfred Shawley transacted business in Bellefonte, on Friday.

—Ladies' rubbers 45c at Teagers.

NITTANY.

William Garbrick and family, Mrs. Elmer Stover and children and Mr. and Mrs. Toner were to Snyderstown one day last week to help Ben Fisher butchering.

Walter Harpster and sister Nellie, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Young.

W. E. Garbrick was to Salona one day last week to help his brother-in-law, George Fisher, butcher.

Did you know it was cold last week? The many friends of Miss Margaret Tweed are all glad to know that she is on a fair way to recovery after eleven weeks of serious illness.

Jake Smith, of Lock Haven, who is a partner with W. A. Mosher, who is a business visitor to our town one day last week.

Don't forget preaching in the Evangelical church, Sunday morning at 10. Quite a number of the Snyderstown and Lock Haven people were in our town on Sunday.

Quite a number of the women of this place walked up to the mountain on Friday to attend the sale of Mrs. Markle's household goods.

Rev. Bingham and family went to Hecla Park on Saturday where the Rev. is still holding protracted meeting, which has been going on for the past five weeks.

The creek here is nearly frozen dry; we need several days' steady rain.

Boyd M. Emerick, one of our jolly merchants, spent over Sunday with his lady friend in Bellefonte.

Oscar Dorman, who has been employed near Clintondale this summer, has returned home and his many friends are glad to have him with us again.

We would have had rain during the past week but Clark McClintick's flying machine was frozen up and he didn't get up to Unionville to see Domingo about sending us down some. Hope it will soon thaw up so we will get some rain, as water is scarce here.

George Klinefelter, who is employed at Waddle, spent several days with his family here last week, returning to work on Monday again.

Ex-sheep Shaffer while splitting wood one day last week had the misfortune of cutting his foot very badly; but at this writing is getting along very nicely. We hope to see him on our streets again in the near future.

Butchering is about over; next will be Christmas and no cakes baked.

Joe Emerick says there are only two kinds of pie he likes, namely, hot and cold; well, if you would have seen him eat pie one day last week at Dan Long's butchering, you would have thought he liked any old kind.

Dan Diehl is a deal of a deal to cut up and he did a deal of a lot of thrashing this fall for a deal of a lot of our people; well, he is a good deal to deal with if his name is Dan Diehl.

NITTANY No. 2.

A number of our young people enjoyed a chicken feast Friday evening. Those present were Nellie Ruthmel, Alice Emerick, Vina Emerick, Chas. Carner, Sansta Dorman, Lewis Swartz, Mary Allison, Ralph Swartz, Rob Allison, William Kelley, Ben Swartz, and Olin Winkleman.

Warren Markle and family will move to Pittsburg in the near future.

L. A. Schaeffer, of Bellefonte, was a visitor in our burg last Saturday.

E. D. Rathmel taught the Franklin school last week as substitute for W. H. Minnich.

Blanche Wasson, who has had a severe attack of the gripe, is a little better.

Friends of Dean Bennison, at this place, have heard from him. He is now at Dawson, Okla.; says it is comfortably warm there but that he may go back before spring.

Little Dorothy Emerick was very sick on Saturday but is better.

SNOW SHOE.

We had some mighty cold weather last week.

Clarence Swartz is with us again.

Claude Irwin visited his sister Gussie, who is in Dr. McGurk's sanitarium suffering from Bright's disease.

Terence Confer and wife attended the golden wedding of his parents. About 85 children, grand-children and invited guests partook of the good things.

The first icy day of blacksmiths, E. A. Swartz, drove \$2 shoes; quite a day's work.

Miss Nora Watson is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Watson, of Runville.

Alfred Lucas (buck shot), of Williamsport, was seen on our streets; he is visiting his mother, Mrs. William Jacobs, who is very sick at Clarence.

While on his way down town Charles Watson slipped and fell on the icy walk, breaking the two bones in his ankle. We wish him speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Leathers held a handkerchief shower for their daughter Candice, on her 16th birthday, Saturday, 10th. She received about 29 beautiful handkerchiefs. All present report a good time as usual.

Rev. Taylor, of Howard, preached in the M. E. church in Rev. Rouch's place who filled Rev. Taylor's appointments.

Margaret Kessling, of Yarnell, is visiting her uncle, W. G. Kessling.

Mrs. B. J. Bowers and Clara Kessling made a flying trip to Mill Hill.

The flu in W. C. Snyder's house was on fire, breaking through and catching the wall, which caused some excitement. At first it looked dangerous, but our volunteer company soon had the hose connected while the carpenter who was tearing down the barn had a hole in the side and soon had it under control.

The entertainment, "From Pumpkin Ridge," given by the Literary Society, was well attended. All were highly pleased to see "Jack" Cronister act, who was declared the star.

Mr. Uzzle took advantage of the 5-inch ice and cut from the lake Saturday. He believes in the theory that sitting around the stove discussing who discovered the North Pole will not donate one chunk of ice toward filling the ice house.

The rain on Monday was received with gladness, although it was miserable travelling.

Ellis Harvey visited at T. B. Budingers' over Sunday.

BENORE.

On the sick list are Mrs. Walter Parsons and Mrs. Sarah Kellerman.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Clever is slowly improving.

The good time is already at hand to all those who enjoy skating—for the ice is fine.

Mary Baudis is visiting her sister at State College.

A new broom always sweeps clean. Girls, don't worry, for we have no use for him whatever. The bee that gets the honey doesn't hang around the hive. "I love my husband—but Oh, you kid."

Mannie Hassinger, who has been writing at the College, has come home to stay.

—Mens' leather slippers 50c at Yeagers.

STATE COLLEGE.

Mrs. Mary Beck returned home on Friday, after spending several days among friends at Howard, Lock Haven and Bellefonte.

The cross-country run of about 35 of the several classes of the college, came off on Saturday afternoon. A student by the name of Harrison was the first one to come in. Several had a couple minutes handicap on the last ones starting.

On Sunday morning Christmas services were held in the Auditorium, and a large audience was present. Excellent music was one of the features of the program.

The Pharonian show on Monday night was well attended, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

There is an abundance of water in our reservoir at present, due to the recent rain and snow.

The first sleigh for this winter passed through here on Monday.

The heaters in the Nittany Inn cellar, were broken down during the last cold snap and in consequence the people in that building almost froze out. They have since been put in order.

The student body leave this Friday for their Christmas vacation.

The buildings which were started during the nice weather, are now on a standstill, it being too rough to lay brick and concrete.

The debating contest between students of State and Franklin and Marshall resulted in a 2 to 11 vote for State.

Several new Bell telephones will be placed between this and the 1st of January.

Nearly every house is filled with Grangers for the next week. There will be representative Grangers here from all parts of the state.

A Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year to all.

REBERSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Royer, of Altoona, were the guests of the former's mother, Polly Royer.

Mr. Thomas Paxon and son Charles paid a visit to the former's daughter at Unionville.

George Miller, of Jersey Shore, is visiting friends and relatives in Smullton and at this place.

The snow that fell last week made the people think of getting their horses shod and their sleighs ready for the Christmas entertainments, which will be in two churches; in the Dubs on Saturday evening, the 25th, and in the Reformed church on Sunday evening, the 26th.

Harvey Bierley is having great trouble with cancer on his arm.

Mrs. Jane Shull, who ran a bakery up to two years ago, was very ill last week but is better now.

Mr. Calvin Mallory and son, S. O. Mallory, intend to go to Pittsburg in the near future.

George Zimmerman was transacting business in our town last week.

Some men in our country don't care about speaking a kind word to their wives but those men should not forget the song, "Kind words can never die."

Prof. Henry Meyer, Jr., was home on a few days' visit with his parents.

Charles Bierley, Jr., is improving.

Mrs. Williams and daughter, of Tyler, were visiting friends at this place.

Why is Sugarvalley called sweet? Ask Tom and Elmer, they will tell you. Certain hunters in our valley were out hunting and when they saw a large pronged buck they got the buck fever. Wonder if they ever got the rabbit and pleasant fever.

LEMONT.

Oliver Shuey came home last Wednesday from the west, where he spent the summer.

Samuel Zettle and Levi Ross have each had a visit by the stork and they say they are busy looking after their sons.

George R. Ross is confined to his house with a bad cold.

The snow came and show windows of the stores are presenting a very gay appearance just now, and Santa Claus will soon make his yearly round to see the boys and girls and find out how many of them have been good.

C. D. Houts and wife returned Wednesday last week after enjoying a week's visit among friends near Hannah.

John R. Williams had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last week.

Last week was the coldest of the season, and Spring creek was frozen over from bank to bank, near town, for three or four days.

The United Evangelical protracted meeting is still in progress.

George Balston had the pleasure of a visit with his family over Sunday.

SOBER.

Edward Noll and wife, from Pleasant Gap, spent a couple days at U. G. Auman's last week.

Mrs. Hal Cook, from Lock Haven, also Mrs. Sue Gross, from Ind., spent a day at U. G. Auman's last week.

The revival meeting at Paradise closed on Thursday.

James Lingie, from Sunbury, was seen on our streets. We wonder what his attraction is?

Mrs. Ira Barger and daughter, Mary, from Milroy, were callers at H. U. Gentzle's on Thursday.

Miss Mittilla Lingie, who is working at William Musser's, was called home for a couple days last week.

John Musser, who is working at Bellefonte, was at home over Sunday.

Benj. Wolf, who is staying in Illinois, is spending a couple months at O. J. Wolfe.

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