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## METROPOLIS OF THE BALD EAGLE VALLEY

THE BUSY TOWN OF HOWARD BRIEFLY REVIEWED.

### MANY SPLENDID ADVANTAGES

Desirably Located in a Prosperous Fertile Valley—Level Road over which Little Nittany valley can bring all her produce to our station. This eminence furnishes such grades for our streets and alleys all over the town that the surface water drains away promptly and completely, and malarial diseases are practically unknown in our midst. The air is as pure, clear and invigorating as any in the world, and the mountains and valleys, hills, ridges and gorges on all sides furnish scenery as inspiring as does the most famous cantonment of Switzerland.

#### A Good Place To Live.

Where? Why Howard, of course; the best place in the county. Let us see: Our location is the prettiest and most important in the Bald Eagle valley; on the top of a little eminence, on the north side of the Bald Eagle mountain, at the mouth of the little gap through the mountain which furnishes a bed for the play and the work of Lick Run, and room enough besides for a practically level road over which the little Nittany valley can bring all her produce to our station. This eminence furnishes such grades for our streets and alleys all over the town that the surface water drains away promptly and completely, and malarial diseases are practically unknown in our midst. The air is as pure, clear and invigorating as any in the world, and the mountains and valleys, hills, ridges and gorges on all sides furnish scenery as inspiring as does the most famous cantonment of Switzerland.

### A YEAR'S PROGRESS.

In the twenty-one years that "The Centre Democrat" has been under the present management, it has been the custom, at the close of each year, to make a complete, detailed, sworn statement of the circulation for the past year.

The following is a comprehensive statement of the circulation of "The Centre Democrat" for the past year, from January 1909 to January 1910:

#### CIRCULATION STATEMENT.

Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 1, 1910. During the year of 1909 there were printed and circulated 276,779 complete copies of The Centre Democrat which shows an Average Circulation per issue, 5,535 NET GAIN 12 mos. 1909 . . . . . 258

During 1909 no edition was less than 5,500. For our regular edition over 5,600 copies are made each week, and the bona fide circulation now is and during 1910 will be . . . over 5,500 Chas. R. Kurtz, Pub.

The following shows the steady growth of this paper since 1894: 1894 - 1100 1901 - 2845 1904 - 4087 1897 - 2052 1902 - 3325 1905 - 4457 1899 - 2506 1903 - 3804 1906 - 4787 1907, 5,240. 1908, 5277. 1909, 5535

#### STATES OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Jan. 1910.

W. HARRISON WALKER, Notary, Bellefonte, Pa.

COMPARISONS:—The sworn circulation of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, now is over 2,500 larger than that claimed by any other paper published in Centre county; also has more subscribers than (its own claimed) by all other democratic papers in Centre county combined.

#### Substantial Gain.

Another significant fact in this statement is, that in the past twenty-one years there has been a constant, substantial growth with each year, until "The Centre Democrat" has attained a larger circulation than any other similar weekly newspaper published in the State of Pennsylvania. This is a strong assertion, and remains unchanged. By referring to the above statement you will note that the gain was over 250 for the year 1909 over the year 1908—a remarkable accomplishment when the thorough manner in which the limited territory was already covered is taken into consideration.

Wishing our patrons a Prosperous and Happy New Year, we conclude our greetings.

#### The Publisher.

The members of the class of the American University Course will hold their first meeting in the Parish house of the Bellefonte St. John's Episcopal church on Monday evening, January 11th, at 8 o'clock.

The subject of the other lecture will be as follows: "English and European Literature," Prof. Eresenshade, of State College; "English and European Literature," Prof. Crockett, of State College; "Art," Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte; "Natural History," Dr. A. M. Schmidt, of Bellefonte. Plans for the remainder of the season's course are well in hand.

#### Look at Your Label.

During the month of December a great many of our patrons paid their subscriptions in advance by calling personally, or remitting through the mails. For these we are extending our thanks for their prompt consideration of this little matter, so important to the success of any publication.

This week credit for all these was given by a change of the date on the label. For that reason we urge all who sent us any money during December to look at their label this week and see if proper credit was given. In case of any error, kindly notify the office at once.

#### Mercantile Guide.

The Merchants' Agency, of Pittsburg, delivered the first "Credit Experience Guide for Centre County" to the members of the association in and about Bellefonte the past week. It contains several thousand reports, carefully compiled for easy reference, which no doubt will prove useful and beneficial to the business men of this community.

#### Pikington vs Nelson.

This Thursday evening there will be a lively boxing bout between Kid Pikington and Jack Nelson, at the armory that will prove a royal entertainment to our local sports. In addition there will be three lively preliminaries between local talent.

#### Barclay is ill.

The DuBois Express says it is reported from Washington that Congressman Barclay, of that district, is seriously ill, and doubts are entertained that he will ever recover his normal health. He recently underwent an operation of a serious nature.

## WEDDING BELLS RING MERRILY

NUPTIAL EVENTS CELEBRATED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

### HAPPY BRIDES AND GROOMS

A Long List of Marriage Ceremonies Throughout the County—Brief Descriptions of Events—Congratulations are in Order.

Harvey—Leathers. At high noon on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1909, Mr. Alfred Cookman Leathers and Miss Alma Rebecca Harvey, of State College, were united in wedlock, at the home of the bride in the presence of about one hundred invited guests. The groom is one of Howard's best young business men, and the bride is one of State College's best young ladies. They received a large number of costly and useful gifts. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Riley, pastor of the Methodist church. The best man was J. T. Leathers, brother of the groom, and the maid of honor was Miss Catherine Harvey, sister of the bride. The little flower girls were Pauline Neff and Rosetta Yearick, nieces of the groom, and the bride was given away by her father, Irvin M. Harvey. Mendelsohn's wedding march was played by Miss Margaret Stewart. Following the ceremony an informal reception was held after which a wedding supper was served consisting of everything that was appetizing. They left in the afternoon for Baltimore and Old Point Comfort on the wedding tour. Friday evening, December 31st, a reception will be tendered them at the home of Mrs. W. T. Leathers, in Howard.

Harvey—Orvis. Saturday, Dec. 25th, will be a memorable day in the family history of Judge Ellis L. Orvis, at which time three interesting events were pleasantly celebrated. The first was Christmas, the second was the celebration of his 60th birthday, and the third the marriage of his youngest daughter, Miss Caroline Elizabeth Orvis, to Lewis Blaney Harvey, of Philadelphia. The latter event was a quiet home affair, witnessed only by the immediate families, and was solemnized at 6 o'clock that evening. Dr. Allison Platts, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. After the ceremony a number of friends called to extend their best wishes for the future. An elaborate wedding dinner was served and at 8:15 the bride and groom left on a wedding tour through the South, after which they will make their home in Philadelphia where the groom holds a lucrative position in Tradesman Trust Co. He is a prosperous young man and will make a model husband. The bride is one of the charming young ladies, and is a quiet and pleasing demeanor, always bearing the highest respects of those who know her.

Garbrick—Stuart. A very pretty wedding took place at the home of George Garbrick, in Lancaster, when he gave his sister, Della Garbrick, of Boalsburg, away in marriage, to Mr. Franklin Pierce Stuart, of Christiana. Miss Lizzie Garbrick was bridesmaid and Aaron Lutz, of Lancaster, was best man. The young couple spent two days in Lancaster and Christiana, after which the groom had to return to his place of employment and the bride left for her home in Centre county, where she will remain a few weeks preparing for housekeeping. The young couple will make Christiana their future home; we wish them much happiness.

Rishel—Hogarth. On Tuesday evening of last week John Rishel, Sr., of Bonner township, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hogarth, of Bellefonte, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse by Dr. J. Allison Platts. Mr. Rishel is a retired farmer and is married by all the comforts of life. His bride is the widow of the late William Hogarth, who for years was employed here in Maitland's boiler works. She is a most excellent woman and will make Mr. Rishel a good, faithful companion. Their many friends wish them calm sailing in the sea of matrimony.

DeHass—Spangler. A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nestlerode, at Phillipsburg, on Dec. 30th. The contracting parties were P. Edward DeHass and Tacie Spangler, of Eagleville, the latter being a sister of Mrs. Nestlerode. Rev. H. J. Dudley performed the ceremony, at which only the immediate friends were present, which included the aged parents of the bride, who reside at Eagleville.

Summersville—Davis. Miss Ethel Summersville, of Munson, and Alfred Davis, of Snow Shop, were married at the M. E. parsonage in Munson on Christmas eve, Rev. C. H. Campbell officiating. A turkey dinner was served at the bride's grandmother's home to the immediate relatives. They will at once take up housekeeping in Snow Shop.

Homan—Krebbs. Waldo E. Homan, of Oak Hall, and Miss May Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills, were united in marriage on Wednesday night of last week at 5 o'clock at the parsonage of the Bethany Lutheran church by the Rev. R. H. Bergtresser. They will remain in Altoona a couple of days and then make their home at Oak Hall.

Cole—Miller. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller, at Coleville, was on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock the scene of a pretty home wedding when their daughter, Miss Agnes, was united in the bonds of wedlock to Darius W. Cole, son of Jacob Cole.

Musser—Napier. The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Napier, at Cuba Mines, was the scene of an unassuming but very pretty wedding, when their daughter, Miss Annie B., became the bride of Daniel W. Musser, of South Phillipsburg.

Cashner—Wagner. Mr. Robert E. Wagner, and Miss Minnie T. Cashner, both of Loganton, were united in wedlock at St. John's

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

UNIQUELY CELEBRATED BY MR. AND MRS. G. W. RUMBERGER

### SURROUNDED BY MANY FRIENDS

The Bride and Groom of Fifty Years—Happily Congratulated—They Received Gifts of Gold—An Elaborate Dinner Served.

Grotesquely nestled between Muncy Mountain and the foothills of the Alleghenies, along the placid Bald Eagle, is located the beautiful little borough of Unionville which must have gotten its name from the old and popular saying that "United we Stand and Divided we Fall," because the residents of this attractive place seem to be cemented with a bond of fraternal kinship that nothing can sever. For years there lived in this thriving community a gentleman by the name of George Washington Rumberger, a carpenter by trade, who, as he saved and hammered through the many months and years brought sunshine into the lives of those around him. He became wiser with years and won fame, under the non de plume of "Domino" by which he is now more popularly known throughout Central Pennsylvania, and stands as a peer in the realms of journalism.

It was at his pleasant home on Wednesday of last week, that the representative of the Centre Democrat assisted in celebrating the golden anniversary of his marriage, which meant that fifty years ago Mr. Rumberger led a young, beautiful and blushing bride to the altar, who through all those years of sorrow and sunshine his proven faithful to the trust of making her husband obedient to her mandates. That is, she has trained him up in the way he should go. Besides this she has proven a true mother and a friend of everybody, making her home always attractive, and bringing cheer and comfort to those who partook of her warm hospitality. Amid these alluring environments the children and grandchildren gathered on this occasion to do homage to these devoted parents, and aid in celebrating an anniversary which only a few in this life are permitted to enjoy. Besides the members of their family, a number of kind friends dropped in to wish the bride and groom a safe journey through another fifty years, of which they now give promise, as both are in the best of health and contentment, which always prolongs life. It was a scene where the home ties are so symmetrically blended that the stranger within their gates could not help but be impressed with the filial love that pervaded the family circle.

The dinner hour soon rolled around and the guests were invited to the dining room where two large tables were found laden with the good things of life. People up there never do anything but eat and drink and are contented, as going to see girls was real and true to nature. The dinner hour soon rolled around and the guests were invited to the dining room where two large tables were found laden with the good things of life. People up there never do anything but eat and drink and are contented, as going to see girls was real and true to nature.

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Miss Mary Gallagher, of Bellefonte, admitted for treatment.

Michael Shausic (Slavish), of Bellefonte, admitted with pneumonia.

Nicholas Meiss, of Bellefonte, admitted for treatment.

Miss Mary Thomas, of Bellefonte, discharged cured.

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Frank Shutt, blacksmith, long an earnest resident of Centre Hall, gave us a call. He has moved to Wellington, Ohio, where a good blacksmith is needed.

Edwin Bechdel, undertaker and farmer, residing near Blanchard, has entered the livery business and has ordered several sleighs and buggies and is already hiring horses and conveyances to the public.

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### FARMERS AT STATE COLLEGE.

The fourth annual congress of farmers, dairymen and poultrymen held at State College last week was a great success. So much so that the farmers are going to make an effort to purchase a farm adjoining the College for the purpose of making all kinds of experiments. The attendance numbered about three hundred tillers of the soil, coming from every part of the state. Dean Hunt made the address of welcome after which a number of interesting lectures were given. One of the main attractions was the exhibition of the Centre County Poultry Breeders Association, assisted by the poultry department of the College. It was held in the armory and the collection consisted of about 450 birds of an endless variety, coming from Lewisburg, Sunbury, Northumberland, Bloomsburg, Williamsport, Altoona and Bellefonte.

The latter was quite extensively represented as follows: J. S. Heylmun had 3 birds and took a prize, Al Heverly had 4 birds, and took first prize and second prize, Joseph L. Runkle had 13 birds and took 4 first prizes, 1 second, 1 third and 1 fourth, Samuel Rumberger had 17 birds; 7 took first prize, 4 second, 3 third, and 2 fourth. Dr. J. Allison Platts had 8 birds, 4 of which took first prize, 2 second, and 1 third. This is said to be a most commendable record and shows that Bellefonte is not behind the times even in the raising of first class chickens. Just think that four out of eight taking first prize, which should make Dr. Platts swell up.

Typhoid Epidemic. Bellefonte has a little touch of typhoid fever which threatens to become an epidemic. All of it was confined in the brick row, on the extreme north end of Spring street, owned by the American Lime & Stone Co. Five of the houses were placarded, and in it is said ten cases were reported all of which are now very much improved. Every precaution is being made to keep the disease from spreading. It is said that it originated from the people using water from the American Lime & Stone Co's plant. The water comes from the mountains, near Bellefonte, but as the stream has been very low this winter it is said additional water was pumped into the reservoir from the creek, thus the supply was kept up. It is thought this change might have been the cause of the trouble.

School Building Inspected. During the Teachers Institute a number of the most experienced and progressive school men, among them Professors Charles Lane, of Williamsport, and C. D. Koch, a high school inspector, who visits and inspects all the high schools in the eastern part of the State, visited Bellefonte's new school building now in course of construction, and expressed satisfaction at its arrangement and layout.

It is a building so solid and substantial that it should stand for many years. It is gratifying to know that the building both in cost and arrangement should meet the approval of men with such a wide experience and thorough knowledge of school buildings as that of Prof. Lane and Koch.

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The Pennsylvania railroad has taken a stand in favor of good roads, as a business proposition—that good roads will stimulate shipping from all stations when producers can get there with greater ease and larger loads. There is no disputing this.

The total number of automobile tags issued in this state during 1909 will be close to 35,000.

## DEATH MESSENGER COMES TO MANY

LAYS HIS RUTHLESS HAND ON BOTH OLD AND YOUNG

### BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

The Holiday Season was not Conducive to Good Health in this Community—Many Prominent Names Appear in The Following List

LUTHER.—Mrs. Arastus Luther, sister of Dr. M. A. Kirk, of Bellefonte, died last week at her home in Troutville, Clearfield county, at the age of 72 years. She is survived by a husband and four children. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon.

GRANT.—Rev. W. H. Grant died at his home in Baltimore, Md., Friday night 17th. He is survived by his wife and three children. Rev. Grant was the pastor of the Mt. Zion and Beech Creek churches of the Presbyterian church for the past two years and resigned a few months ago on account of ill health, moving his family to Baltimore just a few days ago.

GARLAND.—David Garland died on Christmas Day at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of pneumonia; he was a life resident of Bald Eagle. Mr. Garland was one of Bald Eagle's oldest and most respected citizens. He was born at the above named place on the fifth day of August 1825 and was aged 81 years, 4 months and 20 days. On March 16, 1849 he was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Woomer, who died three years ago.

HERMAN.—Henry Herman, formerly a prominent merchant of Tyrone, died at his home at Pueblo, Colorado, the Wednesday morning, December 29. Mr. Herman went to Tyrone in his early 80's from Bellefonte, and conducted one of the large general stores of the town for several years. He removed to Colorado in 1891. Herman Brothers, once prominent merchants in Bellefonte, will be remembered by many readers of the Centre Democrat.

STOVER.—George Stover, a well known wagon maker and long resident of Altoona, died suddenly at Altoona, 712 Green avenue, shortly after 3 o'clock on Thursday morning, Dec. 23, of heart disease. Deceased was born at Centre Hill, Potter Twp., Pa., and was aged 76 years. He moved in 1887 to Altoona and followed his trade in the shop of Blacksmith Bolinger on Green avenue. He is survived by his wife and four children; Mrs. Mary Jamison, of Bellefonte; G. F. of Juniata; C. L. and Mrs. E. E. Green, of Altoona. Interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

WITMER.—Susan Witmer, widow of William Witmer, died at her home on Buffalo Run, about four o'clock on Christmas morning. She was 83 years of age and was operated on for cancer and had been quite ill since that time. She was aged about 75 years. Surviving are her husband, one brother Samuel, of Wallace Run, and two sisters, Mrs. King and Mrs. Romick, both of Salona. Deceased was a member of the Lutheran church and a kind consistent Christian lady. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church at Buffalo Run on Monday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. F. W. Barry. Interment was made in the Meyers cemetery.

DEIHL.—Mrs. Ellen Deihl, widow of the late Samuel Deihl, died on Tuesday night at 11 o'clock at her home on Willowbank street after an extended illness. A short time ago she underwent a serious operation in the Bellefonte hospital and it was the belief then that recovery was doubtful. A release soon came with the above result. Being of a kindly and cheerful disposition her friends were numerous who will be sorry to hear of her demise. Her maiden name was Miss Ellen King, and was born at Laurelton, Union county, on May 5, 1825. Before coming to Bellefonte she resided at Aaronsburg, where her husband had a coach shop. She attended the Methodist church and lived an upright life. Harry Deihl, of Bellefonte, is her only surviving child. The remains will be taken to Laurelton on Friday morning and buried by the side of her husband.

STEWART.—Miss Priscilla Stewart, of Boalsburg, died at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Emma Stewart, in Pittsburg, on Sunday night, 26th. Miss Stewart had gone to Pittsburg to spend the winter and while there contracted pneumonia. The remains were brought to Boalsburg on Tuesday, when they were interred in the cemetery of David and Martha Stewart and was born near Linden Hall, being aged 75 years. She had been a life long resident of Boalsburg. She was a devoted consistent christian lady and a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, and her death is a cause of sorrow to many. Surviving her are two brothers, Postmaster John Stewart, of State College, and Harry Stewart, of Sandy Ridge. The funeral took place on Wednesday forenoon. Services were conducted by Rev. H. K. Harnish and interment was made in the Branch cemetery.

GOHEEN.—John Calvin Goheen died at his home in Tyrone, of diabetes, on Friday morning at the age of 53 years, two months and one day. The deceased was born at Rock Spring, Centre county, and his early life was spent in that vicinity. Twenty-two years ago, with his brother, J. M. Goheen, he went to Tyrone and established the mercantile business, which has ever since been a prominent and successful establishment of the town. On February 16, 1887, Mr. Goheen was united in marriage to Ida M. McWilliams, of Graysville, who survives him, together with their four sons and one daughter, Paul Milliken, Ruth May, John Boyd, William McWilliams, and Harry Rittenhouse. He is also survived by ten brothers and three sisters, J. McWilliams and Robert G. Goheen, Mrs. Anna Gardner, Mrs. Annie McWilliams and Miss Belle Goheen.

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