

BELLEFONTE AND VICINITY

THE LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

J. E. Harter, of Coburn, was a business caller in our section. Mrs. Albert Thompson is lying very ill at her home on West Logan street. Herman and Mrs. Miller returned from a two weeks' visit to their daughter, Mrs. Irvin, in Buffalo. If you are having sale it will pay you to advertise it in the Centre Democrat which has 5600 circulation. Mrs. Hunter Knisely, of this place, has left for Reading, Pa., on several months' visit to her daughter, Mrs. Francis Warner. Pitt Parker, the "Crayon Artist" will be the attraction at the Petriken Hall on Monday evening as the second feature of the Star Course of entertainments. James A. James, of Howard, was one of the callers this week and made sure that no "dums" will be sent him for some time to come for the paper he reads. He is a royal good fellow and we are always glad to see him. Mrs. Topelt (nee Miss Bossie Bruns) and son, Richard, of New York are expected to arrive in Bellefonte today and will spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brouse, on Thomas street. On Monday Philip Beezer's men killed two nice hogs for Luther Smith and 325 pounds, respectively. It is very evident that one was a bigger hog than his companion, both by name and nature. John G. Confer, of Howard township, dropped in on us Tuesday afternoon to tell us of that big hog which his brother, G. A. Confer killed on Monday. His porkship weighed just 492 pounds—and that's something worth telling about. The next on the program of the Star Course of Entertainments under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. will be on Monday evening, the 12th, "Pitt Parker, the Crayon Wizard." He is a humorist, a lecturer, a cartoonist and a modeler. This is a peculiarly original attraction and Mr. Weston guarantees that it will be of a high class. Mrs. Edward Gencher, who for some time past has been in delicate health at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton, on Penn street, was on Sunday last taken to the Bellefonte hospital, where she is now in a precarious condition. The nature of her ailment seems to be a disease of the kidneys. Little hope is entertained for her recovery. Among the trials and tribulations which a good man may have visited upon him, not the most pleasing is a boil. Although Rev. Winey, of this place, has been entertaining several of these unpleasant visitors for some time, he nevertheless appears endowed with the same patience as the biblical prophet of old. It is claimed that a boil is worth five dollars to a man but we feel sure, could he do so, the Reverend would sell his below cost. On Monday evening while unloading freight at the Penna. freight station, David Bartlett, Sr., one of the freight handlers, sustained a badly bruised leg. He and another helper were taking heavy wheel from a car, when Bartlett slipped and fell, the wheel from which the wheel went down with him, bruising his leg, but breaking no bones. Although a little sore, Mr. Bartlett is at his post of duty again. The Elk memorial exercises held in Petriken Hall, on Sunday afternoon, were largely attended by a general public and a large delegation of the order. The principal feature of the program was the address delivered by Dr. Platts, of the Presbyterian church. As this may be his last public appearance before a Bellefonte audience, it was one of his characteristic efforts, filled with interesting and instructive thought that was greatly appreciated by all present. Prothonotary A. B. Kimpfort was off duties in the court room this week, owing to the severe spell of illness from which he is convalescing at his home on Curtis street. As soon as the weather moderates, he expects to be down town; though he is quite weak now yet, he is on the road to recovery. In his absence from court the position was well filled by ex-Prothonotary L. A. Schaefer, and it seemed quite familiar to see him at the post where he formerly served in an acceptable manner for a period of six years. Sim Baum or Sim the Clothier as he may be better known spent Monday of this week in New York securing new things for men and boys, that have just been brought out in the last few weeks. This store is surely a progressive one, and in another column of this paper he terms it "A Christmas Store." Judging from the beautiful things so attractively and plentifully displayed throughout his store, it is indeed a Christmas store. It is a pleasure to go into a store of this kind to be served and we only wish we had more stores of this type here. Ever since last Saturday a year ago Register Earle C. Tuten was approaching his birthday anniversary, and he never even suspected the fact. Not so his good wife, who regarded such an event as too important to allow it to pass unnoticed. Accordingly a little scheme was concocted by Mrs. Tuten by which all the court house officials and a number of others were invited to appear at the Tuten home on Penn street on Saturday evening to give her husband the surprise of his life. And it worked beautifully. Earle never "smelled a mouse" until he entered the darkened dining room and the lights were suddenly thrown on the scene. They may have been beaten to a frazzle. He soon recovered, however, and by the time that delicious chicken and waffle supper had been eaten everybody was at peace with the world. A pleasing feature of the repast was a beautiful birthday cake, placed in the center of the table, and which contained a candle for every year of Earle's age. There were just—candles. (Reader will please fill in blank space.) The evening was spent very pleasantly and the time of departure of the guests came all too soon. Among the numerous presents received by Mr. Tuten was a handsome leather rocking chair, presented by the officials of the court house. Those who were present were: Sheriff Wm. Hurley, Dep. Sheriff, Fred Reese, Dep. Prothonotary D. R. Foreman, Recorder Wm. H. Brown, Dep. Rec. W. C. Armstrong, Coma John L. Dunlap and H. E. Zimmerman, W. G. Runkle, Esq., Paul Portney, Esq., Edward Gates and Harry Stevenson.

J. G. Confer, of Howard, and W. M. Lyons, of Nittany, were business callers in our section. The list of Thanksgiving donations to the Bellefonte Hospital will be found on page seven of this issue. B. W. Shaffer, of Madisonburg, and A. R. Wolf, of Wolf's Store, were attendants at court and gave us a call. Chas. Orndorf, of Woodward, and M. M. Bower, of Aaronburg, jurors, gave the Democrat business calls this week. Wm. C. Heinle, Esq., George A. Beezer, Capt. H. S. Taylor, J. M. Davis and J. M. Cunningham, the latter four representing Bellefonte lodge of Elks, attended the funeral of James Passmore, in Phillipsburg on Monday. The quarterly conference of the United Brethren church will be held on Thursday, December 15th. Rev. Fulton, conference superintendent, will be present and deliver one of his usual stirring sermons. All are invited to attend. On Saturday evening the opening game of the basketball season will be played in the Y. M. C. A. between Bellefonte Academy and Susquehanna University. Game called at 8 o'clock and admission 25 cents. Go and see this game, as it will undoubtedly be a good one. The court house dedication which was scheduled for December 29th, as announced in our paper last week, has been postponed until some time in January, the exact date, not as yet having been decided upon. This step was made necessary by the committee in charge, owing to the fact that many out of town guests could not be present until some time after the holiday season. The many friends in this place, of W. T. Speer, were pained to learn that he suffered a stroke of paralysis last Thursday, while walking through the corridor at the sanitarium at Corry, where he had some time ago been in the hope of finding relief from cancer. The latter affliction has rendered useless his left side, although he is able to converse, and just as soon as arrangements can be made he will be brought to his home in this place. Next week model orchard demonstrations will be held in three different sections of the county, and the one claiming local attention is that of Farmer-Merchant-Contractor Edward Haupt's mountain orchard, which will be the center of attraction on Wednesday and Thursday, December 14th and 15th. Two experts from the State Zoology department will be present and give lectures and demonstrations on pruning, spraying, grafting, etc., which will prove of interest and benefit to those who attend. One evening last week, Harry Cohn, the genial clerk in Claster's store, started home to supper, and on his way, as is his usual habit, he lit his pipe. Harry makes his home with his father, on the farm near the depot, and on reaching the house, he unthinkingly placed his pipe in his coat pocket without knocking out the fire and ashes. Hanging the coat in the hall he went to another part of the house, and on returning for the garment some time later, he was surprised to find it and another coat all aflame. As it is, the only loss was the coat, but if it had been late at night, a different tale might have to be told.

RECENT DEATHS. SNYDER.—Capt. Henry Snyder died at his home at Philadelphia 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, aged about 78 years. Surviving him are a widow, three daughters and one son. AIKENS.—Mrs. Rev. C. T. Aikens, wife of the president of Susquehanna University, of Harrisburg, died very suddenly at her home in this place on _____ of heart failure. Mrs. Aikens had been ailing for some time with nervous prostration and had been a patient in a sanitarium near Philadelphia for a few days before her death she had been brought to her home. She was born Aphalia Gitt, at Hanover, to which place the body will be taken for burial on Friday. MAYES.—Peter Mayes, an aged inmate of the Bellefonte almshouse, died on Tuesday morning of last week, from a paralytic stroke. Deceased was found dead in bed by Mr. Garbrick, the manager at the almshouse, when he went to his room in the morning to call him for breakfast. Mr. Mayes was about 73 years of age, and is survived by two brothers and one sister: William, of Coleville; Nason, of near Mill Hall; and Mrs. Stine, of near Mill Hall. Funeral services were held at the almshouse on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Revs. Wilcox, Winey and Shuey. Interment was made at Buffalo Run. HARTER.—John M. Harter died at Coburn, Friday, December 2nd, about noon, aged 76 years 8 months and 19 days. Deceased had only been sick since Wednesday evening, having eaten a hearty supper that evening, and from then until the time of his death was confined to his bed. Heart disease is attributed the cause of the death. Mr. Harter was born in Haines township, and made his home for a great many years with his brother, Andrew Harter, now deceased. After the death of Andrew Harter, John continued his residence at his brother's home, up until his demise. The following brothers and sisters survive: George M., of Tusseyville; Jacob M., of Penn Run; Mrs. Harry Beaman, of Haines Township; Mrs. Julia, of Haines Township; Mrs. Inerment at Aaronburg. WATSON.—Mrs. Bessie Elizabeth Watson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Resides, at State College, on Thursday night at 10 o'clock, aged 78 years 8 months and 19 days. Deceased was a daughter of Ezra Smith, and was born in Benner township. Her age was 44 years, 7 months and 7 days. She was of a kindly disposition and had many friends in the vicinity in which she resided. Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Harry Resides, Lucy, Bertha and Charles R., all of State College; also the following brothers and sisters: Frank Smith, of State College; Geo. W. Rock View, and Charles Smith, of Bellefonte. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 1:30; interment was made at Shiloh cemetery. BROWERS.—On last Thursday, December 8th, 1910, died entered the domicile of Philip Brower, of Union Township and claimed him as his victim. He was aged 72 years, 2 months and 10 days. Mr. Brower had been ailing for some time from an acute ailment of the stomach with other complications, when a few days previous he suddenly grew worse until the end came; he was a farmer in considerable financial circumstances, a good citizen, and a member of the United Brethren church at Runville; he did his utmost to make his family comfortable, but of which his wife passed a short twelve months ago, leaving three sons and five daughters with their families to mourn their departure, except Miss Mary an invalid unmarried, who was still at home, with her father. The funeral took place on the 4th inst., at 10 o'clock, at a large crowd of friends and acquaintances. Revs. Ziegler and Dean officiating. Services were held in the United Brethren chapel at Runville and interment took place in Messiah's Church cemetery. The Geo. J. detailed four of his members as honorary pall-bearers, indicating the high esteem in which he was held. CROTHWAITE.—On Monday the sad news was received in Bellefonte of the death of Walter Crothwaite, formerly of this place, but who for the past thirteen years had resided in Brooklyn, N. Y. The cause of his death could not be learned. His age was about 42 years and he had only been sick about a month. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Crothwaite, and was born in Bellefonte, early in his life he learned the printers' trade, working at different periods in all the offices in this place. Big-hearted and of a jovial nature he was popular and well liked among his fellow employees. September, 1897, he was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Johnson, of this place, who preceded him to the grave about ten years ago. One child, Miss Roxie, was the result of this union, she survives, having been making her home with Mrs. Bert Maloney, at Altoona, for some time. After leaving Bellefonte Mr. Crothwaite followed stationary engineering, and up to within about one month prior to his death, he held the occupation of Surviving, besides one child, above mentioned, are one brother, Frank, of State College, and two sisters, namely: Mrs. Linn Murphy, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Mrs. Charles Schroyer, of Altoona. The body was brought to Bellefonte on Wednesday morning, and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Johnston, on Spring street. This (Thursday) morning funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at 10:30 by the pastor, Rev. Wilcox. Interment will be made in the Union cemetery. JOSEPH THOMAS AND WIFE.—A particularly sad visit of the death angel occurred at the Joseph Thomas home in Milesburg last week, when within a few hours after the death of his mother, the father was also called hence. Mrs. Thomas, who was the daughter of Ex-Sheriff Thomas McCoy, died on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from what is medically termed leakage of the heart, having been ailing for a year or more. Her age was about 70 years. Mrs. Thomas, whose age was also about 70 years, who in his unceasing care for his aged wife, had subjected himself to exposures, which developed pneumonia, and his death followed on Friday morning at 2 o'clock. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served his country with distinction, and was one of the first prisoners to be placed in the famous Libby prison. Aside from his children Mr. Thomas leaves no relatives, he having been the last surviving member of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had been married about 42 years, and the following children result from the union: Harry, of Lexington, Ky., and Mrs. Leo Green, of Milesburg. Mrs. Thomas leaves the following brothers and sisters to survive: Mrs. Nan Potts, of near Milesburg; Mrs. Rosa Reed, of Akron, O.; Frank McCoy, of Monongahela City, and Charles McCoy, of Bellefonte. The double funeral was held

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