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## CUPID CUT CAPERS IN TWO INSTANCES

### WEDDINGS WERE SLOW TO BE ANNOUNCED.

## BOTH ARE BELLEVILLE BRIDES

### The Friends of Two Happily Married Couples Have Just Learned of the Fact—Congratulations Are Now in Order.

The doings of Dan Cupid, sly as the little chap is, cannot always be hid, as was brought to light this week by the belated announcements of two weddings in which two pretty young ladies of Belleville figured as happy brides. "Marriage will out," of course, but it is puzzling the friends of the popular young couples just how they could contain themselves so long, from divulging their secret.

Last November Miss Verna Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry In Hagerstown, Md., was married to Mr. Harry A. Rossman, by the Rev. Townsend, pastor of the First Disciple church of that place. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. McClelland Rossman, of Ferguson township, and has been a successful school teacher. The bride has also been teaching school in that vicinity for the past two years, and is a pretty and accomplished young lady. It is against the regulations of school boards to employ married women teachers, but the little god of love, not to be thwarted by ruddy old school directors, prompted the happy young couple to be joined as one, and to keep the matter a secret. It leaked out, however, and the congratulations and well wishes of their many friends are now being bestowed upon them. For the present they will reside with Mrs. Christ Swartz, on High street.

On the eighth of last month Miss Grace M. Steele, daughter of the late William L. and Mrs. Steele, departed for Altoona, with the avowed intention of attending a house party in that city. The house party function came off as scheduled, with Miss Steele as a guest, as was also Mr. Cecil B. Craig, of York, who was formerly a student at the Belleville Academy. Two days later the young couple journeyed to Cumberland, Md., where they were united for life in holy wedlock by Rev. Edward Hayes, of the Centre street Methodist church. A few days later the bride returned to her home at Belleville and had kept her happy secret until some friends read of the marriage in an Altoona paper. Formal announcements have now been sent out, and congratulations are now in order. The groom is employed as a mining engineer with the Allegheny Mining Co., at Crichton, Pa., and is an excellent young man.

Both of the above young couples are popular and have hosts of friends in Belleville. The democrat joins with the latter in congratulations, not only for a happy wedded life, but on their ability to keep "mum."

## Easter Morning Service.

The following program will be carried out at the Easter morning service at 11 o'clock at St. John Episcopal church:

Organ Prelude "Spring Song." HOLLINS  
Professional Hymn "Jesus Christ is risen to-day." MONK  
Anthem "Christ our Passover" SHEPHERD  
Gloria Patri. STEGALL  
Te Deum. MATTHEWS  
Jubilate Deo. ANDREWS  
Anthem "The day of Resurrection" OSGOOD  
Offertory solo "As it began to dawn" HARKER  
Hymn "The Dawn" PALESTRINA  
Holy Communion.  
Kyrie in F. TOURS  
Sanctus in E-flat. CRUICKSHANK  
Agnus Dei (St. Cecilia Mass). GOUNOD  
Gloria in excelsis. CLARKE  
Recessional Hymn "Alleluia." SULLIVAN  
Organ Postlude "Grand Chorus" DUBOIS

There will be no evening service.

## Redmen Banquet.

On Friday evening the local order of the Red Men held an important meeting in their wigwam at the Centre county bank, at which the following officers were installed: Prophet, Wm. H. Hamilton; Sachem, Fred Bryan; Senior Sagamore, W. G. Griffey; Junior Sagamore, W. H. Baney; K. of W., J. F. Stover; C. of R., J. P. Pickett; 1st Sannap, Lloyd Wilson; 2nd Sannap, Wm. H. Hamilton; George Waite, District Deputy Great Sachem; C. H. Watson, assisted by Acting Great Sannap W. G. Kessling, both of Snow Shoe, were the installing officers. After all business had been transacted the "redskins" sat down to enjoy a feast fit for the great chiefs, which had been prepared by several members of the tribe. A number of pale-faces were present, among whom was Francis Speer, who escaped with a whole scalp only by reason of there not being enough hair on it to grasp it. The whole affair was voted a big success by all who were present.

## Belleville Junior League.

The opening of the Belleville Junior League was marked by Mitch Walker's battling and one-handed fielding—Mt. Allegheny street won from Linn by a score of 8 to 6. The game between Spring and Curtin was won by Spring, by a score of 5 to 3.

Standing:	W.	L.	Per.
Allegheny	1	0	100
Spring	1	0	100
Curtin	0	1	000
Linn	0	1	000

## Fractures Skull With Crutch.

During an altercation Daniel Shuvin, of New Philadelphia, sustained injuries from which he is dying. Daniel Whalen, a cripple, was his assailant. The latter failed to secure the position of roadmaster he sought from the borough council.

Shuvin, a member of council, was blinded by Whalen for his defeat. The latter struck Shuvin repeatedly over the head with a crutch, fracturing his skull.

## PETITION FOR NEW BRIDGE.

### Will be presented to the Next Grand Jury on May 15th.

The boys and county officials have been studying the High street bridge proposition over and have come to the conclusion that an entirely new structure is needed at that point, and have selected a design to be built of steel and concrete, with an open driveway and a solid concrete and brick driveway that will span the stream without an obstruction, and be of sufficient strength to carry any ordinary load. It is estimated that such a structure would cost about \$37,000, one third of which would be paid by the borough, and the balance by the county.

A petition has been circulated about the town the past week and will be presented to the next Grand Jury which meets May 15th, asking for the erection of such a bridge. That will be the orderly method for procedure, though it will require some time. The old bridge remains torn up on the one side and no move has been made to relay the floor or remove the under truss.

## MARRIAGES.

### Dinmore—Hickson.

Miss Mary Dinmore and Thomas Hickson, of Hawk Run, were married at the home of the bride's parents, North Phillipsburg, by the Rev. F. T. Eastment, on Monday evening 3rd at eight o'clock.

### Anderson—Bowman.

On Wednesday forenoon George H. Anderson, of Benona Hill, Belleville, and Miss Louisa Bowman, of Forest county, were married by Squire W. H. Cramer, at his office in Crier's Stone Building. They expect to reside in Belleville.

### Bair—Runkle.

J. W. Bair and Josie P. Runkle, both of Brush valley, were united in marriage on Sunday, April 2, by Rev. J. Max Lantz. The ceremony was performed in the furnished home of J. A. Kline, which farm the couple will conduct.

### Fisher—Zahniser.

Last Thursday at noon, Harold Fisher, son of the late Thomas W. Fisher, of Unionville, and Miss Marjorie Zahniser, of Port Allegheny, Pa., were married at the home of the bride's parents. After the ceremony they departed on a brief wedding trip, and on their return will take up their residence on the Fisher homestead near Unionville.

### Hall—Bloom.

At the home of the groom's father, a very pretty wedding took place Wednesday evening, April 6th, at 6 o'clock, the contracting parties being George W. Hall, of Julian, and Miss Bloom, of Phillipsburg. The ceremony was performed by W. G. Tallheim, justice of the peace. They immediately took up housekeeping in their own furnished home. The young couple have the best wishes of their friends in this community.

### Smith—Kessinger.

On Tuesday morning of last week, at the parsonage of the Methodist church in this place, William H. Smith, of Johnstown, and Mrs. Kessinger, of Salona, were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. E. H. Yocum. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom departed for Buffalo and Niagara Falls on a brief wedding tour. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith, of this place, and holds a good position with a Johnstown dairy firm. They are now at home in Johnstown.

### Peters—Smith.

In Altoona on Tuesday evening, April 11th, Miss Pauline Winifred Smith and Howard Cassidy Peters, both of Unionville, were married at the home of the bride's parents, on 8th avenue. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Simpson B. Evans, pastor of the 8th avenue Methodist Episcopal church, the beautiful ring ceremony of the church being used. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, is an accomplished and popular young lady. The groom is a very industrious young man and should have no trouble in making life a success. This was a surprise to their families and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Peters will receive numerous congratulations on their return to Unionville where they will reside.

### Bower—Swabb.

The home of Mrs. K. C. Swabb, of Aaronsburg, Pa., was the scene of a very pretty wedding, April 4th, 1911, at 6 p. m., when Miss Ruth K. Swabb and Mr. Bower were united in marriage by Rev. W. J. Dice, of Millheim. The wedding march was played by Mrs. P. D. Swabb while the bridal party assembled in the parlor where the ceremony was performed. The bride was handsomely attired in white, the groom wore the conventional black. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Swabb served as best man and matron of honor. Mrs. Bower is a graduate of L. H. S. N. S. and the very successful teacher of the Aaronsburg primary school for the past four terms and Mr. Bower is the popular bookkeeper and accountant for the Belleville Lumber Co. Mr. and Mrs. Bower will go to housekeeping at once in their newly furnished home on Valentine street. The following guests were present: Mrs. K. C. Swabb, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bower, Miss Helen Bower, Mrs. Mary Burd, Mrs. Effie Weaver, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. E. J. Burd, of Coburn; Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Swabb and son, Joseph, of Spring Mills; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Swabb, of Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lee and Mr. Jas. Swabb, of Tusseyville.

## Marriage Licenses.

George W. Hall	Julian
Martha Bloom	Phillipsburg
Wm. Herman	Tyrone
Daby Johnson	Tyrone
Chas. F. Carter	Spring Mills
Tannie E. Arney	Spring Mills
Jas. C. Geist	Union Twp.
Riberta M. Davis	Altoona
Jas. A. Barrett	Belleville
Mary B. Dawson	Belleville
George H. Anderson	Belleville
Louisa Bowman	Gatesburg

## DEMOCRATS ABOLISH USELESS OFFICES

### THE NEW CONGRESS MAKES A GOOD START.

## ECONOMY IN PUBLIC EXPENSE

### How Public Monies Are Squandered—Champ Clark is Making Good—Practice What They Preach—A Great Saving.

That the doorkeeper of the House of Representatives has his thirteen-year-old daughter on the payroll as "clerk to the doorkeeper" at a salary of \$1,200 a year with an extra month's pay, was one of many unique disclosures made by Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer of the Ways and Means committee while investigating useless positions on the House payroll. Palmer's retrenchment program was unanimously adopted by the Democratic membership, reflecting the greatest of credit upon the young Pennsylvania member who has come to be recognized as one of the strong leaders of the House. The position of "clerk to doorkeeper" will be abolished.

Although the clerks' document room and all the offices therein were abolished by statute in 1895, the salaries aggregating \$6,200 went right on. The Republican machine needed the patronage, and why be discarded by a little thing like a statute? Six useless positions were abolished. Saving \$12,000 a year.

A saving of \$3,000 a year will be effected through dispensing with the services of two attendants to the old library space. These positions were created when the library was in the Capitol. The library was removed many years ago. Since then the two attendants have had nothing to attend to but blank space. It was an easy job.

Two night watchmen charged to the folding room will be dropped. Seventy-four policemen are on duty at the Capitol, and unless the two stalwart republican night watchmen watched the police, it is difficult to understand how they put in their time.

Here is another illustration of wastefulness in running the government: Before the telephone was invented a telegraph wire was constructed between the Capitol and war department for quick communication. Since the telephone has come into existence it has been used exclusively. But the jobs of the two telegraphers remained. At last they are to be abolished. Saving \$2,000 annually. "During the Spanish war," says Mr. Palmer, "somebody's friend told somebody's cousin that somebody's aunt heard someone say that a plot was on foot to dynamite the Capitol. The eight extra policemen were added. They have remained ever since."

The Palmer committee believes the danger is now over, and will have thirty-four private policemen and one lieutenant given a permanent leave of absence. Saving \$23,000 annually.

Retrenchment in the House alone sums up as follows:  
Saving under Speaker \$2,320  
Saving under clerk \$3,770  
Saving under Sergeant at arms \$7,950  
Saving under Doorkeeper \$31,340  
Saving through abolishing extra month's pay \$50,000  
Saving through abolishing six useless committees \$12,000  
Total annual saving \$112,380

"Economy in public expense, which labor may be lightly burdened," has just begun in Washington. One department after another will be taken up by the Democrats, and wherever they have the power, they will abolish useless offices and substitute business administration for wastefulness and extravagance.

## An Unreported Speech.

Speaker Champ Clark made an important speech recently that has not as yet been printed in any newspaper. It was made in caucus, at which no newspaper men were present. It was a private, heart-to-heart talk between Clark and his democratic party fellows. Here is what Mr. Clark said, not for the public, but for the ears of the Democratic members of Congress:

"I congratulate Mr. Palmer and his associates upon their retrenchment program. I congratulate them with all my heart and strength.

"There is only one way to economize, and that is for each man of us to begin economizing at home. To start the ball rolling I propose to do a little economizing on my own hook. I am going to cut down my office staff. Then I shall go further. I am going to save the people \$6,000 by doing away with the Speaker's automobile. If I can not legally say it is chess-playing and peanut politics, but the people have some sense, and they will know that if we begin by giving up our own little grafts that we will then be morally fortified to go after the bigger ones. And I don't care what the republicans say, I will cooperate with any man in this House who can find a place for sensible economy. I don't care whether it is a little economy or a big economy that is proposed, I will work with any man who brings it about if it is a sensible one."

## A Republican View.

"The legislative program outlined by Speaker Clark will meet with public approval. It is progressive and it is in the interest of the general public in the interest of the general public in the interest of the general public."—Philadelphia North American (Republican).

## Democrats Keep Promises.

The Maine legislature, democratic in both branches, has just adjourned, after a session lasting thirteen weeks, during which every pledge that had been made by the democrats in last fall's campaign was substantially kept.

## Crisis for Republican Progressives.

The extra session of Congress offers the progressive republicans of the Senate an opportunity to make the mistake of their political lives. If they oppose Canadian reciprocity they will surely revise their popularity.

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## THE BOY SCOUTS.

The Boy Scout movement has at last struck Belleville, and judging from the enthusiasm with which the idea was received at a boy's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening last, Belleville's Boy Brigade will be a hummer. The occasion was the annual banquet given to the boys by the ladies' auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association and one of the times in the year when a full attendance can be counted on—every boy making it a point to be in at the feast. This, however, is just what the ladies desire, and on this occasion eighty or more boys were with the addition of about twenty "big boys" were gathered around the tables. Dr. Ezra H. Yocum, the newly appointed Methodist minister in this place, was present, and gave the boys an excellent talk, as did also Rev. C. W. Winey of the United Brethren church. Both these men have the welfare of the young at heart, and firmly believe in taking care of the boy. Every year prizes are offered to the boys who do not miss any meetings during the year, and this time Daniel Eberhart took first honors and John McNichol second; each received a base ball and catching glove.

Mr. Matthews, secretary of the Lock Haven Y. M. C. A. was present and introduced the subject of organizing a Boy Scout brigade in Belleville. He was accompanied by one of the boys from Lock Haven brigade, in full uniform, who presented a natty appearance, and made the lock boys feel that they were in the presence of a real scout. After the matter had been talked over and explained to some length, it was decided to hold a meeting of the Boys' Stunt club on Saturday evening next, at which time an organization will be effected. There is no question as to the success of the movement, as the boys are fairly wild over the idea.

The purpose of the Boy Scout movement is to teach the boy woodcraft and to develop his manhood along the ways which nature intended. Embraced in woodcraft is riding, hunting, lamper-craft, scouting, mountaineering, Indian-craft, signaling and sailing and motoring, and nature study, but above all, heroism. Any boy between the ages of 12 and 18 years can join the brigade, and if they do they will be all the better for it. It will broaden their mind and develop their body as nothing else can. Three cheers for the Boy Scouts of Belleville.

## FEAST OF PASSOVER.

Sundown Wednesday, yesterday, and lasting for eight days, will celebrate the feast of the Passover. This is probably the most popular of the Jewish feasts. It commemorates the liberation of the ancient Hebrews from Egyptian bondage under Pharaoh and the deliverance of the first-born of the Israelites from the judgment wrought on those of the Egyptian king. The divine edict had gone forth that the first-born must be slain, and it was the intervention of Moses that saved the Jews the fate met by their Egyptian captors.

The festival of unleavened bread is one of the names which is often applied to this occasion, the name arising from one of the peculiar customs of the observance. The legend tells that when the order came for all the Israelites to take up their belongings and leave Egypt under the guidance of Moses, there was not time even to permit the leaven in the bread to work and so the people ate unleavened bread.

## Hospital Notes.

Admitted for treatment: Ralph McCafferty, Belleville; Thomas McKel, Salona; Lizzie Davis, Birmingham.

Operations: Willard Barnhart, Marie Doll, appendicitis, Belleville; Mrs. Lillian Kline, Belleville; Charles Miller, Wilkesburg; Harry Brian, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Myra Carey, New Columbia; Mrs. Hattie Strawn, Milton.

## Discharged: Emanuel Korman, of Pleasant View.

There are thirty-one patients in the hospital at present.

## Boro Auditors Demand Books.

A difference has arisen between the boro auditors and council. The auditors have been ready to perform their official duty, but the council has thus far refused to surrender their books for auditing. The auditors have given notice that if the books are not forthcoming by Friday legal action will be instituted.

## A Correction.

The next term of court will convene on Monday, May, 15th and continue for two weeks. Last week an error was committed when we stated that court would convene on Monday April 24th.

## Trout For Snow Shoe.

A large consignment of trout, from the Belleville hatchery, went to the Snow Shoe region last week. The number of cans was not less than 25 or 30. This will give the Snow Shoers lots a speckled beauties in a few years or sooner.

## Peculiar Death.

With the prophesy fresh on his lips, "I guess I'll have to die," Joseph Kauffman, 73 years old, a veteran of the civil war, died on the steps of his son's home at Strodes Mills, Mifflin county.

## ANXIOUS ANGLERS ARE EXERCISED

### OVER THE REPORT OF A DISEASE AMONG FISH.

## HATCHERY 'TROUT NO GOOD

### Specimens Taken From the Local Streams are Affected—Has Caused Much Disappointment—Not Fit for Table.

The following appeared in the Sunday North American as a dispatch from Belleville:

"Late last fall about 500 buck trout that had passed their usefulness in the Belleville fish hatchery were turned out into Spring creek and Logan's branch, two nearby streams, and naturally Centre county fishermen have been patting themselves on the back over the prospects of large catches when the season opens; but they got a jolt this week that is causing them all to sit up and consider.

"While there are plenty of trout in the streams, lately experienced fishermen noticed that they appeared sluggish and sickly. An investigation was made by catching a number of trout in a net and bringing them to the surface of the water for examination. Every trout thus examined, some thirty in number, was found to be very soft and flabby and full of blisters all around the mouth and gills, while the inside of the mouth is in an inflamed condition. The disease, as disease it certainly is, is a new one to fishermen hereabout.

"One thing is certain, the discovery will spoil the sport on the opening day, or during the season, for that matter, so far as the above two streams are concerned, as the trout are believed to be unfit to eat, and nobody will fish these streams merely for the sport of catching the trout. Both Spring creek and Logan's branch streams were fairly well stocked before the trout were put into them for the hatchery last fall.

"Owing to the diseased condition of the trout in the two streams, Centre county fishermen will have to confine their piscatorial efforts to the various mountain streams in the county; but as these have been fished so hard in past seasons, the outlook for the opening day is not very favorable. The one stream in this section that will probably yield fair returns for a man's labor is Fishing creek, but as it is twenty miles distant, it is not accessible to the general run of fishermen.

## COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The following schedule has been agreed upon by the executive committee of the Centre County Sabbath School Association for a week's tour of the county, to hold one meeting in each of the twelve districts to be addressed by Miss Robinson, one of the State field workers, and others under the supervision of the sub-committee of six. The meetings will begin the week of April 17th and continue as follows:

Monday afternoon at Stormstown; evening at Port Matilda; Tuesday afternoon at Millersburg; evening at Snow Shoe. Wednesday afternoon at Howard; evening at Hubersburg. Thursday afternoon at Pine Grove Mills; evening at State College. Friday afternoon at Belleville in United Brethren church; evening at Centre Hall. Saturday afternoon, at Millheim. The annual county convention will be held at Aaronsburg, July 17th and 18th.

Miss Robinson, one of the State field workers, will be one of the speakers at each of the above meetings. Dr. A. M. Schmidt on Front line, Rev. F. E. Barry on adult organized classes, C. C. Shues on Home Department, and H. S. Engler on Teacher Training at some of the meetings. C. L. GRAMLY, Pres.

## Pleasant Gap Commencement.

On Wednesday evening the graduating class of the Spring District High school held their commencement exercises in the M. E. church at Pleasant Gap, and proved very creditable to both the class and the teacher. A large crowd had assembled in the church auditorium, and as each candidate in the program was presented words of appreciation could be heard on all sides. D. Paul Fortney, Esq., of Belleville, made the address of the evening, and those who had essays and orations were as follows:

Invocation, Oration, "The Function of the Country School" by Lee Chubb, Essay. "The Chambered Nautilus" by Emeline Nell. Oration, "The American Indian" by Clarence Crust. Essay, "The Modern Heroine" by Marion Gettig. Essay, "The Magician" by Elsie Herman. Oration, "The Phoenix" by Ward Hill. Address by D. Paul Fortney. Presentation of Diplomas.

## Fire Company for Snow Shoe.

Last Friday evening the citizens of Snow Shoe held a meeting in the council room of that borough for the purpose of organizing a much-needed fire company. About forty-five persons were present, and the idea was very enthusiastically received. Joseph Wade was appointed chairman of the meeting, and Edwin Lebkicher, secretary. An organization was effected to be known as "The Snow Shoe Hose Fire Company." The following officers were elected: John Whitman, president; Chas. H. Watson, vice president; Patrick Kelly, treasurer; Robert Thompson, corresponding secretary; Frank Burns, financial secretary; Lawrence Redding, foreman; Basil Bluebell, asst. foreman; Joseph Wade, chief; Wm. Quick, asst. chief. Wednesday night has been selected as meeting night.

## Easter Donation.

The annual Easter offering will be made by the pupils of the Belleville hospital, on Friday. Donations of eggs and potatoes are usually made and when each child gives something the total is quite large. Remember the hospital on Friday.

## FIRM ASSIGNS.

### R. P. Miller & Son Unable to Meet Their Obligations.

The firm of R. P. Miller & Son, of Belleville, Pa., doing a mercantile business in the building on Water street, near the swing factory, made an assignment last Friday for the benefit of creditors, to Fred Musser, local manager of the wholesale house of Landerbach-Barber Co. This move occasioned no little surprise as the firm enjoyed a liberal trade, had until recently a good record for meeting its obligations, and had no trouble in securing credit with wholesale houses.

Mr. Musser petitioned court for appraisers, and Stewart Brouse and J. Will. Conly were named to make inventory and appraisal of the stock of general merchandise on hand. From what we could gain from inquiry the following is an estimate only, of the financial standing of the firm at the time the assignment was made.

The liabilities, to wholesale houses, for rent, etc., will aggregate about \$6,000. Henry Tibbens, of Belleville, holds notes of \$2,800 and \$1,200 against the firm; Edward Witmer, of Belleville, also holds a similar note of \$2,000. These notes were recently entered against the firm.

The book accounts are estimated at \$5,000, much of which is uncollectible. The stock is estimated at \$1,200, or \$1,500. The store was managed by Harry Miller, a partner in the firm, since the death of his father, R. P. Miller, whose estate may be worth \$1500, and is considered an asset of the firm.

## POST OFFICE NEWS.

Last Sunday the new order of closing the Belleville postoffice went into effect, and as a result only those who have private boxes called to lift their mail. Instead of the customary Sunday morning throng, there was no commotion in that part of the town. We leave it to our people to argue the benefits and inconveniences due to the new order.

Every day some one asks, what is the news about the appointment of a postmaster? As congress was recessed in extra session last week there was reason to anticipate some action, and it was natural for our people to be concerned as to the action of the department. As we understand the situation, when the regular session adjourned, without the senate acting on the recommendation for the re-appointment of Postmaster Harter, a vacancy has existed since then which the former postmaster fills, until a successor is named.

It is reported that the Postoffice Department last week notified Congressman Patton that a vacancy existed in his district, and that he was requested to make a recommendation for same. It is common report that Mr. Patton, after carefully studying the situation, sometime ago announced his determination to recommend Samuel H. Williams for postmaster of Belleville. Unless he has had a change of mind, or been directed by those high up, it may be possible to hear that he has recommended Mr. Williams. But as his recommendation needs the approval of President Taft, and to be ratified by the U. S. Senate, there is ample opportunity for a cog to slip or to handle a gold brick, and an appointment may finally be made.

Now, that is all we know about the Belleville postoffice muddle, and it is not very much. In the meantime old "Windy Tom" continues the improvement of his health by regularly drawing his "velvet" when due; and his friends say he is overly confident of holding on for four years more, because he has the local organization licked to a frazzle.

## COBURN.

Our early gardener, E. J. Burd and T. W. Hosterman sowed lettuce and planted onions on Tuesday. Now they are ready for the "onion snow."

H. S. Snyder, of Millifinburg, spent last Friday night here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ard will spend Easter with their grand-daughter, Mrs. Edward Shively at Millifinburg.

Ralph Kerstetter, one of our promising youths, was a Millifinburg guest over Sunday.

All the houses at Coburn are occupied by two, the A. J. Campbell home, which is for sale or rent, and one dwelling and one store house which are to rent, the properties of T. W. Hosterman.

Those numbered among the sick are Mrs. Sarah Miller, F. P. Vonada, and John Martin.

On Monday T. A. Hosterman will begin a term of spring school for primary grades. The primary school closed the winter term last Monday, and the following pupils were present every day: Carl and Blaine Malone, Linnie Meyer, and Rachel and Tona Hosterman. Rachel Hosterman was in attendance every day for three successive terms, and Linnie Meyer attended every day for two terms.

## District S. S. Association.

The Sunday School association, District 3, composed of Half Moon and Patton townships, will hold a meeting on Monday, April 17th, at 2 p. m. in Grays M. E. church; address by Miss Robinson, one of the State field workers. All Sunday school workers are invited to be present.

## Miner Injured.

A man named Bodel, of Mill Hall, was injured by being run over by a mine car at the Mill Hall brick works about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. One leg was fractured and he sustained other injuries. He was taken to the Lock Haven hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shearer and friends, of Mill Hall, are rejoicing over a nine-pound boy, which arrived Tuesday night at 7:40. Mother and son doing nicely.