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—"Grandmother," is a favorite name for wells in the Saxonburg field.

CHRISTMAS coming upon Sunday this year will make the day of more than usual observance and interest.

THE Children's celebration of Christmas by the English Lutheran Church of this place, will be held in the church Saturday evening.

MR. CLEVELAND'S message meets with the exact approval of the English papers. Why wouldn't it? It is exactly their kind of a message.

NEXT week, as a kind "New Year's Gift," we will endeavor to present our readers with a somewhat embellished paper, in the way of some illustrated reading appropriate to the date.

BLAINE'S "message" from Paris was better reading in this country than Cleveland's from Washington. After next Presidential election the positions of these two men may be somewhat changed.

—We have received from Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bender, of Walla Walla, Washington Territory, an invitation to the wedding of their daughter, May, to Dr. O. J. Croup, formerly of Butler, which took place on Wednesday last, 21st inst. All the parties interested have our thanks and best wishes.

"REPUBLICAN Clubs," seem to be numerous and strong. Last week about 300 of them assembled in New York City, from nearly all the States of the Union. The object of the meeting had reference to the great Presidential election of the coming year.

WE learn that word has been received from the Chairman of the Armstrong County Republican Committee that a call has, or will be issued for a meeting of their County Committee, to consider the action of this county looking towards a change in nominating candidates for the State Senate in this district. We hope to hear of Armstrong appointing a committee to meet the one appointed by this county.

THE Chairman, Mr. T. M. Stewart, of the Lawrence County Republican Committee, has appointed Messrs. John Sword, Alexander Duff and Elmer J. Phillips, of that County to meet with the committees from the other counties to devise a new system of nominating candidates for Congress in this district. This action of Lawrence County completes the preliminary work. Although the minority county of the district her Republicans are not afraid to trust to the fair dealing and honor of her sister counties. The joint meeting of the Committees is to be held at New Castle, on January 10.

Will Meet—January 10.

The joint meeting of the Committees appointed in this Congressional district, Mercer, Lawrence, Beaver and Butler Counties, will meet in New Castle, Lawrence Co., on Tuesday, Jan'y 10, next, to take action in regard to an alteration in the method of nominating Republican Congressional candidates for the district.

These gentlemen are charged with an important duty, which we have no doubt will receive their best care and attention, and from which a proper change from the old mode of nominating will be formed. That the Republican party of the district desire a change is very clear, and the only question is, what shall the change be? It may require a little time and labor on the part of the joint convention, but from which good results must follow.

Christmas.

Again the season of mirth and gift giving is at hand. Next Sunday, Dec. 25, is another Christmas, and in almost every branch of business may be seen signs of its approaching. The shop and store windows are gayly decorated, inviting by their display the purchase of an endless variety of articles, suitable to the occasion. Men, women and children are are all equally attracted. The professions and trades have to take notice, and meet the demands of the day. The conductors of the newspapers have keep to up with the times and give their readers "Christmas stories," and Christmas songs. The CITIZEN this week has endeavored to be equal to the occasion, by giving to its readers as good a selection of reading matter as possible. These stories and verses of poetry will all be found to have a moral in them and can be read by all, old and young, with profit and pleasure.

We have only to add our customary greeting, of a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All."

—If Mr. Robert Garrett, late of the Baltimore & Ohio, in going west around the world on his proposed trip, should chance to meet Mr. Jay Gould, going east to get around the world the other way, which of them will get the "odd day" which is gained in one and lost to the other somewhere in the Pacific Ocean near the one hundred and eighteenth meridian?—Philadelphia *Ledger*.

Dame Rumor hath circulated the suspicion that this Mr. Gould, though a consistent supporter of many good institutions, especially those devoted to the care of lambs, is tolerably smart in business dickerings. Perhaps it might be safe in wagering a yearling steer against a hoe-handle that Mr. Gould will not be left. Perhaps, also, it might be proper to advise Old Sol to look sharp now that Mr. Gould is circumnavigating the earth, or he may lose several days himself.—Pittsburg *Com-Gazette*.

His Victim's Widow Implacable.

HARRISBURG, December 19.—The *Board of Pardons, at its meeting to-morrow*, will consider a number of important cases, among them that of Milton Weston, who desires another hearing, which his counsel believes would result in the presentation of arguments causing his release from the penitentiary. Weston is unfortunate in having the enmity of the widow of Obadiah Haymaker, for whose death the ex-millionare is suffering imprisonment. Several of her letters, against a pardon are on file, one of which arrived yesterday. In this letter she says:

I come to you again, praying that you will not grant the pardon of Mr. Weston. I know you must be weary of this matter, but I never weary of pleading the cause of one so near and dear to me, and whose life was so cruelly taken at the instigation of this man, Milton Weston. I know what has been the action of the board in the past, and I thank you kindly for it, yet I fell I have suffered so much from this man that I must do all I can to prevent his pardon, and that is why I plead that you will not grant his pardon.

Mrs. Jamison, of Chicago, has a letter on file in the pardon department even more emphatic against the favorable consideration of Weston's case. She talks as if the wife of the prisoner had caused great misery in a Chicago family by provoking kindness to the male head of it, and she is wearing sealskins and other finery, while the family indicated is suffering for want of sufficient clothing.

There have been reports that the refusal of the board to recommend Weston was due to the protests of a woman whom the prisoner had defrauded many years ago, but there does not seem to be any foundation for them. The board has voluminous papers presented for its consideration a deposition from a New York woman, who opposed the pardon of Weston because of his treatment of her, but her story of the wrongs she is alleged to have suffered at his hands can have had no effect on the board, which has refused recommendation to executive clemency because of the failure to produce testimony not submitted at the trial, tending to show the innocence of the prisoner.

The papers filed in the Weston case constiute a bulk about three feet in circumference, and the letters and petitions in favor of his pardon, in the number and character of the persons who wrote or signed them, have never been been approached. A Governor, Judges, United States Senators and members of Congress are among those who have asked that the prisoner be liberated, in addition to nearly 1,500 people of Allegheny county.

This overwhemingly demand for his pardon has not had the desired effect, because of the absence of sufficient proof as to his innocence to justify the board in favorably considering his case.

The board will to-morrow also hear arguments in the case of David L King the Clarion county murderer, for the commutation of his death penalty to imprisonment for life.

The Coffey murder case will also be among those to be considered by the Board of Pardons to-morrow. Thomas M. Marshall is expected to appear in it, as well as the application for a re-hearing in the Weston case.

Terrible Chinese Disaster.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Chinese advices received to-day state that the Yellow River overflowed its banks in the province of Honau, Sept. 29, and completely inundated the city of Chingehow and ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea, ten to thirty feet deep, where it was once a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow River is now dry, and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving. Thomas Paton, one of the American missionaries, writing from Honan province under date of Oct. 28, says: "The newly gathered crops, houses and trees are all swept away, involving a fearful loss of life. The country was covered with a fine Winter braid which is gone and implies complete destruction to next year's crop. 'Bread' bread' is the cry of thousands who are on the river bank.

"Benevolent people go in boats and throw bread among the masses here and there, but it is nothing compared with the requirements. The mass of people is still being increased by continual arrivals more hungry than the last. There they sit, stunned, hungry and dejected, without a rag to wear or a morsel of food. Mat huts are being erected for them. What it will be in two months I can not conceive. The misery is increased owing to the bitter cold weather."

Great Destruction of Holiday Goods.

Shortly after 12 o'clock last Wednesday night a private watchman discovered fire in the second story of Fleishman & Co's, store at 504 and 506, Market street, Pittsburg, and in a few minutes the upper stories of that building and also those of the adjoining building of C. Yeager & Co., were in flames. The flames spread as though they were running over a parched prairie, and when they were subdued, at a late hour Thursday morning, the damage done was estimated at from $300,000 to $320,000, and three brave firemen had received serious, and perhaps one of them fatal, injuries, while battling to prevent Pittsburg from being visited with what could easily have been one of the most disastrous fires in its history.

The buildings 504 and 506, occupied by S. L. Fleishman & Co., and 508 Market street, occupied by C. Yeager, the three structures being filled with a choice variety of Christmas and general goods, were completely gutted, and nothing of the valuable stock was saved, while the buildings are rendered comparatively worthless. The most persistent fighting on the part of the firemen saved the stores and stocks of Rosenbaum & Co, and Hugus & Hacke from being seriously damaged. Both the buildings burned were filled with light, inflammable articles, and water seemed to have no effect on the flames.

The fire, as far as can be ascertained, originated in the cellar of the Fleishman building, run up the elevator shaft, getting a firm hold in the second story, where Watchman Opterman discovered it.

—The Butler County Poultry Association will hold their first annual exhibition at Butler, Pa., January 24 to 27, 1888. Apply to W. T. Mechling, secretary, for circular.

The Week Before Christmas.

Tis the week before Christmas,
And all in the house
Are plotting and planning
As sly as a mouse.

Strange bundles are smuggled
Inside, unaware,
And hidden away with
The greatest of care.

The children, with secrets
They're burning to tell,
And in an excitement
That nothing can quell.

Are hourly asking
How many more days
Before it is Christmas,
With cheeks all ablaze.

The old folks, as eager,
The fever have caught,
And crowd in the places
Where presents are bought.

To them Merry Christmas
Is sweeter, we know,
Than when their own stockings
We filled long ago.

'Way up from the kitchen
Spiced odors arise
Of genuine, home-made,
Delicious mince-pies.

Just stuffed full of raisins
As big and as round
As little Jack Horner
So happily found.

The long winter nights
All much longer appear,
For who can sleep soundly
With Christmas so near.

And now, for the stockings!
No tot's tiny hose
Can hold half the treasures
Kriss Kingle bestows;

So mamma's great big ones
Are got with delight,
All ready to hang up
On Santa Claus' night.

Now, Christmas is near! and
St. Nick in his sleigh,
Behind his swift reindeers,
Is flying this way.

He's now on the snow-clouds,
He'll be at your gate;
Prepare for his coming—
There's no time to wait.

H. C. Dodge.

A Christmas Meditation.

ADAPTED BY REV. J. E. WHITTEKER.

Let us go with the shepherds to the manger of our Lord, the Church; and there we shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, even in the Holy Scriptures. Let us with Mary, the blessed mother of our Lord, keep the words of so great a mystery, and, with her, daily ponder them in our hearts. Let us write our voices in song with those of the angels and, give befitting thanks to God for so great a blessing. Let us rejoice and be glad in one accord with all the host of heaven. For if angels do so greatly rejoiced for our sake, how much more should we rejoice unto whom this Child is born, unto whom this Son is given? If the children of Israel raised a shout of joy when the ark of the covenant was brought into their midst how much more should we rejoice to whom the Lord descended in our assumed flesh? If Abraham rejoiced greatly when he saw the Lord, who came to him in human guise put on for the moment, what should we do, since now He has united to himself our very nature by an unchanging and unchangeable covenant?

Let us wonder at the infinite goodness of God, who, when we could not ascend to him, was himself constrained to come down to us. Let us wonder at the infinite power of God who was able to form a most intimate union between two completely distinct and widely differing natures—the divine and the human—so that now one and the same person is God and man. Let us wonder at the infinite wisdom of God who knew how to plan a way for our redemption which neither man nor angels could do. Infinite goodness had been offended; infinite satisfaction was demanded. Man had offended God; satisfaction was required at the hands of man But neither infinite satisfaction could be furnished by man, nor could divine justice be satisfied without an infinite price. Therefore God became man, so that both he who had sinned made satisfaction, and He who is infinite paid the infinite price.

Let us wonder at this marvellous tempering of justice and mercy, which no creature, before God became manifest in the flesh, could suggest; neither after his manifestation could fully understand. Let us wonder at these things, but not curiously pry into them. Let us desire to look into these things, even though we may not fully comprehend them. Let us confess our ignorance, rather than question the power of God.

—*The Workman.*

80 Cent Oil.

Within the past few days oil took a spurt, going up to 81½ cts. On Wednesday the market opened at this place at 80¾ and rose to 81½, and on this, Thursday, morning opened at 81½. All the signs are that this is a stable rise and that it will likely continue to go up higher. Should it do so the shut down movement will have some difficulty in keeping shut down

The Saxonburg field, this county, gives more alarm to the market than all other fields. The daily news from this field is fluctuating, and good new wells are proving rare and uncertain things. Some of the best ones obtained, such as the Snee No. 1, continue their flow, but in a decreased amount, while dry holes have been got near good wells. The territory there in fact appears of a rather irregular and uncertain character. For instance, the Hays and Alexander well was drilled near one of the best in the district and had some 80 feet of sand, promising a good well and yet it resulted a dry one. The whole daily production of the field keeps about the same average, being now about 1200 barrels daily.

An Umbrella.

Recorder Smyth of New York City has just sentenced a man to five years in Sing Sing for grabbing an umbrella from a passer by.

Now, stealing an umbrella quietly and unostentatiously from the rack is so common that it is almost regarded as a virtue. Even those who are surest of going to heaven have indulged themselves in the luxury of mistaking the other man's silk umbrella for their own, which was alpaca. Indeed, there are very few men in the civilized world who can put their hands on their hearts and honestly say, "I never stole an umbrella." What, never? Well, hardly ever," is the universal admission.

But grabbing in broad daylight—that is worth five years any time.

—Mr. Jordan Eyth of this place, who was so badly injured in Pittsburg recently when getting off a railroad train, we are glad to learn is improving and hopes are now expressed for his recovery. He still lays in Pittsburg at the home of a brother, and cannot come home as yet. He fell under a car, but not under the wheels, and while not cut was badly crushed and bruised.

Phenominal Snowfall in Eastern Pennsylvania.

READING, PA, December, 19.

The snow storm in this city and vicinity yesterday was the heaviest that has fallen for the past several years. The fall was very general, and extended all over the eastern portion of the States. In this city the depth measured from 17 to 20 inches. All trains on the Reading Railroad were badly delayed. The passenger train from Philadelphia due here at ten o'clock Saturday night, became snowbound five miles below this city and did not arrive here until daylight yesterday morning. The following specials have been received from the storm district:

Easton—Twenty-two inches of snow fell here, the deepest in many years. The railroads worked all yesterday endeavoring to free the rails, but were unable to get their trains through on time. The New York mail train was five hours late in getting to this place. Street car travel was abandoned. The churches were so slimly attended that services were not held in some of them.

West Chester.—The snow in this section was very heavy. A strong wind prevailed and as a result some of the rural roads are filled full of snow and are impassible. The snow fall is twelve inches on a level, and is the heaviest that has has been known here in a long time.

Wilkesbarre.—Nine inches of snow fell here, twenty inches at Glen Summit, and thirteen inches at Harvey Lake. Railroad travel on all railroads centering here was badly delayed.

Bethlehem.—The snow storm here was the heaviest experience for many years. The snow is two feet deep on a level, but drifted in many places eight to ten feet high. The railroads, industrial works and housetops had their quotas of snow shovelers at work all day long.

Lancaster.—The snow in this city and vicinity is 14 inches deep. Many of the country roads are blocked and great detention was caused to railroad travel.

Hazleton.—The ground is covered with snow to a depth of eighteen inches. Trains have all been delayed, and a large force of men with snow plows are at work clearing the tracks of this divison of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

A Brutal Fight.

The prize fight between Jake Kilrain, an American slugger, and Jem Smith, the champion of England, took place on the small island of St Pierre, in the Seine, France, last Monday, beginning at 2 o'clock P. M. and lasting till dark, when it was declared a draw.

The fight was witnessed by over 100 persons, none of whom, excepting the guide knew where the fight would occur when they left London, and each of whom paid over $200 to see it.

106 rounds were fought, both men were badly used up, and when it became evident that Kilrain was going to win, although one of his eyes was closed, attempts were made by Smith's seconds to gouge out his other eye and break one of his fingers when separating the two men after a clinches and falls.

A four column account of the fight in some of the dailies ends as follows:

"It would be difficult to imagine anything more revolting than the condition of the two men at the end of the fight. It had grown dusky and the spectators were shivering in the winter's wind; the two magnificent athletes of three hours before were battered almost out of human semblance. Kilrain's right eye was puffed up like a miniature balloon; his left eye was battered, but still partly open; he had a heavy cut across the nose; his jaw locked like a piece of raw beef steak, and bumps on his forehead stood out like eggs. A continual stream of blood flowed from his right ear, where it was torn, all over his body from big abrasions. Continual sponging could not keep the blood from smearing his body. But bad as Kilrain's appearance was, Smith's was much worse. He had been pounded till his face was battered out of its former semblance His lips had been cut by early blows of Kilrain, and each subsequent smash had puffed and swollen them violently. His face was cut in a dozen small places and his ear was so swollen that it had to be lanced. His shoulders and ribs too, bore evidence of awful punishment, and his jaw, which the Yankee had pounded so persistently, was knocked clear out of gear."

What Ruined Grevy.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Now that Wilson has been acquitted, as everyone knew he would be, the explanation is given of the withdrawal of the two letters from the prefecture of police, which resulted in the overthrow of Grevy. It appears that when Madam Limousin's papers were seized, Gragnon, prefect of police, found two letters from Wilson among them. In the first letter it was stated that the President of the Republic and he were doing their best to have General Thibaudin promoted and that, although they were not successful as yet, they were not discouraged.

This letter brought Grevy into the scandal The Prefect of Police took these letters to the Elysee and showed them to the President. He was disgusted and humiliated at the use made of his name by Wilson, and, in a fit of impatience, threw the letters into the fire A few days later the same Prefect called at the Elysee to tell the President that Limousin knew those letters by heart, and that their withdrawal could not be concealed. It was then that Grevy himself directed his son-in-law to rewrite the letters, leaving out his name.

If it had not been for the water mark in the paper this substitution could not have been proved As the case stood, any prosecution of Wilson would also have involved the prosecution of Grevy. There are very few Frenchmen who could have wished to see the Ex President of the republic prosecuted on account of the indiscretions of his stupid son-in-law, so the case fails.

—How many years will it be before Christianity has spread and Christmas be celebrated over all the world and "by all nations?"

—Oil is going up—probably because the production is coming down.

—The South end of town needs now only a good dry goods store. It is fast filling up with all other kinds of stores and shops; and a dry goods one south of Court House, on Main street, could not help but do a good business.

—The house of Mr. D. Q. Pisor of Concord Twp. was consumed by fire last Tuesday night, with all the household goods. No insurance

COMMUNICATIONS.

Winfield Township Institute.

EDS CITIZEN:—The teachers of *Winfield Twp, held their second* meeting on Saturday Dec. 17, 1887 at the Hesselgesser school. They organized by electing J. M. Painter chairman and W. S Groff, secretary

Physiology was opened by J. Harvey Donnell, was followed in discussion by Messrs W. C. Findley, M. N Greer, John Powell, J. M. Painter and J. F. Hutzler. Mr. D. favors thorough instruction in this branch Greer asked for information as to the law concerning this branch, which was answered by Donnell, Findley and Painter.

W. C Findley delivered an interesting address on History. He was followed in discussion by Messrs. Hutzler, Donnell, Powell. Painter and Groff who favored combining the studies of History and Geography.

A carefully prepared essay on Orthography was read by W. S. Groff He recommends the oral method for primary and the written for advanced pupils. He was followed in discussion by Hutzler and Findley.

J. F. Hutzler spoke on Decimals He dwelt pricipally on the writing of decimals Was followed in discussion by Greer and Findley.

How to secure attention during recitation and intermission was opened by J. M. Painter, he urges teachers to be thoroughly acquainted with the subject they are presenting and at intermission would teach self-government as far as practicable. Followed by Hutzler and Findley.

This closed the programme of the day and the institute adjourned to meet at Saxon station, Jan. 14, 1888, at 12 M.

The following programme was prepared for the next meeting.

Reading, J. H Donnell.
Discussion. E B. McRoberts.
Syntax, W. C. Findley.
Discussion, J M. Cruikshank.
Fractions, J. M. Painter,
Discussion, J B Criswell.
Recess and Query box,
Percentage, W. S Groff.
Discussion, John Powell,

How to get pupils to study out of school hours, J. F. Hutzler. Discussion, A. H Sarver. All teachers and friends of education are invited to attend these institutes and take part in the discussions. SECRETARY.

Prospect Items.

EDS. CITIZEN:—Jas. H Pringle & Bro. have gone into the stave business. Success, gentlemen.

J. M. Weigle has gone to West Liberty to work at his trade. Ford, take off that bouquet, especially the "lily."

Miss Niblock, of Petersville, is still in town, doing fine sewing for Mrs. S. S. Forrester, Mrs. McLure, and others.

The Academy is again progressing finely. There are good prospects for a large spring school.

The shooting matches are about done for this year. Moon, Garvey, Warren, Henshaw and Shannon seem to be the winners.

Now comes the time for Christmas gifts, which, like government offices, generally go where they are not needed. Whats the diff?

Casper's narrative of his first visit to choir practice is thrilling and romantic. He thought a smile meant, "Its all right." But, remember, dear Casper, "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush."

The U. P. Sunday School will have their Christmas Tree on Friday eve, Dec 23, and the Lutheran, the following eve.

Mrs. H. W. Henshaw and Mrs. Nathan Brown are both on the sick list.

"A Merry Christmas and a happy New Years," to all the whole-souled readers of the CITIZEN. J. B

What the English Papers Say of Cleveland's Message.

That the message is looked upon as a free trade document we present the following extracts from English papers The *Morning Post*, London, England, says:

"The Message will produce a profound sensation in Europe, as well as in America and will strengthen the free trader's cause throughout the world."

The London *Daily News* says: "Seldom has an American President had a more important or impressive lesson to teach. The fact is, that although President Cleveland makes a pretense of shutting his eyes to it, the policy of protection has been reduced to a practical and theoretical absurdity. The stone now set rolling will not stop until the idol of protection is broken in pieces."

Rheumatism

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The firm of J. J. Kearns & Co. grocers, composed of the undersigned, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, Walter Evans withdrawing from the firm. The business will hereafter be conducted by J. J. Kearns alone at the old stand on Jefferson St. Butler Pa. The accounts due the firm of J. J. Kearns & Co, will be collected by J. J. Kearns.

WALTER EVANS,
J. J. KEARNS

Dec. 15. 1887.

THIS PAPER is on file in Philadelphia at the Advertising Bureau of Messrs. N. W. AYER & SON, our authorized agents.

MARRIED.

Marriage Notices Published Free.

CROUP—BENDER—At Walla Walla, Washington Territory, Dec. 21, 1887, Dr. O. J. Croup, formerly of Butler, Pa., and Miss Mary Bender, of Walla Walla.

SHANOR—CROFT—By Rev. D. L. Roth, Dec. 15, 1887, at English Lutheran parsonage, Butler, Pa., Mr Orin C. Shanor and Miss Annie J. Croft, both of Lancaster twp., this county.

OESTERLING—KRAMER—On Dec. 14th, 1887, at the Eitenmiller House, by Rev. E. Cronenwett, Mr. Fred. L. Oesterling and Miss Katie Kramer, both of Butler.

SPANG—PHILIPS—Dec. 21, 1887, at the residence of the bride's mother at Butler, by Rev. W. E. Oller, Mr. Charles B. Spang and Ada J. Philips, both of Butler, Pa.

LEWIS—SOWERS—In the Court House, Butler Pa., Dec. 21, 1887, by Robert C. McAboy, Esq., Mr. Robert J. Lewis and Miss Agnes Ann Sowers, both of Marion twp., this County.

The above is the first marriage performed by Squire McAboy, and, not knowing the other parties, we congratulate him on its success and wish him prosperity in that bnsiness.

DEATHS.

Announcements of deaths published free, but all communicated obituaries will be charged for at the rate of one-half cent for each word, money to accompany the order.

RAY—On Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1887, of paralysis, Johnston J. Ray, of Slate Lick, Armstrong county, aged about 53, years.

WILSON—At Wilkinsburg, on Thursday, Dec. 15, 1887, Samantha A., wife of James A. Wilson, in the 33d year of her age.

GRAHAM—In this place, Dec. 14, 1887, Mrs. Rosannah Graham, wife of Mr. Jas. Graham, aged 57 years, 8 months and 7 days.

KING—Mrs. Nancy King, wife of Charles King, of Cherry twp., died of paralysis Dec. 11, 1887.

CREIGHTON—In West Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18, 1887, Mr. Bernard Roessing Creighton, eldest son of the late James McCreighton, and grand son of the late Bernard Roessing of this place, in the 27th year of his age.

GRAHAM—In this place, Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, 1887, Miss Elizabeth Graham, eldest daughter of Mrs. Catharine Graham, widow of the late John Graham, Esq., deceased.

The mother and relatives have the sympathy of the community in their sudden bereavement.

NEYMAN—In this place, Thursday morning Dec, 22, 1887, Mrs. Emaline Neyman, wife of Dr. A. M. Neyman, in the 49th year of her age.

WAGNER—In Lancaster twp., Butler Co., Pa., on the 13th of December, John Wagner, aged 40 years, 2 months and 13 days.

WISE—In Penn Twp., Butler Co., of diphtheria on the 18th of Dec. 1887, Albert Lorence, son of Wm. and Annie Wise, aged 5 years 11 months and 1 day.

How we loved our Albert boy
Of our life he was our joy
But he's gone to yon bright shore
Where we shall see his face no more.

It was hard from him to part
Yes it almost broke our hearts
And the tears in torrents run
For we lost our own dear son.

Must he always there remain
Can't we see his face again
Can't we hear his voice once more
Ere we pass to yon bright shore.

Oh! our anguish in that hour
For we lost our own sweet flower
Lost our hope, our joy, our pride
For our Albert dear has died,

And do we with tears that burn
Ask our Albert to return
God forbid us thus to cry
For our Albert's ever nigh.

But we'll call him not again
For on earth is sin and pain
For our Albert is at rest
Safe upon the Savior's breast.

Albert stay with Christ on high
We will all go by and by
And we'll meet to part no more
On that ever blissful shore.

Written by R. and P. W.

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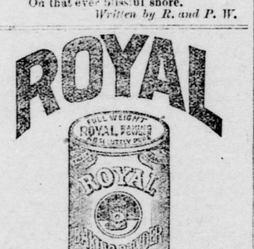

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"	3 Dec.	1887	McCandless & Thompson	Wm Starr, adm'r	John Starr	Fleeger and Mitchell
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"	1 Sept,	1883	John H Thompson	Hoffman & Parr	Ann Stalker	N Black
"	43 Mar	1884	E McJ and T C Campbell	Geo Reiber	W P & S Connect'g R R Co	Thompson and McCandless
"	3 Sept	1884	Cornelius & Welsh	James Tebay	Jos McElroy	Scott
"	18 Sept	1885	McQ	Henry Pfabe	C Tremble et al	Forquer
"	36 Sept	1885	McQ, Greer & Ralston.	Wm Forgie	Clara M Greenlee et al	McCandless
"	91 Sept	18 5	McC, Thompson & Son	Wm Starr, adm'r	John Starr	Fleeger and Mitchell
"	96 Sept	1885	McQ. Greer & Ralston	Wm Forgie	Clara M Greenlee	McCandless
"	28 June	1886	Greer & Ralston	B L Hockenberry	J R Hindman et ux	McC, W & M
"	14 Sept	1886	Walker, McQ & Forquer	The Boro of Butler	Henry Bickel et al	Same
"	15 Sept	1886	" " "	Same	Same	Same
"	65 Sept	1886	Greer & Ralston	Nancy E Walters	David Logan	McQuistion
"	32 Dec	1886	Bra don	Brushwood Developing Co	Henry Fisher	Same
"	38 Dec	1886	Greer & Ralston	A M McCandless	Jos McCandless et al	Thompson & Son
"	39 Dec	1886	Mitchell	Wm L McGeary	W B Shrader et al	Brandon and Campbell
"	46 Mar	1887	Bowser	Ab Wolford	W A Green et al	Thompson & Son
"	54 Mar	1887	E McJ, McJ & Galbreath	John D Albert	W H McCandless et al	Greer & Ralston
"	2 June	1887	Forquer & Bowser	W H Davis	Laura Welsh	Thompson & Son
"	18 June	1887	A T Black, Greer & Ralston	Breaden & Conway	G W Crawford et al	Same
"	50 "	1887	Scott	O G Kapp	John D Hill	Forquer
"	54 "	1887	E McJ, McJ & Galbreath	A W Ribold	Peter Schmick	Greer & Ralston
"	65 "	1887	Robinson	J N Cubbison	W J Vincent et al	McC and N Black
"	70 "	1887	McCandless	Geo H Graham	W C McCandless et al	Riddle and Robinson
"	78 "	1887	Same	Same	Same	Same
"	85 "	1885	Eastman	Benj Masseth	Dennison & Hoyt	N Black
"	94 "	1887	Fleeger & Moore	Jas L Chambers	John Dever adm'r	E McJ, McJ & Gal
"	95 "	1887	McJ, Cornelius & Welsh	Rachael E Duncan	Wm Humphrey adm'r	Marshall, Greer & Ralston
"	1 Sept	1887	Forquer	Geo Reiber	D Campbell	Scott
"	12 "	1887	Mitchell	T L Hamy & Co	Delmore McKinney	McQ
"	21 "	1887	Brittain & Cummings	Phillip S Weimer	A J Patton adm'r	Greer & Ralston
"	33 "	1887	Thompson & Son and McC	Mercer Mining & M'f'g Co	A B Walker	A T Bales & Riddle
"	45 "	1887	Scott	Geo Scott	O Hepler	Forquer
"	51 "	1885	T & Son and Greer & Ralst'n	Thos Christey, adm'r.	Jos Keunehan	McC., M and Bredin
"	59 "	1887	McCandless	E T Moreland	N Dambach	McQ
"	64 "	1887	McJ & Galbreath	Freeborn Summer & Son	Fred Weyer	Same
"	38 Dec	1887	Greer & Ralston	Andrew B Metz	Robert S Kirker et al	McCandless
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