

'Twas the Week Before Christmas

M folks act funny nowadays—I can't tell what is going on—When ma comes in she always says, "What bundles come when I was gone?"



There's packages behind the bed In ma's room. When I found them there I ran her what they was. She said, "Have you been looking?"

Ma hides things from my sister—yes, An' siter she hides things from ma. They're sewin' somepin not a dress, An' both of them hide it from pa!

A Curious Custom of Oxfordshire. In some places in Oxfordshire, England, it was the right of every maid-servant to ask the hired man for a bit of ivy to trim the house.

For St. Nicholas' White Horse. In Belgium the children expect the good St. Nicholas to visit them. They think he rides on a white horse, so they polish their shoes with great care.

The Spirit of Giving. Don't give only where you expect a return or wonder whether you will be supposed to buy something for A, B, or C.

The Animals At Christmas

S AID Santa Claus, "This Christmas eve (The animals looked pleased) And each of you will now receive My yearly Christmas present.

THE TAPIR said: "That pleases me. I'll state succinctly, therefore, If I may be so bold and free—

THE PIG a fountain pen desired; The Cow tin horns requested; The Horse, for a new hat acquired.

So all of them were gay and glad, And they were happy, very glad; They liked the presents that they had

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Why they should all drop over their heads An' peek some errand out for me. Whenever they hear our bell ring;

Why Tommy is Doing Penance. Grandma—Are you looking forward to your Christmas dinner, Tommy?

THE GREAT VESSES the Present. On Christmas Eve is coming fast. So cheer up, girls, be present!

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS. The pupils of the public schools of town are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to a week's vacation between Christmas and New Year's.

IN KEEPING WITH CHRISTMAS. With a prize turkey guarding entrance to the door and the interior gaily decorated with holly and trailing pine the bowling alley in common with other establishments about town presents an aspect quite in keeping with the spirit of Christmas.

LADIES' DAY. Ladies are at all times welcome at the Bowling Alleys, where ample seating capacity has been furnished in full view of the fascinating game.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF NORTH'D COUNTY. The school directors of Northumberland county met in annual session in court room number two, Sanbury, Wednesday morning.

Must Vote in February. Deputy Attorney General Fleitz decides, in an official opinion delivered to State Commissioner Hunter that all townships in Pennsylvania desiring to receive 15 per cent. of the amount of their road tax from the State next year must vote affirmatively on this proposition at the coming February election.

Birthday Party. Mr. and Mrs. Bigler Meyer entertained a party of young people at their home on West Mahoning street, Friday evening, in honor of their son Orville's eighteenth birthday.

Peoples Bank Directors. The stockholders of the Peoples Bank on Friday elected the following directors: J. H. Cole, O. F. Ferris, John A. Ellis, H. B. Shultz, Thomas H. Beuhfeld, John Doster, Jr., J. E. Smith, David Thomas and Samuel Lowenstein.

Will Pay Reward. No official action has been taken, but the Northumberland County Commissioners have expressed themselves as being willing to pay a reward of \$100 for the capture of Shultz and Burns, who escaped from the Sanbury jail Monday morning.

Challenged by Pittston. The Pittston Y. M. C. A. basket ball team has challenged Danville to play on Christmas afternoon. Each team recently won two games and if the Danville team accepts this challenge, the deciding contest will be an exciting one.

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY

GRAND JURORS. Anthony township—Elmer Kertner, John Martin, Cooper township—Jesse Weaver, John Krumm.

Danville, 1st Ward—Arthur M. Hedden, Harry Kupp, George Gardner, W. H. Kaufman, William Fallon. Danville, 2nd Ward—William Boyer, Thomas Swank.

Danville, 3rd Ward—Michael Reilly, Clark Parsell, Joseph Aggie, Thomas A. Schott, A. H. Grono. Danville, 4th Ward—Daniel Bloom, Peter Dietrich, Albert Lloyd, Francis Hartman, Benjamin Harris, Walter O. Grae, Nealey Getting, John Udelhofen.

Valley township—Frank Hendricks, John Mack West Hemlock township—Morgan Williams, Matthew Maus. Washingtonville—George Holden, Clarence Seidel.

General business being in order the time for the annual meeting was fixed for the last Thursday in January, 1906. J. B. McCloughan, of Rush, was next called for on the subject "What Effect Will Recent School Legislation Have Upon the Directors?"

Mr. Fleitz decides also that under the general supervisors' act, passed by the last legislature, the supervisors must serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for traveling expenses; that no supervisor can act as road master, and that the act is general in its terms, applies to all second-class townships in the State, and all local or special laws relating to the election of supervisors or the management and control of township roads in conflict with this act are repealed by it.

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AUTO LICENSES WILL ENRICH THE STATE

Yesterday was the day set for the issuing of licenses for automobile operators and tags for automobiles from the State Highway Department, under the law passed by the last Legislature.

The first license issued will be to Harry S. Beidler, of Doylestown, a constituent of Senator Grimm, the father of the automobile bill. Senator Grimm made the request that Mr. Beidler be given license No. 1.

The revenue of the department, derived from the sale of licenses, will amount annually to about \$25,000, from which the expenses of the department will be defrayed. As soon as the law is fully understood the rush for licenses will be something enormous.

A meeting was held in C. F. Styer's Hall, West Hemlock township, Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing a local lodge of "The American Society of Equity" and to consider the establishment of a rural telephone line to connect with the Danville system.

General Passenger Agent Timmins, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is making preliminary arrangements for a trip to Denver next July by the Elks of Hazleton, Pottsville, Tamaqua, Shamokin, Sunbury, Bloomsburg and Danville. Mr. Timmins states that the fare, including meals and berth on the train both ways and hotel accommodations in Denver will be \$100.

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And now November 23, 1905, it is hereby ordered and directed that hereafter the December Term of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, or Orphans' Court of the County of Montour shall be changed from the week and month hereinbefore held to the Second Monday of January in each and every year, and continued for one week, subject to be enlarged when necessary, making the several terms of the said several Courts as follows, viz: The Second Monday of January and the fourth Mondays of February, May and September in each year.

And it is further ordered and directed that the fourth Monday of December in each and every year be and remain a return day of the said several Courts for return of writs, etc.

It is further ordered and directed that the Prothonotary of the said County of Montour cause this Order to be published in the several newspapers of the County of Montour at least thirty days before the second Monday of January next.

LACKAWANNA ROAD SUFFERS BIG FIRE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The two new ferry houses and slips of the Central railroad of New Jersey and the Delaware and Lackawanna near the foot of 23rd street, were practically destroyed by fire this morning.

The fire started near the waiting room of the Delaware and Lackawanna ferry house, the more northerly of the two, and which ran from Twenty-Second to Twenty-third street, along the North River. A brisk wind was blowing from the north, spreading the flames with remarkable speed through the entire structure.

The ferry boat Hamburg, on which there were 300 passengers, was in the Lackawanna slip when the fire broke out but its pilot quickly pulled out into the stream away from danger. A number of painters were at work on this structure and they had to run for their lives. It is thought that one of the lamps used by the painters exploded, and started the fire.

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NOTICE OF INQUISITION

In the Court of Common Pleas of Montour County, No. 2 May Term, 1905. In Partition. Horace B. Bennett and Mary E. Bennett his wife in right of the said Mary E. Bennett as the alienor of James Wands and also as an heir at law of Elizabeth Wands deceased, and John Wands, deceased, plaintiffs,

VS. K. Olive Thompson, committee of David Wands a lunatic, John L. Lane and Arthur P. Lane as administrators and also as heirs at law of Elizabeth Lane deceased and heir at law of the said Elizabeth Wands deceased an heir at law of the said John Wands deceased, John A. Wands, Alexander Wands, Henry Wands, Jas. Wands, Chas. Wands, Mary Wands, Catherine Wands, Joseph M. Gibson as husband of Jennie Gibson deceased, and also as guardian ad litem of Montgomery Gibson and Jennie Gibson the first named of whom is above the age of fourteen years, minor children of the said Jennie Gibson deceased, heirs at law of Alexander Wands deceased and Lewis Rodenheffer, alienor of Christiana Wands, deceased respectively, defendants.

To the above named John L. Lane, and Arthur P. Lane as administrators and also as heirs at law of Elizabeth Lane deceased, John A. Wands, Alexander Wands, Henry Wands, Jas. Wands, Chas. Wands, Mary Wands, Catherine Wands, Joseph M. Gibson as husband of Jennie Gibson deceased, and also as guardian ad litem of Montgomery Gibson and Jennie Gibson the first named of whom is above the age of fourteen years, minor children of the said Jennie Gibson deceased, heirs at law of Alexander Wands deceased and Lewis Rodenheffer, alienor of Christiana Wands, deceased respectively, defendants.

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Executors Notice.

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