

'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 were. 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 Nearest Man. A well-to-do Chicago real estate owner went into a hardware store in that city and asked the proprietor for a pound of nails.

The Animals At Christmas

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

The Pig a fountain pen desired; The Cow tin horns requested; The Horse, for a new hat acquired, His gratitude attested.

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

His Christmas Sermon. An Aged Wayfarer Who Taught a Curate Contentment. An English clergyman declares that the best Christmas sermon he ever heard was preached by a woman—and in three words!

Christmas Day in Russia. In certain parts of Russia the children at Christmas eve begin playing pranks that are as odd as they are amusing.

A Thoughtful Husband. What is more touching at the holiday season than to see an old man planning a pleasant surprise for his aged wife?

Christmas Presents. The giving of presents on Christmas day undoubtedly owes its origin to a general idea to carry into practice the biblical mandate, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Why Tommy is Doing Penance. Grandma—Are you looking forward to your Christmas dinner, Tommy? Tommy—Yes, grandma, but not so much as Johnny Jones.

Changing Countenance. He changed countenance rapidly. Slipping on his face the Santa Claus mask, he made a triumphant entry into the parlor with the bundle of toys.

A Hawaiian Christmas. Before the missionaries and the American settlers went to Hawaii the natives knew nothing about Christmas, but now they all celebrate the day and do it, of course, in the same way as the Americans who live there.

The Spirit of Giving. Do you know that the colt you lent me was a counterfeit? said the habitué borrower. "Oh, sure I do. You said that you needed it bad."

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.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is dickering with some of the Southern States for a large supply of quail. North Carolina has sent word that Pennsylvania can have all the birds it needs for breeding purposes from that State.

The happiest persons on Christmas will be the children and the adults who have made it possible for the worthy poor to enjoy some of the pleasures of the glad Christmas tide.

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY

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

TRVERSE JURORS. Anthony township—James Russell, David Ulrich, David Smith, Miles Holden, Alfred Bitler. Cooper township—A. J. Winterstein.

Valley township—Norman Taylor, Peter D. Werkheiser. Liberty township—William J. Clark, Samuel Henry, Jonathan Stahl.

Maloning township—James Hickey, William Hartz H. Benjamin Diehl, W. Lard Koser, Edward Mau, Oscar Kischer, Orlis Knapp, Jr., William S. Amiller. Mayberry township—Clarence Cleaver.

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?"

Prof. Preston W. Serach then delivered a masterly address, beginning by asserting his special interest in Northumberland county as his father was born in that county. He dwelt especially on the country school, stating there was nothing in the city school could compare with the country school if the latter was properly organized.

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. Those present were: Misses Rhea Hoffman, Elsie Bennett, Nora Cromley, Jennie Woodside, Edna Meyer, Gertrude Linker, Mae Meyer, Maler Meyer, of Milton, Beaver Hollowback, Harry Lattier, Earl Woodside, Alvin Spaid, Edward Price, Grover Mincey, Edward Linker and Roy Vangilder.

Mr. S. S. Bal, of Rossford, W. Va., says: "I was troubled with stomach trouble for twenty years. Kodol cured me and we are now using it in our family."

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.

Associate Judge. EDWARD SAYRE GEARHART, Counsel.

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 division has been fully organized and is in charge of Roy D. Beman, with H. M. Gatschall, of Meadville, as assistant, and William Linn, of Philadelphia, as clerk. A stenographer will be announced later.

Mr. Beman says the distribution of licenses will begin in a few days, or as soon as the tags arrive. After January 1 all operators of automobiles must have a license, obtaining it from the State Highway Department, for which they pay \$3, which entitles them to a tag for the automobile they drive.

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, Portville, 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.

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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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 building was soon a mass of flames, which communicated to the Central ferry house, located along the river front from Twenty-first to Twenty-second street.

There were 300 passengers on the Lackawanna ship 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.

John Homer, the ticket agent for the D. L. and W. is the only person injured so far as known. He carried out \$11,000 in money and tickets from the safe and had to make a couple of trips to do it. He was burned and scorched about the face and arms on his second trip, an incident which shows the rapidity with which the fire spread.

The loss will probably exceed half a million of dollars.

Do You Get Up With a Lame Back? Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable. Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century. It has been tested and covered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will find just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Biggs, Hamilton, N. Y. The regular fifty cent and Home of Swamp-Root bottles are sold by all good druggists.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

EDWARD SAYRE GEARHART, Counsel.

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 Rodenhoffer, 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, Charles Wands, heirs at law of Alexander Wands deceased and Lewis Rodenhoffer, alienor of Christiana Wands, deceased, and to all other of the above named defendants who may reside outside the said County of Montour,

You and each of you are hereby duly notified, that by virtue of the writ of De Partitione facienda duly issued and to me directed in the above stated case, an Inquest will be held upon the premises therein described, situate at the corner of Bloom and Church streets in the Third Ward of the Borough of Danville in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, designated as No. 230 Bloom street, on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1906, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, to ascertain and inquire, among other things, whether the said premises can be parted and divided without prejudice to or spoiling the whole thereof, other wise to value and appraise the same; where and when you may attend, if you deem proper.

GEORGE MAIERS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Danville, Pa. November 23rd, 1905. EDWARD SAYRE GEARHART, Counsel.

Executrix's Notice. Estate of Lewis Titell, late of the Borough of Danville, County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the said estate, will make known the same without delay to ELIZABETH TITELL, Executrix, W. M. J. BALDY, Attorney.

Executrix's Notice. Letters testamentary upon the estate of Dr. S. Y. Thompson, late of Montour County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Montour County, upon the above estate, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims against the same to present them without delay to MRS. ANNA E. THOMPSON, Executrix, 109 Bloom street.

Executrix's Notice. Estate of Julia Anne Bowyer, late of the Borough of Danville, County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the said estate, will make known the same, without delay to ANNE E. BOWYER, Executrix.

Executrix's Notice. Estate of Mary Lockhoff, late of the Township of Derry, in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the said estate, will make known the same, without delay to WILLIAM HOUSER, Executor of Mary Lockhoff, deceased, P. O. Address, 613 Bloom street, Danville, Pa. Edward Sayre Gearhart, Counsel.

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