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THERE may be times when we seemingly have reasons to feel suspicious, but we can never afford to entertain a single suspicious thought. Suspicion will produce a diseased imagination, and when the imagination is going wrong, every faculty of the mind will go wrong.

WHEN your goal is very high you may not reach it in a month or a year; in fact it may require several years; but one thing is certain, if you are determined to reach your goal, however high, and continue positive in that determination, you will do it.

**Special Dispatch.**

Some of the little folks of Honesdale are terribly worked up over the rumor which has been circulated that Santa Claus has been taken sick with a severe attack of La Grippe and would be unable to make his customary visits this year. A Honesdale parent who has a very persistent youngster has requested us to publicly contradict this baseless rumor and announce that the same old Santa Claus, in the same old way will make his rounds on Christmas eve to gladden the hearts of the little ones.

**HARRISBURG LETTER.**

DEC. 14th.—Last Friday morning, Judge Kunkel of the Dauphin County Court handed down a long opinion refusing a new trial to Messrs. Sanderson, Snyder, Matthues and Shoemaker, and ordering them to appear before the Court on Friday of this week for sentence. Two cases in connection with the charge of conspiracy to defraud the State while the new Capitol was being built have been tried; in the first all of the defendants above named were found guilty. They at once applied for a new trial, and the opinion just filed refuses this. In the second case, which involved the contract for the metal furniture, the defendants were found not guilty. While the defendants will appear in Court at the date named, their counsel have indicated an intention to take an appeal to the Superior Court, and from that to the Supreme Court, if that body will allow the appeal. This the defendants cannot plead as a right, for the case, being a misdemeanor, can get to that Court only by consent.

Friday seems the fateful day in this case. It was on a Friday that the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. Last Friday the opinion was handed down denying the new trial and fixing another Friday for sentence day.

It is given out that toward the latter part of this month arrangements will be made for beginning another case, also involving furniture, and that in January next the trial will likely begin. Whatever may be the final outcome of the fight on the first case, the defendants will be at liberty, under heavy bail, until the Supreme Court has had its say.

In the meantime Edwin A. Abbey, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the foremost artists of the present, has indicated his purpose to present to his native State, \$30,000 worth of his paintings, to further ornament the splendid Capitol and make it attractive. His offer has been accepted by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings on behalf of the State, and during the coming year they will probably be placed in position. At the same time it is announced that satisfactory financial arrangements have been completed by which George Gray Barnard, another native of Pennsylvania will proceed at once to carry out his contract to furnish several groups of statuary for ornamentation. Barnard is a genius but not much for business. Originally he had a contract for \$100,000 worth of work, a portion of which the State paid for but never received, as his creditors seized his property. Now the difficulty has been removed and he has gone to his European studio to complete the contract.

It is always a pleasure to note the success of Wayne county boys who go out into the world's activities, and make a way for themselves. A former pupil of the writer, whose people live in Dreher township, after a course at Princeton, chose a business rather than a professional career, and has succeeded very well. Gabriel S. Brown is now the Treasurer of the Alpha Portland Cement Company, with offices at Easton, doing a large business, and having branch offices at Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Pittsburg, Chicago and other places. He is making good, and the corporation appreciates his services. He is well and favorably known in the cement region and among the trade.

**N. E. HAUSE.**

At the poultry show in Music Hall, Scranton, last week, three of the principal prizes were taken by F. O. Megargee, of the paper firm of Megargee Brothers, whose trade in Honesdale is represented by J. G. Geiser. The \$100 Oakford challenge cup, for the best pit game bird, was won by George S. Teeter, of Hawley, for the third time, and is the first challenge cup so won.

## Correspondence

Items Gathered by  
**THE CITIZEN STAFF**  
About the County.

**Dreher.**

DEC. 14th.—Rev. R. B. Bellas, of Reynolds, Luzerne Co., Pa., is holding a series of revival meetings at the East Sterling church, and on Sunday Dec. 13th, the third quarterly conference of the Salem and Sterling circuit M. P. church, was held there at 10:30 A. M. Commencing at 10:30 A. M., at East Sterling, on Dec. 20th, at Simonstown at 2 P. M., and at the Union church at 7:30 P. M., same date, these services will be held every two weeks.

Rev. Mr. Bellas expects to move his family to the M. P. parsonage, at Hollisterville, at an early date.

W. C. Evans, of Ambler, Pa., contractor for the State road in Dreher, was a visitor in this vicinity on Saturday, looking after the work. They are still hauling and crushing stone.

John Hazelton shot two red foxes on Dec. 10th.

Wallace Woltjen, son of Christopher Woltjen, has gone to Philadelphia, to learn the baker's trade.

Newfoundland creamery is receiving milk every Tuesday and Friday.

Earl Cross, of Scranton, was a visitor in this vicinity during the past week, looking after the interests of the Pennsylvania Casualty Company.

Richard Bartleson, of Greentown, Pike Co., has traded his farm for a house and lot in Dunmore, and will cease to be a farmer from now henceforth.

J. H. Green is visiting friends and relatives down in Monroe county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crocker, of Greentown, are entertaining a little daughter, born Dec. 2d.

Mary Hause is on a visiting and business trip to Scranton.

C. W. Graiser had a hog butchered on Wednesday of last week, that dressed 508 pounds.

Charles Barth, of Pleasant Hill poultry farm, attended the Poultry Show, held last week in Scranton.

Harry Akers, of the firm of C. W. Akers & Sons, blacksmiths, was badly hurt, on Saturday, while shoeing a horse. In some way he was thrown down and one leg broken near the knee, by the horse trampling upon it. He is under the doctor's care, and will be off duty for some time.

The entertainment and Christmas services of the Sunday school, at the Union church, will be held on Christmas eve, Dec. 24th.

**Maplewood.**

DEC. 14th.—The chicken pie supper, held at the home of Philander Black, was a very successful affair, twelve dollars being the result.

Rev. J. G. Rosenberger preached his first sermon since his illness, on Sunday morning. He took for his text, Exodus 14-15, and in line with his subject gave his opinion of the need of more old time religion. A love feast was held after the sermon.

The following officers were elected on Sunday to serve the United Evangelical Sunday school for the ensuing year: Superintendent, F. S. Keene; Assistant, Aaron Black; Secretary, Mary Hartley; Assistant, Alba Black; Organist, Mrs. J. G. Rosenberger; Assistant, Mrs. Alba Black; Treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Black.

The business meeting of the Endeavor Society was held Wednesday evening, after prayer meeting.

There are several cases of chicken pox and whooping cough in this vicinity.

The United Evangelical East Penn'a Conference will be held at Easton, Feb. 28th, continuing one week. O. P. Sharpe will attend to take his ministerial examination, and F. S. Keene, as layman.

James Black made a business trip to Scranton, last Friday.

Philander Black is at Poyntelle, superintending the repairs on the Consumers' ice house, at that place.

How about taking THE CITIZEN for a Christmas present for the head of the house, or for some friend far off, who would be glad of home tidings each week?

The Simons Brothers are moving their saw mill from the Boland tract to the Marcus VanCamp property.

**Steene.**

DEC. 15th.—George Chapman has purchased of Samuel Found a span of colts, together with a heavy wagon and harness.

Ralph Haley, of Carbondale, has purchased the late Clifford Chapman's estate in South Canaan, comprising 66 acres, with stock and all farming implements.

Amos Smith, of Prompton, lost a horse last week, valued at \$200.

Charles Reining, of Cherry Ridge, who has been confined to his home for the last 5 months by illness, is able to be around again.

Miss Margaret Haley, of Honesdale, is visiting friends at Carbondale.

Galen Perry, of Carbondale, visited friends here over Sunday.

Warren Kagler returned home Sunday, after spending a week with friends at Carbondale.

The Christmas tree exercises that were to have taken place at the Methodist chapel on Christmas eve have been postponed until New Year's eve.

Ralph Haley, of Carbondale, was a caller at Steene and Prompton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clift, of Carbondale, visited friends at Keene's and Steene, Saturday and Sunday.

Lumberman Hollenbeck is getting ready to set his saw mill in motion the first of next month.

Miss Mary Knapp is training her pupils for an entertainment to be given at the school house, Dec. 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spry, with their little adopted daughter, will spend the remainder of the winter at Wilkes-Barre.

**Clinton.**

DEC. 14th.—George Geuther has moved into the vacant house owned by H. E. Snediker. He will be engaged in getting off his lumber on his mountain tract of land; also the Messrs. Rude & Groat, Milton Lillie & Sons, C. R. Bunting and others, will be getting lumber, mostly mine props, from their mountain possessions, a goodly portion of which had been burned over by the recent forest fires.

Mrs. Zazo is on the sick list, which makes it doubly hard, as her husband is confined to his bed by an incurable disease.

Five new members were added to the Moosic Grange at their last meeting. W. C. Norton was their delegate to the State Grange held at Altoona the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Norton attended the Farmers' Institute held at Beech Grove.

Misses Nellie and Lillian Gleason, of Dyberry, were the guests of Amanda and Lois Norton over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Perham and son returned to their home in Honesdale last Saturday. Mr. Perham has established a singing school in Aldenville.

Mrs. Hadden has returned from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Alice Waltz Karl, of Williamsport. She also visited friends at Factoryville and Scranton.

Bessie Varcoe has gone to Lakehurst, N. J. where she has employment in a winter resort.

The farmers' keep our local butchers, Mills & Cramer, busy now-a-days.

The people of Aldenville have piped another spring into the large one which supplies the town with excellent water; by so doing helping to prevent a water famine this winter, as they had been on rather short rations.

George Cramer and his son Paul visited the former's brother, D. A. Cramer on Sunday.

**Tyler Hill.**

DEC. 15th.—Mrs. Imelda Tyler has closed her home here and gone to spend the winter with her mother at White Lake, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Book, of Los Angeles, Cal., who have been occupying Mrs. Book's home here for the past two months, have gone to New York to spend the holidays with their daughter, Dorothy, who is attending school in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartman attended the funeral of the former's mother last Monday, at Torrey.

Clarence Fortnam spent last Tuesday at the county seat.

The store of C. M. Pethick was burglarized one night last week. Entrance was effected through one of the windows in the rear of the store. Nothing, except some gun shells, was missing.

S. A. Brush spent last Wednesday at Honesdale.

C. M. Mitchell, and force of men who have been building a new house for Miss Smith, at Galilee, have completed the same and it is said to be a great ornament to that village.

Fishing through the ice is the order of the day here. Some report fine catches, especially at Duck Harbor.

Thomas Fortnam has recently placed in his barn a new manure carrier, which saves a great deal of hard labor.

The Sunday school here will serve a supper this year instead of a Christmas tree. It is expected that the Tyler Hill band will furnish music during the evening.

Leo Smith expects to enter a school in Elmira the first of January to learn telegraphy.

**Winwood.**

DEC. 16th.—Joseph McCloskey and Everett Dix, of Starlight, spent Sunday with G. A. Dix.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dix and Inez Knapp were visitors at Starlight, Sunday. C. E. Martz spent a few days of last week at his home in Olyphant.

**White Mills.**

—DEC. 16th.—Dr. G. G. Micks, of Honesdale, lost a gold watch, valued at \$75, while passing through this village a few days since. Missing the timepiece, he returned in the evening in search of it, and was glad to be informed that Miss Lillian Wolff, of New York, who is visiting White Mills friends, was the fortunate finder.

Mrs. Fred. Werner has returned home after a visit of a few days in Scranton. Lester Smith is confined to his bed with pleurisy and pneumonia. Dr. E. B. Gavette is in attendance.

For the accommodation of Honesdale people desiring to attend the Athletic Club masquerade ball at White Mills on Saturday evening, Dec. 26th, a four horse bus will leave Rickard's livery at 7:30 P. M., furnishing a free ride to the I. O. O. F. hall. A good time is guaranteed to all.

Fred. Wagner, John Tuman, Fred. Werner, Larry Weidner, Wm. Weber, Ed. Haden, Monroe Austin, William Compton and John Spinner with their wives; Mrs. John Fouas, Mrs. A. Garrett, Misses Josie Spinner, Irene Spinner, Anna Spinner and Messrs. Timothy Duffy, Martin Hellmeir, Isaac Smith, Chester Elmore, Harry Schiller, Paul Skinner and Ed. Symonds, constituted the pleasant gathering which gave Mr. and Mrs. J. Spinner a surprise party on the occasion of the latter's 46th birthday, at their pleasant home in Cherry Ridge.

Large crowds have been in attendance at the Bazaar in the I. O. H. hall, conducted by the St. Joseph's church of this place.

The regular meeting of the Improved Order of Heptasophs has been postponed to Wednesday evening, Dec. 16th. Members please take notice.

Mrs. John Simpson, of Simpson, Pa., who is visiting here, presented her husband with a baby girl on Friday, Dec. 11th.

Mrs. Frank Jones, lately of South Canaan, is making her home with her daughter at the old homestead at White Mills.

E. H. Pohle, of Honesdale, was a business caller in White Mills on Monday last.

Miss Nellie Boyle has recovered from an attack of appendicitis.

On Sunday, Dec. 20th, at 3:30 P. M., Rev. W. F. Hopp will come to White Mills and hold Lutheran services at the school house. He will bring his choir with him. A good attendance is requested and all are cordially invited. It is Rev. Mr. Hopp's intention to make arrangements for regular service to be held here.

DEC. 14th.—On the 7th inst., a little boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Gilpin. Congratulations!

On the 9th, the Ladies' Aid met at the parsonage and a few very pleasant hours were spent.

Rev. Edward McMillan does not improve, we are sorry to say, and on the 11th, Dr. Simons took him to Scranton to consult Dr. Burns.

On account of having no preaching Sunday mornings we have decided to

commence Sunday school at 10 A. M., so all of you who are in the habit of coming a little late, please take note and don't get here before 10:30 P. M.

John Gillner is spending a few days with Scranton friends.

Mrs. A. J. Cross is still with her parents in New Jersey.

Rev. Mr. Martin preached here on the 6th, in the interest of Wyoming Seminary, and created a good impression in favor of that fine old Methodist institution.

The Sterling Junior base ball team will have a night cap-social in the I. O. O. F. hall on the evening of the 31st.

A. C. Howe has long been secretary of the Odd Fellows' Lodge, and has just given us some statistics in regard to membership, finance, etc., that are very interesting.

We have just received the December number of "Human Life" and have spent several very pleasant hours in perusing it, and when the publishers of The Citizen so kindly give it as a premium for \$1.50 with the Citizen, we hope many will avail themselves of this rare privilege.

**Indian Orchard.**

DEC. 14th.—Neither Wednesday's nor Friday's issue of THE CITIZEN reached any of the Indian Orchard subscribers, last week, much to their disappointment.

Marshall Smith is kept very busy now catching and furnishing the fishermen with bait fish.

Several fine foxes have been killed in this vicinity of late. H. H. Bunnell has seven fine pelts.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Braman were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Garrett, of Beach Lake.

Earl C. Ham has purchased of M. Herrman & Son, of Honesdale, the best sleigh owned in this vicinity.

Thomas Ham, who has been very sick, is, we are glad to say, able to resume work again.

Mrs. Adam Nonnemacher, of Swamp Brook, was given a surprise party recently, and as usual all participants report a grand time.

Jacob Schmitt, of Swamp Brook, who has purchased two building lots at White Mills, is putting them in a good condition.

Albert Swartz is working for Dorflinger & Sons, at White Mills.

The first load of lumber on sleighs en route to Honesdale, was hauled by W. J. Barnes's team.

Mrs. Richard Ham spent several days in Honesdale, recently, as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dain.

Ruth Henshaw is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Atkinson, of White Mills.

W. P. Budd, of the West Shore House, is pleasantly domiciled in his new home at Beach Lake.

Edna Toms and Ethel Bunnell spent Saturday and Sunday with White Mills relatives and friends.

Fred. Avery, of East Honesdale, has purchased the Bethel farm of W. J. Barnes.

C. E. Neal, of East Beach Lake, is erecting a first-class chicken house. G. W. Taylor is doing the carpenter work.

John Neal, of Beach Lake, is doing

the mason work on R. E. Bayly's home. Harry Wood is handling the reins over a fine pair of young horses.

The following intend to have the Bell telephone installed in their homes soon: V. Mizler, W. Avery, Mrs. Charles Smith, C. T. Weeks, C. H. Dorflinger, P. L. Braman, Wm. Hall, V. Schmidt, Joseph Schmidt and L. R. Garrett.

**Fallsdale.**

DEC. 16th.—Sleighting fine and weather just right to keep it good.

The Farmers' Institute, to be held at the Union church, on the 16th and 17th, is looked forward to with interest.

Master M. G. Noble and wife, of Labor Grange, have returned from attending the State Grange Convention, at Altoona, Pa., and report a very interesting session.

One of the most instructive addresses mentioned was that of the President of the State College, on "Washington as a Farmer." Mr. and Mrs. Noble, with about two hundred other delegates, visited the State College. They also visited the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, where their daughter is in her senior year. They are proper representatives, as they have both "eyes that see and ears that hear." The Grange here numbers about one hundred, who are doing active work.

The Fallsdale creamery is still in operation, but will close for the season before January. B. L. Coon, as Superintendent, has been the right man in the right place, giving satisfaction to both patrons and the company.

The young people are making preparations for their annual Christmas tree.

The younger set at Fallsdale are passing through a siege of whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crocker will start Monday, the 21st, for their western trip. Mrs. Jane Boyd will accompany them as far as Jamestown, where she will be met by her son, Joseph, with whom she will spend a few weeks at his home at Warren, Pa.

B. W. Bryant recently visited friends in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Mrs. Burcher is still confined to her bed, with no improvement in her condition.

**Gold Spring.**

DEC. 15th.—Dame rumor reports a wedding soon.

The box social at the school house on Monday evening was a decided success, both socially and financially. Proceeds to be used for a Christmas tree for the school. Our school is progressing nicely under the skillful management of Mrs. Mattie Galer as teacher.

Henry Yager and Scott Douglass sport new cutters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Kennedy spent Sunday with Mrs. Rebekah Kennedy and family.

Cecil Glanville, of Pleasant Mount, was a business caller at Cold Spring, Saturday.

Edward Gillette has so far recovered from typhoid fever as to be able to be around again.

Aretus Yagle, of North Jackson, is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Edward Gillette.

Supt. Koehler was a pleasant caller at our school, Monday.

**SUITABLE**

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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<b>Pocket Knives, a large assortment to select from, 10c to \$4.00.</b>	<b>Razor Hones, 15c to \$1. Lamps to suit every one, at all prices.</b>	<b>Serving Dishes with enamel insets, \$2 to \$5.</b>
<b>Carving Sets, with genuine stag handles, every set guaranteed, \$1.50 to \$8.</b>	<b>Rifles for the boys, \$1.50 to \$14.25.</b>	<b>Coffee Pots, silver lined, \$1.25 to \$1.85.</b>
<b>Manicure Files, 10 and 20c. Bath Thermometers 50c. Thermometers, 25c to \$2.</b>	<b>Air Rifles, 75c and \$1. Ice Skates, 65c to \$2.25. Perfection Oil Heaters, \$4.50 to \$5.</b>	<b>Tea Pots, silver lined, \$1.25 to \$1.85.</b>
<b>Buggy Heaters, \$1.25 to \$2.25. Perfection Self-basting Roasters, both plain and enameled, 90c to \$1.75.</b>		<b>Crumb Trays, 35c to \$1.</b>
		<b>Tea Kettles, 85c to \$1.25.</b>
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