=:= Down Hawley Way =:=

The Story of the Mysterious Disappearance of Marcella Simmons is Told Once More—School Board Re-Organizes and Votes to Install Commercial Course—The Borough Council is "From Missouri" Regarding an Extension of the Street Railway Franchise, and Turns a Deaf Ear to the Pleading of Mrs. Wiggie, Also.

THE recent disappearance of Henry J. Kotz, of Stroudsburg, on October 28, was of such an unusual nature that it attracted universal attention. The man who disappeared was a prominent lawyer and was at one time district attorney of Monroe county. His disappearance was so complete that it baffled the skill of the local Sherlock Holmes amateur detectives in this part of the United States. Probably the saddest part of the affair is that in trying to solve the mystery it became necessary to make disclosures about the absent lawyer's personal habits and moral character that it served no good purpose for the public outside of his own community to know.

The many theories advanced as probable solutions of the mystery were as ingenious as they were probable or ridiculous. His presence was reported in various sections of the State, but when those who sought him reached those localities he could not be located. And thus the mystery deepened for one full month, when his dead body was found in a small brook only a few hundred feet from his home.

It has been a great many years since Hawley had such a mystery. The Marcella Simmons mystery was so long ago that there are but few left in town who will recollect it. It occurred at the close of the Civil war, and, as recollected by the writer, the details are about as follows:

Right near the corner of Main and River streets lived the Simmons family. Mr. Simmons was the village shoemaker, and in that family was a daughter who had just blossomed into womanhood. The name of the young lady was Marcella. Miss Simmons was employed at the dress-making shop of Mrs. James Dunlop, which was a part of the Dunlop residence, and was situated right near the north end of the Middle Creek bridge on Main street. On the day of which I am writing she remained quite late, as there was a rush of work in the shop, and she did not leave for home until the candles had been lighted. The time of season was late in the fall.

As the evening wore on and Marcella did not return to her home her people became alarmed, and in the winds and darkness of a cloudy, drizzly fall night, she was sought by the aid of a lantern. They went directly to the Dunlop shop, but only to be told that long ere that she had started for home alone. They thought they had passed her in the darkness, and returned to her home expecting to find her there; but she was not there, and in great alarm the neighbors were aroused, and searching parties were organized. On the hillsides, along the banks of the river, around the coal chutes, around the canal basin, in the odd and dark corners of the town lanterns flickered and danced like will-o'-the-wisps. All night the search went on, but the only tidings that could be carried back to the stricken home was that of continued absence and deepening mystery. "Surely, when daylight breaks she will be found," was the sentiment in everybody's mind; but daylight came, the search proceeded, and there was not even a rift in the cloud of mystery.

"They sought her that night
And they sought her next day,
And they sought her in vain
While the weeks slipped away."

For several days the search continued in possible and impossible places A publicity fund was raised and advertisements were placed in certain metropolitan papers. The writer recollects seeing one of those advertisements, a part of which was a small wood cut of the missing girl, which was published in either Harper's Weekly or Frank Leslie's. The The clairvoyants tried their skill at unraveling the mystery. They were not as honest as the magicians, astrologers, sorcerers and Chaldeans of the prophet Daniel's time, for they owned right up that they couldn't tell the secret he required. Wonderful, indeed, were their answers as to what had become of Marcella Simmons. That she was alive all of them, to the best of my recollection, agreed. Various answers were given as to her whereabouts, and how she got there. Of course the family suffered greatly. If they only KNEW the truth, then they could bear the sorrow better; but the torture of suspense is what kills. And thus day after day passed. Christmas and New Year's came and passed by, but no tidings were brought to the sorrowing family. Winter waxed; the ice grew thick and thicker; the sun rode higher in the heavens; then the season waned and the gentle winds and soft rain drops began to fall. Spring drew on apace, the ice broke up and went out of the creeks and rivers, and rafts of logs, boards and sawed timbers began passing from the upper Dyberry through Hawley.

One day, when the willows were beginning to turn green and there was every indication that Summer was surely coming, some wanderers along the Lackawaxen, away down the river below the Narrows suddenly came across the dead body of poor Marcella Simmons. It was entangled in some brush and half buried in the sand. And thus the mystery was solved. In the wind, the cold and the darkness of the drizzly November night she had either fallen or been blown by the blast from the wooden bridge that spanned the Middle Creek where the new cement bridge was recently constructed, into the quarreling waters that were rushing towards the Delaware. The winds and noise of the waters drowned her brief call for help, and in some recess among the rocks the cruel waters hid her body from the gaze of the searchers by night and by day until in the fullness of time the mystery was fully and completely answered.

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Charles P. Nell Offers a Rare Steam Engine Bargain.

C. P. Nell, Hawley's meat man, has a 10-horse power upright engine that he wants to sell for want of use as he now uses electric power. Mr. Nell used the engine about 8 years and took splendid care of it. The engine is as good as the day it was brand new. It makes no difference if the engine did cost $125 when new, for Mr. Nell will be very reasonable in price as he wants to sell it right away. If you need an engine, go right around and see it, and you'll find the price all right.
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It may not be convenient to have a satisfactory Sunday dinner in your home. Don't let that disturb you. They have a fine dinner at **Baschon's** every Sunday. The price is no higher than on week days. Go and let them show you. Adv't.

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The New School Board Installs Commercial Course.

On Monday night the school board held an important meeting at which the frazzled ends of the year's work were gathered up and adjusted as far as possible. Bills were passed on, approved if all right, and ordered paid.

New Members were accepted and a new organization was effected. W. F. Suydam was elected President and Dr. A. C. Voigt Vice-President of the board. The Secretary-Treasurer was not chosen at the meeting.

Supt. J. J. Koehler, who always takes an interest in Hawley affairs, as he was a Hawley boy himself, was present at the meeting.

Probably the most important business done by the school board was the unanimous adoption of a resolution providing for the addition of a commercial course to the High school's curriculum. The course will open the first halp of the school year, about February 1st.

Miss Vera Murray was selected by the board to assist in High school work during the illness of teacher Blakeslee.

In connection with the commercial course appeared representatives of the Underwood, L. C. Smith and the Royal typewriter companies, who presented the claims of superiority of their respective makes of typewriting machines. No definite action was taken, and all of "the boys" will undoubtedly receive a share of patronage.

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"Robbie" Wheeler is Now An Allentown Councilman.

People in Hawley have by no means forgotten the Wheeler family that removed to Ohio a few years ago. "Robbie" now lives in Allentown, in this State, and they think so much of him down in that city of scrapple and cider apple sauce, not to mention lager beer and headcheese,thatthey have elected him to their city council and set him at work doing things. "Robbie" has been editing the Labor Herald, but he thinks—THINKS, mind you, that it is so much harder to run a city than it is to run a newspaper, and desiring to give his attention to city affairs, announces the appointment of David Williams as editor and business manager of the Labor Herald. "Robbie" will find out the difference after a while, and Mr. Williams will learn some things, too, if the writer makes no mistake.

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Dexter, Lambert & Co. Got Ahead of Santa Claus.

About as tickled a bunch of people as could be found anywhere were the employes of the Dexter, Lambert & Co. silk mill who were notified on Monday of a ten per cent. increase in their wages. This substantial addition to the contents of their pay envelopes goes into effect immediately. The raise in pay came as a surprise to the employes, as it was but recently that the mill cut down its working hours owing to the new law forbidding females to work more than fifty-four hours a week, and this increase is welcome news all around, especially at the holiday season of the year.

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Hawley Solons Hold An Important Meeting.

The Council held a regular meeting on Monday night and many matters of importance were considered. Of course there was the regular grind of bills and such things, but nothing in the line of re-organization was effected.

A communication was read from the Honesdale and Hawley Street Railway company asking for the renewal of the franchise for the proposed route. The franchise that was granted some time ago lapsed in October. Not being clear as to their powers in the matter the communication was tabled and the question of authority will be referred to the borough's attorney.

A communication was read from Mrs. Mary A. Wiggie, of the Eddy, who asked the borough to change the course of surface water flowing at times across her premises in an open ditch. This water course has been there for at least 50 years. It was there when the Wilsonville turnpike was built. The premises across which the objectionable water flows was bought with the ditch on it and the water flowing through it. The council went over the claim carefully and decided that legally they had no jurisdiction in the matter, and to drain the land, by means of pipes, or otherwise, at the expense of the borough, would establish a precedent that would lead into an endless lot of trouble along similar lines. Negative action was taken on the communication.

No affidavits from officers recently elected were presented to the Council, and they ordered all officers-elect to qualify without fail at the next regular meeting of the council.

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Some Hawley Young People Home for Thanksgiving.

Miss Anna Richardson, student at Mt. St. Mary's, Scranton, spent Thanksgiving day with her parents on Church street.

Miss Harriet McAndrew, of Bloomsburg State Normal school, was at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McAndrew, of the East Side, during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Fred Freethy and Harry Rose, of Wyoming Seminary, ate Thanksgiving turkey at their respective homes in Hawley.

Miss Hazel Malia, of Mt. St. Mary's, Scranton, was entertained by her aunts, Mary and Julia Moyer, of Main avenue, on Thanksgiving.

Wilson Ames was home from Swarthmore college to spend Thanksgiving day.

Prof. James McCloskey, teacher of the high school of Jessup, ate Thanksgiving dinner with his parents here in Hawley.

Misses Florence and Anna Reel, of White Mills, were callers in Hawley on Thanksgiving day.

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Free on Saturday, Dec. 6, and Monday, the 8th, 2 gold fish, pebbles, fish plants and good sized globe, with every 25 cent purchase of goods displayed in the window of Snyder, Freethy & Parker. Adv't.

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Just Ordinary Personal Mention About Some Hawley People.

Miss Bessie Spring, of Wangum avenue, is visiting her sister in New York City.

William Burleigh and his brother Burton of Dunmore, were at Hoadleys on Saturday last trying their shotguns on birds and rabbits. They were accompanied in the woods by their brother, Howard D., of Hoadleys.

Thomas Spring, of Scranton, a D. & H. brakeman, was visiting his parents on Wangum avenue the fore part of this week.

Richard Murphy's new house on River street is nearly completed, and a tenant is already moving some household goods into it. The interior is finished in oak. It has all modern improvements, and Mr. Murphy contemplates building a mate to it on the lot adjoining.

George Thompson, who recently bought out R. B. Wall's insurance agency, has formed a partnership with Richard Phillips, and the firm will be known as Thompson & Phillips.

Misses Mary and Beatrice McDonald, of Marble Hill, were visiting Port Jervis friends last week.

Daniel Cahill, of Marble Hill, who was recently bereaved by the death of his wife, is now making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Henry Drake, on the Wilsonville road.

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They Are Making A Hawley Board Walk.

Workmen were busily engaged on Tuesday in laying new planks on that part of the bridge near the depot over which pedestrians walk. Years ago there was a wire suspension bridge near this part of Hawley, but after it had served its purpose, the regular bridge was removed from its former location near the foot of No. 13 plane. The old bridge was of the covered variety much in vogue in the days before the war. They were expensive to build, expensive to maintain, dangerous after they began to grow old, and a terror to everybody who had to pass through them after dark. Nobody mourned when they vanished.

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Don't wait until "the night before Christmas," but go right around to **E. L. Schlager's** now. There they are displaying handkerchiefs, pillow cases and some of the daintiest articles for Christmas presents imaginable. Prices low. Adv't.

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If Ivan Swingle Had Lost His Nerve, Then What?

At 10:30 p. m. on Monday night there was a wreck at the west end of the Wangum passing siding that came near resulting in the tragic death of two or three men. Conductor A. H. Thornton had charge of a coal train, running extra for Charles Pletcher. The train was a very long one, westward bound, and was helped on its way by a "kicker" engine with engineer Ivan Swingle in charge, which pushed the rear of the long string of empties. As the train was passing out of the west end of the siding a draw-head pulled out of the car in front of the caboose. This disconnected the air pipes and automatically set the brakes on the car that was severed from the caboose, and there the car stood as solid as the rock of Gibraltar. The sudden break of the air pipe released all pressure on both caboose and engine, and as there was pushing power on the latter strong enough to move a train, it can readily be seen that almost instantly that poor little caboose, and all it contained was in a very precarious situation and very apt to be all smashed to pieces.

Engineer Ivan Swingle fortunately saw the danger, and he instantly set the emergency brakes, which reversed the engine; but quick as he was the head-light and pilot of the engine were smashed, as also were both platforms of the caboose. Two men were with the conductor, and they made their escape from the caboose, which the overturned stove set on fire, by crawling out of the cupola window. Fortunately nobody was hurt; but if Swingle had not been right on his job this story would have a different and a more sorrowful ending.

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The New Coal Pockets Are New Being Constructed.

Ground has been broken for the new coal pockets at Degnan's crossing. Work will progress as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

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It Was Mary Golden Who Won the Fancy Quilt.

One of the features of the "Reds" social was the raffle for a fancy quilt, which was won by Mary Golden, of Marble Hill.

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How the Hawley Boys Helped Buy New Books.

Last Saturday evening an enthusiastic bunch of Hawley boys went out of town about 3 miles down into Pike county where Miss Matilda Bried teaches school, where a box social was held for the purpose of raising some money to purchase new books for the school library. When the excitement was all over and the cash was counted, it was found that the library fund was increased to the extent of $30.

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In addition to the **free offer** of gold fish, globe, pebbles and sea grass on the 6th and 8th of December, **Snyder, Freethy & Parker** will have on sale fish of various sizes, also aquariums in ½, 1, 2 and 3 gallon sizes, with castles, ornaments and shells. Adv't.

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An Author-Evangelist Will Visit F. P. Woodward.

Albion F. Ballenger, of Riverside, California, will spend a few days in Wayne county. He will reach Hoadleys on Friday of this week. Mr. Ballenger is not only an evangelist of power, but he is an author of considerable note. Probably his most noted book is entitled "Power for Witnessing," and is undoubtedly the clearest and most practical work along the line of perfect Christianity that has been produced in generations. Mr. Ballenger is a poet of marked ability, several of his productions taking the form of sacred song. He is an earnest speaker, and has the rare faculty of presenting any subject he wishes to talk about with such clearness that the listener can understand its every detail. He is no ranter, but is a sweet tempered, courteous, scholarly gentleman whom to know is a rare privilege. Certainly Mr. Ballenger will do some talking while on his visit. Mr. Woodward's home at Hoadleys will be opened for a few public services. There will also be services in South Canaan on Sunday next.

Mr. Ballenger left his little orange grove farm near Riverside, California, last May, and has since made an extensive tour. He will leave Wayne county for his home, expecting to arrive there along about Christmas.

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The "Reds" Cleared a Nice Wad of Money.

The "Reds" held a social in Watts's hall on Thanksgiving evening. After the affair was over and the crumbs had been swept up, it was happily found that the affair had netted the Catholic church parochial residence fund the neat sum of $143.

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Something New, and Just Because She is a Woman.

A new set of telegraphic instruments has been placed in the Hawley NA tower for Western Union business on Sunday. Miss Harding is the regular for the Western Union, with office in the station. The new law prevents her working on Sunday, therefore all Western Union work on that day has to be done by the tower operators.

PAUPACK.

Paupack, Dec. 3.—Miss Ida M. Fowler started for Rochester Saturday where she has secured a position in the Hahnemann hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Green, son and daughter, of Scranton, spent Thanksgiving at B. F. Killam's.

Miss Blanche M. Fowler returned home Wednesday after spending a few days at Greentown.

The local institute was well attended.

Mr. Bunting of Wisconsin, is visiting friends at this place.

F. Gilpin, wife and children, of Hawley, spent part of last week at C. E. Williams.

Frieda, Louise, Hilda and Henry Vetterlein, Anna Steinmann and Mrs. Vetterlein spent Wednesday evening at H. Fowler's.

Billy Scott returned to his home in New York after spending two weeks at this place.

Henry Vetterlein expects to go to State College on Monday to take up a three months' course in agriculture.

Mrs. Oscar Hopps, son Anthony, and daughter Ruth A., are visiting Mrs. G. Ansley.

Edwin Gumble, who spent a year at Edgerton, Wis., came home to spend the winter.

SHERMAN.

Sherman, Dec. 3.—Walter Curtis of Telford, is visiting friends in town.

Rev. S. F. Wright spent Thanksgiving in Binghamton this week. He is in Deposit attending the revival services in the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith spent Thanksgiving in Honesdale.

Guy and Charles Haruson are visiting their mother, Mrs. James McClure.

Miss Hazel Garlon, who has been working in Deposit all summer, is now working in the box factory.

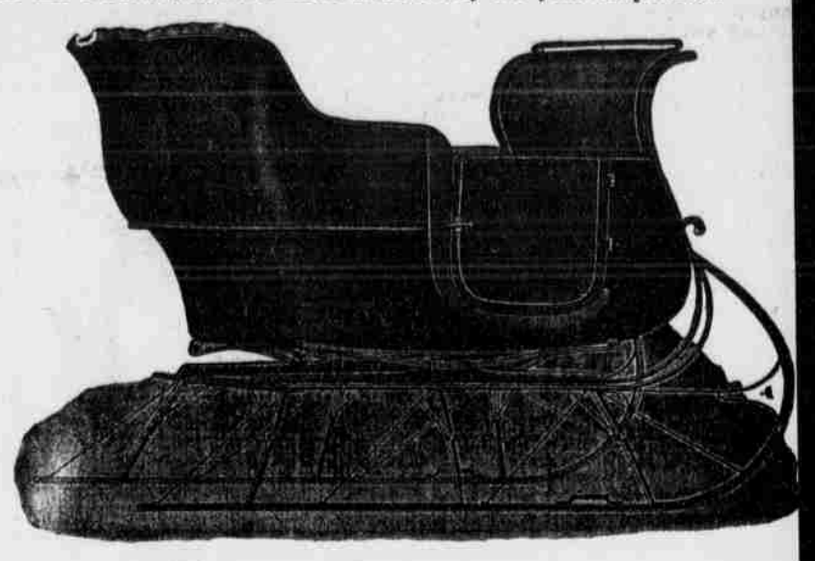
B. W. Raymond made a business trip to Honesdale last week.

Vinnie and Jesse Garlon have started a grocery store in the basement of their house on the corner.

Mrs. Ira Clearwater has gone to Deposit to keep house for her son

"Good Sleighing for Christmas"

That's what all the weather prophets say. In line with this prophecy we have gathered together from the best factories one of the most complete lines of Cutters, Bobs and Sleighs ever shown in this section and now have them ready for your inspection.



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Farm and Lumber Bobs,	**$25 to $35**

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Everything for the Farm. **Honesdale, Pa.**

Ross who is attending school there.

Misses Hazel Warner, Frances and Charlotte Early, who are attending the Lakewood high school, spent Thanksgiving at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Reynolds spent Thanksgiving in Binghamton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans visited relatives in Deposit last Sunday

Mrs. Rose Early, who has been very sick, is now on the gain.

HAMLIN.

Hamlin, Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Field entertained a family dinner party on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhineheimer were visited by their son and little granddaughter for a couple of days last week.

Mrs. John Elliott celebrated her eighty-second birthday on Friday.

Dr. W. A. Stevens, of Scranton, was a business caller at Hamlin on Friday last.

Dr. O. J. Muller assisted by another doctor, performed an operation on a little child of Elmer Pughs on Wednesday.

Mrs. Isabella Basley and daughter Miss Clara took dinner Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chumard.

The friends of Mrs. E. L. Chapman will be very sorry to hear that she is not improving as rapidly as we wish for.

Miss E. M. Buckingham was a guest at M. E. Chumard's Thursday.

A joke can be carried too far, and the person who sent to a daily paper a false report of the marriage of one of our young ladies, should be severely reminded of the fact.

Homer Pelton took a party of people to Scranton in his automobile Saturday.

PLEASANT MOUNT.

A shipment of four thousand yearling trout from the Corry Fish Hatchery, Corry, Pa., consigned to Frank J. O'Neill, proprietor of the Pleasant Mount hotel, arrived in first-class and healthy condition on Tuesday, and were distributed in the streams throughout this locality the same day that they were received. Mr. O'Neill expects another large shipment in a few days for the same purpose.

The offort made by Commissioner of Fisheries, N. R. Buller, to keep the streams of Wayne county well stocked with good, healthy fish should be appreciated by all interested in fish and who enjoy the sport of fishing. It is noticed in this locality that fishermen become more numerous every year, and unless the streams are restocked fish would soon become very scarce.

WHITES VALLEY.

Whites Valley, Dec. 3.—The butter factory operated by G. Smith & Sons Seelyville, closed Dec. 1st.

E. M. Stark, of Carbondale, was recently a guest at L. P. Stark's.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glanville and daughter Rose, of Pleasant Mt., spent Thursday at Chas. Bonham's.

Mrs. Fred Fowler of Niagara, was a guest Tuesday at W. H. Fitze's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Pomery, who recently visited two weeks with relatives in Lestershire, N. Y., have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Mead intend leaving at an early date with a party of friends for Florida where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Tompkins left Wednesday for New York state where they will spend the winter.

LAKE COMO.

Lake Como, Dec. 3.—Misses Ethel and Helen Woodmansee were entertained over Sunday by Miss Wilma Williams of Hancock.

Mrs. Allen Monroe, of Carbondale, is visiting her parents, H. T. Justin and wife.

Leland Woodmansee, a student of Wyoming Seminary, spent Thanksgiving with his parents here.

Revival meetings are being held in the M. E. church by Rev. Schenck.

Mrs. Buckland and children of Forest City, are visiting relatives here.

There will be an oyster supper in the hall Friday evening for the benefit of M. E. Sunday school.

HAND CAUGHT IN POWER RINGER

Lake Ariel Woman Through Presence of Mind Saves Arm—Boy Falls From Loft of Barn—Floyd Bortree Attending Grand Lodge—Business Good.

Lake Ariel, Dec. 4.—Mrs. P. T. Howe caught her hand in a power ringer a few days ago, injuring the hand quite seriously. Presence of mind enabled Mrs. Howe to shut off the power, thereby saving her hand from further mutilation. Dr. White was called and the injured member is now improving nicely.

Ralph Simons, aged four years, a few days ago, while endeavoring to reach his father, who was in the loft of the barn, lost his balance and fell down the steps, sustaining an ugly scalp wound.

Floyd Bortree, who has been quite ill, has recovered sufficiently to attend Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, representing the Free and Accepted Masons. While there he will consult a specialist in regard to stomach trouble, having been bothered considerable of late.

Leslie Simons, of Scranton spent Thanksgiving and the week-end with his parents in Ariel.

Floyd Champion, representative of the Metz car, reports good business. He sold four cars of this make in Ariel on December 2.

COLD SPRING.

A number from here attended the dance in Grange Hall, Girdland, Thanksgiving evening.

Elna Yale and Judson Gager spent Thanksgiving at Pleasant Mt.

Austin LeStrange spent Thanksgiving at his home here.

Ivan Knorr of Girdland was a recent business caller here.

Robert Kennedy has been spending a number of days in Scranton.

A social will be held in the school house Friday evening by our teacher, Mattie E. Gager.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. John Douglass on Wednesday.

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