

# The Star.

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A Happy  
New Year

I wish you all,

but if some misfortune should befall you, and your watch get out of order take it to Hoffman's Hospital for Sick Watches, where it will receive the attention of experts and have the best of care. Sure and prompt cure guaranteed.

C. F. HOFFMAN.



## Your Figure

Is your peculiarity, and peculiarities must be recognized. We study the figures of our customers and we fit them with absolute exactness. Our figures also fit our customers pocket-books to a nicety. There is a style about our Suits and Overcoats that make them as fashion's own. What's more, the latest styles were never shown in better goods. These Suits and Overcoats go to show that we are the

## only clothiers

in the town, and what is more, our goods are not made in sweat shops, but are all hand made, and there is nothing the matter with the following prices:

Suits or Overcoats for \$4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00 and up to \$15.00. Boys' Suits from \$3.00, to 10.00. Child's Suits for \$1.00 to 5.00. Mothers, see the fine line of Reefers for your boys.

BELL, the Clothier.

## A Little of Everything.

"A chief's among ye taking notes, And faith he'll print 'em."

Now for sleighing parties.  
Snyder & Johns, fashionable tailors.  
Good resolutions are being fractured every day now.  
The pupils of the high school dined at Hotel McConnell Christmas.  
Four days of the New Year have already been torn off the calendar.  
A good second-hand cook stove for sale. Inquire at THE STAR office.  
We defy competition on \$18.00 suits, strictly all-wool—Hamblet & Swartz.  
M. Gelsler & Son have moved their tailor shop into the Deible building on Main street.  
For rent—Building on Fifth street with rooms suitable for offices. Enquire J. Van Reed.  
Bob McPherson, formerly of this place, was recently married in Kittanning to Miss Helen Smith, of that place.  
An order was received at the Reynoldsville woolen mill the last day of 1897, from one firm, for 3,000 pair of blankets.  
After a five weeks' vacation, the result of an epidemic of diphtheria in that place, the Rathmel public schools opened on Monday of this week.  
L. M. Snyder, the Jackson street blacksmith, has a machine horse clipper. It is the only one of the kind in this place. It does the work rapidly.  
George Frazier, a lad employed as trapper in Big Soldier, had two toes of his left foot torn off Friday while at work by being caught in a chain.  
William Pomroy and Minnie Snyder, both of this place, were married at the M. E. parsonage by Dr. C. C. Rumberger on Friday evening, December 24th, 1897.  
Any person wanting to sell a double heater stove will find a purchaser by calling at this office, if the stove is in good condition and the price is not too high.  
Last Thursday evening John L. Brennan appeared before Squire John Hays against Policeman Thomas Whittle for assault and battery. Mr. Whittle was bound over to court.

Some bad boys in Brookville snow balled school teachers when they were leaving that town Friday.

At the meeting of the school board Monday evening Miss Lulu Black was elected substitute teacher.

L. W. Robinson, general manager of the R. & P. C. & I. Co., and the J. & C. C. & I. Co., who has been living at Punxsutawney has moved his family to Rochester, N. Y.

It is high time the heavy fall of snow last Friday was cleaned off all sidewalks in this borough. The ordinance allows twenty-four hours after the fall of snow to have the sidewalks cleaned.

The "Jolly Lot" matinee, played at the opera house Christmas afternoon, by home talent under the management of U. G. Scheafnoeker, was a complete success financially and every other way.

A congregation of worshippers assembled in the M. E. church at ten o'clock on Friday night, Dec. 31st, and watched the old year out and the new year in. Dr. Rumberger preached a sermon and the balance of the two hours was spent in prayer, song and praise.

The following officers have been elected for the Baptist Sunday School for 1898: Superintendent, W. S. Stone; assistant superintendent, W. F. Marshall; secretary, Myrtle Dean; treasurer; E. C. Davis; librarian, Blanche Whitmore; assistant librarian, Charles King.

The entertainment and social held in the I. O. O. F. hall Christmas eve, under the auspices of the Sons of St. George, was better patronized by the public in general than any entertainment or social ever before given by the Sons of St. George, for which they are thankful.

The gas well on the Schugars' farm is now down to a depth of over 2,900 feet. The company still has hopes of striking oil. A new well will be drilled in the Horn Settlement by a Pittsburg party. It is to be hoped that oil or gas, in a paying quantity, will be struck in one, if not both, of these wells.

The Daughters of Rebekah were to have given an entertainment and social in the Star building New Year's eve, but on account of the big snow storm, it was postponed until next Saturday evening, January 8th. Everybody is invited to attend this social and entertainment on the 8th inst. Admission 10 cents.

During the past year Heidrick, Matson & Co.'s saw mill in Brookville, has cut over 18,000,000 feet of lumber. The sawing was done by Wilkins & Dickinson, and Theo. Wilkins, the latter running the mill now. This is the largest amount of lumber ever cut by any mill in one year in Jefferson county.—Brookville Democrat.

Miles Walsh, who has been proprietor of the Burns House several years, moved out of that hostelry last Saturday. He moved into the Walsh home-stead in West Reynoldsville. Yesterday John O'Hare, formerly one of the proprietors of the City Hotel, the past two years bartender at Hotel McConnell, moved into the Burns House.

Miss Sue B. Ayres, who has been organist in the Presbyterian church, in this place a number of years, went to Pittsburg last Friday to take a few lessons on a pipe organ, which she understands pretty well now, and then she may accept a position that has been offered her to play the pipe organ for a large Presbyterian congregation in Pittsburg.

A number of young men of this place have organized a new society which they have been pleased to call Terpsichorean, the meaning of which is "the Muse who presides over dancing." One of the large rooms on the second floor of the Reynolds block has been leased for one year. A piano and other furniture will be put in the room. The first party given by the Terpsichorean society was on Monday evening of last week. A midnight supper was served at Hotel McConnell.

George W. Sykes, one of the proprietors of the large and well equipped woolen mill plant in this place, started last week on a three weeks' trip to Pittsburg, Chicago, Minneapolis and other large western cities in quest of orders for the mill. Mr. Sykes is a first-class salesman and the goods turned out by the Reynoldsville mill are as good as is on the market, and there is no doubt but that he will get some very large orders. Mr. Sykes has traveled the same territory before and secured orders and where the goods from this mill are sold once it is not hard to get a second order.

The regular monthly meeting of the town council was held in the council chambers Monday evening. Lawyer C. Mitchell presented a petition to council for annexation of the Fourth street extension. The petition was referred to the Borough Solicitor. Mayor Stoke reported collections made for November and December, \$14.00. Paid out for gas, \$3.96; balance handed over to treasurer, \$11.04. Treasurer Cox reported as follows: Amount of money collected during the month of December, \$322.53; amount of orders redeemed \$261.75. Bills and interest amounting to \$113.61 were ordered to be paid. On motion the chairman of the ordinance committee was requested to have the ordinance revised and printed forthwith.

## Two Horses in One Grave.

One day last week two horses owned by the Jefferson Supply Co. were shot and buried in one grave. One of the animals had been indisposed several months and the other one, which was a valuable horse, was found in the stable with a broken leg.

## Surpasses all Others.

The busiest man in Reynoldsville on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of December, 1897, was Joseph Shaffer, Adams Express agent in this place. Mr. Shaffer says that during his eighteen years' service as agent here there never was a time when so many packages were sent out from and received at this place as there were during the days above mentioned. If this be a criterion our people are on the way to prosperity.

## Big Snow Storm.

A real old fashioned snow storm came this way last Friday. The storm commenced about six o'clock in the morning, unheralded and unannounced, the prediction of the weather bureau having been for fair weather. The snow fell thick and fast until towards evening, and then it was a foot deep, or more on the level. Considerable snow fell since Friday and now there is more snow than the people know what to do with, and especially in some places where it is drifted.

## Death of Sam'l Stormer.

Samuel Stormer, who resided near Emerickville, died at his home Sunday forenoon, December 26th, from dropsy. Funeral services were held in the Church of God at Emerickville Tuesday forenoon of last week. Rev. Mills conducted the services. A large congregation was present. A wife, four daughters and one son survive the deceased. Samuel Stormer was born in Wakefield township, Indiana county, Pa., in March, 1832, and was over sixty-five years old.

## Too Handy With a Knife.

Stephen Mazkko, a Slav, was taken to the county jail in Brookville Saturday afternoon by Frank Adelsperger for spilling the blood of two of his countrymen at Big Soldier about the time the old year was being superseded by the new year. The men had been drinking and Mazkko decided to "clean out" the boarding house and proceeded to do so by the use of a large knife. Two of the boarders had their arms badly slashed. When the new year was three hours old "Squire Hays was called out of bed to issue a warrant for the arrest of Mazkko. Saturday forenoon the Slav was given a hearing.

## Suit Pending 37 Years.

In 1860 Jerry Allen and J. N. Humphrey sheriffed Ninian Cooper for a tract of land in Washington township, and then paid the costs and continued the suit. Several times the case was brought up and each time Allen and Humphrey would pay the costs and have it continued. At the May term of court, 1906, Mr. Cooper forced them to a trial. As Judge Reed was interested in the case, Judge White, of Indiana county, came to Brookville and heard the case. His decision was in favor of Mr. Cooper. Allen and Humphrey asked for a new trial and Judge White refused it, then they appealed to Supreme Court. The case was argued at Pittsburg last October and a decision was given at Philadelphia on Monday of this week, sustaining the decision of the Jefferson county court.

## Williams—Reddecliff.

At 11.00 a. m. on Christmas day Charles Williams and Miss Jane Reddecliff were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reddecliff, in the presence of about sixty relatives and friends. Dr. C. C. Rumberger, pastor of the M. E. church, performed the marriage ceremony. John Reddecliff, Adam Miller, Misses Jessie Robertson and Jennie Williams stood up with the contracting parties. After congratulations the guests partook of a sumptuous dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Williams received a number of presents. On the following Monday the newly wedded pair went to housekeeping in a house on Worth street that had been furnished and made ready before the wedding occurred. That is a wise way to do. Every young man should have a home ready, or be financially in shape to get one ready, before he gets married.

## Checkweighman Resigned.

William Broad, jr., was checkweighman at Big Soldier during the strike last summer and on account of some trouble between he and General Manager Robinson, Mr. Broad was asked to resign, which he did not do at that time. Edwin Hoare was elected checkweighman for the last three months of 1897. Last week Mr. Broad was re-elected checkweighman and Mr. Robinson refused to allow him to act as such. The mines at this place were idle Monday to settle the checkweighman business and to take action on resolutions that had been drafted by the executive committee of the Checkweighman Association. Two meetings were held in the Hartman hall. At the forenoon meeting Mr. Broad resigned as checkweighman. At the afternoon meeting Mr. Hoare was elected checkweighman and the resolutions of the executive committee were adopted. The men went to work again yesterday morning.

## THREE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

Frank Ruth was taken to Bradford Last Week on Charge of Abduction.

Frank Brown, alias Frank Ruth, was arrested in Reynoldsville Wednesday afternoon of last week by Frank P. Adelsperger on a warrant issued at Bradford for abducting Grace Lee, a fourteen-year-old girl, from that place. While Ruth was arrested for abducting Grace Lee, he was suspected of being the man who murdered Grant Alexander in DuBois last August, as he answered the description given of Alexander's murderer. He goes by the name of Brown, is of the same height, size and weight and is minus a part of the first finger of the left hand, as was the person described as the murderer. Carrie Sweels, Alexander's paragoner, who is now a resident of "Poverty Flat," was sent for to identify Ruth as the murderer of Alexander, but she did not recognize him as the man who did the killing. Thursday forenoon two men were brought down from DuBois who cleared Ruth of the charge of murdering Alexander. Thursday evening Constable W. W. Tadder, of Bradford, arrived in this place and on Friday took Ruth to Bradford, where he will have to answer for three charges, abduction, desertion and larceny. We have been informed that last May Ruth finished a seven year term in the Western Penitentiary. He has good prospects of serving another term in the penitentiary. If the Bradford authorities fail to convict him he will be brought back to Jefferson county and tried for larceny. Two weeks ago Friday evening some beef hides were stolen from Peter Rhodes' barn, back of his Main street meat market, and the same evening Ruth sold the hides to O. F. Smith, the East Main street butcher. When accused of the theft he acknowledged to having sold the hides to Smith, but claimed he had bought them from a boy. Four weeks ago Saturday Grace Lee called on Mayor Stoke begging money to get back to her home in Bradford. Mayor Stoke asked her how she got so far away from home and she told him the story of abduction and that Ruth had threatened to kill her if she ran away from him, and that she had left while he was away from home. Mayor Stoke got Grace a boarding place and telegraphed to her father. The first of the following week an officer came after Grace and had a warrant for the arrest of Ruth, and as he was not at home the warrant was left in the hands of Adelsperger. THE STAR was requested not to mention the affair at the time, as Ruth might slip out of this section entirely. Ruth lived in a small house above Prescottville. The officer wanted to capture him without a scene, and perhaps bloodshed, so he was shadowed until he thought the matter had blown over and he came to Reynoldsville on the Wednesday afternoon mentioned to trade horses and was taken by surprise when George Warnick and Adelsperger grabbed hold of him and Frank slipped the handcuffs on him.

Ruth was interviewed by a representative of THE STAR while he was confined in the lock-up and of course he was an innocent man, the verdict coming from his own lips. He acknowledged that he gave Grace Lee money to come to Prescottville, but he denied the story of abduction and said he could prove that she came of her own free will. When he was five days old his mother died and a family named Brown kept him until he was eight years old, and that is the reason he is called Brown sometimes, so he says. Ruth's vocabulary is well stocked with profanity.

## Died From Consumption.

John E. Mowery, aged 27 years, oldest son of George and Sarah Mowery, of Winslow township, near Big Soldier, died on Wednesday, December 22nd, 1897, of consumption. John Mowery was unable to do a day's work the past three years. He was able to walk about the day before his death. Gordon Clark was called in to talk and pray with him and the deceased could say before he died, "It is well with my soul." John said to his sister Clara and brother Charley, who stood by his side holding his ice cold hands, not to weep for him. He prayed for the Saviour to take him out of his misery. The funeral service was held at the home of the bereaved parents Friday afternoon, December 24th. The interment took place in the Syphrit cemetery in Paradise.

## Eli Perkins at Punxsu'y.

Eli Perkins, who is to lecture in Assembly hall, Reynoldsville, Friday evening, January 21st lectured in Punxsutawney on the 10th of last month and the Punxsutawney Spirit, in speaking of the lecture, says: "Eli Perkins' business is to smooth wrinkles from the brow of gloom and transfer them to the mouth in merry laughter. He is a traveling sunbeam, and when he is come and gone, all those who came in contact with his genial beams feel that something bright and beautiful and soothing has passed that way."

David Cochran has opened a shooting gallery in the room back of James Delap's barbershop.

Lost—Two gold dollars with monogram on each one. The dollars were fastened together with small chain. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the dollars at Myers' harness shop.

## Teachers' County Institute.

The forty-second annual teachers' institute, which was held in Brookville last week, was the most interesting, profitable and largest attended institute ever held in Jefferson county. Prof. Teltrick deserves credit and praise for the high grade of instructors furnished for this institute. The teachers were given a rare opportunity for general instruction and inspiration for school work. The evening entertainments were good and the Marlin opera house was crowded each evening. The Kunits-Damian Concert Company was booked for Tuesday night, but failing to make railroad connections at Pittsburg, the company did not arrive in Brookville until Wednesday. John Temple Graves, who lectured in Reynoldsville a couple of years ago, was booked for Wednesday, and both attractions were given Wednesday night. Mr. Graves began his lecture at 7.30 and at 9.30 the Kunits-Damian Concert Company began their concert.

Hon. John W. Reed, judge of this county, in a scholarly and eloquent speech, gave the teachers a warm welcome to Brookville and the institute. After the address of welcome the work of organization was taken up and the following committees appointed:

Resolutions—J. L. Allison, R. L. Armstrong, A. J. Postlethwait, E. E. Lawson and R. H. Longwell.  
Educational Re-unions—G. W. Lenkerd, Miles Timblin, J. S. Chapman, H. E. Daniel and F. S. Gover.  
Course of Reading—T. B. Galbraith, G. L. Glenn, N. B. Madden, D. M. Parker and James Polliune.

## Throat Cut and Head Battered.

Christmas evening Thomas McDonald, a boss on the new short cut of the B. & P. R'y between Falls Creek and Brookwayville, was found near Beechtree Junction with his throat cut and head badly battered. He was unconscious when found. When he revived sufficient to make a statement he said he had been assaulted by William Kennedy and Thomas Gray, who were present when McDonald was found. Later he withdrew the accusation against Gray and Kennedy and said he had been injured by the cars. Gray and Kennedy, who were workmen on the new grade, were arrested and lodged in jail in Brookville. Last Thursday they were taken to Beechtree for a hearing. A number of witnesses testified to seeing the three men together the evening McDonald was found by the railroad track unconscious and heard them quarreling. The main witness, Thos. McDonald, is lying at the Adria Hospital in a critical condition. Gray and Kennedy were taken back to jail Tuesday evening.

## Directors' Meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the Jefferson County Directors' Association was held in the grand jury room in the court house at Brookville on Thursday of last week. Reynoldsville, West Reynoldsville and Winslow township were well represented. It was an unusually interesting convention. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, was present and addressed the convention. Some of the topics discussed were, "What Should be Taken into Consideration by a Board of Directors in the Selection of Teachers?" "How can Directors Give Further Aid to the Schools?" "Educational Influence of School Grounds and School Architecture," and "Care of School Property."

The next convention of the Directors' Association will be held in Punxsutawney on the second Tuesday in June. The officers elected for the June convention are as follows: President, Dr. A. F. Balmer, of Brookville; secretary, M. E. Weed, of West Reynoldsville.

## Death's Doings.

Little daughter of L. E. Carl, aged two years and six months, died December 24th, of diphtheria, and was buried Christmas day.

Edward Roberts, aged two years and five months, son of George Roberts, of Rathmel, died January 1st, and was buried in Catholic cemetery the next day. Diphtheria was the cause of death.

Mary Catharine Wagner, aged 4 months and 24 days, daughter of Lewis Wagner, of Rathmel, died January 1st and was buried in Beulah cemetery the next day.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week by John S. Barr, Clerk of Courts of Jefferson county:

J. A. Stewart, of New Kensington, and Maud Ross, of Summerville.  
Francis Joseph Maffett, of Clarion, and Nancy Henderson, of Brookville.  
C. E. Fitzsimmons and Laura Breakery, both of Stanton.  
James A. McLaughlin and Elizabeth Barraclough, both of Coal Glen.

## Revival in Progress.

It has been the custom of the Methodist Episcopal church for years to begin revival services the first week of each new year, and on Monday evening of this week the revival services began in that church. The meetings start out with considerable manifestations of interest and earnestness.

Moore & Myers have opened a meat market in the shop near the corner of Main and Fifth streets. Fresh meats of all kind will always be on sale.

## PROSPERITY COMING THIS WAY.

Silk Manufactory to Locate Here—Have You Helped Any Yet?

The future prosperity of Reynoldsville is assured. Her citizens are alert and fully recognize the imperative importance of turning her natural advantages to use. Blessed with coal and natural gas in inexhaustible supplies for manufacturing purposes, she has laid hold of a proposition that will class this town in the vanguard in the manufactory of broad silks. We are favorably located, and have natural advantages far above other towns that have gained recognition from the successful manufactory of silks. Our citizens appreciated the fact that something had to be done to sustain and enlarge the growth of Reynoldsville.

The committee securing subscriptions for preferred stock expect to complete the subscription list within the next few days. The ground is already secured and the erection of large, substantial brick buildings, of modern design, containing the latest and best machinery, all new, for the manufactory of broad silks will begin before long. This industry will employ 350 odd hands and the payroll will amount to about \$200,000 annually. The plant will be of a capacity of no less than 225 looms and require at least \$50,000 working capital. Arrangements have been made to take care of the entire output of the mill for the next ensuing year. This mill will be free and clear of all liens and incumbrances, and erected at a cost of \$100,000, by a thoroughly substantial and reliable company. It is unnecessary for us to dwell upon the influence and the good which the distribution of \$200,000 per annum will do to our community.

Six years ago a company from New York located a silk mill at Williamsport, Pa. The citizens raised a bonus of \$10,000, gave a block of land within the city limits which is now covered by the plant and employs from 800 to 1,000 hands. Other successful plants are located at Carbondale, Sunbury, Carlisle, Harrisburg, Reading and elsewhere in the state of Pennsylvania. None of these localities being as favorable for this industry as this town.

The Philadelphia Ledger, under date of December 28th, relevant to Allentown's silk industry, has made the following statement: "By the end of next week the Wellbacher silk mill, just erected in this city, will be in complete running order, and between 300 and 400 weavers, loom fixers, winders, etc., employed. Only fancy ribbon will be woven. This is Allentown's seventh silk plant. The silk industry was established here in 1881, and the Adelaide mill (the first) has been enlarged fourfold since, it alone employing 1200 hands. Plans have just been made for another big addition to the plant, which is regarded as one of the most complete in this country. The silk industry in Allentown gives employment to nearly 3000 hands."

The committee will further wait upon the citizens and others who may desire to secure preferred stock, being redeemable in 5 years at par, with the privilege, providing the holder thereof desires it, can run 20 years. Semi-annual dividends are guaranteed to be paid on this stock, at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum.

The raw silk alone which the mill will require, will amount to over \$600,000 annually.

The citizens of Reynoldsville realize that their interests and that of the company are identical, and they speak with pride, relevant to the work so successfully done by the committee in securing \$30,000 within a week.

## Schivera Meetings.

Mr. Schivera, the evangelist, is expected to arrive in Reynoldsville on Thursday, January 6th, and deliver his first address in Centennial hall that evening. Meetings will be held at the same place each evening this week. For weeks a great many have been anticipating the arrival of Mr. Schivera. He has refused larger towns, promising union efforts, to come here, and to Christian people this will be a rare opportunity for blessings. Doors open at 7.30; song service for one-half hour, Mr. Schivera speaking at 8.00 o'clock sharp.

There has been a rumor that the hall was not a safe place for the crowds who will attend. The rumor is not correct. The hall was built when timber was plenty and it was said that a locomotive could have been safely rolled over its flooring. The heavy timbers and flooring, and the substantial center wall make it exceedingly strong. Both entrances, side and rear, will be in use to allow easy exit from the hall. Day meetings will be held in the Baptist church until other arrangements are made. Prayer service at 9.30 A. M. and Bible reading at 2.30 P. M., Mr. Schivera in charge.

Mr. Schivera has requested earnest prayer from God's people for these services. J. M. D.

## Card of Thanks.

The Woman's Relief Corps hereby express their thankfulness to those who took part in "East Lynne," to the business men for favors received, and to all who helped in any way to make the entertainments a success. COMMITTEE.

For neat fitting suits go to Snyder & Johns, fashionable tailors.