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## CELEBRATION OF A GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Perhaps every person of mature age in the county will readily recognize the face of the venerable ex-Prothonotary which appears below, for no one residing within it since its erection in 1814 has filled a larger place in the eyes of its citizens, nor has any one within its borders held for so long a period of time a public office. Mr. Westbrook was first elected Prothonotary in 1815 and served two terms, in the fall of 1803 he was again chosen and held the office for six years. After an absence of several years he returned to the county and in 1875 was again honored by the people with an election and was continuously re-elected on 11 1896, thus serving eight terms in succession, making a total of thirty-six years in the office. During all that time his demeanor was that of a courteous and affable gentleman and he won hosts of friends who cherish for him the kindest regards.



JOHN C. WESTBROOK.

It was, there fore, a cheerful company which assembled last Monday to pay their respect to him and his estimable wife whose lives have run smoothly together for half a century. Heaven has bounteously lengthened their days far beyond the allotted period and although the companions of their youth have now nearly all gone over the dark river, the many warm greetings they received assure them that in the shadows which are darkening their pathway stand many of a younger generation who bear them the greatest veneration.

John Coubough and Jane Wells, Westbrook were married at Milford December 30, 1850, at 6 o'clock a. m. by Rev. T. B. Bradner, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and immediately started on a wedding tour to Niagara by the old-fashioned stage coaches which then ran through Milford. With the exception of a few years they have always resided in the county and for the past thirty-five at the county seat. Mr. Westbrook's life work has been done in the office and hundreds of papers bear silent testimony to the care and neatness which was an unflinching trait in his public career.

His wife, who for several years has been an invalid, receives a loving like attention at the hands of her husband and bears her burdens with a cheerful spirit born of an amiable and equable disposition, and together they are traveling life's journey hand in hand as devoted to each others comfort and welfare as when the rising sun of youthful affection first gilded their pathway. May their years yet be many and happy.

Those who partook of the abundant cheer on the occasion were M. C. Westbrook, of Blooming Grove; Hon. L. Westbrook, of Stroudsburg; Mrs. Susan Grandin, a sister of F. Rockwell, of Honesdale, ex-Treasurer of Wayne county; Edgar A. Wells and wife, of Fort Jervis; Dr. J. C. Price and wife, a daughter, and son, John C., Jr.; Arthur N. Roe and wife, also a daughter, of Branchville; Henry B. Wells, R. C. Bull, C. W. Bull, Esq., and wife, Rev. Thos. Nichols and wife, A. D. Brown, wife and daughter, Lydia, who by request sang "Darby and Joan," J. H. Van Etsen and wife, Mrs. T. A. Mott, Miss Mary Wells, Mrs. Hy. T. Barker, Mrs. Sarah Grissman, Mrs. Jane Emerson and Mrs. E. B. Quick, of Milford.

The will of the late Edgar Pinchot was probated this week. It divides his estate into two moieties or half parts one of which is devised to his wife and the other to his daughter. It was drawn in 1888 and by reason of the lapse of time several provisions as to trusteeship and other details are probably abrogated. His wife is made sole executrix.

Among those who sent regrets and letters were John Baldwin and wife, of New York; Mrs. J. B. Mott, of Ellenville; Mrs. Mary B. Sanborn, of Somerville; N. J. Mrs. Carrie W. Milligan, of Philadelphia, whose husband, Judge Milligan, wrote a charming letter, from which we are permitted to make the following extract: "I am thinking how your minds will today revert to the past, and the wonderful strides which have been made, all tending to benefit, develop and give happiness to mankind. After fifty years of storm and sunshine as a loving 'Darby and Joan' you stand today as living witnesses to mankind that marriage is not a failure. All these years the West Brook has flowed along in the even tenor of its way, overflowing at times to extend its usefulness by occasionally branching into smaller brooks and rills thus finally adding to the great ocean of life."



MRS. JOHN C. WESTBROOK.

Hon. J. O. Biddis thus expressed for himself and family their good wishes: "I write to express most sincerely regrets that we cannot be present and convey to you the gratulations of my family, and we hope that time may deal very gently with you both in the coming years, and that 'He who holds life's sands' may ever bless and prosper you here on earth, and when the end shall come give you joy and peace everlasting in the great Beyond."

**All in Fun.**  
"S. O." in Dingman items of last week grows witty over the Jersey attendances at the Farmers' Institute at that place on Dec. 22d, and ludes out numerous left handed compliments for their benefit. We doubt very much if ex-Representative R. F. Schwarz would have deemed it worth while to even go to the Academy if those Jersey "paukink raisers and sand burrs" had not put in an appearance, composing at least half of his audience. The Pike county buckwheat growers and tie peelers being conspicuous by their absence. The coming of the Jersey contingent did not depend upon a free ice bridge as "S. O." seems to intimate, but they paid their bridge toll like gentlemen, left some good money in the hamlet, and enjoyed the ride and institute very much indeed. "Come again!" most assuredly we will, whether there is a free ice bridge or not. We hope "S. O." will constitute himself a committee of one to labor for a larger attendance at their next Farmers' Institute, and come over next year and see how we do such things here. H.

**Disease Breeding Ground.**  
During the past year our town has been greatly blessed by an absence of contagious diseases, and, though typhoid fever has been prevalent in other sections we have mainly escaped. Cleanliness and care in the matter of removal of refuse and garbage which accumulates around the premises, do much to ward off certain forms of disease or to prevent their formation. It should be the pride of every one, whether in town or country, to keep their premises clean and free from noxious smells and disease breeding surroundings. Cleanliness and health to a great extent go hand in hand and a little care exercised from time to time may prevent serious consequences. It is just as important to regard such matters in winter as in summer and careful, prudent persons will not depend on the snow to conceal the excrementousness of their neglect.

**A Keen Clear Brain.**  
Your best feelings, your social position in business success depend largely on the perfect action of your stomach and liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by all Druggists.

## PERSONALS.

Geo. Armstrong is visiting the city.  
Levvy Kipp was in New York New Years.  
Ernest C. Book, of Chicago, is visiting relatives here.  
Geo. Bourne, of New York, is visiting his mother.  
Harry Terwilliger has been visiting his home here this week.  
Charles Mayne, of New York, was in town the first of the week.  
Sam Hubbard, of Brooklyn, was at the Crissman House a few days last week.  
Bert Jardon left this week for Virginia where he will be employed in a hotel.  
D. H. Hornbeck and wife visited the latter's brother at Newark a few days last week.  
Mrs. P. V. Brisco, of Milton, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Stephen Cuddeback in Milford township.  
Robert Nesson, of New York, is spending a few days in town a guest at the Sawkill House.  
James R. Ball and wife, of New York, were guests with the formers mother over New Years.  
Miss Lila B. Van Etsen after visiting her parents for a week returned to Beidgport Monday.  
Dr. H. B. Reed has been in Harrisburg this week attending a meeting of county committee chairman.  
Hon. William Mitchell attended a meeting of the Republican State committee in Harrisburg Monday.  
E. J. Cole, who has been visiting his family in Dover, N. J., a few days, is again with Emerson & Co.  
Miss Emma Howell, a cousin, and John Dickerson, of Chester, N. J., visited Miss Hattie Horton recently.  
Rev. W. R. Neff, of Jersey city, was in town Wednesday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Harrietta Winsor.  
Mrs. Robert Rodman and son, Robert, of New Hampton, N. Y., visited Mrs. J. H. Van Etsen over last Sunday.

A late issue of Turf, Field and Farm gives a form for laying out a half mile track. The radius at each end should be 258 feet and the length of the sides 500 feet, or if the configuration of the land will not admit of these distances the radius at one end may be added to and the straight side shortened.  
The first great Exposition of the twentieth century will be opened at Buffalo, N. Y., on May 1, 1901. Congress has appropriated \$500,000 and said that it will be of most benefit to the commercial interest, not only of this country but of the entire hemispheric. The site chosen consists of a plot of 300 acres conveniently located to all the 26 steam roads which enter the city.  
The record of the erection of the township of Green from Palmyra shows the name spelled without the final e, and in former times that was the customary method, as is shown by the assessment and other books of record. Whether the township was named from General Green or because of its being largely covered with hemlock and laurel we do not know, perhaps some one residing there may have heard the tradition.

**Metereological Record.**  
Mean maximum for the month 59, 42 degrees; mean minimum for the month 17.32 degrees; average temperature 38.37 degrees; highest temperature 55 degrees on the 24th; lowest temperature 2 degrees below zero on the 17th; snowfall 15 1/2 inches; rainfall 3.08; days clear 15; days cloudy 7; days partly cloudy 9. Prevailing wind direction South-West.  
Geo. E. Hittner,  
Voluntary Observer.

**A Deep Mystery.**  
It is a mystery why women endure Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting, Dizzy Spells, when they would have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Pueblo Charley, of Peterson, Minn., "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and, although 23 years old, I now am able to do all my household work." It overcomes Constipation, improves Appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50c at all drug stores.

See the new flower pots and jardiniere at W & G Mitchell's.  
New styles mens' combination foot wear at Armstrong & Co.

## OBITUARY.

**MRS. HARRIETTA WINSOR.**  
After a long illness Mrs. Winsor, widow of the late Rev. George Winsor, for many years a prominent minister in the M. E. church, passed away at her home on Ann street last Sunday, Dec. 30. She was born in Milford Oct. 12, 1819, and was a daughter of Jesse and Mary, Bawhann, Olatstead, her father having come from Connecticut and her mother being a descendant of one of the oldest families in this section. April 15, 1843 she married Mr. Winsor, who was then stationed here, and after over forty years of domesticity with her husband they returned to their home here to spend their remaining days. Mr. Winsor died several years ago and their two children, Mary and Thomas are both deceased. One sister, Nancy who resided with her, survives. The funeral services conducted by Rev. C. E. Scudder were held Wednesday, Jan. 2, from her late residence and interment in the Milford cemetery.  
The following is contributed by a friend of the deceased:  
Mrs. Harrietta Winsor has left behind her the evidences of a strong christian character. The elements that produced such a character are known. The first fact that calls for expression is, that she had christian training. Her mother was one of the original six members of the M. E. church of this place. It is impossible to put too great emphasis on christian, home training. Not all who have such opportunities, develop such a character. True to her better nature, she yielded early in life to those gracious influences and became a devoted christian. Again we pause just long enough to emphasize the importance of an early christian life. "They that seek me early shall find me."  
Another fact that calls for notice is, her marriage to a Methodist minister in the days of small things. One who reads carefully the history of Methodist ministers, fifty years ago, will learn of a self-sacrificing life, little known to day. Be it said to the credit of Mrs. Winsor, that she made the sacrifice and received the reward, namely, a well developed christian character. Again we notice the peculiar and trying service that she and every true minister's wife, was called upon to render in those earlier days. The public eye is resting constantly upon the ministers family. A true wife feels keenly the responsibility that connects itself with her life. The spirit in which she endures the reverses, the criticisms, and the rejected love and sympathy of her heart, helps or hinders the cause of Christ. In those trying experiences Mrs. Winsor was a true help meet. Her life in the changing scenes of the itinerancy was one of cheer. The sunlight of love radiated from her soul and brightened many a clouded life.  
There is but one more thing to be said. Such a life must be beautiful in age and have its end in peace. Precious are the memories that she leaves behind. Well beloved by all who knew her, she remains in our thought for inspiration, and her form yet remains in our vision, pointing us to the life everlasting.

**The Press Almanac for 1901.**  
Presidential year and census taking time offer annual opportunities for an almanac and the advent of a new century accentuates them. Judged by the great possibilities before it "The Philadelphia Press Almanac" for 1901, which is now ready, is invaluable; its pages must be consulted daily by the thoughtful man if he would appreciate in fullest degree the happenings near and far which his paper brings to him. The wealth of facts and figures, of statistics and records, contained in "The Press Almanac, illumine current happenings as no other book can. It is an encyclopedia of the past year and a guide to the future. It contains everything which a work of its standard should. The 25 cents for which it can be secured from any newsdealer or by addressing "The Philadelphia Press" will yield a better return than any other investment which can be made in this, the opening year of the 20th century.

Now is the time when crop and lung troubles prove rapidly fatal. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results in one minute cough cure. It is very pleasant to take and can be used upon to quickly cure cough, cold, and all lung diseases. It will prevent colds.

## BRIEF MENTION.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."  
Teddy Roosevelt was made a Mason at Oyster Bay Jan. 2.  
P. F. Steele who has been ill with typhoid fever is improving.  
Like castor oil, advice is much easier to give than to take.  
Hon. J. J. Hart has taken office rooms in Brown's building.  
Old Point Comfort club had an entertainment New Years night.  
The things that make women sit down and cry make men get up and swear.  
Rev. Thos. Nichols is confined to his home with an attack of grippe.  
A Knight to the Holy Land did repair. He had a cold, when and where?  
A large party of young people went out to Knob's pond skating New Years night.  
C. O. Armstrong was confined to his home a couple of days this week with a severe cold.  
The trouble with a great many men is that they mistake their hats for telephons when they talk.  
The difference between a "boozer" and a wagon wheel is one spoke and sets and the other sets and soaks.  
Nathan Emery has been for several days afflicted with a severe cold which incapacitates him from work.  
When a person yields a farmed stick he ought not to whine if people with self respect keep aloof from him.  
The Commissioners have appointed Walter Vatterlein of Palmyra Twp., mercantile appraiser for this year.  
A girl in love is at a loss to find language to express her thoughts, but it is quite different after she marries.  
The firemen Tuesday elected for chief Thomas Armstrong, first assistant A. D. Brown, second assistant Danham Gregory.  
George Baser, under indictment in Sussex Co. for horse stealing, recently entered a plea of guilty. He has not yet been sentenced.  
Thos. Armstrong's delivery wagon and Dr. Barckley's carriage collided last Saturday on Hartford street badly damaging both vehicles.  
There ought to be a law in this State prohibiting skating on ponds on which ice is gathered. We believe New Jersey has such an act.  
Miss Lucy Bourne gave a party last Saturday night. Mrs. J. J. Hart entertained New Years eve and Harry Armstrong had a number of guests New Years night.  
Wm. Angie, with the aid of his son Clarence, and helper L. B. Hissam, shed forty horses the last day of the century. This is a record breaker for ten hours work.  
George, a son of Louis J. Wagner, met with a very painful accident last Saturday night while walking off the ice at Wells dam. In some manner he fell and broke his thigh bone near the hip.  
The House of Representatives at Harrisburg was organized Tuesday by the election of William T. Marshall as speaker and the Senate organized by electing William P. Snyder President pro-tem.  
Among the men of mark in Pennsylvania appearing in the Press on Tuesday were the portraits of Hon. D. S. Lee State Senator for this district and Hon. Rogers L. Bennett Representative from Monroe county.  
As the Dispatch force was insisting two forms from the lower to the upper room Thursday evening the rope broke and they both fell and went into "pit." Too much weighty matter in them, and that is no joke either.  
P. F. Steele is filling the old Bona shop, which has been converted into an ice house, with ice, and in the spring will remove from the farm to Milford township, which he has occupied for several years, to the house adjacent.  
Wm. Padgett will give a concert in Brown's Hall this Friday and tomorrow Saturday, evenings. The fun will consist of Edison's Phonograph, Bill Ward the Yankee comedian, Uncle Ben. Carr who sings the oldest songs on record, Uncle Rufus with old time stories, and Luthford a colored wit. We bespeak for Wm. a good audience. Admission is and 20 cents. There will be an entire change of program the second evening.

**THE RAMBLERS PICKINGS.**  
Our regular midwinter thaw arrived on time.  
Sharp horses were a necessity Monday morning.  
George Hornbeck Jr., and Mrs. Daniel Everett, of Montague, are both on the sick list. Doc Steele if also still confined to the house.  
Andrew Yetter, of Blainetown, was in town Monday.  
J. E. Boyd disposed of over fifty fine turkeys during the past week. Their weight ran from eight to twenty three pounds dressed.  
Those who attended the M. E. church Sunday evening had the pleasure of listen to an excellent sermon delivered by the pastor Rev. C. E. Scudder.  
Frank Kyte son of John Kyte, of Montague, is renewing old acquaintances after an absence of nearly twelve years spent in Arkansas.  
Warren McGarrish the popular John of Price Bros. livery stable of Branchville was in town Monday evening.  
Be sure and write it with a one now in 1901.  
Don't forget those good resolutions: Attend church--when you can. Love your neighbor--as well behind his neck as you pretend to his face. Don't get full--only when you have to, to keep the cold out. Don't forget to give the Editor what is due him--in subscription money.  
A number from here took in the occasion to New York on New Years day.  
The congregation of the Minisink Rfid church of Montague does not propose to be out done by their brother Methodists over there. The latter have erected sheds for the accommodation of horses and the former are at work doing likewise. Wm. Strable of this town is furnishing the lumber.  
Jake Van Tassel took a four horse load of young people to Silver springs New Years night. They went to skate.  
This week will see about every ice house in town filled and some horses will be glad of it.  
There was a quiet reception at the Delaware bridge Tuesday evening. The shot gun brigade did not catch on.  
"Padget" the invincible and his troupe will hold forth in Brown's Hall this and to morrow evening.  
Bill Perkins Lecturer.  
A good sized audience gathered at Brown's Hall Friday evening to hear the inimitable Bill deliver his lecture on the Philosophy of wit and humor. He clearly defined the provinces of the various forms of humor, satire and ridicule and illustrated the distinctions with apt stories which kept the audience in capital good spirits throughout. As Josh Billings remarked of some one Perkins is an "Amoozin chap" and any one who does not wish to have a hearty laugh two hours long should keep away from the lecture. The force of his humor is irresistible and an evening spent in listening to his stories may add years to your life, if you survive the immediate ordeal.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Bernard Gill and wife to John Gully, 50 acres part of George Till Lockswaxen con. \$200.  
Charles Rush to Maggie E. Kurtz, 100 acres L. Inman part of Benjamin Ellison con. \$1.  
Maggie E. Kurtz and husband to F. W. Hissinger same land as above con. \$1.  
C. E. Van Iwogen and Benj. Ryall executors to Sarah A. Hunt, Lot 263 Matamoros con. \$100.  
Thos. Merritt to Albert V. B. Voorhees Jr., 40 acres Westfall con. \$3000.

**Presbyterian S. S. Officers.**  
At a meeting of teachers of the Presbyterian Sunday school here last Sabbath officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows Sup'r Rev. Thos. Nichols, Treasurer Dr. R. G. Barckley, Librarian John C. Warner, Assistant Frank Cross, Secretary F. B. Thrall, Organist Miss Nettie Terwilliger Assistant Miss Louise Klaver.  
**Milford Hand Laundry.**  
The undersigned has opened a laundry on Centre Square Milford, Pa., in the store room formerly occupied by Geo. Dauman, and will do all kinds of work pertaining to the business with promptness and in a neat careful manner. A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.  
JOHN L. GOWNEY.

## THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31, 1900.  
President McKinley has been assured by Senator Hawley, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, that there would be no delay in putting the substitute for the House Army Reorganization bill, prepared by his committee, through the Senate as soon as Congress reassembles. Senator Hawley also expressed the opinion that an agreement would be speedily reached with the House when the bill was sent to Conference. The latter opinion is fully shared by Chairman Hall of the House Military Committee, who made a careful personal canvass of the Senate before the recess. Secretary Root is naturally prejudiced in favor of some sections of the House bill, which was prepared by him or under his direction, but he says he will not stand in the way of legislation that is so urgently needed by opposing the substitute, or in any way raising obstacles to delay the passage of the bill just because it does not meet his personal views in all its details. He wants authority to enlist the men needed, and wants it as quickly as possible, regardless of the law providing therefor.

Mr. Charles S. Francis, Editor of the Troy, N. Y., Times, who is in Washington for the purpose of getting his commission and instructions as U. S. Minister to Greece, Roumania and Servia, is one of the few men who accept official position for sentimental reasons. In his words, "I have little ambition to hold public office further than the sentiment that attaches to occupying the same position in the public service that my father had before me. I was with him in Europe during his diplomatic service as his Secretary."

A movement is on foot and being vigorously pushed to have the Senate inaugurate the 20th Century legislation by ratifying the treaty already favorably reported, which binds the U. S. to a prohibition of the sale of intoxicants in Africa, between twenty degrees north latitude and twenty-two degrees south latitude, and to add a resolution inviting the nations of the world to join in protecting barbarian native races everywhere, on the first legislative day of the new century, Thursday 3rd. The movement also includes the passage by the House, on the same day, of the Gillett bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants or fire arms by Americans to the natives of the New Hebrides islands, a traffic which England has already prohibited. The idea of this movement is to emphasize the attitude of the U. S. on progressive christianity and moral reform.

Dr. L. H. Bagbes, of New York, who is the most exact double of President McKinley in appearance, came to Washington for the express purpose of seeing the man for whom he had so often been mistaken. As the two men shake hands the likeness was remarked by every one present. After the interview, which was the first time Dr. Bagbes had met the President, he said: "It is a great honor to be like the President, but it is an awful annoyance to have people making the mistake all the time. In Washington, it is different from other cities. People do not bother me here except to peer curiously at me as I sit in the hotel or walk on the streets. Occasionally they lift their hats in dignified salute, but rarely molest me. Several have approached me to ask favors, practical jokers having told them that I was the President. In other cities, especially if the President happens to be in the same place, I have much trouble. Once or twice the police had to almost rescue me from mobs of curiosity seekers. I guess I look more like the President's photographs than like the President himself."

Secretary Root says the charges preferred against Col. Hainstand, Adjutant General of the Army in China, in connection with an alleged combination of officials to control the hemp output of the Philippines, by Maj. Hawkins, who was disallowed from the volunteer service by making corrupt use of his position, are unworthy of notice, that they place Hawkins in an ugly and unevidable position, if true, they show that he had tried to get into a corrupt combination, and if untrue that he was guilty of a malicious attempt to injure an innocent man.