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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The old skating rink out by the Ardell lumber yard has been torn down. A new slate roof is being put on the residence of James Harris on Spring street.

There will be services in the Lutheran church at 10.30 o'clock Sunday morning.

J. S. Carson has decided to quit farming and will sell all his stock on December 20th.

Work has been begun on digging the foundation for the annex to the Bellefonte hospital.

Mrs. J. A. Decker won the first prize of a half dozen ice cream glasses at the euchre at St. John's hall on Tuesday evening.

Miss Henrietta Butts was off duty as stamp clerk in the postoffice a couple days this week on account of a very painful boil on her neck.

Ambrose Ray, who three weeks ago was badly bitten by a dog while passing Rock View farm, is now able to be around on crutches, though he still has a pretty sore leg.

The citizens of State College have decided not to trust to old Boreas for their ice supply in the future, hence have organized a company and will build an ice plant just as soon as they can get a charter. Dr. Frear is president of the company, which is capitalized at eight thousand dollars.

The first hunting accident happened near Osceola Mills on Tuesday evening when the gun of seventeen-year-old Harry Green was accidentally discharged by him slipping on a log, with the result that he received the full charge of shot in his stomach. He died at 10.30 that night without regaining consciousness.

Lewis Miller, a son of the late Lew Miller who met his death on the railroad at Nittany furnace several months ago, had two fingers cut off by a circular saw at Crider's planing mill, Wednesday morning. He was passing the saw and unconsciously threw his hand in contact with the rapidly revolving disc with the above result.

The grandchildren of the late ex-Governor Andrew G. Curran have decided on a very fitting memorial to their grandfather and grandmother. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Sage, of Ithaca, N. Y., and the two children of Mr. and Mrs. William Curran, of Philadelphia, have contributed five hundred dollars each, while the rest of the grandchildren will also contribute according to their means, the fund to be spent in properly furnishing and equipping the operating room in the Bellefonte hospital.

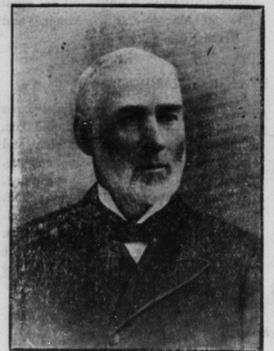
Mr. W. T. Dunning, son of Rev. Dunning, of Osceola Mills, who so ably played the pipe organ in the Methodist church last Sunday, has been engaged by the congregation as permanent organist to take charge the first Sunday in December. Mr. Dunning has been organist in the M. E. church at Philipsburg the past year or so and is very highly spoken of. He plays with a masterful touch and had an offer to go to Grace church, Harrisburg, but because of his health he preferred coming to Bellefonte so accepted the offer of the Methodist congregation.

Centre Hall had quite a fire scare last Saturday night. It was shortly after midnight when fire was discovered in a stable and the alarm sounded. The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to check them with the facilities at hand and the result was the entire destruction of the barns on the properties of Mrs. Simon Harper, John Spangler and Jerry Miller. No stock was burned and the loss in each instance was not very great. But it was very fortunate that the flames were extinguished before they reached any of the nearby houses, or the conflagration would have been a most disastrous one.

If any of the hunters in the Seven mountains above Potters Mills notice a scarcity of game the past day or two it can easily be accounted for in this way: A quartette consisting of DeLann Stewart, Al. Irvin, Horton Ray and Geo. Beezer drove to Potters Mills on Tuesday afternoon and made their headquarters at Reish's hotel. On Wednesday they went hunting and that evening they had a big turkey supper at the hotel at which they were joined by Dave Kelly, Tom Beaver and Harry Garber. The entire party returned to Bellefonte the same evening, reaching here about 10.45 o'clock and to prove they were hunting brought back with them eight rabbits and six pheasants. Of course they had all sorts of stories as to how plentiful game is, one of which was that one of the rabbits they got killed itself by jumping with its nose against the end of Horton Ray's gun barrel, and to prove the truth of the story they showed a rabbit without a shot mark on it.

DEATH OF THE HON. A. O. FURST.—In the death of Hon. Austin O. Furst Bellefonte and Centre county loses one of its most prominent and best known citizens, and the Centre county bar one of its brightest and ablest members. His death, which occurred at just 12 o'clock noon on Monday, came after a period of illness extending back over two years. It is just about two years ago that he underwent an operation in a Philadelphia hospital and, while he was thus afforded temporary relief, he never fully recovered and for the past six months gradually grew worse until death resulted.

Deceased was born at Salona April 11th, 1832, and was thus 74 years, 7 months and 8 days old. His parents were John and Barbara Furst, who came to this country and located in what is now Lamar township, Clinton county, where they became large land owners. The subject of this sketch got his early education in the public schools of that early day, then took a course in the Salona Academy. Under the personal direction of the principal, Prof. H. M. McGuire, he prepared for Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, which he entered when but eighteen years of age, and from which institution he graduated with honors in 1854. He then entered Dickinson College, at Carlisle, for the purpose of taking a special scientific and classical course but ill health compelled him to relinquish his studies and leave college. Having a natural de-



HON. AUSTIN O. FURST.

sire for the law he later entered the law office of his brother, Cline G. Furst, of Lock Haven, where he was admitted to the Clinton county bar.

In January, 1861, he moved to Bellefonte and on the 28th day of the same month was admitted to practice at the Centre county bar. Here he lived ever since and in his chosen profession rose to be not only one of the leading members of the Centre county bar but a lawyer whose talent was recognized all over the State to that extent that he was frequently called upon to go to other counties to try important cases. He was possessed of a remarkable memory and gift of discernment given only to the few.

In the summer of 1884 he was given the Republican nomination for President Judge in the forty-ninth judicial district, composed of the counties of Centre and Huntingdon, and was elected over his Democratic opponent, the late ex-Judge Adam Hoy, by a fair majority. He served on the bench his full term of ten years but was defeated for a re-nomination by ex-Judge John G. Love.

In his career as a Judge upon the bench he manifested an independence of character from the very first. This was especially exemplified in his rigid enforcement of the liquor laws, notwithstanding the storm of protest from all over the county. But to his credit it can be said that he did his duty as he saw and understood it, regardless of the consequences. While upon the bench he gained for himself the reputation of being an exceptionally able jurist. The very fact that in the ten years he was judge he suffered fewer reversals of judgment at the hands of the Supreme court than any other President Judge in this district is evidence of not only his clear interpretation of the law but of constant hard work and persistent research into the mysteries of his profession.

On his retirement from the bench he resumed the practice of law and the reputation he had gained in the previous years soon brought to him a large and lucrative practice, not only at his own bar, but from clients in a number of surrounding counties. The last case with which he was closely identified in this place was as counsel for the defense of Green and Dillon, and the strenuous efforts he made to save the lives of the two young men are too well-remembered to need recalling here.

In politics Mr. Furst was a Republican and always took a very active interest in the welfare of his party. He was a member of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church during all of his residence in the town and served as an elder from 1863 until his death. He manifested the same deep interest in the study of theology as he did in that of the law and his voice was frequently heard in Presbyterian assemblages in this and other States. Early in life he was a school director in Bellefonte and from 1865 to 1874 served as president of the school board.

Judge Furst was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary Frances Sanderlin, of Lock Haven, and his second Miss Caroline Watson Chamberlain, of Milton. The latter survives with three children, namely: Jennie W., married to John Curtis; James C. and Walter B. He also leaves two children by his first wife, William S., of Philadelphia, and John S., of

Williamsport; as well as two brothers C. G., of Lock Haven, and J. B., of Flemington.

Following the usual custom upon the death of a member a meeting of the Centre county bar was held on Tuesday morning at which the various committees to arrange for attending the funeral, etc., were appointed. Another meeting of the bar was held in the court house yesterday morning at 9.30 o'clock at which a suitable memorial on the life of the deceased was read by D. F. Fortney Esq., and brief talks eulogistic of the life and character of the man made by members of the Centre county bar as well as visiting members.

The funeral services were held at the family home on west Linn street at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The officiating ministers were Rev. J. Allison Platts and Rev. William Laurie D. D., LL. D. There was a large attendance of friends at the house but the interment in the Union cemetery was private.

MORRISON.—It was indeed quite a surprise to many people in Bellefonte when the announcement of the death of W. W. Galer Morrison was made last Friday evening. Though it was known quite generally that he was a victim of that dread disease, consumption, very few of his friends knew that his condition was even bad. In fact he had been confined to his bed only a few weeks.

Deceased was a son of James and Sarah Jane Morrison and was born at Port Matilda November 15th, 1860, thus making his age just one day over forty-six years. He was educated in the public schools and himself taught school during the winter sessions for a number of years, devoting his summer months to acting as local agent for a school book publishing house. In 1890 he was given the Democratic nomination for recorder in this county and after a spirited campaign was elected over John F. Harter, the Republican nominee. He was re-elected in 1893 and served his two terms of three years each in a most creditable manner. After retiring at the end of his second term he took a rest of a few months until his marriage a year or so later to Miss Mabel Parker, of Roland, when he moved to the latter place and went into the mercantile business with his father-in-law under the firm name of Parker & Co., in which business he continued until his death though during the past two years the firm had been changed to Morrison & Glenn. During his residence at Roland he served one or more terms as justice of the peace of Boggs township.

His only survivors are his wife and one child. The funeral was held at 10.30 o'clock Monday morning, the remains being brought to Bellefonte for interment in the Union cemetery.

GARNER.—Henry Garner, one of the old-time residents of Ferguson township, died at his home at Fairbrook at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon after an illness of only a few hours, his death being caused by an acute attack of gastritis. He had been in his usual health on Saturday when he husked corn most all day. He ate a hearty supper and went to bed. During the night he took violently ill and, though the doctors in attendance did everything possible they could not stay the hand of death.

Deceased was born in York county almost eighty years ago. When quite a young man he located at Shaver's Creek where he learned the blacksmithing trade. Fifty years ago he came to Centre county and located in Ferguson township. He was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Bloom, who died 11 years ago. Surviving him are two sons and one daughter, namely, William and Jerry at the old home and Mrs. Mahalia Masterson, of Gatesburg.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. R. M. Campbell officiated at the services and interment was made in Meek's cemetery.

BECHDEL.—A very sudden death in Liberty township was that, last Wednesday morning, of John Bechdel. He was unloading a load of corn on the barn floor when he dropped in the wagon box, unconscious and died in a very few minutes. Paralysis was supposed to be the cause. The funeral was held on Friday from his late home, the services being conducted by Rev. Aller, of the Methodist church.

McCoy.—William McCoy, a native Centre countian, died at his home in Cartright on November 12th, after a long illness. He was born at Milesburg in 1843, thus making his age 63 years. He is survived by his wife and four children, as well as three brothers and three sisters, among the latter being Charles McCoy, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Estella Thomas, of Milesburg.

MITCHELL.—Miss Maria Mitchell, widow of the late Dr. J. B. Mitchell, died in Washington, D. C., on Monday of a complication of diseases. She was a sister of Wm. P. Duncan, of Philipsburg, and at one time lived in Bellefonte. The funeral was held at Lewisburg yesterday.

Ross.—John I. Ross died at the home of his only son, James I. Ross, at Linden Hall, on Thursday of last week after but a few days illness. He was aged eighty one years and was one of the best known residents of Pennsylvania. The funeral was held on Saturday.

Charles F. Pennepacker, son of Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Pennepacker, was married to Miss Bessie H. Maxwell, of Winburne, on Tuesday.



Showing where the shot struck Mr. Dale in the back. From a photograph taken after the post-mortem.—These pictures are published by courtesy of the Centre Hall Reporter.

NO DEFINITE CLUE TO JOSIAH DALE'S MURDERER.—Up to this writing the authorities have no definite clue to the cowardly assassin who shot Josiah Dale in the back and killed him last Monday night as he was driving from his farm to Centre Hall. Reports have been rife ever since that the guilty man was not only under suspicion but was known and that his arrest would be made almost any hour. But day after day has passed and there have been no arrests. And more than that, so far as known the authorities are in possession of no more definite facts than they were the day following the murder, when suspicion was directed to certain persons by the conflicting testimony given at the coroner's inquest.

It is true that the authorities have several persons under suspicion but they have no real clue which would even indicate that it was either one of them. They know that a murder was committed, for the very facts in connection with the tragedy preclude the possibility of its having been an accidental shooting in any way. It would be an utter impossibility for any man to mistake a moving horse

and buggy for a wild animal of any kind. And as to the suggestion that the fatal shot might have been from some unknown person's gun who attempted to jump onto the rear of Mr. Dale's buggy and the weapon in some way accidentally discharged, there is ample evidence from the course of the gun shot wound that such could not have been the case. In such a happening the wound would have coursed upward, while in the present case it was deflected downward. In fact the physicians who performed the autopsy gave it as their opinion, judging from the course of the wound, that the man who fired the shot was standing on a bank to the left and about two feet higher than the roadway, while he could not have been over twelve or fifteen feet from the buggy.



House and barn on the Hoffer farm on Nittany mountain, where Dale husked corn on the day he was shot.

With the above knowledge in the possession of the authorities there is no doubt at all as to its having been murder, and murder of the foulest and most cowardly kind. And such being the case, the deed was committed by some one; and that some one was a man who knew Mr. Dale and his habits. No stranger could have fired the fatal shot, as there would have been no motive for him so doing, inasmuch as there was no indication of any attempt at robbery. And if it was some one that

sure its readers that the county officials are putting forth every effort in their power to uncover the criminal and in due time all the facts will be given to the public when it can be done without prejudicing the success of the work or prejudicing the case in any way.

A SNAKE STORY.—Just to break the monotony of hunting stories we herewith give the following snake story, which of course is true, because it came direct from Capt. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills. A few days ago a daughter of Gen. W. Johnson, who lives on the John Ardery farm in Ferguson township, complained to her father that there was something wrong with their organ; that some of the reeds were very much out of tune. Mr. Johnson decided to make an examination and upon opening the instrument was perfectly dumfounded to see coiled among the reeds a five-foot black snake. The reptile was alive and apparently enjoying his cosy bed. Mr. Johnson removed his snakeship with a pair of long tongs. The explanation of how the snake got in the organ is given as follows: Several weeks ago when the weather was quite warm the doors of the Johnson house were left open. One afternoon one of the children discovered a blacksnake inside the parlor door. Badly frightened she informed her mother but when a hunt was



Scene in the road on Nittany mountain where the shooting is supposed to have taken place.

knew Mr. Dale, then it must have been some one who had a motive for so doing. But up to this time, while it has been found that Mr. Dale had a number of people who were not friendly to him, yet in no case at all have there been sufficient facts found to form a chain of circumstances that would justify the arrest of any man for the commission of the crime.

Of course the authorities have not released their vigilance in the slightest de-

made for the reptile it could not be found and it was thought it had gone out and disappeared. Instead it had taken refuge in the organ by crawling up through the pedal opening and there it had been ever since.

An orchestra dance will be given in Bosh Arcade hall Thursday night.

—Miss (to colored cook): "Maria, is your little girl a bright child?"

—Theodore Green, colored, who threatened to shoot his sister on Tuesday, was arrested yesterday morning.

BOYD STONERODE CONVICTED.—Boyd A. Stonerode, formerly of Milesburg, this county, but who the past few years has been a resident of Coraopolis, Washington county. He was tried and convicted at Washington Pa., on Saturday, for swindling the Bentlyville National and other banks, and was at once sentenced to pay a fine of one thousand dollars, costs of trial and ten years in the Riverside penitentiary. That same afternoon he was taken to the penitentiary and was compelled to undergo the greater humiliation of being handcuffed to a negro during the trip from Washington to Riverside.

It will be remembered by readers of the WATCHMAN that Stonerode was accused of swindling a number of banks in the western part of the State by means of forged drafts. He operated under the name of Samuel G. Fletcher. The discovery of his alleged guilt was one of the sensations of the week and the case against him has been one of the hardest contested in the history of Washington county. At his first trial the jury disagreed and the case went over. Stonerode's defense consisted in the plea of an alibi but he was not able to prove it sufficiently clear and full to outweigh the preponderance of evidence of guilt against him.

THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING FOR BELLEFONTE HOSPITAL.—The Bellefonte hospital authorities have distributed a large number of bags for the customary Thanksgiving day donation, and it is hoped that every person who received one will return it filled to the top. Of course everybody is not confined to any particular thing. The hospital is in need of and can use anything in the line of groceries, vegetables, fruit, canned goods, butter and all such supplies and whatever you feel inclined to give, or can give, will be thankfully received and duly appreciated. But whatever you do, give something. And one point in particular we wish to call your attention to, not only residents of Bellefonte but all over Centre county. If in the distribution of the bags the committee failed to leave one with you, don't take it as meaning that you should not contribute something. Get a bag yourself, fill it up and send it in. Your donation will be just as welcome as if sent in in a bag furnished by the hospital. Last year's Thanksgiving day donation was a most generous one. See that this year's will be equally so.

THE WEALTH OF A VAGRANT.—There is a class of curious beings in New York of whom the general public outside of New York knows nothing. It is the professional vagrant. Not the lazy, idle tramp of the country roads, but the sharp witted, alert human birds of prey that infest the city streets. Begging is usually their only occupation, but in reality, it is only a ruse to conceal their real character. Thieving, swindling, highway robbery and even worse crimes may be laid at their doors and it is a fact that some of the most wretched looking beggars on the street corners are worth thousands of dollars obtained by his means. An example of this phase of humanity, and one which is taken from life, is seen in the character of Mother Cantwell in the production of "New York Day by Day," at Garman's, Monday evening, December 26th. Mother Cantwell is a typical hag of the streets, whining, hypocritical, crafty, cruel and pitiless. The scene showing her den on the East river front gives a good insight into the lower side of life, and the police annals of New York prove that the character is no mere creation of the author's brain. Don't fail to see this play.

PENNSYLVANIA DAIRY UNION.—Prof. H. E. VanNorman, president of the Pennsylvania Dairy Union, announces that the plans for the forth coming convention at Harrisburg, January 22nd to 25th, 1907, have so far matured that it can be said the program will include ex-Governor Hoard, of Wisconsin, Chief Webster, of the Dairy Division at Washington, or some representative of that department; and other men prominent in the different branches of dairy work. Prizes will be offered for exhibits of butter, cheese, and probably milk. Space has been secured for an exhibit of dairy machinery and apparatus, and correspondence indicates that the various supply firms will make this an interesting and profitable feature of the convention. It is expected that milking machines in operation will be a feature of the exhibit. The exhibit rooms are located close to the meeting room and easy of access, so that exhibitors may be sure of getting the attention of those in attendance at the convention.

SNOW SHOE MAN KILLED.—Milton Housknecht, of near Snow Shoe, was instantly killed at the plant of the Hayes Run Fire Brick company, last Thursday afternoon. He was employed as a driver of a horse and cart and was hauling cinder. In crossing the bridge over Hayes run he drove too near the edge and in his endeavor to keep the horse and cart from going over the side of the bridge was himself thrown into the stream. He fell a distance of ten or twenty feet, alighting on his head on some large stones, causing almost instant death.

The horse and cart were also precipitated into the stream but escaped serious injury. The man was rescued from the stream in a few minutes by fellow workmen but it was found that he was already dead. He was aged about thirty-five years and unmarried. The funeral was held on Sunday and was in charge of the Snow Shoe Lodge, I. O. O. F.

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