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For County Streeger J. HENRY WETZEL, of Belleville.

Sheatz and the Soldiers Pensions.

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and would have voted against all the bills if his vote had been necessary to compass their defeat. The truth of the matter is that the machine which compelled the Finance Committee of the Senate to stifle the revenue bills permitted Mr. Sheatz to support them for party expediency.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations Mr. Sheatz revealed his absolute moral and mental unfitness for the office of State Treasurer. He used the office in part to serve the machine and in part to serve himself.

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His second session was that of 1905 when the Pennsylvania Ballot Reform association was unusually active. That organization with headquarters in Philadelphia had prepared certain ballot reform bills including one which provided for personal registration.

During that session, however, he divided his allegiance between the machine and the reformers. For some of the most vicious bills he voted and worked and he was against others, thus indicating a purpose "to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds."

—Subscriber for the WATCHMAN.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

W. T. HILLIBISH INSTANTLY KILLED.—When the news was received here on Saturday night that W. T. Hillibish had been killed on the railroad at New Florence it could hardly be credited and it was only when full confirmation was received that his many friends here realized the awfulness of the calamity.

Mr. Hillibish was master mechanic for the Eyre-Shoemaker Construction company and was located at New Florence, Westmoreland county, where the company has a large railroad contract. About eight o'clock Saturday evening Hillibish went into the company's office and the superintendent told him that there was something wrong with one of their locomotives.

As soon as the men in the office were notified they ran to the place and found the remains lying alongside the track and it was evident that death was instantaneous. The body was picked up and given into the care of an undertaker who prepared it for burial and on Sunday evening, accompanied by Rush G. Larimer, it was brought to Belleville and taken to Mr. Harris' burial establishment and later taken to the home of his sister, Miss Martha Hillibish, on Water street.

William Thomas Hillibish was a son of Nicholas and Johanna Hillibish and was born in Belleville May 29th, 1856; thus making his age 51 years, 1 month and fourteen days.

The Hillibish family was one of the prominent and best known in this section. When a young man the subject of this sketch learned the trade of a machinist, which occupation he followed all his life. For the past seven or eight years he has been with Thomas A. Shoemaker Construction company and so high did he stand in the eyes of his employers that he had not only made him master mechanic but he was shortly to have been placed at the head of the large repair shops they have about completed at Tipton. During his almost life long residence in Belleville he was known by every man, woman and child in the town and was highly esteemed by all.

The funeral was held at four o'clock on Monday afternoon from the Methodist church, and was attended by the Odd Fellows and delegations of both the Logan and Undine fire companies. Rev. James B. Stein preached the funeral sermon after which interment was made in the Hillibish lot in the Union cemetery. Two very beautiful floral offerings contributed by the employees of the Eyre-Shoemaker Construction company failed to reach Belleville in time for the funeral on Monday, not arriving here until Tuesday morning. They were then taken by Mr. Larimer and placed on the new made grave in the Union cemetery.

KRAPE.—D. B. Krape died at his home in Williamsport at an early hour Monday morning of paralysis. He was seventy years old and lived most of his life at Salona. For many years he conducted a carriage manufactory at that place and the product of his handiwork was well known all over Clinton and Centre counties.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Harry, of Philadelphia; Charles, of Williamsport, and Miss Susan, at home; also his aged father, Henry N. Krape, of Salona, a brother and one sister. The remains were taken to Cedar Hill cemetery where interment was made Wednesday afternoon.

KREBS.—Mrs. Mary E. Krebs, wife of George Krebs, died at her home at Spruce Creek on Wednesday of last week, after an illness of three years with catarrhal gastritis. She was aged 61 years, 8 months and 15 days. A good part of her life was spent at Spruce Creek and in Spruce Creek valley though she had a large number of friends in Centre county who will regret to learn of her death.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. John M. Smith, Mrs. Robert Nash and Mrs. Frank E. Evans, of Tyrone; Mrs. George Low, Charles, William and Lewis, of Spruce Creek; she also leaves one brother, three half-brothers and two half-sisters. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon, interment being made at Franklinville.

TRESLER.—The venerable Daniel Tresler, probably the oldest and best known man on the South side, died at his home at Linden Hall, at five o'clock on Wednesday evening of heart trouble, superinduced by paralysis.

Deceased was born in Aaronburg over seventy-six years ago but while yet a young man his parents moved to Harris township and practically all his life was lived in the vicinity of Linden Hall. His parents were Jonathan and Martha Tresler and he was one of a family of eleven children. When he grew to manhood he went to farming, an occupation he followed all his life and by thrift and economy succeeded in accumulating several fine farms in various parts of Pennsylvania.

In politics he was a Democrat, staunch and true to his party principles, though one of the unassuming kind who never sought public office or preferment. In religion he was a member of the old Evangelical church, and was probably the only man in the State who enjoyed the distinction of owning a church of his own. The old Evangelical church at Rock Hill was located on his farm and when the split came in the church a number of years ago and the new United Evangelical church was established Mr. Tresler bought the old church so as to keep in strict accordance with his profession of faith, while the new congregation built a new church on a plot of ground just opposite.

Mrs. Tresler died a number of years ago but surviving the deceased are four children, namely: Mrs. Long, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Robert McClellan, of Linden Hall; J. L. Tresler and Miss Martha, at the old homestead. At this writing definite arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

SMITH.—Mrs. Margaret Smith, wife of ex-prothonotary William F. Smith, died quite suddenly at her home near Millheim, at two o'clock Wednesday morning of paralysis. For a number of years past Mrs. Smith has not enjoyed perfect health, and about two years ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis. She recovered, however, and of late had appeared in apparently good health. On Tuesday she was around as usual. Tuesday evening she complained of not feeling well and at nine o'clock she had another stroke of paralysis which rendered her unconscious and from which she never recovered in the least, gradually sinking until the end came early Wednesday morning.

Deceased was about fifty six years of age and was born in Haines township. She was a daughter of David and Mattie Peters Kimport, well known residents of the South side. All her life after her marriage was spent in the vicinity of Millheim with the exception of the six years her husband was prothonotary when they lived in Belleville. She was a woman possessed of many endearing qualities and was loved and esteemed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Anna. The funeral will be held this morning at ten o'clock from her late residence. Interment will be made in Millheim.

LEHMAN.—Joseph Lehman died quite suddenly at his home in Philipsburg on Monday evening. Several months ago he moved from Philipsburg to Donora but the water there did not agree with him and last week he moved back to Philipsburg. About 6 o'clock Monday evening he became ill but on taking a stimulant revived somewhat. The relief was only temporary and a half hour later his condition grew serious and a physician was summoned. Though everything possible was done it was of no avail and he died about 8 o'clock, heart trouble being the cause.

Deceased was born in Germany and was 61 years of age. He came to this country in 1865 and in 1874 located in Philipsburg and became a member of the firm of Strouse, Lehman & Co., general merchants. In 1882 he retired from the above firm and engaged in the clothing business in which he continued until April first. He was a member of Centre council, Royal Arcanum, of Philipsburg, and the I. O. O. F. Surviving him are one sister, who kept house for him, and one brother in Germany. The remains were taken to Philadelphia on Wednesday for interment.

HARTER.—After an illness of nine days with pneumonia D. W. Harter died at the home of his son-in-law, Charles E. Mackey, in Williamsport, at 1:30 o'clock Monday morning. Deceased was seventy-one years of age and was born in Haines township, this county. All his life was spent in the vicinity of Rebersburg until the death of his wife a few years ago when he went to Williamsport and made his home with his only daughter.

Funeral services were held at the Mackey residence at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning and at 12:40 the remains were shipped from Williamsport for Rebersburg, where the final obsequies and burial was made at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

BRIGHT.—Frank Bright, a brother of Mrs. W. Homer Crissman, died at his home in Sunbury on Wednesday night. About a year ago he had a stroke of paralysis from which he only partially recovered. A week ago he took sick but the attending physicians did not apprehend anything serious until Wednesday when he began to sink rapidly and death followed that night.

CALDWELL.—Mrs. James Caldwell died at her home on Ridge street on Tuesday evening, after an illness of two years with stomach trouble. She was born in Belleville and was about seventy-two years of age. She was a member of the Catholic church and ever a thoughtful and kind-hearted woman. Surviving her are her husband and the following children: Mary, John and Thomas Caldwell and James Connelly. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock this morning.

Rev. Mr. Schmidt will give the second of his talks on Foreign Travels, Friday evening at 8 o'clock, in St. John's Reformed church. There is no admission charged and everyone is welcome.

D. I. Willard, proprietor of the general mercantile store in Crider's Exchange, has a new advertisement on the sixth page of to-day's WATCHMAN which will interest every reader of the paper. Don't fail to look it over as it is full of bargains and some of them may be just what you are looking for.

When the committee on entertainment for the Sunday school convention which is to be held in Belleville July 30th and 31st visits you don't turn them away. Remember there will be from one hundred to one hundred and fifty delegates here and the people of the town want to show them open-handed hospitality.

Harvesting was begun by Centre county farmers this week and for the next two weeks every farmer in the county will be busy as can be cutting and hauling in his crop of golden sheaves. The crop is a good one all over the county, in fact one of the best in years, and the only drawback the farmers are now experiencing is the scarcity of harvest hands.

Philip H. Beezer has just had installed in his meat market on High street an overhead runway and scales which will prove not only a great convenience but a great labor saver. It starts at the curb, where a hog, veal, quarter of beef or any kind of meat can be hooked on, run inside the door where it can be weighed, and then around the shop to any part of the meat racks or into the refrigerator.

Inasmuch as there seems to be some competition for the purchase of the Ardell Lumber company's plant in this place it is altogether likely it will be offered at public sale in the near future. Edward L. Hoy wants to buy it for a stock company and this week E. P. Griffin, of Lock Haven, who has large lumber operations in the south, was here to look the plant over with a view of becoming a possible purchaser.

"The Coming of Ruth" was presented in the opera house last night to the edification and entertainment of a large audience. This was the first time this beautiful cantata has been sung in Belleville and it proved a delightful treat to all who heard it. Every one who took part in it sang their parts splendidly and if you failed to hear it last night don't forget to go to Petriken hall this evening, as this will be your last chance to hear "The Coming of Ruth."

Arrangements have been made for holding a Methodist day gathering at Fernwood on July 26th to include the congregations at Philipsburg, Ocoela Mills, Houtzdale, Ramey, Madera, Morrisdale, Munson, Winburne and any other nearby church. The speakers already scheduled include such well known divines as Revs. E. H. Younig, George M. Klepfer, J. H. Daugherty and S. D. Wilson. William T. Dunning, of this place, will be in charge of the music, which will be a special feature of the gathering.

Tuesday morning T. Clayton Brown landed a nice California trout just below the falls in Spring creek and not two hundred feet from the WATCHMAN office. It measured 18 1/2 inches and weighed two pounds and seven ounces. Clayt was so proud over his catch that he cleaned the trout, packed it in ice and took it along with him to Philadelphia that same afternoon, though he declined to say whether he would offer it as a prize to the best and biggest lodge of Elks or just show it to Tom Moore as a sort of a teaser.

DISASTROUS FIRE.—Mackeyville had a disastrous fire on Monday afternoon and as a result four barns, two houses, a shop and a number of outbuildings were destroyed and Malcolm Smith, a six year old boy, was burned to death.

The fire started about 3.40 o'clock in the barn on the premises occupied by Alfred Smith and owned by A. C. Helman, of Avis. As soon as the flames were discovered Mr. Smith ran to the barn to rescue his horse. As he went in at one door his little grandson, unnoticed by him, entered another door. When the horse was gotten out the boy's absence was noticed and Mr. Smith went to the burning building to rescue him but, although he could see the already unconscious form lying on the entry floor, the flames were all around him and so hot that it was impossible to save the boy, and it was not until the fire had died out and the charred embers cooled that the remains were recovered. The Smiths were originally from Centre county and the body was taken to Farmer's Mills for interment on Wednesday.

From the Smith barn the flames rapidly communicated to the adjoining buildings and had it not been for the efficient service of the Mill Hall fire company, which was promptly to respond to the appeal for help, the whole town might have been destroyed. The insurance carried on the burned buildings was comparatively small.

BOROUGH COUNCIL.—Eight members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. Not one of the standing committees had anything of importance to report.

Residents of Reynolds avenue presented a petition asking for the removal of the large stones on that thoroughfare as well as the grading of the street. G. W. Rees was present and put in an objection to the grading of the street, if it meant the lowering or cutting down of the pavement in front of his property. The matter was referred to the Street committee for investigation.

The sewer proposition on Bishop street was the cause of considerable discussion. W. D. Zerby Esq., was present and objected to the proposed ordinance, which provides that property holders shall be taxed ten dollars for tapping the sewer, on the grounds that the Haag house, the properties of the Reynolds estate, the Bauer properties and his own had already been taxed for sewer convenience and it was unfair that they should again be asked to pay for this privilege. The borough solicitor, J. Thomas Mitchell, submitted three new ordinances relating to the sewerage system on Bishop street, covering every phase of the matter from the assessing of each property owner ten dollars for tapping the sewer to making it compulsory to tap it. No definite action was taken in the matter.

The question of the veto by the burgess, Gen. John I. Curtin, of the resolution passed at the last meeting of council rescinding a resolution passed two years ago relative to the Pruner orphanage, was taken up and discussed. A number of the members objected to the veto of the burgess but president Keller argued that he had a legal right to exercise that function. On motion of Mr. Judge action on the matter was postponed until the next meeting.

The Water committee reported that the duplicate for 1907, amounting to \$4,825, had been turned over to the water tax collector.

Borough solicitor J. Thomas Mitchell submitted a proposition to council to make application to the state highway department for the building of a state road through the borough of Belleville. The proposed route, beginning at the state road now being built to Milesburg, in Linn street and south on Allegheny street to Bishop and thence to the borough line, would be about 1 1/2 miles and would cost about \$8,000; or a cost to the borough of only \$1,000. While the proposition was considered a good one no definite action was taken.

At the request of Mr. Brown permission was given the Logan fire company to repair the walks in front of the public building and put screens in the windows.

The following bills were approved and orders drawn:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Street pay roll \$48.43, Police pay roll 50.00, H. C. Quigley 37.50, Thos. Shaginnessy 75.00, L. C. Walker 100.00, Water works pay roll 146.25, W. T. Kelly, 1 month as clerk 12.50, W. F. Reynolds 105.00, American Express Co. 60.00, Total \$504.63

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.—On Tuesday, July 9th, seventy guests assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Dillen to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Fifty years ago Wilson Dillen was married to Sarah Ardery, and all their married life has been spent in Heston township. All these years Mr. and Mrs. Dillen have trod the pathway of life in a way that was very congenial and pleasing. Their home has always been open for the entertainment of their friends.

Their union has been blessed with eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Rev. Warren, of Indiana county; Charles, of Oshanter; Stewart and Frank, of Julian; Mrs. Grant Martin and Mrs. Jacob Lutz, of Belleville; Irvin and Rhoda at home. All of these were present except Mrs. Martin. In addition there are twenty-eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

At an early hour Tuesday guests began to arrive at the Dillen home and long before noon the place was thronged with neighbors and relatives. In a very hearty mood they greeted each other with hand shakes and pleasant conversation until the noon hour arrived when tables were arranged and furnished with a profusion of choice dainties, which had been prepared beforehand. Choice music was furnished for the occasion. Many beautiful and useful presents were given the happy couple and the event proved a most enjoyable and delightful one. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dillen are enjoying good health and all present joined in wishing them many more years of happiness.

It is interesting to note that among those present the following were past seventy years of age: Mr. and Mrs. Dillen, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Williams, Mrs. Phoebe Wagner, Mrs. Hannah Ardery, Mrs. Catharine Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Straw, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonnell, Mr. James Morrison and Mrs. John Gingery.

AGRONOMY AT STATE COLLEGE.—At the last meeting of the executive committee of The Pennsylvania State College John W. Gilmore was elected professor of agronomy in the School of Agriculture and Experiment Station.

Professor Gilmore was born in Arkansas, reared in Texas and educated at Cornell. After graduation from college, he spent two years in mission schools in China, and traveled widely in the Orient spending sometime in Japan, India, the Philippines and Hawaii. He has been connected with the College of Agriculture of Cornell University during the past four years, where he has shown himself to be an inspiring teacher and a careful investigator.

PASSING SHADOWS.

The odor of roses is sweeter Since they are met with us always. The charm of the fair days is greater Because there are rainy days.

If, in the brightness transcending, A cloud, of sunlight deprives; We imagine the darkness descending; When shadows pass over our lives.

Away with all doubts and misgivings When trials loom up in our way. Tomorrow they all may be vanished If we meet them with courage today.

As of old God sheltered His chosen With clouds about in the skies; Today, in love He is sending The shadows that pass o'er our lives.

M. V. THOMAS.

WILLIAMS—WILSON.—On Wednesday afternoon, July 10th, at 5.30 o'clock, one of the prettiest weddings of the season in that locality, was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Twigg, in Curwensville, when their sister, Miss Priscilla A. Wilson, one of the most charming and highly esteemed young ladies of DuBois, became the bride of Walter S. Williams, the genial chief clerk of the B. R. and P. freight office in Punxsutawney, and one of the most popular young men of the west end. The bride and groom, who were attended by Miss Mary McBrier, of DuBois, as bridesmaid, and Joseph Lloyd, of Roebester, N. Y., as best man, entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, as played by Miss Murphy, of DuBois. In the presence of a large number of relatives and friends the impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Vernon Bell, pastor of the DuBois Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Barber, of Curwensville. After a sumptuous wedding supper the bride and groom left for points of interest in Canada. The bride, who was the recipient of many beautiful and costly presents, is well known throughout Clearfield and Centre counties, Boalsburg having been her former home.

ZEIGLER—WIERBAUGH.—Last Friday Arthur S. Zeigler and Miss Mary E. Wierbaugh came down from their Altoona home and were united in marriage at the United Brethren parsonage by Rev. W. H. Spangler, leaving for the Mountain city on the 4.44 train in the evening.

ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL FISHING.—Three residents of Penn township are now in the toils of the law on the charge of fishing with illegal devices. They are Ammon Rote, R. A. Confer and Irvin Kern. They were arrested on Tuesday by fish warden George D. Shannon, of Tyrone. Rote was arrested on two charges, for fishing with a net of too large size and for using wire screens in the dam to catch the fish. Confer was arrested for using a net of too small mesh and Kern for fishing with a net of too large size and too small mesh. In substantiation of his charges the fish warden found the men with the nets in their possession.

They were brought to Belleville on Wednesday and given a hearing before justice of the peace John M. Keichline and the evidence was so plain against them that he had no alternative but to impose the penalty prescribed by law, which is twenty-five dollars fine and costs, the latter being about twelve dollars in each case. The men refused to settle and appealed the case to court.

Justice Keichline has had hundreds of cases before him for violations of the game and fish laws and these are the first cases that were ever appealed to court, other violators when found guilty being only too ready to pay their fine and avoid the heavy costs that will necessarily follow a court trial.

REV. LEWIS ROBB HONORED.—Rev. Lewis Robb, a native Centre countian, having been born in Curtin township, was last Wednesday elected to what is considered one of the most important positions in the Reformed church of the United States, that of general superintendent of home missions. The election was made by the board of home missions called in special session to fill the vacancy caused by the death last April of Rev. Thomas M. Yundt.

For several years after he was ordained to the ministry Rev. Robb was pastor of the Trinity Reformed church in Altoona but for the past year or so has been pastor of the Reformed church in Wilkesburg. In his new position Rev. Robb will have his headquarters in Philadelphia.

FIX THE STREETS AND CROSSINGS.—Belleville now has more automobiles than any town of its size in the State; and notwithstanding this fact it also has about as many and as fine driving turnouts as can be found in a town of equal size, while the streets of the town are in about as miserable a condition for pleasure driving as they possibly could be. This is not because they are hilly or muddy, but because they are filled with holes and ruts and every crossing is a bumper big enough to send a man up in the air. To remedy this would not require a very big outlay of money and it seems as if it is something due to all owners of rigs or automobiles, who consequently are big taxpayers, that the streets be put and kept in at least fairly good condition for driving.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The annual meeting of the Country club was held at Hecla on Saturday afternoon and evening and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Col. J. L. Spangler; vice president, R. B. Freeman, of Tyrone; secretary and treasurer, George R. Meek; board of governors, W. Harrison Walker, L. T. Munson Dr. Jos. M. Brookerhoff, D. G. Stuart and Thomas Beaver. New house committee comprises Hard P. Harris, Henry C. Quigley and H. E. Fenlon. Following the business meeting quite an elaborate dinner was served to all present.