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Proud to Wear Peale's Collar Button.

On Thursday of last week H. R. Whitcraft, a staff correspondent of the Philadelphia North American was in Bellefonte and in Wednesday's paper tells the following story of a happening that came under his observation that day:
This is the story of a collar button—and its former owner.

Seated in the writing room of the Bush house at Bellefonte the other day was a distinguished-looking gentleman, his face buried in a newspaper. Three "drummers" were writing reports to their houses, for it was Big Thursday at the Centre county fair, and consequently hard sledding for commercial travelers who were unfortunate enough to drop into town during fair week.

Only the scratch, scratch, scratch of their pens was heard, for the writing room is the sanctum sanctorum of the country hotel. That is perhaps the reason why the distinguished-looking gentleman sought the comfort of its spacious rocker and its quiet with his newspaper.

Suddenly, through the door leading to the lobby, burst in another elderly man with the rigorous greeting: "Hello, Senator! Glad to see you. You're looking mighty well. Hope you feel as good as you look." "Say, Senator, see that collar button?"

And the intruder, stooping low, carefully pulled aside his tie and displayed a neat gold collar button.
"Yes, I see it."
Well, Senator, you dropped that button twenty-five years ago in the Town Hall at Salona while you were making a speech there. I picked it up and have worn it ever since. I never put it on that I don't think of you."

"Well, well, you don't say!" And the two elderly men, looking arms, walked across the corridor.
The distinguished-looking man was Senator S. Richard Peale, of Look Haven. His visitor was C. W. Peale, of Salona, Centre county. Both had come to Bellefonte to renew old friendship at the Centre county fair.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

CLOCK OF THE CENTRE COUNTY FAIR.
—The big Centre county fair came to a close last Friday when the crowd was about half that of Wednesday, or in the neighborhood of three thousand people. Had it not been for the threatening weather in the morning the crowd would very likely have been at least one-half larger. Everybody had an enjoyable time and the only difference between that day and the preceding ones was that during the afternoon the exhibits were all taken away and before evening the various exhibition buildings and tents presented a very deserted appearance. Of course the fair was voted a success by all who attended it while the weather was all that could be desired.

The WATCHMAN went to press last week before Thursday's races were completed so they are here given as follows:

2:15 trot and pace—purse \$200.
Jennie Direct, blk. m., Carlisle..... 1 1 1
Tom S., c. g., Smith..... 2 2 2
Billy C., b. g., Cousman..... 3 4 4
Dan M., br. McKinley..... 4 3 4
Major, blk. m., Stewart..... 5 4 4
Red Streak, s. r., Shank..... 6 6 6
Time, 2:19, 2:19½, 2:16½.

2:25 trot and pace—purse \$200.
Hot Stuff, b. g., Jamison..... 1 1 1
Bad Boy, br. McKinley..... 2 2 2
Lola Patchen, b. g., Miller..... 3 3 3
Roy Albright, blk. c., Davis..... 4 4 4
Time—2:22½, 2:22½, 2:21.

Friday's races were the most exciting and hotly contested of the three days racing. Minnie Tilton had a walkover in the free—for—all, but in the 2:30 class there were ten starters and it took five heats or until dark to decide the race. The summaries follow:

2:30 trot and pace, purse \$200.
Sandy Hornet, b. g., Carlisle..... 1 3 4 1 1
Tom S., c. g., Smith..... 2 1 2 6 6
Billy C., b. g., Cousman..... 3 1 1 4 4
Magoreta, b. m., Gray..... 4 8 5 2 2
Tom Flood, g. h., Seiber..... 5 6 8 3 3
Dan M., br. McKinley..... 6 2 9 7 7
Red Streak, s. r., Shank..... 4 6 8 4 4
Ash, b. g., Jones..... 9 10 4 9
Jen Eight, b. m., Troutman..... 5 9 7 8
Major McKinley, b. g., Stewart..... 10 7 6 dr.
Time, 2:22, 2:23½, 2:21½, 2:25, 2:25.

Free—for—all, purse \$500.
Minnie Tilton, blk. m., Seager..... 1 1 1
Dan Wood, s. g., Jamison..... 2 2 3
Frank C., b. g., Miller..... 3 3 2
Sallie Derby, b. m., Gray..... 4 4 5
Ben F. b. g., Hinde..... 5 4 4
Time, 2:19½, 2:17½, 2:20.

THE KING BEE.—Judge Bumpantickle, an East Side German, who wins the election over Mike Murphy, the Irish candidate, is "The King Bee" in the musical comedy of that title which will appear at Garman's for one night only Friday, October 18th. The role of Judge Bumpantickle is played by the eminent German comedian, Charles Gramlich, the author of the play and book. The Speak boys, the original "Yellow Kids," are seen in their new role of Hans and Fritz, the "Katzenjammer Kids." The Klug Bee carries a chorus of pretty girls, elegant costumes, special scenery and effects. Thirty people are in the cast, including the Honey Girls, Yankee Doodle Quartette, Mayflower sisters, Helen Hall and others.

THOMPSON.—Benjamin Franklin Thompson, one of the leading citizens of Beech Creek, died at his home in that place last Friday morning, of a complication of diseases. About a year ago he was stricken with typhoid fever and so severe was the attack that although he recovered to a certain extent it left his system in such a weakened condition that he became ill six months ago and though every possible means known to medical science was resorted to he gradually grew worse until death ended his sufferings.

Deceased was probably better known throughout Centre county than he was in Beech Creek. He was born at Franklinville, Huntingdon county, a little over fifty years ago, but when quite young his parents moved to Centre county and located in Buffalo Run valley. There he lived until his marriage in 1876 when he engaged in farming in the neighborhood of Jacksonville. Some ten years or more ago he gave up farming and went with the Howard Creamery company, at Howard, and seven years ago, while still connected with the creamery company he went to Beech Creek in its interest. About five years ago he engaged in the general mercantile business, which he conducted very successfully until his death.

Twenty-nine years ago Mr. Thompson united as a member of the Buffalo Run Presbyterian church and later became a leading member as well as elder of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church. When the family moved to Beech Creek they transferred their membership to that church. He took a great interest in church work and at the time of his death was president of the Christian Endeavor society.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Grange for many years. He was a man who was kind and considerate, traits of character which won for him many friends. In fact he had a friend in most every man who knew him, because he was a friend of all. He was a good citizen and wherever he lived exerted an influence for good throughout the community. He at different times held various offices of public trust, in which he was always the soul of honor.

On October 25th, 1876, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Hughes, at Buffalo Run, who survives him with only two of their five children, namely: Guy H. and Allan M. He also leaves two brothers, Hiram, of State College, and Dr. J. C. Thompson, of Buffalo, N. Y. The funeral was held on Sunday. Short services were held at the house at 11 a. m., after which the cortege went to Jacksonville where more appropriate services were held in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Wm. Laurie D. D., LL. D., of this place, officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

SMITH.—Frank P. Smith died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Kate Smith, in Philipsburg, last Friday evening. He became ill last November while working as an accountant for a lumber firm in St. Louis, his illness finally developing into diabetes and lung trouble. He spent considerable of the intervening time in a hospital in that city but two months ago he returned east and went to the home of his mother, where he died at the time above stated.

Deceased was born in Philipsburg May 15th, 1871, so that he was just 36 years, 4 months and 36 days old. Through all his earlier life was spent in Philipsburg of late years he had been working in the west. In addition to his mother he is survived by the following sisters and brothers: Thomas, of Jersey Shore; Mrs. Sim Batchelder, of Rush township; Mrs. Charles Brumbaugh, of Jersey Shore; Charles, of Johnson; Harry, in the west, and Miss Hester, at home. Funeral services were held at his mother's residence on Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the Philipsburg cemetery at two o'clock on Monday afternoon.

CRAWFORD.—Dr. Alexander Crawford died at his home in Warriorsmark on Sunday night, after only three days illness with spinal paralysis. Deceased was a native of Blair county and was sixty-two years of age. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1868 and after practicing at Frankstown, Blair county, and Loreto, finally located in Warriorsmark about twenty-six years ago. There he built up a large practice, including not only the section surrounding Warriorsmark but in the western section of Centre county. He was a member of the Warriorsmark Methodist Episcopal church and as highly esteemed as a citizen and neighbor as he was celebrated as a physician. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, the latter being the wife of Dr. John Beck, of Alexandria. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, the remains being taken to Alexandria for interment.

SWOOPE.—Dr. Peter W. Swoope died at his home at Julian on Thursday of last week, as the result of an attempt at suicide on September 20th, when in a fit of temporary insanity, the result of ill health, he shot himself in the head. Though the wound did not cause instant death it resulted in paralyzing his entire body and ever since he has lain in an unconscious and comatose condition until death ended his sufferings.

Deceased was aged 78 years, 8 months and 2 days and had lived in Julian for over thirty years. He had an extensive practice and managed to accumulate quite a competence. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mary and Emma, both at home. The funeral was held on Sunday, interment being made at Julian.

FLECK.—Martin Fleck, one of the best known citizens of Bennett township, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Hoy, at Rock View, early last Saturday morning. Death was caused by dropsy and heart trouble with which he had been afflicted for quite a long time.

Deceased was seventy-one years old, and lived all his life in this vicinity, following the occupation of a farmer until age and ill health compelled him to retire. He was a member of the Baptist church and a man of the highest integrity. Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Mrs. William Ammerman, of Carwensville; Stuart Fleck, of Bellefonte; Mrs. J. F. Hoy, of Rock View; Mrs. John Maffet, of Manor Hill; Mrs. Herman Miller, of Bellefonte, and Absolom Fleck, of Pleasant Gap.

The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, the remains being taken to Martha for interment.

WOODRING.—Margaret Josephine Woodring, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kline Woodring, died at the home of her parents at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening. She took sick about a week previous with bowel trouble and though everything possible was done inflammation set in and her death followed. Her death is particularly sad and distressing blow to the parents, who are thus bereft of their only child. Less than two years ago their only son died with the same disease and now their little daughter has been taken away and verily have they cause to marvel at the mysterious workings of a divine providence. Little Josephine would have been three years old had she lived until next January and for her age was an unusually bright and intelligent child. The funeral will be held this afternoon, when Dr. William Laurie will officiate in the absence of Rev. Platts.

RITTENHOUSE.—Mrs. Rachel Rittenhouse, widow of the late L. W. Rittenhouse, Philipsburg, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jeremiah Miller, at Grampian, on Monday evening. Her death was the result of a complication of diseases after an illness of only two weeks.

Deceased was about seventy-eight years of age and was born in Bellefonte, being a daughter of Dr. Bayard, once a prominent physician of the town. Since the death of her husband in 1887 she has been making her home with her children, who are as follows: Mrs. Annie Tregoning, George and Frank, of Philipsburg; Edward, of Lewistown, and Mrs. Miller, of Grampian. The body was taken to the home of her son Frank, at Point Lookout, from where the funeral will be held today.

KIDNAPPED HIS CHILDREN.—The irrepressible Jake Jackson, of State College, is again in trouble. It will be remembered that some months ago he was arrested on complaint of his wife for abusing her and making threats. He was convicted but sentence was suspended on condition that he leave State College and stay away from his family. This he has not done.
On Tuesday last week Jackson sent his children word to meet him in the woods near State College as he had something to tell them. Mary and Harry, the two eldest, met their father and he either persuaded them to go with him or else forcibly kidnapped them. At any rate they failed to return home and when the mother, Mrs. Belle Jackson, learned of the manner of their disappearance she swore out a warrant for the arrest of her husband on the charge of kidnaping.

Though it is not known definitely it is thought Jackson first took the children to the home of his brother John, at Lemont, but evidently bearing that his wife had sworn out a warrant for his arrest, he left that place, taking the two children with him, and so far as known has not yet been apprehended.

—Mrs. Lillie G. Reeder, corner of Allegheny and Lion streets, will sell her household goods at private sale on Thursday and Friday, October 24th and 25th, and on Saturday the 26th she will sell the remainder at public sale.

—The wedding of Miss Augusta Merriam and G. Andrew Beaver, of New York city, will take place in St. John's Episcopal church at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

—Miss Pearl L. Noll, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Noll Jr., of Pleasant Gap, was married to Mr. Paul P. Brooks, in Altoona yesterday. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brooks, of Pleasant Gap, and is in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad in Altoona. The wedding was a very quiet one and quite a surprise to some of their acquaintances. They are at present on a honeymoon trip to the Jamestown exposition.

—The wedding of Clarence Lamont Arnold, of Goshen, Ind., a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, and Miss Ann Orris took place yesterday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. Ellis L. Orris, in the presence of only a few of the latter's relatives. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at 12 o'clock. Lieut. and Mrs. Arnold will for the present make their home at Quinoy, near Boston, Mass.

ZETTLER.—Richard Hayes Zetler, of Coburn, and Miss Rhoda A. Royer, of Spring Mills, were married at the Methodist parsonage, this place, on Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. James B. Stein.

SAXON.—Wilbur Saxon and Mrs. Mary M. Boney were married at the M. E. parsonage on Thursday evening of last week, by Rev. James B. Stein.

WALKER.—ORRIS.—As the culmination of a little romance begun about seven years ago Miss Julia Ida Orris was married on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock to Edward Lloyd Walker, of New York city. It was a very quiet but pretty affair, the only guests being members of the immediate families. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. E. Davis, on East Linn street, by Rev. E. A. Pyles, of Bellwood, who is a particular friend of both bride and bridegroom.

The bride wore a handsome gown of embroidered net over white silk and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Orris, a sister, wore a gown of similit description. She carried a large bouquet of ferns. The bridesmaids were Miss Marie White and Miss Madge Orris, both of whom were dressed in white and carried pink roses and carnations. Three little flower girls made a path of roses for the bridal party. These little maids are nieces of the bride and certainly added beauty and color to the scene. They were Caroline Isabelle Orris, of Bellwood; Mildred Irene Campbell, of Tyrone, and Mary Isabelle Davis, of Bellefonte. They were dressed in white, wore different shades of ribbon and carried large baskets of roses. The groom was in evening dress as was also his best man, Mr. E. E. Davis, of Bellefonte. Mrs. C. D. Casebeer, of Bellefonte, played the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered the room where the ceremony was performed.

After a sumptuous wedding dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Walker left on the 8:16 train for Washington, D. C., Richmond and other southern cities. Upon their return they will go immediately to homekeeping at 13 Prospect Terrace, East Orange, New Jersey, where a furnished home awaits them. The bride is an accomplished young lady, very well known in Bellefonte and has hosts of friends who wish her all kinds of happiness. The bridegroom has his office on Broadway, New York, where he has charge of the drafting department of the aqueduct commission of New York city.

STINSON.—CRITTENDEN.—A very pretty but quiet home wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. Richard Crittenden, on Spring street, yesterday evening, when his youngest daughter, Miss Lillian, was united in marriage to David William Stinson, of Pittsburgh.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Crittenden, in the presence of only the immediate members of the two families. A delicious little wedding dinner was served following the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Stinson left on the 8:16 train for a wedding trip through New York State. On their return they will take up their residence in Douora, where the bridegroom is connected with the American Steel and Wire company.

Among the out of town guests were Mrs. W. J. Stinson, of Pittsburgh, mother of the bridegroom, and Miss Jennie Crittenden, of Waterbury, Conn., and Mrs. George S. Frost, of Brooklyn, N. Y., sisters of the bride.

CAMP.—MOYER.—A Tyrone wedding on Tuesday in which many Bellefonters are interested was that of Wallace Edgar Camp and Miss Lucy Potter Moyer, daughter of the late C. A. Moyer, who at one time was a resident of Bellefonte. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. B. J. Hiltner, and was attended only by the immediate relatives, less than twenty people being present. Rev. George T. Gunter, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated and there were no attendants. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Camp left on a wedding trip and upon their return will take up their residence in Tyrone, where the bridegroom is in the furniture business. Among the few guests present was Mrs. Lucy Moyer, of this place, the bride's grandmother.

LONG.—MILLER.—Edward Long, of Tyrone, and Miss Evelyn Mabel Miller, of Birmingham, were married at St. Matthew's parsonage, Tyrone, last Saturday evening, Rev. G. M. Kelly, the pastor, performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Long have come to Bellefonte to make their home.

KNISELY.—Malin, the five months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kniseley, of State College, died on Monday, after an illness of several weeks duration. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made at Pine Hall.

A Most Urgent Appeal to the Good Citizens of Bellefonte.

The executive committee of the Young Woman's Club hereby appeals to your sympathy, generosity and prayers for its work in this vicinity. It is a great work in a hitherto untouched field. For the past six months hundreds of different girls, making thousands of visits, have been invited from their homes, the factories, the streets, and the shops of this town as visitors to the present rooms and the entertaining and uplifting influences of this club. Much good has been done, but not the hundredth part of that which cries aloud to be done. The question of the permanence of this club is bound up with the most serious moral and social problems that have ever confronted the citizens of Bellefonte. A moral cancer is spreading frightfully in our midst. The problem of its cure appeals to every good and thoughtful person but most powerfully to the parents of each boy and girl, for it affects both sexes alike. In spite of all this, the work has been misunderstood, criticized and sometimes even ridiculed. The generous contributions of a few friends are now exhausted and the executive committee has been driven to the conclusion that this

work so near their hearts and of such inestimable value to certain of the young women of the town must be abandoned and the present club rooms closed unless instant relief, both in the nature of money contributions and personal work, be assured. The very suggestion of such a possibility has filled with surprise and amazement the young women and girls who have learned to look upon the club room as a home and a refuge. We can assure the public that there is no lack of interest in the hearts of those that are to be helped. They are ready to co-operate even out of their small earnings; yet, under present conditions, the rooms can remain open but a few days longer. Don't let this soul-felt appeal fall upon deaf ears and cold hearts.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pine Grove Section.

Hunters report bunnies scarce. Mrs. Sophie Shearer, of Altoona, visited old acquaintances here last week.

Miss Bessie Bloom, of State College, spent Sunday with her mother at Bloomsdorf.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woods are mourning the death of their baby boy ten days old.

Miss Lydia Housman, of Altoona, is visiting friends in this section and did not forget the big Centre county fair.

Mrs. Wm. Dixon and Mrs. Matilda Rumberger, of Fairbrook, spent Wednesday in town, calling on old friends.

Mrs. John Klinger was an early passenger on the train yesterday morning on a shopping expedition to Bellefonte.

After April 1st, '08, James Harpster will till the broad and fertile acres of the J. J. Gobeau farm at Rock Springs.

Joe E. Goss, who holds a good clerical position with the Carnegie people at Pittsburgh, is here gunning for cotton tails.

J. S. Reed is arranging to go to Philadelphia to the Will's Eye hospital, to undergo an operation on one of his eyes.

Miss Jennie, daughter of George Harper, has gone to Philadelphia, where she will enter the M. E. hospital to study for a nurse.

Squire J. H. Miller bought the Stalker farm in the Glades. The dicker has been on for some time but was only consummated Monday.

J. Hale Ross, the hustling grain, coal and lumber merchant, at Linden Hall, was here Tuesday to buy a car load of apples but failed to get them.

Wm. McMannus, one of the hustling farmers on Shavers Creek, spent several days with his former neighbor, Reed Randolph, at the St. Elmo.

Frank and Will Houseman with several friends are down from Altoona for their share of bunnies and are stopping with Charley Lytle, on the Branch.

The home of Wm. Roup was all aglow last evening, when about thirty young people gathered bringing presents as a gentle reminder of Akron Roup's 22nd birthday.

George Matern is determined to master the blacksmithing trade. For some time he worked in the smoky city but he is now working at State College under the instruction of W. S. Bailey.

The well known Rutherford home on Shavers Creek was destroyed by fire last Wednesday. Mrs. Rutherford was visiting in Altoona at the time and there was no one at home but Miss Rosa.

Mrs. Sadie Miller Lemon, of Morgantown, W. Va., has been visiting her many friends in Centre county the past week. She was formerly well known in educational circles, having been one of our successful school teachers.

J. B. Shaffer and daughter Annie, of South Osborne, Neb., have been visiting J. G. Bailey and other friends in Spruce Creek valley. Mr. Shaffer is the husband of Annie McDonald, well known to our readers. She will, make a visit later.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Witmer and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Treasurer, representative citizens of Filmore, enjoyed the pure fresh air in an early morning drive over the Barrens last Sunday morning to spend the day at the home of J. B. Witmer at White Hall.

Rev. Henry Webb, of Hopedale, Ohio, is looking over his old stamping ground here, where he used to stump his toes and make wry faces over knotty problems at Pine Grove Mills Academy. He will fill the pulpit in the Presbyterian church Friday evening.

Last Friday evening our school board, at a special meeting, elected Geo. W. Johnston teacher of the Ferguson township High school. Mr. Johnston is by no means a stranger among us, having taught the grammar school in the early seventies. He is a graduate of State College and has had many years of experience as a teacher in Bellefonte and at Bethlehem.

Lemont.

Mrs. George Rhoads returned home Friday.

D. B. Getz and family spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Gephart visited last week at the home of John Eters.

Linn S. Bortoff and family enjoyed a few days in town last week.

Charles Thompson came over from Burnham for a few days stay in town.

Mr. and Mrs. William Garbrick returned to their home in Tyrone on Monday.

Mr. Deese, of Beavertown, is visiting at the home of his son, Irvin, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hoy returned from the west, Thursday, where they spent about a month.

Rev. Henry Webb, of Ohio, was here last week to help re-open the Presbyterian church.

The Presbyterian church was reopened on Sunday, and is now one of the finest churches in this community.

George Dunlap, of Pine Grove Mills, circulated among the teachers of College township, last week, trying to sell a teacher's help.

John I. Williams and daughter, Mrs. William Risher, were called to DuBois by the death of the former's sister and returned Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Levi F. Roan and family went to Ty-

rone, Tuesday, where they are moving, as Mr. Roan holds a fine position in a hardware store in that place.

Rev. G. W. Leshar was seen on our streets one day last week and all who had the pleasure to meet him were certainly pleased to see him looking so well.

The following officers were installed in Lemont Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 717, for the ensuing term by Pres. J. C. Eters: P. G., Jobu Grove; N. G., H. E. Grove; V. G., Jas. Briggs; Sec'y, J. C. Eters; Treas., G. R. Roan; R. S. to N. G., Willis Houtz; L. S. to N. G., James M. Grove; War., Charles Zeigler; Con., James Kustenbender; Chap., Clayton Eters; O. Gar., John Wirtz; I. Gar., Thomas W. Houtz; R. S. S., G. W. R. Williams; L. S. S., George Glenn; R. S. V. G., H. K. Hoy; L. S. V. G., W. E. Grove; Rep. to Grand Lodge, M. Woomer.

Reese Tried Suicide When Married Woman Refused to Meet Him.

Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—After vainly trying to induce a married woman with whom he was infatuated to meet him by appointment, Henry Reese, a former custom house inspector and member of a well-known family of this city, attempted to commit suicide on the street by shooting himself in a wealthy residential section of West Philadelphia.

Reese, who is 35 years of age, went into a drug store and was heard talking over a telephone. He was apparently pleading with a woman to meet him on the street near the drug store. From his conversation it is assumed that she told him she would never meet him. Reese, who seemed excited, told her over the telephone that if she did not come he would go right out into the street and shoot himself. "I mean just what I say," the druggist heard him exclaim; "if you do not come I shall shoot myself at once."

When Reese came out of the telephone booth he smiled at the drug clerk, who thought he was joking and trying to frighten the person with whom he was talking. Reese went from the store, and when he reached the pavement he drew a revolver from his pocket and shot himself.

BIG FIRE LOSS

Plant of the American Bridge Company Partly Destroyed.

Philadelphia, Oct. 15.—A disastrous fire at the plant of the American Bridge company at West Mauch Chunk, on the west bank of the Schuylkill river, totally destroyed two of the shops and the homes of two of the workmen adjoining them. The damage is estimated at \$375,000, including \$60,000 worth of finished material awaiting shipment and patterns valued at \$25,000. The destruction of the patterns will necessitate delay in work under way. It is believed that the fire was started by tramps smoking in a freight car on a siding near one of the sheds.
Employees at the plant manned the pumps on the grounds, but they were unable to cope with the fire. When the firemen arrived they were unable to save either of the burning shops, so they confined their efforts to saving the other buildings.

Dropped Dead in Witness Chair.
Fitzgerald, Ga., Oct. 15.—While the case of the state against Hall for burglary was on trial in Judge Whipple's court, the prosecuting witness, James Green, was stricken with apoplexy and fell from the chair, dying almost instantly.

Chicago Liquor Dealers Wm Post Pictures of Habitual "Soaks."
Chicago, Oct. 15.—The Hyde Park Liquor Dealers' association, as a matter of self-protection, has started a crusade against those who over imbibe. Notices have been sent out by the secretary of the association requesting each bartender to ask for the photograph of every drunkard from his wife and family, in case complaint is made about selling liquor to him.

The pictures there are to be sent to the secretary of the association, and he in turn is to have copies made and sent to every member of the association. These pictures will be pasted on the mirror behind the bar so that the dispenser of drinks may see at a glance if he is selling liquor to a drunkard.

General Bell in Sanitarium.
New York, Oct. 14.—Brigadier General Franklin Bell, chief of staff, U. S. A., has succumbed to the strain of overwork and is recuperating at Muldoon's sanitarium at White Plains, according to word received in this city. Mr. Muldoon is quoted for authority for the statement that General Bell has been under his care for two weeks, during which time he has shown steady improvement.

Killed By Falling Derrick.
Philadelphia, Oct. 15.—By the breaking of a derrick which was hoisting into place a large smokstack on the fourth floor of the new building of the American Baptist Publication Society at 17th and Chestnut streets, in the central section of the city, David Pollock, a workman, was swept from the third floor to the street and killed. Several other workmen were slightly hurt by falling timber.

Girl Kills Herself By Violent Dance.
Watertown, N. Y., Oct. 15.—In her efforts to please friends, Miss Margaret Rafferty performed a buck and wing dance so violently that she ruptured an artery leading to the heart, hemorrhage causing death.

Choked By His Quid.
Altoona, Pa., Oct. 15.—Strangled by his quid of tobacco, Thomas Wilson, 52 years old, a plumber, was found dead in his room here. He had lain down to take a nap and the quid of tobacco had slipped down his throat and lodged half-way.