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It Is Now President Taft.

Dispatches from Washington last evening before the WATCHMAN went to press stated that the weather in that city during the day was most disagreeable, it was snowing, blowing, raining and slushy underfoot, but notwithstanding that fact the inauguration of WILLIAM H. TAFT as President of the United States took place with more than the usual pomp and ceremony, and a half million people thronged the streets to view the inaugural parade. The latter was exceptionally large, it taking several hours to pass the reviewing stand.

That boom in wages and business, in case of TAFT's election, that was to restore prosperity and make everybody happy has struck Potstown iron workers with a sickening thud. On Monday last a reduction of from \$4.50 to \$3 per ton in puddling rates went into effect at one of the large iron works in that place, and the same cut in wages is contemplated at other works of the kind. Puddlers who made \$5.00 per day will now get about \$3.60, and helpers one-half that amount. As most of the men affected cast their votes for a continuation of conditions which they are now experiencing, we don't feel like bothering enough about their abbreviated incomes and lessened comforts to lose any sleep over the matter at all. It is right that people should get just what they vote for, and as a large majority of those Potstown puddlers voted for a continuation of the policies that produced the panic, they have neither reason to kick nor cause for complaint because of the effects of that continuation. There are others, however, who voted otherwise, and who, if sympathy would do any good, are deserving of all that can be extended them.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

COURT NOTES.—The second week of court convened on Monday morning and after disposing of the accumulation of petitions, motions, etc., the list for the week was gone over and a number of cases continued. The following cases were otherwise disposed of:

Peter Mendis vs. R. G. H. Hayes, settled.

C. M. Bower, administrator of etc. of John Fetzer, deceased, now vs. of Cheslie A. Harper and Jared Harper, executors of the last will and testament of William Harper, deceased, vs. William E. Brown, administrator of etc. of George Brown, deceased. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$821.75.

Comm. of Pa. ex rel. Ammon R. Burkholder vs. Jennie R. Hastings and Rose A. Hickok, administrators of etc. of D. H. Hastings, deceased. This case grows out of the appointment of H. H. Harshberger as guardian for the plaintiff by the Orphans' Court of Centre county, who was required to give a bond in the sum of \$12,500 as guardian for this plaintiff and two others, who gave his bond in said sum with D. H. Hastings and C. M. Bower as sureties. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the penal sum of \$12,500, damages or real debt \$3322.57.

Same vs. John J. Bower and Ellen E. Bower, administrators of etc. of C. M. Bower, deceased, verdict in the same amount as in the preceding case.

Comm. of Pa. ex rel. Harry F. Burkholder vs. D. H. Hastings' administrators, verdict in the penal sum of \$12,500, damages or real debt \$3322.50.

Same vs. C. M. Bower's administrators, verdict the same as in the case immediately preceding.

T. R. Harter vs. Nathan Haugh, Emeline Haugh, Roy M. Haugh, Oscar Haugh and Elmer Haugh, being an action in trespass to recover damages for the cutting of timber. This trial was taken up on Monday afternoon and the case took up all of the time until yesterday afternoon when the case went to the jury.

The school board on Monday evening elected Charles H. Auman principal of the High school to fill the vacancy caused a month ago by the promotion of Jonas E. Wagner to supervising principal of all the schools. Mr. Auman is a native of Spring Mills and a young man who has already achieved a reputation as a teacher. During the winter he has been teaching at Vandegrift, in Westmoreland county. He came to Bellefonte yesterday morning and took charge of the school in the afternoon.

With its issue of Monday, March 1st, the Look Haven Express entered upon the twenty-eighth year of its existence as a daily newspaper. Though it is not of our stripe politically, otherwise it is one of the best dailies published in any town of its size in the State.

Mrs. Jennie Vaughn, of Philadelphia, who was brought to the Bellefonte hospital several weeks ago for treatment for a chronic ailment of long standing, was taken home by her son, Walter Vaughn, last Saturday; her case being considered incurable.

Miss Della Clark gave a chicken and waffle supper to sixteen of her friends, on Saturday evening at her home in Bush Addition.

BARNES.—It is probable that no death in Bellefonte in months caused more universal regret than that of Joe Barnes, at his mother's home on west Bishop street, at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon; even though it was known that there was no possible hope of his recovery. Two years or more ago he contracted a cold which settled on his lungs, finally developing into tuberculosis. At the time he was working as driver for the Adams Express company, but a year ago he was compelled to give up that position for something less arduous, and went to work as collector and solicitor for the Pennsylvania telephone company. Last December his condition became such that he quit work and went to the White Haven sanatorium for treatment, but the disease had progressed too far and less than a month ago he was brought home.

Joseph Stimmel Barnes was a son of H. I. and Eliza Barnes and was born in Clearfield county twenty-three years ago on the thirtieth of last August. When he was but three years of age his parents moved to Bellefonte and here he grew to manhood and spent all of his short life. He was educated in the public schools after which he was employed in various capacities around town until his late illness rendered work impossible. He was a member of the Logan fire company and of the Bellefonte Lodge, No. 1004, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and his is the first death to occur in the lodge. He was a young man of noble principles and high character and his untimely death is mourned not only by his family but by a very large circle of friends.

His father died a number of years ago but surviving him are his mother and the following brothers and sister: William and Henry, of Pittsburg; Homer, Charles, Chester and Miss Daisy, of Bellefonte. The funeral was held from the house at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. J. Allison Platte officiated at the house while the Elks had charge of the services at the grave, both that organization and the Logan fire company attending in a body, though in citizen's clothes.

YOUNG.—William Young, of Port Matilda, died on Monday, March 1st, removing another of Centre county's aged and loyal citizens. The deceased was born near Pleasant Gap March 25th, 1835, and at the time of his death lacked only twenty-seven days of having rounded out seventy-four years. He had been in ill health for over a year. He went with his parents in early life to Clearfield county. While yet a young man he professed conversion and united with the Baptist church at Ansonville. After his marriage he located at Port Matilda where he has lived for about forty-five years. He united with the Ball Eagle Baptist church at Martha and on the formation of the Port Matilda Baptist church became a constituent member. He lived a quiet unobtrusive life and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. He was a kind husband and father, and a patriotic citizen. He twice offered his services during the Civil war but not having the requisite physical requirements was rejected. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Young; five sons, Foster, at Filmore; Philip W. and George, at Port Matilda; Chester, at Scotia, and John, in Indiana; and one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Wiser, of Port Matilda; one brother, John, of Kermoo, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Kester, Grapeland, and Mrs. Sophia MacMurray, of Ramey.

Funeral services were held in the Baptist church at Port Matilda at 2 p. m. on March 3rd, Rev. A. C. Lathrop, of Mount Union, a former pastor, officiating. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Merryman and she was born in Taylor township, this county, in 1840, at the time of her death being 68 years, 7 months and 1 day old. In October, 1858, she was united in marriage to Simon Nearhoof at Hannah Furnace, and that place they made their home until seventeen years ago when they moved to Tyrone. Mr. Nearhoof died just one year ago on March first and of their ten children only four survive, as follows: Mrs. George E. Bortoff, Mrs. A. F. Palmer and Adam Nearhoof, of Tyrone; and Mrs. James W. Meyers, of Juniata. Mrs. Nearhoof is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Margaret Ellenberger, of Port Matilda; Mrs. Nancy Weston, of Osceola Mills; Mrs. William Crain, Port Matilda; Mrs. Ella Fugate, Ellsworth, Washington county; G. W. Merryman, Pittsburg; Mrs. Sarah Newman and J. E. Merryman, of Taylor township.

She was a member of the United Brethren church since girlhood and Rev. T. P. Orser officiated at the funeral which was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Grandview cemetery.

KREAMER.—Three weeks ago Mrs. Mary Kreamer, who lived with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Gill, at Pleasant Gap, had a slight stroke of paralysis which was followed a week later by a much more serious one, from which she died on Sunday evening. She was eighty-four years old and is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. W. Gill, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Watson Struble, of Buffalo Run; Mrs. John Giegerich, of Pittsburg; Mrs. James Frazier and John Kreamer, of Kansas, and William, of Bellefonte. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the cemetery at that place.

DELLETTE.—Following a protracted illness of several months with stomach trouble Mrs. Emily Dellette died at the home of her son-in-law, W. H. Turnbaugh, in Altoona, at six o'clock last Thursday evening. Deceased was sixty-five years old and was born in Halfmoon township, this county, her maiden name being Miss Emily Way. She was twice married, her first husband being Mr. McGuire and the second John J. Dellette. For many years she resided at Stormstown, later moving to Port Matilda where she lived until the death of her second husband. Five years ago she went to Altoona and has since made her home with her son-in-law.

Surviving her are the following children: A. L. McGuire, of Port Matilda; Mrs. Virginia Syminton, Mrs. Ada Imler and Mrs. W. H. Turnbaugh, of Altoona, and W. S. Dellette, of Texas. She also leaves two brothers, Benner W. Way, of Altoona, and John Way, of Williamsburg. Brief funeral services were held in Altoona on Saturday morning after which the remains were taken to the home of her son at Port Matilda where final services were held on Sunday morning; the remains being taken to the Rose church cemetery, near Marenango, for burial.

LEWIS.—Mrs. Roxanna Lewis died in the Bellefonte hospital at three o'clock last Friday morning. She had been in failing health since last July and early in the winter she was brought from her home in Westfield, Pa., to that of her son, Elmer E. Davis, in this place. About a month ago she contracted a severe cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia and she was taken to the hospital for treatment. Her physical condition, however, was too weakened to withstand the ravages of the disease and she died at the time above stated.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Roxanna Krusen, was born at Greenwood, N. Y., and was almost sixty-six years old. Her first husband, C. L. Davis, died one year after their marriage, leaving her a young son, now E. E. Davis, of this place. She was later married to B. B. Lewis, who died about five years ago. One daughter was the result of this union, Miss Minnie K. Lewis, of Los Angeles, Cal.

The remains were taken over the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania and New York Central to Westfield on Saturday morning, at which place the funeral was held on Sunday.

HERING.—Michael Benjamin Hering died on Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Donachy, of Spring Mills. Up until three months ago he was in good health but at that time he suffered an attack of pneumonia and other complications following resulted in a general breakdown of the system and his consequent death.

For many years Mr. Hering lived in Lock Haven where he was a member of the tanning firm of Myers, Hering & Co. He retired from business fifteen years ago and moved to Spring Mills where he has lived ever since. He was quite a prominent man and for some years served as a justice of the peace.

He was one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity in this section, having joined the Lafayette lodge in Lock Haven in 1854, and the Lafayette Chapter in 1855. He was also a great bible student and an earnest church worker. He was seventy-nine years old and is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Donachy. The funeral will be held at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning.

SALMON.—The death and burial last week of William H. Salmon, of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, occurred under unusually sad and deplorable circumstances. Last June he graduated from The Pennsylvania State College as a mechanical engineer and along about the holidays he was engaged to Miss Ollie Blanche Clark, of Blanchard. He secured a good position in Williamsport and was to go to work on January 4th, but the day previous, Sunday, January 3rd, he was kicked on the head by a colt he was leading to water and injured so seriously that his death occurred on Monday of last week, after seven weeks of suffering. The funeral on Wednesday was attended by a number of his old classmates at the College, burial being made in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

STOUT.—Philip Stout, one of the oldest and best known residents of Renovo, died on Thursday evening of last week after one week's illness with pneumonia. He was born in Germany in 1833 and when a boy came to this country and located at Howard, this county, where he lived until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in company E, Forty-fifth regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, under Col. John I. Curtin, of this place. He served throughout the war with bravery and distinction and returning lived at Howard until 1898 when he moved to Renovo and entered the employ of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad company and that place has been his home ever since. He is survived by his wife, three children and three sisters.

AMMERMAN.—David Ammerman, one of the old-time residents of Union township, died on Monday night of last week of dropsy, after a protracted illness. He was born in this county and was past seventy-one years old. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served for four years through that terrible strife. Surviving him are his wife, four sons and four daughters. The funeral was held last Thursday, interment being made in the Unionville cemetery.

McMULLEN.—At three o'clock on Sunday morning Ambrose McMullen died at his home at Hecla park. He had not been in the best of health for some time and two weeks or more ago he was taken suddenly worse; his ailment developing into a complication of diseases which could not be combated.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose McMullen, both deceased, and was born at Hecla park almost twenty-six years ago. He was an industrious and energetic young man and his death is mourned by a large number of friends. Surviving him are one brother, Lawrence, and a sister, Miss Lulu, both of Hecla park.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Tuesday morning and the funeral held at ten o'clock from the Catholic church, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

LONG.—Josiah Long died at his home in Millheim about noon last Saturday as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained about a week previous. He was 62 years, 6 months and 15 days old and had been a lifelong resident of Millheim. For thirty-two years he was a member of the Millheim Lodge, I. O. O. F. To mourn their loss are left a widow and eight children, namely: Oscar Long, of Nittany; Mrs. Kate Messmer, of Sugar valley; Mrs. Ida Michael, of State College; Mrs. Lizzie Haines, Mrs. Annie Bowersox, Mrs. Sarah Sheasley, and Mrs. Bessie Sheasley, of Woodward, and Mrs. Rosetta Decker, of Selinsgrove. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery at Millheim.

YONADA.—Mrs. Mary Yonada, relict of the late Philip Yonada, died at her home north of Woodward on Thursday of last week, aged 87 years, 1 month and 16 days. She is survived by seven children, namely: William, of Penn township; George, of Spring Bank; Mrs. David Mingle, of Haines township; Mrs. William Boob, of Lewisburg; Mrs. Thomas Yonada, of Woodward; Mrs. Thomas Hosterman, of Coburn, and Miss Catharine, at home. She also leaves forty-five grand-children; ninety-two great grand-children and two great great grand-children. Rev. C. F. Garrett officiated at the funeral which was held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery at Woodward.

—\$1.00 baby shoes, 50 cents at Yeagers.

—Ex-Sheriff Robert Cooke, of Howard, at public sale last Saturday, purchased the Riddle property in that place for \$1,600.

—Company B left on the 8:16 p. m. train Tuesday evening for Washington to participate in the inaugural day parade yesterday.

—Thirty-four acres of timber land belonging to the estate of the late David Feidler, of Penn township, were sold at public sale last Saturday to the Meyer brothers, of Coburn, for \$4,690.

—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Quigley, who for some time past have been living in Pittsburg, have decided to return to Lock Haven where Mr. Quigley will be associated with his brother-in-law, Calvin Armstrong, in the sale of petroleum and its products.

—On February 28th, 1859, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Osann were united in marriage at Zion, this county, and on Monday evening they celebrated their golden wedding at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chapman, of Flemington. About eighty guests were present.

—The Pennsylvania National Guard rifle practice for this year will open on May 1st, and end on October 31st. Practice will be required by all the members for the purpose of qualification. An allowance of \$100 is given each company for the maintenance of a range and incidental expenses, 7,200 rounds of ammunition will be allowed each company.

—Mr. W. A. Moore's Ford runabout may be regarded as a back number by some of the automobilists around town but as a cleaner out of badly worn hitching posts it can't be beat. This was demonstrated last Thursday when the machine got away from him in front of Kinsley's cigar store and before he could get into it and get control of the levers had run into and knocked down two iron hitching posts and one United States mail box. And at that, the machine was not much damaged.

—In advancing his subscription up to pretty nearly the time the Democrats will have another opportunity to elect a President, Mr. W. H. Parks, an old Bellefontine writes, "I want to be sure that the WATCHMAN will keep coming on because I can't do without it." And in this he is just like the hundreds of others who have been reading it for years. Mr. Parks is at Beaver Falls, to which place he moved as the time Bellefonte lost the scale works, and is one of the most trusted workmen in the employ of that company.

—Before leaving for his home in Ridgway, after attending the funeral of his sister, the late Miss Sarah Hagerman, J. Irvin Hagerman very generously donated to the Bellefonte hospital all the linen that had been the property of the Hagerman household. The collection was a very large one and will come in very timely. Another donation received at the hospital the past week was a car load of coal from George Uzzle and David Chambers of Snow Shoe, and for both the above the hospital authorities desire to extend their sincere thanks.

—A little baby girl made its arrival in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Eekle, on east Lamb street, on Sunday evening.

—On Tuesday of this week Rev. and Mrs. Wilford P. Shriner, of Lock Haven, celebrated the twenty-second anniversary of their marriage and in the evening the choir of Trinity Methodist church gave them a rousing surprise party.

Smultron.

Clyde Waite will move to Freeburg on the 9th inst.

Moving day will soon be here and quite a lot of changes will be made in this town.

Clayton Winters recently bought a new organ from C. E. Zeigler, of Spring Mills.

N. A. Brungart expects to have his saw mill east of town in operation within a few days.

T. D. Stover has purchased the Newton Brunart property here, and expects to move into the same by fall.

A. E. Strayer is busy taking orders for wall paper, in the hanging of which he is busy during the summer months.

Newton Brungart recently bought the Reuben Small property, north of town, the finest farm location in Brush valley.

N. A. Walizer, who has been confined to the house the greater part of the winter, is, we are glad to say, again able to be out.

Rev. Lantz, of the Methodist church, will preach here twice yet before conference, which convenes at Harrisburg March 24th.

The last Friday of February, if it is to be the month of March, as the old saw goes, will make it an agreeable one. We hope this may be the case.

There will be three new telephones installed in this town this week. Geo. H. Small, W. M. Bierly, and H. H. Stover are the subscribers.

The Saints had prayer meeting in their tubercule here on Sunday afternoon. They expect to have Rev. Brew back to preach for them again in a week or so.

W. M. Bierly, of this place, has been awarded the contract for the carrying of the mail between Rebersburg and Coburn, and will begin his term on the first day of July.

H. H. Stover has put an addition to his studio, in which he expects to put up his printing press, and thus make better room for the postoffice, which was moved to his place of business on the 19th of February.

Pine Grove Mentions.

Miss Anna Dale has been housed up with an attack of tonsillitis.

Jonathan J. Treasler has been laid up the past week with uramic trouble.

Miss Esther Brown has been ill the past week with a severe sore throat.

Prof. P. H. Meyers, of Centre Hall, spent several days last week with friends here.

Comrade J. G. Heberling has been quite sick the past few days with heart trouble.

Ed. Horner, of Tusseyville, will be Sumner Miller's right hand man on the farm next summer.

Misses Maggie and Gertrude Ketchline spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Amanda Walker, in Boalsburg.

J. F. Kimpfort and wife visited relatives and friends in and about Reedsville in the beginning of the week.

A down town wedding is slated between this and the last quarter of the moon. So keep a close watch over the license list.

Farmer L. Mothersbaugh is shy a good horse. The animal refused its evening ration and the next morning was dead in its stall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher were passengers east on the early Monday morning train for Danville, Pa. Mrs. Fisher's former home.

Curt Cronemiller, of Patton, is spending this week with his mother at Pine Hall. Curtis is thinking of building at State College to engage in the bakery business.

Oliver Gibboney and Thomas C. Crownover, two representative citizens of Saulsburg, passed through our town Saturday en route for Boalsburg to spend Sunday at the Dr. Kidder home.

Lemont.

George Hassinger is confined to his home with grip.

Christian Peterson and wife returned home last Thursday.

The farmers will soon begin to work in the fields if the warm weather continues.

Henry F. Evey and wife came up from Watsonstown for a few weeks stay here.

Mrs. M. A. Dale's sale was well attended and everything brought what it was worth. Mrs. Rosanna Williams is each day growing weaker, all incident to old age; she being in her 89th year.

David Houser was able to sit up on Saturday and if nothing worse turns in will be out in a few days.

Mrs. Alice Williams returned from Altoona last Wednesday, where she visited with her son, J. O. Williams.

Charles Bohn and Lottie Martz were married Wednesday of last week. We wish them many happy years.

Last week was rainy, cold and snowy, the weather being so changeable that it was hard to tell from hour to hour what to prepare for.

Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Stoneypher visited Monday at the home of C. D. Houtz and on Monday evening opened a meeting at Boalsburg.

Cut Off His Finger to Prove He Can Endure Pain.

Mount Carmel, Pa., March 2.—To demonstrate to his wife that man can endure without flinching as much suffering as woman, Joseph Rakus, of Exchange, a suburb, cut off the little finger of his right hand.

Mrs. Rakus cited instances of woman's fortitude. Joe declared that he amounted to very little. Seizing the axe, he went to the back yard, and with one swipe cut off his little finger at the first joint. Re-entering the house, he waved the bloody finger in the air as proof of his nerve.

No Appointment Made by President Roosevelt Was More Vigorously Opposed Than That of Dr. Crum, Because He Is a Negro—Says He Was Treated With Kindness and Courtesy.

Charleston, S. C., March 2.—With the resignation of Dr. William D. Crum as collector of customs at this port, to take effect March 4, a situation which threatened to cause President Elect Taft considerable embarrassment is avoided. No appointment made by President Roosevelt has given rise to more discussion as that of Dr. Crum, whose appointment was vigorously opposed because of the fact that he is a negro.

A long and hard fight against his confirmation was made by Senator Tillman and others when he was first named in 1903, and within the last few weeks, following his reappointment, Senator Tillman conducted a successful filibuster against his confirmation.

Dr. Crum says that no pressure has been brought to bear upon him now to cause him to resign, but that he does so in part because he wishes to save Mr. Taft, for whom he entertains great respect, from any possible embarrassment as to his reappointment, and chiefly because he feels that he has been especially identified with President Roosevelt's administration, and he wishes to retire with his chief. In his letter to President Roosevelt, after thanking the president for appointing him six years ago and for reappointing him for a second term, and wishing him "Godspeed and a long life."

Ohio Doctor Rode Horseback 120 Miles in 13 3/4 Hours.

Piqua, O., March 2.—Dr. G. C. Throckmorton, sixty-five years old, beat the military ride of President Roosevelt of 96 miles, military gait, riding three horses in relays from Sidney through Piqua to Troy, 20 miles and return, three times, 120 miles in all, in 13 hours and 45 minutes. On his return to Sidney on the last trip the doctor was welcomed by a brass band.

The result was telegraphed to President Roosevelt.

Cabinet Presents the President With Bronze Figure of a Cougar.

Washington, March 2.—A magnificent bronze in the form of a crouching cougar was given to the president by his "Tennis Cabinet," the presentation address being made by Henry L. Stimson. The bronze is by Alexander F. Proctor, the noted animal sculptor. The president was greatly pleased with the gift.

Presence of Mind Saved 600 Scholars.

New York, March 2.—A fire that threatened the safety of more than 600 children in the public school at Totenville, S. I., was extinguished with little damage by the cool headed work of a teacher and her class of twenty-year-old girl pupils. The fire started from an explosion of gas in a leaking range in the school annex, and the pupils of the main building marched out in good order. The fire damage was slight.

Child Burned at Play.

Phoenixville, Pa., March 2.—While at play with three other children on Mona farm, on the Kimperton road, Helen Moore, nine years old, was so badly burned that she died in the Phoenixville hospital.

Rubber Co. Resumes; 1500 Employed.

New Haven, Conn., March 2.—After having been closed since Jan. 30, the plant of the L. Candee Rubber company resumed operations, calling back to their benches about 1500 employees.

That Is If He Can Get Into Condition to Do Himself Justice.

Chicago, March 2.—"I will fight Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world if I am able to get into condition to do myself justice," said James J. Jeffries, who was in Chicago on his way to New York. "The report that I said I would fight Johnson as soon as I finished my vaudeville engagement is not true," continued Jeffries. "I have never said definitely I would fight Johnson, and I am not ready to say so now. My future depends on my ability to get into condition, and I am not certain yet that I will be able to do myself justice if I return to the ring. I must have more time to analyze my condition before I will make any definite plans."

Fined \$200 For Selling "Near" Beer.

Steubenville, O., March 2.—Common Pleas Judge R. G. Richards handed down an important decision affecting the sale of substitutes for beer in local option communities. Ole Oleson, of Toronto, sold a substance which an analysis showed contained less than 1 1/2 per cent of alcohol. Judge Richards held that the sale of a beverage containing any alcohol at all is a violation of the law, and Oleson was fined \$200 and costs.

Gas Company Paying Back \$12,000,000.

New York, March 2.—Disbursement of the \$12,000,000 in rebates, due to gas consumers in Manhattan and the Bronx, under the 80 cent gas law, in accordance with the decision of the United States supreme court, was begun by the Consolidated Gas company through the nine disbursing offices established throughout the city.

Died From Effects of a Fall.

Easton, Md., March 2.—Ex-Congressman Isaac Ambrose Barber died at his home here from the effects of a fall he sustained on Sunday. He was fifty-seven years old and served one term in congress, from 1896 until 1898.