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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

A new rural mail route will go into effect from the Bellefonte postoffice on May first which will absorb route No. 3 from the State College office.

Rev. J. Allison Platts will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Boggs township high school, in the Methodist church at Milesburg, on Sunday evening.

On Tuesday evening twenty-eight members of the Bellefonte Castle Golden Eagles of this place went to Spring Mills and that evening assisted in the institution of a new lodge at that place.

The Benner township high school will hold its commencement exercises at 1.30 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon. The graduating class is composed of two young men and six young women. Col. D. F. Fortney will deliver the commencement address.

Mrs. Louisa Bash returned on Tuesday from Philadelphia. Several weeks ago she went to Camden, N. J., to attend the funeral of a relative and since then has been spending the time in Philadelphia. While there she was taken ill and since coming home she has been confined to bed.

The Bellefonte hatchery has sent out this spring 3,500,000 trout fry, and it is claimed they were all of an unusual hardy variety. This places the Bellefonte hatchery second in rank in the State and at its present rate of growth it will only be a question of a few years until it will stand first.

Mrs. Carl Lillidahl, who since the death of her husband has been making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Bartle, has purchased the A. V. Smith double house adjoining the United Brethren church on Thomas street, and yesterday both the Bartlet and Christ Young families moved into it.

In her effort to save one of the Ray children at the Bronckhoff house from falling out of a window, several days ago, Miss Virgie Hampton, the nurse, ran her right hand through a window glass and sustained quite a bad cut. At first it was feared blood poison would develop but all danger of that now seems past.

Bear in mind the fact that "Grantsark," George Barr McCutcheon's masterpiece, will be the attraction at the opera house on Monday evening, April 12th. This play has had a big run in New York and other cities and will come to Bellefonte with the original cast of characters, so theatre goers here can feel assured of seeing a good play well acted. The same company has appeared in Altoona and adjoining towns this season and has been very favorably commented upon.

The firm of Kuisely brothers, cigar manufacturers and dealers and who the past six years or more have conducted a pool and billiard room in the Reynolds block on Allegheny street, dissolved partnership the latter part of last week, John L. selling out to his brother George. The latter will in the future conduct the business for himself and will no doubt meet with the same success the firm has had since it started a number of years ago. John Kuisely will now give his entire time and attention to his contracting work of building bridges, houses or anything that comes in his line.

Since a censor was appointed ten days ago to pass upon the moving picture films offered for exhibition in this country he has been earning his salary and a number of films have been condemned as not being up to the standard. Because of this fact you are always assured of seeing only the very best pictures at the Seesin, as the manager, T. Clayton Brown, observes every precaution in securing only those pictures which meet with public approval and which cannot fail to be either of an educational interest or else of an innocently amusing and entertaining character. Jay Howard, of State College, has been doing the singing this week and pleasing all his hearers.

WHOLESALE LICENSES GRANTED.—On Wednesday morning Judge Ellis L. Orris granted the following wholesale liquor licenses which had been held under consideration since the regular license contest in December, George Parker, Orin Vail and James Black, of Phillipsburg; John Boyce, of Clarence, and Lawrence Nugent, of Cassanova.

ZEIGLER.—Having suffered a number of years with dropsy and heard trouble Mrs. Cyn's Zeigler died at her home at Wolf's Store on Sunday night. She was sixty-two years old and is survived by her husband, three sons and three daughters, as follows: William H. and Joseph E., of Rebersburg; J. A., of Philadelphia; Mrs. W. K. Haines, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. William C. Wolf, of Boonville, and Chester, at home. The funeral was held on Thursday morning from the United Evangelical church at Rebersburg, burial being made in the Union cemetery at that place.

MUSSER.—Absalom Musser, one of the best known men of lower Pennsylvania, died quite suddenly at his home in Aaronsburg on Sunday morning. He had not been feeling well for a week or so but was able to be around and on Saturday went out in the country a mile or so to see his brother David. He returned home Saturday evening and after partaking of a good supper went to bed. Sunday morning he failed to get up at the usual time and becoming alarmed the family went to his room to see what was wrong and found him unconscious. A physician was summoned who found him suffering with a stroke of paralysis. He never recovered consciousness and died at 10.30 o'clock.

Deceased was born on what is known as the old Andrew Mitchell farm in Gregg township and was 75 years, 10 months and 22 days old. When a young man he engaged in farming, an occupation he followed all his life until his retirement in 1887 to his home in Aaronsburg. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a man who always had the highest esteem of all who knew him.

In 1853 he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Emerick, who died about a year. Surviving him, however, are the following children: Robert, of Spring Mills; Howard E., of Woodward; Mitchell A., of Scotland, South Dakota; Mrs. G. M. Earhart, of Wellington, Kan., and Clarence, of Aaronsburg. The funeral took place at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning from the Lutheran church in Aaronsburg, burial being made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

GETTIG.—After an illness of one year as a result of the hardening of the walls of the blood vessels Mrs. Elizabeth Gettig died at the home of her son, Andrew, in Braddock, on Sunday afternoon. She was born in Lebanon county sixty-eight years ago and when only a young girl her parents moved to Centre county, locating in Pennsylvania. She was united in marriage to William Gettig, the family living on a farm near Tusseyville until Mr. Gettig's death twenty years ago, since which time Mrs. Gettig made her home with her son in Braddock.

She is survived by nine children, as follows: Samuel D., a member of the law firm of Gettig, Bower & Zerby, of this place; William, of Altoona; Mrs. Thorpe, of Kentz, Pa.; Henry, of Tusseyville; George, of Swisvale; John, Elizabeth and Andrew, of Braddock, and Mrs. Ishler, of Boalsburg. Mrs. Gettig was a member of the United Evangelical church and a good christian woman. The remains were brought to Centre county and taken to the home of her son Henry, near Tusseyville, from where the funeral was held at ten o'clock on Thursday morning, burial being made in the Zion cemetery at that place.

COLE.—Mrs. Lillian Cole, wife of O. Perry Cole, of Coleville, died on Thursday morning of last week after being practically an invalid for the past year or more as the result of heart trouble and other complications.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Lillian Sprankle, was born in Coleville and was within two days of being forty-seven years old. She was united in marriage to Mr. Cole when only seventeen years old and is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Ambrose M. Sloteman, of Look Haven; Mrs. Daniel Boone, of Centre Hall; Lee, of Look Haven; Harry and Bruce, at home. She also leaves her mother, Mrs. Sarah Sprankle, of Coleville, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Hatzel, of Kings Mills, Ohio; Mrs. James Sharp, of Pittsburg; Samuel, of Altoona; Curtis, of Pittsburg; William and Mrs. Emma Garbriok, of Coleville.

She was a member of the United Brethren church and Rev. D. Barshinger officiated at the funeral services which were held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

MOYER.—Mrs. Mary Moyer, widow of the late Philip Moyer, died at her home near Millheim last Thursday. She had been an invalid for a number of months as the result of a stroke of paralysis which finally caused her death.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stover, deceased, was born in Pennsylvania and was 73 years, 11 months and 1 day old. Surviving her are the following children: Cyrus H., Thomas A. and Calvia N. Moyer; Mrs. Ella Corman and Mrs. Laura Bartges, all of Coburn. Her brother and sisters are Andrew and Cook Stover, of Curwensville; W. F., of Feidler, and Mrs. Jacob Vonada, of Hubersburg. The funeral was held on Sunday, interment being made at Aaronsburg.

PETERS.—Mrs. Nellie Jeannette Peters, wife of George Peters, died at her home in Oscoda Mills on Saturday morning after an illness of seven weeks. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Forshey, of Phillipsburg, and was 21 years, 11 months and 27 days old. She was married to Mr. Peters in November, 1906, and is survived by her husband, two small children, her parents, three brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held on Tuesday, the remains being taken to Phillipsburg for burial.

MAYHEW.—Mrs. John Mayhew died at her home in Juniata on Sunday afternoon of pneumonia. She was born in Pennsylvania, this county, in 1864. When a young woman she was united in marriage to John Mayhew who survives with eight children. She also leaves one brother and two sisters as well as a number of relatives in this county. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon.

STOVER.—Michael Stover, one of the best known residents of South Phillipsburg, died at his home in that place on Wednesday night of last week after four months' illness with dropsy and other complications.

Deceased was born in Lancaster county and was 77 years, 8 months and 22 days old. When South Phillipsburg was laid out about twenty-five years ago, he was one of the first to buy a lot and build a home there. He served one term as burgess of that borough and was also a member of the town council several terms. During the Civil war he served as a private in company A, Fifty-eighth regiment. He was a member of the Methodist church and a man who had the esteem of all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, as follows: Frank and Lloyd, in Danville, Ill., and Chester, of South Phillipsburg; also one brother in Minnesota and a sister in Michigan. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the Phillipsburg cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Mrs. Rosanna Williams, relict of the late Levi Williams, and one of the oldest women in Centre county, died at her home in Lemont on Wednesday morning. She had been in feeble health for months on account of a general breaking down of the system, so that her death was not unexpected.

Her maiden name was Miss Rosanna Sumner and she was 88 years, 4 months and 29 days old. When a young woman she was united in marriage to Levi Williams and practically all her life since was spent in Lemont and vicinity, where she was one of the most revered of women. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church from early girlhood and her entire life was a living example of the faith in which she lived and died.

She is survived by two children, George C. and Sarah E., both of Lemont. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, burial to be made in the Branch cemetery.

SWARTZ.—Joseph Swartz, a son of John Swartz, of Boggs township, died in the Altoona hospital on Tuesday afternoon, of tuberculosis of the spine. He had been in ill health the past nine years and on March 2nd was taken to the Altoona hospital for treatment. His condition, however, was such that nothing could be done for him and he died at the time above stated. He was twenty-seven years old and was born in Boggs township. In addition to his father he is survived by one brother and three sisters. The remains were brought from Altoona to the home of his father near Milesburg on Wednesday, the funeral being held yesterday.

CARSON.—Thomas Fleming Carson died at his home at Cold Spring Forge, in Blair county, last Thursday evening, after two years illness with a complication of diseases. He was born at Pennsylvania Furnace, this county, and was sixty-three years old. Although but sixteen years of age when the war broke out he enlisted as a private in company A, 125th regiment, and served throughout the war.

In 1869 he was married to Miss Jennie Gussallus, who survives with six children. He also leaves one brother and two sisters. The funeral was held on Monday morning, burial being made in the Grandview cemetery, Tyrone.

KEPNER.—W. E. Kepner, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Baltimore on Wednesday as the result of paralysis. He was forty-seven years old and was born at Pine Grove Mills. From this county he went to Altoona where he engaged in the livery business but about ten years ago he went to Baltimore and engaged in business. He was burned out by the big fire several years ago and lost quite heavily. Afterwards he engaged in the real estate business. He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Belle Snyder, of Snow Shoe, but no children.

A Tribute from a Friend.

EDITOR WATCHMAN: It was with feelings utterly impossible for me to describe that I learned from your issue of March 19th of the death of my old-time friend, Joe Furey.

Thoughts of the WATCHMAN office some forty and odd years ago when he and I were inseparable companions and it was my wont to spend my spare moments in the office, especially on mailing night, in helping or hindering in getting out the paper to its subscribers, as well as the years in the early severities when we were even more closely associated, swept across my mental vision and for the moment overwhelmed me with their diversity of joy and gloom, hope and despair.

Those were the days when the world seemed young and gloom and melancholy, while they would at times obtrude, were all ways and quickly dispelled by some quaint facetious remark from Joe. While there appeared to be a strain of melancholy running through his nature, yet the writer could never long remain glum or distraught in his company.

I am even now, after the lapse of years, unable to say what attracted us to each other and must therefore attribute it to some unexplained and unexplainable psychological affinity for opposites, but be this as it may, if love obtains between men then I loved him, yet more than a brother.

His was a most lovable and kindly nature, and I can truthfully say that during all the years I knew him never did I know him to speak disparagingly or unkindly of his fellow man.

In his writings he possessed a style that was peculiarly his own, and while he could be satirical and sarcastic, his method of expression was such that while it made his

victim writhe yet seemed to be without venom and certainly left no sting. It was, however, in saying or writing kind things wherein he excelled and was ever at his best, and which he most preferred. In his writings of his friends there was a total lack of that gush and hyperbole so offensive to sensitive souls, and this greatly endeared him to those who read aright.

The materialistic had no place in his nature, he was idealistic ever and was possessed of that broad charity that looks upon the whole world as kin. Farewell, then, Joe. You have lived your life, you have run your race and I'm sure the Master will say "You have done your share, step up this way; for it is written in the book of life yours was the Gospel of Brotherly Love."

W. D.

Spring Mills

Thursday was moving day and also a day for big dinners.

Mrs. James Hanna, who has been seriously ill for the last ten days, is improving.

School closes this week. Of course all the little folks will be delighted. They can then talk of Easter eggs all day, particularly the sugar eggs.

The notice of a week or two since, that the ladies of the Golden Eagle had a Temple here and fully organized for business was rather premature. The Temple was instituted Tuesday evening. Grand officers of the Grand Temple were here to initiate and install the officers, which was followed by a banquet.

Mrs. Margaret Ruhl has moved her residence and business quarters to the property of John Horner on the creek road, a few steps below the iron bridge, and has fitted up her business parlors with quite a number of modern improvements and conveniences. She left on Monday last for Philadelphia and New York to purchase her usual stock of spring and summer millinery goods; opening days will be during Easter week.

From Mrs. Ruhl's well known exquisite taste and skill in selection her display on that occasion of all the latest Paris and New York creations for feminine head wear will be unusually fine and attractive.

J. B. Fishers' sons, the active merchants of Penn Hall, have just erected a very handsome and commodious bird house for purple martins, on a stout post over twenty feet high, a trifle west of the steps leading to the store porch. Quite a large colony of these birds have for several years made their nest home on the porch roof, but the boxes becoming dilapidated and weather-worn, the firm concluded to build them more suitable quarters and they succeeded admirably, for the bird house is artistic and decidedly attractive. No doubt the martins will appreciate their new aerial castle when they arrive, and without any ceremony take immediate possession. The birds appear to prefer a locality where there is plenty of bustle and commotion, and as the firm is doing a large business there is always plenty of stir and activity in and around the store, the greater the racket and confusion the more noise they make. It is really amusing to listen to the incessant babbling warble of these birds. Penn Hall and Millheim are the only localities in Pennsylvania where the martins make their head quarters, both old and young return to the home of their nativity as long as it will accommodate them. The purple martin is one of the most beneficial of birds, living entirely on winged insects thousands of these pests are captured daily, in the vicinity of a thriving colony for the food of the brood. The further fact that the young remain in the nest room about four weeks to be fed by their parents increases the bird's value as an insect destroyer. The birds make their appearance north the first part of April, and remain until the last of August, when they move to the south, the West Indies, Central and South America, and remain during our Autumn and winter.

Why don't more of our farmers make an effort to establish these insect destroying birds? It requires little or no labor. All that is necessary is to build a bird house in a conspicuous place, if in a new territory the box should be put up early in April, to attract passing migrants, but if near old colonies the last of the month is soon enough. If the result is a success the farmer may be assured of the return each year as long as they receive proper attention and protection, and the birds do not meet with death. The martin is a bird of some value, while the sparrow is simply a stupendous nuisance.

Lemont

The turtle dove's cooing reminds us that spring is with us again.

Many of the children are suffering with whooping-cough at present.

Charles Meyer's eye is on the mend and he had the stitches taken out.

William E. Williams, of Altoona, visited with his mother over Sunday.

Hutch Thompson is able to be out again, since being kicked by a horse.

Mrs. Mary Houser and children visited at the home of H. N. Kerns, Wednesday.

Everyone seems to have taken to the spirit of spring by the amount of work that is being done.

Supt. David O. Eiters circulated among the schools of College township, Wednesday of last week.

Since the sheriff took the wood and lumber for debts, the Crider saw mill has been standing idle.

The phones have about all been put in on the new rural telephone line and all feel pleased with the service.

One night last week Ira Korman's saw mill took fire and the belts and cut off were destroyed, but not the whole mill.

The devious hands put in a lot of posts between the station and town to keep the people from driving across the path leading to the station.

The weather—wise people say that the last Friday of each month rules the following month, so the last Friday of March was middling tough.

Harry Ream moved from the Whitehill farm, Friday, to the Benner farm near the Old Fort, and Milton Carver moved on the Whitehill farm Tuesday.

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Pine Grove Mention.

Thursday was a busy day in the moving line.

The venerable David Behrers is ill at his home near Benore.

A May wedding is billed for Gatesburg, so keep a watch on the license list.

John E. Relsh, a student at the Susquehanna University, is home for Easter.

Mrs. H. M. Krebs is visiting her many friends in the Mountain city, while Harry is teaching it.

Shird Moore, of Mooreville, was around among the farmers in the early part of the week in quest of stock.

J. C. Hilliard is open for congratulations over the arrival of a new boy baby at his home last Friday morning.

Postmaster Will Close, of Oak Hall, is visiting relatives in Altoona and his daughter is handling Uncle Sam's mail matter.

David Kyle and wife, of Charter Oak, and James Keller, of the same place, were among the strangers within our gates the last days of March.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. Daniel Kustaborder, who is suffering with heart trouble and dropsy so that her condition is serious.

Mrs. Blair Miller with her two little girls, are down from Hollidaysburg, and are being royally entertained at grandpa Miller's home in the Glades.

Col. J. W. Stuart is handling the ribbons over a mated pair of donkeys he bought of Clark Grander, and is putting them in training for the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Meyers came up from Boalsburg Tuesday to lay in a stock of new furniture which they bought of Randolph and Tate.

Postmaster David Barr is under Dr. Woods' care, suffering with a severe attack of the grippe. Postmaster J. G. Hess has charge of the office.

Miss Roberta Meek enjoyed an early morning drive to town Monday and transported business pertaining to the building of her new barn this coming spring.

Last week Miss Ann Dale, Mrs. Charles Segner, Rev. and Mrs. Stonecypher came up from Boalsburg and were royally entertained at the Wm. Dale home on the corner.

John Mattern, one of the best known men and successful farmers in Spruce Creek valley, was interviewing his friends here Monday and reports most of the spring plowing done in that section.

T. C. Cronover and Mrs. O. M. Whipple are now the sole owners of the old and well known Owl farm on the Branch. Mr. Cronover was here on Thursday arranging to make needed repairs this summer.

Last week the large mansion home on the old Wm. Ellenberger farm burned to the ground. A spark from a fine caught on the roof and a strong wind soon fanned it in to a big blaze. There was \$500 insurance on the house and \$100 on the furniture.

Wm. Loner, wife and family, of Stormstown, came over and spent Sunday at grandpa George Inhoff's, at Erltown. Mr. Loner has been the trusted mail carrier from Port Matilda to Stormstown and return, two trips daily, eleven years last Friday, without missing a single trip. The route has been relet and Emory McAfee was awarded the contract, he being the lowest bidder.

People who changed locations on or about April 1st are as follows: Mrs. J. G. Bailey took rooms at the old farm home. W. H. Goss moved to his new home on Main street; J. Cal Bailey to the Eckley home. Mrs. Annie Miller to the home she bought down town. Emory Johnson to the new home up town by the churches. Harry Walker to the Everts home up Water street. Bert Musser to his father's farm on the Branch. G. E. Harper to the Reed farm. J. H. Hoover to the G. M. Keichline farm. John Mateer fitted to Massesburg to his own farm. Wm. Vanries moved to Union Furnace to the home he bought. T. G. Gray moved to Williamsport to engage in the grocery business. Geo. Rossman to the Miller farm. John McKelvey to the Nighart place. Sinus Reich to Rock Springs. Albert Bowersox to his father's farm. Harry Beckey to the Harvey Bowersox farm. John Hubler near State College to await the completion of his new home there. Wm. Cramer to the old Dr. Dale place. Col. Wm. Foster to occupy the farm home at State College. Will John stonbaugh to the Corl home. James Koch to the J. T. McCormick home. Frank Krumrine to his father's farm, the elder Krumrine to his new home near State College. Ed Horner to D. A. Grove farm. J. F. Kimpfort to his new possessions east of Boalsburg. Elmer Houtz to Boalsburg to engage in butchering at the Kimpfort corner. Clyde Stam to J. H. Miller tenant home. Clyde Finburn to the McCracken farm in the Glades. Geo. Inhoff to J. M. Kepler tenant house. David Boney to the B. Ayers plantation. J. Cal Struble to the H. Ewing farm. James Eneigh to G. B. Campbell farm. John Houck to Dry hollow farm. Miles Houtz to John Dale farm. Frank Martin to Bellefonte. Geo. Dunlap to Duffield home on Water street. E. B. Roan to the E. C. Fye farm he bought. J. H. Hoy to State College. M. M. Corl to John Hoy farm. Geo. Potter to Hon. J. T. McCormick farm. Charley Lutz to Buffalo Run to the farm he bought. Frank Fry to the Geo. Hastings farm. John Osman to the new home he bought in Shingletown. Ed Tyson to Dr. Kidder's farm near Boalsburg. Walter Shutt to his home east of Boalsburg. Geo. Fortney to the farm he recently bought just east of Boalsburg. Geo. Hellinger to the Mrs. Stam farm. Harry Sunday to the Wm. Goss farm. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Glenn have taken quarters at the Wm. Glenn home west of town. Henry Kyle to the Dunlap farm at Franklinville. Ira Gates to the old Jacob Eider farm. I. C. Bellock to Mrs. Emma Rider farm. Robt. Rossman to the George Cronemiller farm. Wm. Wilson to Rock Springs. Mrs. Sanford Wilson to Barr farm. John Zues to Glenn farm. Samuel Campbell to John Hamilton farm. Henry Miller to the Andy Lytle farm. Milt Garver to the Whitehill farm. Howard Zeigler to Oelwine farm at Axe Mann. Adam Zeigler and bride to begin house keeping in Boalsburg where Mr. Zeigler has bought the one half interest in Ishler & Harrison Store. M. M. Kocher to Tadpole

to the Hess farm. J. C. Sowers to the Col. Stewart farm. J. C. Geringer to the C. M. Johnson tenant house. Otis Hoy to his new home at Pine Hall. Harry Behrers to his new home at State College. J. C. Cunningham to the Henry Houtz farm. Edward Houser goes to farming on his own book on the Geo. Dale farm. John Woods to Andy Lytle Shingletown farm.

The President Will Not Dictate to Congress, But Tells Callers He is Opposed to Tax on Necessities—Little Likelihood of Passage of Measure Before June 1.

Washington, March 30.—"The country is losing \$10,000,000 a day every day the passage of the tariff bill is delayed from this time on."

This is what President Taft is saying to senators and members of the house as fast as he can get a word with individual members of either house. The president is bending every energy toward the speedy settlement of the tariff question, but the strongest argument he uses is that quoted above. And it was in response to his urging more than anything else that the house adopted the plan of holding night sessions from now until the close of the debate.

This enormous loss is sustained through the hesitation of great business enterprises to enter upon new contracts or extend old ones until the uncertainty about the tariff is settled.

It is not believed by anybody in congress that the bill can be passed before June 1, while many think it will take from fifteen to thirty days longer than that. With the president assuring them that the business interests of the country are incurring a loss of \$300,000,000 a month, while the bill is under discussion, and the possibility that this loss will reach a total billion dollars if the work of considering the measure is not expedited, the leaders on both sides are showing evidence of willingness to hurry.

President Taft, it is stated, intends to leave all congressional matters to congress and does not intend to dictate to that body what it shall do. At the same time he takes advantage of the calls made upon him by senators and representatives to state anew in response to their requests for suggestions his own position and the policy to which he believes the Republican party is committed.

Favors Stamp Tax.

The president does not believe that a stamp tax would be a great burden upon the people. A stamp tax at this time would not go to the extent of the war tax imposed in 1898. Such a tax would be far better, it is declared at the White House, than the imposition of such a tax or duty on food stuffs as would cause unrest and anxiety on the part of the general public.

President Taft has let it be known that he approves the Payne bill in principle and that he believes more schedules in the Dingley tariff should be revised downward than upward—if any should go upward at all. His only utterances to members of congress on the subject have been in response to their direct requests for his views as to certain things.

President Taft is known to be especially opposed to the proposed tax on tea. It is stated that this tax would yield about \$8,000,000 annually. The president believes that this amount could be made up by an excise tax on the dividends of corporations or by some methods of stamp taxation. He does not believe that the burden of raising this additional \$8,000,000 should be placed upon the rank and file of consumers.

The president also is said to believe that the ways and means committee of the house will not insist on the countervailing duty proposed on coffee.

St. Augustine Begins Three Days' Fete in Honor of its Founding.

St. Augustine, Fla., March 31.—This ancient city, the first place in the United States inhabited by whites, began today a three days' celebration of the anniversary of its founding. The jubilee is intended to commemorate the landing of Ponce de Leon, the famous seeker for the fabulous fountain of youth, in 1513, the founding of the city in 1565 and the various changes of flags which St. Augustine has seen.

Today will be devoted to the ceremonies connected with the landing of Ponce de Leon, who will arrive on a carved, accompanied by Spanish grandees, knights, soldiers, priests, etc. The party will land at the entrance to the old fort and will there be greeted by Indians to the number of several hundred.

The second day's ceremonies will be devoted to the founding of the city of St. Augustine by Menendez.

On the third day the ceremonies will be devoted to depicting the various changes of flags that have taken place during the history of St. Augustine. The flags of Spain, France and England will in turn float over the city. These will all give way at last to the star spangled banner.

Highwayman Shot by posse.

Pittsburg, March 30.—An unknown man was shot and mortally wounded by Justice of the Peace William Patterson at Wilson, near here, while a posse is pursuing two other men believed to have been members of a gang of highwaymen who held up several persons at Wilson and robbed them. The man was shot during a pitched battle with officers after they had caught the three men in the act of robbing a victim.

Killed by Flying Board.

Oil City, Pa., March 30.—Philip Harderider, aged fifty-nine years, of Fryburg, was instantly killed in being struck on the head with a board that flew from a revolving saw in his lumber mill.