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The Powder Trust Prosecution.

There are indications, perilously strong, that the suits against the powder trust are to be abandoned. These suits were begun about a year ago and it was suspected at the time that there was some ulterior motive concealed in the action.

The reason of this difficulty is a matter of almost local interest. At the time that President ROOSEVELT wanted to frighten the DUPONTS into acquiescence in his plans, JAMES SCARLET, of Danville, Pa., had recently emerged from the first trial of the capital grafters with a well earned reputation of being a marvelously successful investigator.

Since the retirement of Mr. BONAPARTE, however, the office of Attorney General is occupied by a man of greater courage, if less morality, and Mr. WICKERSHAM has ordered the discontinuance of the proceedings against the DUPONTS. He has not given any reason for his course, and so far as our information goes, Mr. SCARLET has not said a word in relation to the matter.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Those farmers who sold their wheat for one dollar a bushel very likely now feel like kicking themselves, with the price at \$1.20, and indications of a still further rise; especially with Patten of Chicago, predicting \$1.40 a bushel for it by the last of May.

One of the best programs of moving pictures ever exhibited in Bellefonte was shown at the Socio on Monday evening when two of the pictures were the inauguration of President Taft and the collision between the ill-fated Republic and Florida.

The Bellefonte Academy baseball team opened the season last Saturday by playing a game with an independent team from State College, being defeated by the score of 6 to 0. The score, however, does not exactly represent the comparative strength of the two teams.

On Monday the publishers of the Morning Press, of Bloomsburg, celebrated the occupancy of their new home by the issue of a sixty-four page edition of that paper, which, for an interior State paper, is a remarkable achievement.

MERREY.—Hon. Joseph W. Merrey died quite suddenly at his home in Beech Creek at 8:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning. For a number of years past he had been a sufferer with diabetes but his health otherwise was very good up until the beginning of last week when he became ill with erysipelas.

He was born in England and was 62 years, 3 months and 23 days old. He was educated in the schools of his native land and when twenty years old came to this country to seek his fortune. He located soon after his arrival at Flemington, where he engaged with others in the business of brewing ale and beer.

He was a member of Assembly from Clinton county in 1882 and 1884 and was an active worker for the best interests of his constituents. He was an adherent of the Episcopal church and a member of the order of Elks.

Mr. Merrey was married in 1868 to Mrs. Eliza Bailey, nee Magnus, a daughter of George Magnus, of Lewistown. She died on February 2nd, 1896, but surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. Harry B. Clark, of Beech Creek; Mrs. Truman J. Purdy, of New Mexico; also two-step daughters, Mrs. Frank T. Quigley, of Beech Creek, and Miss Helen, at home; an adopted son, William C. Merrey, of New Mexico, and one brother, James T. Merrey, of Karthaus, Clearfield county.

The funeral was held from his late residence at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, interment being made in the Fearon cemetery.

DUNKLE.—Jane Add, wife of Thornton H. Dunkle, died at her home in Phillipsburg last Friday morning. Although she had been a sufferer with asthma for a number of years her condition had not been considered serious and her death was therefore quite unexpected and a severe shock to her family and friends.

She was born in Middleboro, England, in 1849, and when only a young girl came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gowland. They located in Phillipsburg and that has been her home ever since. In 1873 she was united in marriage to Thornton Dunkle, who survives with the following children: Frank, William, Thomas and Elizabeth; three brothers also survive, namely: John Gowland, the present postmaster of Phillipsburg; Frank, also of that city, and Frederick, of York.

She was a member of the Methodist church and a woman who had hosts of friends. Rev. S. D. Wilson officiated at the funeral which was held on Monday afternoon, interment being made in the Phillipsburg cemetery.

PETERS.—Mrs. Bessie Peters, wife of Edward Peters, died at her home in Snow Shoe last Friday morning. In the early part of last week a little baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peters and the young mother apparently was getting along splendidly until Thursday afternoon when she had a sinking spell from which it was impossible to revive her and she died at six o'clock Friday morning. Her baby died just two hours previous.

Deceased was only eighteen years of age, was born in Bellefonte and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sinnickson Walker. Just about a year ago she was united in marriage to Edward Peters, an employee in the freight station of the Pennsylvania railroad at Snow Shoe, where they made their home since. In addition to her husband she is survived by her parents and one brother, Vincent, of this place. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, both mother and baby being buried in the same casket.

McCALMONT.—Thomas McCalmont, a native of Centre county and a cousin of Miss Jane McCalmont, of this place, died at his home at College Hill, near Cincinnati, Ohio, last Saturday, after a brief illness with pneumonia. He was a son of Thomas McCalmont and was born near Jacksonsville, this county. He went to Ohio in the early sixties and has been engaged in educational work all his life. His only immediate survivors are his wife and one brother, James, and a sister, Miss Agnes, of Columbus, Ohio.

JOHNSON.—Jacob Daniel Johnson died at his home in Easton last Friday after a month's illness. He was born in Columbia county sixty-seven years ago but when quite a young man came to Centre county and located in Sugar valley. When the Civil war broke out he went to the front as a member of the 149th regiment under command of Col. James A. Beaver. About forty years ago he moved to Easton and made that place his home ever since.

BEHRENS.—On Monday evening, March 22nd, Mrs. David Behrens died at her home at Benore, after a protracted illness, and just eleven days later, or on Friday, April 2nd, her venerable husband, David Behrens, died after a lingering illness with general infirmities, his death no doubt being hastened by that of his wife such a short time before.

Deceased was eighty-two years of age and was born in Germany. He came to this country when a young man and located in Buffalo Run valley engaged in farming. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted as a member of company F, 148th regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, and served until the close of the war.

When a young man he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Shearer and of their children the following survive: Mrs. Anna Sexton and George, of Rook View; Mrs. Hannah Hicks, of Benore, and David and Regina, at home. Mr. Behrens was a member of the United Brethren church and an upright, honest gentleman, who enjoyed the esteem of every man who knew him. The funeral was held at nine o'clock on Monday morning from his late home, interment being made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

CORLE.—Pleasant Corle lost one of its well known citizens in the death, last Thursday morning, of William Corle, after three years' illness with diabetes. He was fifty-three years of age, was born in this county and most of his life was spent in Spring and Benore townships. He was a carpenter by trade and an industrious gentleman. Since a young man he has been a member of the Methodist church and always lived a consistent christian life.

He is survived by his wife who prior to her marriage was Miss Sarah Shreffler, and who is also seriously ill, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Millward, of Pleasant Gap. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Robert, of Pleasant Gap; Charles, of Bonalsburg; James, of Bellefonte; Mary and Anna, of Pleasant Gap. The funeral was held on Sunday morning, burial being made in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

SMITH.—Treville Smith, for years a resident of Liberty township, died in the hospital at the Dauphin asylum on Monday of last week. He had been an inmate of that institution the past six months and his death was the result of cancer and general debility.

Deceased was fifty-one years old and is survived by his mother, of Liberty township, one brother and three sisters, as follows: Mrs. Irvin Kunes, of Emporia, Va.; Mrs. Emma Gardner, of Blanchard, and Joseph and Miss Emma, at home. The remains were taken to his old home on Wednesday and the funeral held on Thursday morning from the Disciple church. Rev. W. H. Patterson officiated and interment was made in the Disciple cemetery.

SHUEY.—Mrs. Ida Shuey, wife of Wm. Shuey, died at her home at Rook last Friday after a long illness with heart trouble and rheumatism. She was fifty years old, was born in College township and was a daughter of the late Henry Osman. She was a member of the Methodist church and a woman who stood very high in the estimation of all who knew her. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Howard, Irvin, Esther, Mary, Grace and Philip; also one sister, Mrs. Frank Fishburn, of the Glades, and two brothers, Frank and Orin, of Philadelphia. The funeral was held on Sunday, Rev. C. C. Snavely officiated and burial was made in the Meyers cemetery.

McBRIDE.—Andrew J. McBride, who was born and raised in Milesburg, this county, died recently at his home at White Haven. He was seventy-two years of age and for many years was head foreman for the well-known Collins brothers, contractors, being with them on their ill-fated expedition in South America when they undertook the building of the Bolivia and Amazon river railroad. In addition to his wife, a son and daughter he is survived by one brother, John McBride, of Clearfield, and two sisters, Mrs. Deveraux, of Phillipsburg, and Mrs. Patrick Lorrigan, of Ocoola Mills. Mr. McBride is well remembered by the older residents of Milesburg and Bald Eagle valley.

GINGERICH.—Mrs. Susan Gingerich died on Monday evening at the home of her son in Altoona of disease incident to old age. She was seventy-three years of age and was born in Centre county. A good part of her life was spent in Bellefonte and it was only about a month ago that she went to Altoona to make her home with her son, H. E. Gingerich. Two other sons, L. E. of Arch Springs, and John B. of Sanbury, and one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Witmer, of Huntingdon, survive. The funeral was held on Thursday, burial being made in Rose Hill cemetery, Altoona.

CONSER.—Alice, wife of William E. Conser, died at her home at Sandy Ridge on Saturday afternoon after an illness of several years with a complication of diseases. She was forty-one years old and was born in Blair county but had lived at Sandy Ridge the past twenty-four years. She was a member of the Methodist church and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, seven children, one brother and three sisters. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Phillipsburg cemetery.

HARTMAN.—On Friday of last week Mrs. Margaret Hartman, relict of the late R. B. Hartman, died at her home in Millheim of general infirmities. She was 84 years, 3 months and 21 days old and was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are living, as follows: C. W. Hartman, J. H. B., Mrs. Elizabeth Harshberger, Mrs. P. P. Leitzel and Mrs. A. F. Harter, all of Millheim; Mrs. Anna Weber, of Lebersburg; Mrs. L. H. Stover, of Coburn, and William, of Williamsport. She also leaves thirty-one grand-children, fifty-six great-grand-children and six great-grandchildren.

She was a daughter of John Harter, one of the original settlers of Millheim. All her life she was a consistent member of the Methodist church and was a woman who enjoyed the highest esteem of all who knew her. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, Rev. J. Max Lantz conducted the services and burial was made in the Union cemetery.

STRAUB.—Edward Straub, an aged resident of Benner township, died on Sunday as a result of a stroke of paralysis sustained about a year ago. He was seventy-one years of age and since the death of his wife fifteen years ago has made his home with his tenant farmer, P. P. Hartman. He leaves no children but is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Isaac Miller, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Daniel Weaver, of Penn Cave. The funeral was held on Tuesday, burial being made in the Union cemetery in this place.

HOLDERMAN.—After patiently suffering with tuberculosis for a year or more Miss Maud Holderman died on Monday afternoon at the home of her brother, Frank, in Renovo. She was only twenty years old and was born in Centre county, where she lived until about eighteen months ago when she went to Renovo. The remains were taken to Milesburg, on Wednesday, for interment.

BIRD.—E. Frank Bird, of Aaronsburg, died last Saturday after six weeks' illness with pneumonia. He was sixty-one years old and is survived by his wife and three sons: Fred and Harry, of Akron, Ohio and Sumner, at home. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, interment being made in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg.

SAVAGE.—William Savage, an aged gentleman of Snow Shoe, who was badly injured by falling on the ice several months ago, died in the Cottage State hospital, at Phillipsburg, on Sunday. So far as known he had no living relative and he was buried in the Phillipsburg cemetery on Tuesday.

AUTOMOBILE NEWS.—On Wednesday John Porter Lyon received a new Chalmers—Detroit automobile for C. W. Meyers at State College. The machine is the same model as the one in use by Mr. Lyon the past six months, only that it is fully equipped with a magneto, top, etc. The Chalmers—Detroit has given good satisfaction here and Mr. Meyers has now without doubt the best machine at State College.

George A. Bezer and D. G. Stewart went to Williamsport on Wednesday and brought to Bellefonte the latter's Buick roadabout. It is equipped with a single rumble seat and is painted red. Thus the doctor enters the ranks of the Bellefonte automobilists and from now on he will have his pleasure and trouble with the rest of them.

Willis Wian on Monday will start an automobile hack service in Bellefonte. He has secured John Sebring's model D Franklin touring car and will haul passengers to and from any part of town, or will go on a trip whenever desired.

STRUCK BY TRAIN.—About half-past four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon Chester McCormick, of State College, and Frank McCormick, of Look Haven, were down Nittany valley in a buggy and going through Mackeysville they drove on to the crossing of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania just as the passenger train west came along. The horse was about two-thirds over the track when the train struck them, killing the animal and smashing the buggy to pieces. The two men were thrown out and fortunately fell alongside the railroad and aside from a few cuts and bruises were not seriously hurt. The Mackeysville crossing is a dangerous one as the road runs right through the town and it is almost impossible to see an approaching train until right on the track; and the high wind of Wednesday and the noise of their own buggy prevented the men from hearing the train.

H. G. Payne, of Boston, has been in Bellefonte this week preparing plans and estimates for the new hydro-electric plant the borough dads propose erecting on the old Green property at Milesburg for the purpose of lighting the streets of Bellefonte and running the borough water pumps by electricity. As it looks now the erection of the plant is going to be a more expensive undertaking than was at first estimated, as it is alleged by some it will cost fifty thousand dollars or more. It is the plan now to go ahead with the work just as soon as everything can be gotten into shape. H. H. White, of Boston, was also here this week in the interest of the plant the Bellefonte Electric company intends installing at the old car works dam, and work on which will be begun in the near future.

Mr. Clifford Thomas, of Lewistown, has bought the old Sannel Slack farm near Potters Mills, and expects to move there with his family at once.

WEDNESDAY'S WIND STORM.—It has been many a day since we have experienced such a wind storm as that of Wednesday afternoon and night, the tree limbs and other debris which covered the streets being silent witnesses of its violence. So strong was the wind that a portion of the tin roof on the rear of the Brookerhoff house was blown off. Two of the large glass in the windows of the Bower residence on east Linn street were blown from the frames and broken into fragments, while glass was blown from windows in a number of other houses in town. Fences and small buildings were wrecked and even the strongest buildings in Bellefonte quivered before the gale.

While no great monetary damage was done the telephone service was badly crippled. Up to nine o'clock Wednesday evening the Pennsylvania telephone company had 153 phones out of commission with five poles and a number of wires down. An additional number of phones were rendered useless during the night. Many phones were also put out for the United telephone company and their service also badly crippled so that workmen of both companies have been busy as can be ever since getting things in shape again.

The storm blew the roof off the coal shed at the Curtin iron works at Curtin and the most of the house formerly occupied by the late Haste Lyman, below Milesburg, was unroofed.

A lumber shed owned by W. H. Noll, at Pleasant Gap, was blown down and a number of trees and fences in that vicinity were blown over by the winds.

BIG FIRE IN PHILLIPSBURG.—Our neighboring town of Phillipsburg was visited by a big fire early last Friday morning which entirely gutted the three story business block known as the Tyson—Hoffer building and the Hale stone building on the corner of Front and Presqueisle streets.

The fire started in a lodge room on the third floor of the Tyson—Hoffer block shortly after midnight Thursday night, and it took three hours hard work of the borough fire department to check the flames; and then only after the destruction of between \$30,000 and \$35,000 worth of property. The Hoffer building was built in 1904 and was one of the most substantial in the town. It was occupied on the first floor by the D. F. Hoffer novelty store and Harry Jones clothing store; on the second floor were the offices of Phil E. Womelsdorf, civil engineer; dentist John E. Holtenback; Miss Levy, music teacher, and Dr. Harry Rogers; the third floor was a spacious lodge room which was occupied by a number of orders. In the Hale building were the First National bank and C. T. Fryberger's insurance offices on the first floor; the Phillipsburg club and several offices on the second floor.

Most all the occupants of the buildings lost practically everything, though they were mostly covered by insurance. Three firemen, Garfield Boalick, James Butler and W. Williams, were slightly burned while fighting the flames. The First National bank has opened up temporary quarters in the trolley office building, while all the other burned out tenants have secured locations elsewhere.

BASE BALL ITEMS.—On Wednesday the Bellefonte Academy base ball team played a game with a picked nine of Bellefonte star players, including the Otto brothers, Keichine, Roberts and others and won in the tenth inning by the score of 2 to 0. Bolton, the Academy southpaw, was in the box and pitched a great game. A series of five games has been arranged between these two teams to be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning at 4.15 o'clock. The first game will be played next Tuesday, April 13th, and the second on the 15th. A small admission price of 15 cents will be charged or 25 cents for a gentleman accompanied by a lady. These will undoubtedly prove interesting contests and the fans of Bellefonte don't want to miss one of them.

Tomorrow the Academy will play the Pine Grove Mills team on the Academy grounds, game to be called at 3 p. m. Martz, the star pitcher for the Sarquehanna University nine last year, will be in the box for the visitors. Go out and see the game and encourage the home team.

EASTER BALL.—A rumor has been circulating about town to the effect that the Easter ball to be given by the Collegiate class of the Bellefonte Academy has fallen through. The committee acting for the class wish to state that such is not the case. All arrangements have been made and the boys promise to make the affair one of the most brilliant events of the social season. The dance will be strictly formal, and with the decorations which will be somewhat elaborate, a very pretty effect will be secured.

Arrangements have been made to have cloak rooms in readiness for the ladies and gentlemen and the balls will be thoroughly cleaned the day of the dance. No programs will be issued before the sight of the dance so as to insure all of the chance to secure dances. As has been said before this is the first affair given by the class and you may be sure the boys will work hard to make it a brilliant success.

ELKS NEW OFFICERS.—On Monday evening the following officers of the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks were installed for the ensuing year by Samuel Ulman and Max Lindheimer, of Williamsport: Exalted ruler, Harry L. Hutcheson; leading knight, J. Linn Harris; loyal knight, D. Paul Fortney; lecturing knight, W. C. Cassidy; stiler, Harry L. Walker; trustee, John L. Kneisly; outer guard, D. G. Stewart; esquire, James H. Cori; chaplain, Harry Eberhart.

BENNER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.—The exercises incident to the first graduating class of the Benner township High school were held in the High school building on Tuesday afternoon. A class of eight young ladies and gentlemen received diplomas for having completed the course of study adopted by the board of education.

The following program was rendered:—Salutatory, "Opportunities," Vienna Grove Orator, "The Glory of Man," Homer Zimmerman Orator, "By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them," Rath Benner Orator, "We Build the Ladder by Which We Rise," Bessie Behrens Orator, "Footprints," Catharine Hoy Orator, "New Opportunities in a New Age," George Behrens

Class history and Prophecy, Mary Bertram Valedictory, "Onward in Our Aim," Grace Hoy. The music was furnished by Deitrich's orchestra, of Bellefonte. David Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, delivered the commencement address. Other addresses were made by W. D. Zerby Esq., of Bellefonte, Mr. H. N. Hoy, Mr. S. H. Hoy and Mr. J. P. Isler. To say that this was a gala day in the educational history of Benner township would be putting it in a mild way. The crowd present and the interest manifested was evidence that all were satisfied with the work being done by the High school.

Three years ago this school was organized under somewhat adverse circumstances but today, after having witnessed the first fruits of the venture, no one would be willing to do away with it. Much of the success is due to the efforts of directors, and not a little to the board of the principal. The sentiment expressed by all present was, let us have many more such occasions.

FOR A NEW GLASS WORKS.—A number of the old glass workers around Bellefonte are back of a movement to build a new glass works in Bellefonte. In fact, it is said, the movement has so far progressed that two-thirds of the twenty-five thousand dollars needed to establish the plant have already been pledged and a contractor is expected in Bellefonte in the near future to look over the ground and give an accurate estimate on the cost of the same. The pieces of ground between the old Thomas house and the office of McCalmont & Co., has been selected as a suitable site for the plant. If built the plant will be a ten blower tank factory, which will be two blowers larger than the old plant here, and would employ from seventy-five to one hundred men. It is to be hoped that the project will go through.

HORSE SHOW.—At a meeting of the committee having in charge the State College horse show it was decided to hold the next exhibition Saturday, October 23rd, 1909. The show last year was regarded as a success in every particular, and will probably be better this year. The date is set and the announcement made early that prospective exhibitors may have time to make the desired arrangements. There were more than a hundred entries last year, filling about twenty classes. With a few minor changes the rules and classifications will be the same as last year.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The following marriage licenses were issued the past week by Register Earl C. Taten. David S. Noll, of State College, and Mary A. Immel, of Spring Mills.

Merlin F. Shively, of Rutherford, and Mary V. Spigelmeys, of Coburn. Harry B. Miller and Mary Crasshaw, both of Phillipsburg.

Paul I. Wrigley, of Factoryville, and Alberta J. Dreibleis, of State College. Paul Shultz and Jennie Berry, both of Cato.

A regular meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance company was held in this place on Monday and applications for insurance to the amount of \$172,000 were accepted and passed. Hon. Frederick Kurts, who has been president of the company since 1884, tendered his resignation and vice president William Dusk, of Millheim, will fill the vacancy until his successor is elected.

The boxing tournament held in the armory on Wednesday evening was pronounced a decided success by the one hundred or more people in attendance. The four bouts were pulled off in good style and the best of order prevailed. The small attendance, however, does not pre-empt the sport as becoming a very popular one in Bellefonte—especially from a financial standpoint.

Monday and Tuesday were the two hottest days this spring.

John Schenck is having a porch built the entire length of his house.

The frogs have put themselves on the stage of action by croaking.

There are many suffering from severe colds and coughs at this time.

There was a fire on Tussey mountain on Monday afternoon and night.

Mrs. William Hoy was quite ill on Saturday with heart trouble, but is better.

Mrs. Rosanna Williams' funeral was quite large, even though the weather was bad.

Prof. R. U. Wasson, of Aaronsburg, was up over Sunday, at the home of his mother.

Boyd Omar came up from Philadelphia Saturday, to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. William Shuey, Sunday.

The township supervisors have begun operations by moving the stone crusher from Leont to Oak Hall, Saturday.

Tuesday afternoon brought a very heavy thunder shower and sharp lightning, which will start the grass and wheat to grow.

Garden making is on the string now and some of the good people of the community have already planted onions and lettuce.