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The year just closed was a record breaker in the matter of coal production in Pennsylvania and for more than three-fourths of the time there was a Democratic administration in Washington.

The fact that strawberries have appeared in the market may be interesting to some but those of us who are concerned about the high cost of living have no time to give to the consideration of such subjects.

We are very strongly in favor of a Reserve bank in Philadelphia but in spite of everything else we are compelled to wonder how a town which propagates piggeries can make up a valid claim for such an institution.

The express companies are now treating the public to a lovely imitation of that profound folly of "locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen." The express companies have robbed the public ruthlessly by excessive charges for services for many years and literally forced the government to create the parcel post as a remedy against their extortion. Now they are reducing rates with the view, probably, of making the parcel post unprofitable. But they will not cause an abandonment of the enterprise for it has proved a splendid success as well as a vast saving to the people.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

During 1913 there were 302 marriage licenses issued in Centre county. This was an increase of three over the number issued in 1912 and a decrease of one from 1911.

Mrs. Charles Keichline, who has been ill for a great part of the winter, has been taken from her apartments in the Curtin house, on the corner of Allegheny and High streets, to the home of Mr. Keichline's parents, on Willowbank street, hoping that she may be benefited through this change.

Dr. T. H. Shelley moved from Hublersburg to Pleasant Gap yesterday and will practice his profession there in the future. He is a graduate of Bucknell University and Jefferson Medical College.

During last weeks snow and rain the town clock stopped two or three times at night. Investigation showed that the snow and rain lodged and froze on the north dial hard enough to stop the hands, and also the clock. In order to insure the clock running it was necessary to disconnect the hands on the north dial, and for almost a week they indicated twelve o'clock, and many people were fooled on the time.

Early last week William Stonebraker, who lives on a farm between Bald Eagle and VanScococ, purchased a fine blooded cow for which he paid a good price. On Saturday the animal died. On Monday one of his largest fat-tened hogs died. On Tuesday, while butchering, they put a kettle of fat on the kitchen stove for rendering then went to the basement to attend to other work. The fat boiled over caught fire and started a conflagration that burned the house to the ground.

Victor E. Lambert's romance "The Girl and the Stamped" will be the attraction at Garman's, Monday evening, January 12th. It abounds in the quaint and interesting types that Mr. Lambert has been so successful with in his productions to the public through his plays and books. The company carries the complete scenic equipment which was used in its New York and Chicago engagements.

One of the first official acts performed by burgess Edmund Blanchard after he was sworn into office on Monday was to go after all persons whose pavements had not been cleaned of snow and slush and insist that they be cleaned that day, before the slush had a chance to freeze.

HARTER.—Jonathan Harter, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Penns Valley, died at his home in Millheim at 11.30 o'clock last Saturday morning. He had been a sufferer for some months with hardening of the arteries, but the direct cause of his death was paralysis, with which he was stricken about three weeks previous.

Deceased was the third son of William and Rebecca Hess Harter and was born in Penns Valley on January 7th, 1838, hence he was within a few days of being seventy-six years old.

His wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Susan Hosterman, died a number of years ago but surviving him is one daughter, Mrs. Harry J. Kurzenkabe, of Harrisburg. One son, A. F. Harter, of Millheim, died a few months ago.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church at Millheim at 9.30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Rev. M. D. Geesey officiated and burial was made in the new cemetery.

HOPPER.—Harry Kline Hoffer died very unexpectedly at his home in Philipsburg on Sunday morning. He had been ailing for several months with dilatation of the heart but had been up and around almost until the last.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram O. Hoffer and was born in Bellefonte on October 13th, 1875, making his age 38 years, 2 months and 22 days.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 7.30 o'clock Tuesday evening by his pastor, Rev. R. P. Miller. Private burial was made at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning in the Philipsburg cemetery.

MICHAELS.—Mrs. Nancy Michaels died on New Year's day, 1914. She was the widow of William Michaels, who lived on the Huyett farm west of Centre Hall, years ago when it belonged to the late Alexander McNitt.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 7.30 o'clock Tuesday evening by his pastor, Rev. R. P. Miller. Private burial was made at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning in the Philipsburg cemetery.

WOOMER.—Mrs. Elizabeth Woomer died at the home of her son, R. H. B. Woomer, in Altoona, on an early hour last Saturday morning, after an illness of some weeks. She was born at Bald Eagle on March 15th, 1835, hence was in her seventy-ninth year.

NESTLERODE.—John Alfred Nestlerode, a life-long resident of Eagleville, died on Wednesday of last week after a year's illness with asthma, aged about sixty years. He was a stonemason by trade and did much work in bridge and culvert building on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad.

MEYER.—Mrs. J. Henry Meyer, of Bowling Green, Va., a former Centre county woman, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Beryl Cappel, in Philadelphia, on New Year's day. She had been in poor health the past year and a month or more ago went to Philadelphia for treatment.

Deceased was a daughter of Andrew and Catharine Walker and was born in Huntingdon county seventy years ago. When a girl her parents moved to Ferguson township and it was there she grew to womanhood.

Mrs. Meyer is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Blanche Wright and Bliss Meyer, of Bowling Green; Bertha, of Baltimore; Bond, of Bowling Green; Mrs. Beryl Cappel, of Philadelphia; Berenice, at home, and Bruce, of Denver, Col.

NEARHOOF.—Mrs. Elizabeth Nearhoof, widow of the late Henry K. Nearhoof, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Reed, in Hollidaysburg, on Saturday evening of apoplexy.

Deceased's maiden name was Elizabeth Boger and she was born at Bald Eagle on Nov. 4, 1834, being aged 79 years, 1 month and 28 days.

Funeral services were held at her late home at 7.30 o'clock Tuesday evening by her pastor, Rev. R. P. Miller. Private burial was made at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning in the Philipsburg cemetery.

JOHNSON.—Following an illness of about a year with tuberculosis Robert Furst Johnson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Mack Johnson, of near Beech Creek, died on New Year's day.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 7.30 o'clock Tuesday evening by his pastor, Rev. R. P. Miller. Private burial was made at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning in the Philipsburg cemetery.

COX.—Following an illness of only one week with pneumonia Mrs. Marjery J. Cox, widow of the late Marshall Cox, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles King, at Coleville, on Monday of this week.

Funeral services were held at her late home at 7.30 o'clock Tuesday evening by her pastor, Rev. R. P. Miller. Private burial was made at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning in the Philipsburg cemetery.

TAYLOR.—John Allen Taylor, the six months old son of Col. and Mrs. H. S. Taylor, died at 3.30 o'clock yesterday morning, of exhaustion. The child had been delicate since its birth and for a number of weeks was unable to retain enough food in its stomach to furnish proper nourishment.

FLOREY.—Last week the WATCHMAN published an account of the death of Mrs. Joseph Florey, of Downs, Kan., and the serious illness of Mr. Florey at the G. Wash Lonsberger home above Pleasant Gap.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Saturday and taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Rider, in Bush's Addition, where funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. H. Yocum, of the Methodist church.

KEENAN.—Word was received in Bellefonte on Wednesday of the death of Miss Bella Keenan, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary J. Brown, at Dunellen, N. J.

BAKER.—On Friday evening, January 2nd, at her home in Lemont, Miss Mary Baker died from a stroke of paralysis.

HUEY.—The funeral of Hamill Huey, the young man who was the victim of a shooting accident on Tuesday of last week and who died at the Bellefonte hospital on Thursday, particulars of which were given in last week's WATCHMAN,

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.—A young man who gave his name as James Henderson was arrested near Howard on Saturday on the charge of forgery.

PAYMENT OF BOUNTIES SUSPENDED.—In July, 1913, the State Legislature passed an Act providing for the payment of bounties on noxious animals from the money received from hunters' licenses.

THE INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THE FACT that Henderson was unknown to Sanders and that his endorsement of the check was unauthorized and a forgery.

FOR HIGH CLASS JOB WORK come to the WATCHMAN Office.

Jury List for February Court.

Following is the list of jurors drawn for the February term of court beginning the fourth Monday, February 23rd, 1914:

Table listing Grand Jurors and Travers Jurors for the first and second weeks of the February Court term.

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Service Sunday 10:45 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 94 E. High street.

There will be preaching in the Presbyterian church at Milesburg by Rev. W. T. Garraway, of Pittsburgh. Preparatory sermon on Saturday evening, January 10th.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE PARTY.—Mrs. Daniel Dreibleis, of State College, gave a birthday surprise party for her daughter, Miss Mary Dreibleis, on Saturday evening, January 3rd.

The evening was spent in playing games and indulging in the innocent fun of such occasions. After the refreshments were served the guests departed for their respective homes, wishing Miss Dreibleis many more such occasions.

BUSINESS PLACES RAIDED FOR GAMBLING DEVICES.—Complaint being made about various gambling devices in certain business places in Bellefonte district attorney D. Paul Fortney and constable R. B. Montgomery last Saturday morning made a general clean-up of the town.

THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.—Following the war with Spain, many societies were organized among its returning soldiers who sought to emulate the example of the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memories of their military or naval services.

THEY NOW HAVE 50 camps in the Keystone State and several thousands of members, having added nine camps and about 750 comrades to their numbers in the last few months.

THE MUSKER FARM SOLD FOR \$32,000.—On Tuesday G. Fred Musser, representing the heirs of the late Emanuel Musser, sold the farm they owned in College township to the Pennsylvania State College for \$32,000.

S. D. Ray is planning to erect a substantial building on the location of the old Bartruff carriage works near the big spring, and move his shirt factory there from its present location in the Lauderbach-Barber company building.