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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

ANOTHER GOOD MAN GONE.—The Hon. Henry J. McAteer, one of the most prominent Democrats of this section of the State, former State Senator from Huntingdon county, and one of the most widely and favorably known residents of Central Pennsylvania, died at his home in Alexandria, on Tuesday morning at five o'clock, of pneumonia.

Mr. McAteer had been in excellent health up until last November when he was injured in an automobile mishap which occurred near Frankstown when Dr. Brallier, of Alexandria, was killed, and in which Mr. McAteer sustained a broken rib and other injuries, since which time he has not been in the best of health. He contracted pneumonia a few days ago but his condition was not regarded as serious until Monday. He was born in West township, Huntingdon county, January 4, 1838, and was seventy-seven years of age. He lived on a farm until he was twenty years of age. He received his education in the public schools. On May 1, 1859, he secured employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad company and for ten years filled important positions in the passenger service of that company.

In the fall of 1869, he was elected to the State Senate from the District comprising Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata counties. He served two terms in that body, becoming prominent as a Democrat and active and influential in State politics. In 1895 he was made Deputy Surveyor of the Port at Philadelphia, which position he filled to the satisfaction of his party during Mr. Cleveland's entire term. He was engaged in the coal business. Mr. McAteer was married to Miss Clara Houtz and had lived until the coming October the couple would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John Black, of Alexandria.

Mr. McAteer was a man of the highest ideals of honor, the most generous impulses and one in whom principle and desire to do a favor, or to be of some use to his fellowmen seemed largely to predominate. No man worthy of aid or assistance or sympathy, failed to find a friend or assistant in Mr. McAteer, and no effort or movement for the betterment of the individual or the community but was accorded his warmest support and most generous aid. He was a devoted supporter of the Presbyterian church and an active participant in every movement intended to elevate the public thought or social welfare. His death will be a serious loss to both the moral and political forces of this section, and many men will pass before one to take his place in either church or party will be found.

The funeral will take place at two o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, burial to be made at Alexandria.

CROSS.—Cornelius Allen Cross, well known in Bellefonte and throughout Centre county, died last Thursday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Lloyd Robinson, of Philipsburg, after several months' illness with cancer of the liver.

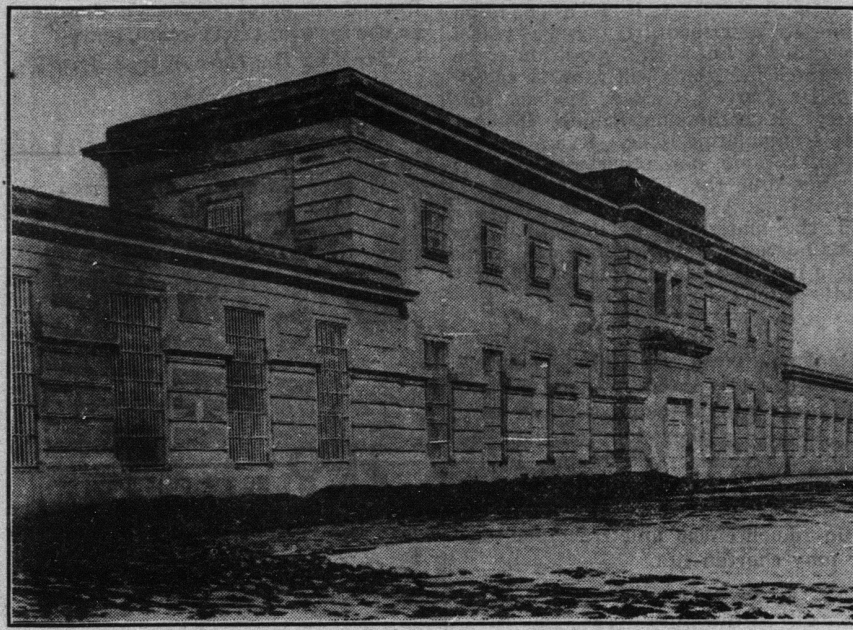
Deceased was a son of William and Elizabeth Cross and was born at Boalsburg on October 25th, 1848, making his age 66 years, 3 months and 24 days. He was a laborer by occupation but since his residence in Philipsburg had been constable in the First ward, an office he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Cross was twice married, his first wife being Martha Jane Hartscock, of Buffalo Run valley, to whom he was married on June 17th, 1875. They had one child, now Mrs. Meek, wife of Dr. R. H. Meek, of Avis. On May 17th, 1883, he was married to Louisa Jane Kauffman, of Warriorsmark, who died some years ago leaving two daughters, Mrs. Hugh S. Taylor, of Bellefonte, and Miss Della M., a nurse in training. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Robinson, of Philipsburg, and Mrs. J. L. Mulhollen, of Bellefonte.

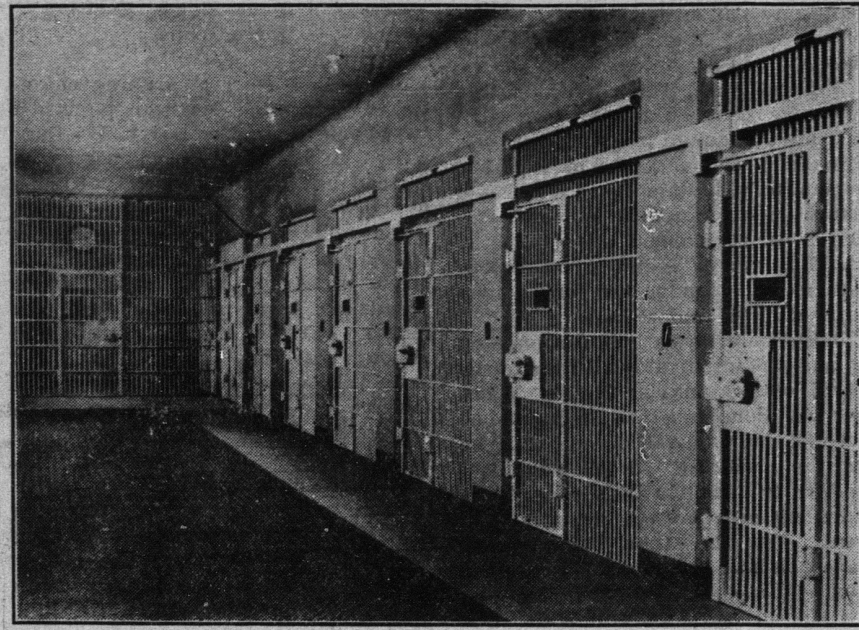
Funeral services were held at the Robinson home at 8.45 o'clock on Sunday evening by Rev. R. P. Miller, of the Presbyterian church, and on Monday the remains were taken by train to Port Matilda thence across the mountain for interment in Gray's cemetery in Halfmoon valley.

DIXON.—Following a general breakdown in health Mrs. Eliza Dixon died at the home of her son Robert in Snow Shoe, last Saturday, aged 79 years, 1 month and 8 days. She was born in County Belamainy, Ireland, coming to this country in 1872, a year later she located in Snow Shoe and had lived there ever since. Surviving her are the following children: George and Thomas, of Clymer; Alex., of Nant-y-Glo; Mrs. Lizzie Hodge, of Patton; James, of Glen Ritchey; Adam, Robert, and Mrs. Tenie Cooper, of Snow Shoe. The funeral was held on Tuesday, burial being made in Askey's cemetery.

Pennsylvania Building and Equipment for Inflicting Capital Punishment.



ELECTROCUTION BUILDING.



CELLS FOR CONDEMNED MEN.

ROBB.—The sudden death of J. H. Robb, at the family home at State College on Sunday evening, was quite unexpected and quite a shock to his family and friends. Mr. Robb had been a sufferer with tuberculosis the past year but as late as four o'clock on Sunday afternoon sat up in bed and chatted with friends, apparently feeling stronger than he had for some days. Shortly before seven o'clock he was seized with a coughing spell and died within a few minutes.

John Herbert Robb was a son of Henry H. and Alice A. Robb and was born at Nittany on January 29th, 1884, hence at his death was 31 years and 23 days old. He graduated at the Bellefonte High school and shortly thereafter accepted a position with the Potter Abstract company, of Pittsburgh, looking up titles to land in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In the spring 1903 he resigned that position to accept a clerkship in the Centre County bank and after six years service severed his connection with that institution to accept a clerkship with the Bellefonte Trust company. Mr. Robb was courteous and obliging in his dealings with the public and had many friends in Bellefonte and throughout the county. He held his position at the Bellefonte Trust company until about a year ago when he was compelled to resign on account of ill health.

Surviving the deceased are his mother, Mrs. Alice A. Robb, of State College, and the following brothers and sisters: Nelson E., of State College; A. G. and L. R. Robb, of Altoona; Mrs. Samuel Cole, of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. J. A. Miller, of Franklinville, N. Y.; Mrs. S. T. Swartz, of Tusseyville; C. Edward and Mrs. W. Harrison Walker, of Bellefonte, and Miss Helen Robb, of State College.

Mr. Robb was a member of the Presbyterian church and Rev. G. E. Hawes had charge of the funeral services which were held at the W. Harrison Walker home on east Linn street at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

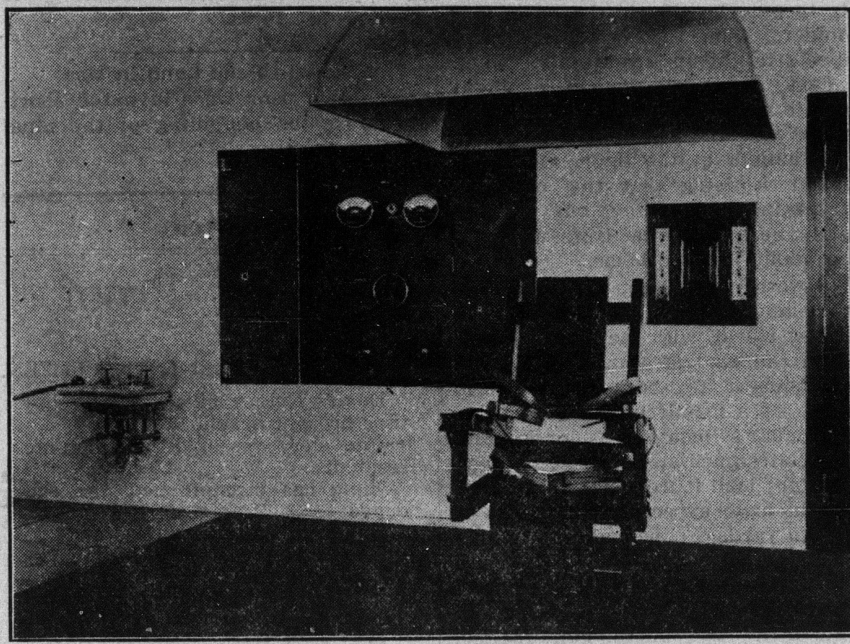
FORTNEY.—John A. Fortney, a well known resident of Harris township, was found dead in bed at his home in Boalsburg last Sunday morning. He had not been in good health for several years but was able to be around and look after his farming interests. He retired to bed Saturday night feeling no worse than usual and Sunday morning when his wife called him for breakfast he did not respond. She went to his room to see what was wrong and found him cold in death.

He was born in Ohio fifty-six years ago but came to Centre county when a youth and learned the trade of a plasterer. This he followed most of his life and by thrift and economy finally became the owner of several fine farms in Harris township as well as a nice home in Boalsburg. He was a good citizen and held various township offices, all of which he filled with the utmost fidelity. He was a member of the Reformed church from boyhood and a ruling elder in the same.

On April 10th, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie L. Dannelly, of Pine Grove Mills, who survives with two children: George Dannelly Fortney, of Harris township, and Miss Beulah, at home. He also leaves two brothers, Philip and James, of Indianapolis; and one sister, Mrs. Annie Patterson, of Boalsburg.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Boalsburg at 10.30 o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. S. C. Stover, after which burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

ROUSH.—Mrs. Elizabeth Roush, widow of Henry Roush, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Detwiler, at Centre Hall, on Tuesday morning. She had been a sufferer for some weeks with a complication of diseases. She was seventy-four years old last Christmas, and was well known throughout Nittany and Pennsylvanias. Surviving her are seven children, namely: Mrs. E. A. Shook, Spring Mills; James W. Roush, Aaronsburg; Mrs. John Detwiler, Centre Hall; Mrs. I. A. Weaver, Salona; Dora Roush, of Lock Haven; Mrs. D. C. Duck, of Clintondale, and John F. Roush, of State College. The funeral will be held at ten o'clock this morning, burial to be made in the Heckman cemetery near Penn Hall.



DEATH CHAIR AND SWITCHBOARD.

John Talap Suffers Death by Electrocution.

Pennsylvania's New Method of Inflicting Capital Punishment Tried for First Time on Tuesday. Eighteen Persons Witness the Electrocution of John Talap at New Death House. No Hitch or No Bungling.

The new death house at the western penitentiary in Benner township took its first toll of death on Tuesday morning when John Talap, a Hungarian, was electrocuted for the murder of his wife. It took three distinct shocks before the man was pronounced dead by the official physician in charge, though the first shock would undoubtedly have caused death. Eighteen persons witnessed the execution. They included the jury which was composed of Aaron C. Hess, of Lancaster, the father of the Act of the Legislature providing electrocution as the means of capital punishment in Pennsylvania; John R. McLean Jr., and Silas Rowland, of Philadelphia; Dr. E. A. Kell, of Pottstown; Sheriff Peter A. Johns, of Untown; and Jacob H. Hoy, of Bellefonte. The physicians present were Dr. R. J. Campbell, resident physician at the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh; Dr. J. W. Crane, of the New Jersey penitentiary, and Dr. J. F. Corby, resident physician of the Centre county institution. The other witnesses were Maurice Broderick and Gilbert S. Smith, of the Buchanan Electrical company, Philadelphia, who furnished and installed the equipment of the building; John Francis, representing John T. Windrim, the architect, and six newspaper men. The details of the electrocution were in charge of parole officer John P. Egan, although he was not a witness.

Talap was brought to the death house from the Montgomery county prison on Monday of last week and though he was informed at the time where he had been taken he was not told how long he had to live. Even as late as Monday morning he asked his guard how many days he yet had but it is against the rules to give any such information. From the time he was taken to the death house Talap evinced a pronounced nervousness and restlessness, and slept very little at night. On Monday afternoon Rev. Antonio Ulanitzky, pastor of the Greek Catholic church at Ramey, went to the death house as Talap's spiritual adviser. The condemned man received him willingly and hearkened to his spiritual ministrations. Monday evening Talap made a confession and afterwards appeared less nervous. Father Ulanitzky remained with him during the entire night and about midnight Talap fell asleep and slept profoundly until awakened by the guard at five o'clock. He then got up, bathed and dressed in the suit in which he went to the death chair. He ate rather a hearty breakfast and at 6.30 o'clock the last rites of the Greek church were administered. By this Talap knew that the dread day had arrived but he had no knowledge of the hour or minute until at 7.14 o'clock when two guards stepped up and unlocking the door went in and slit his trouser legs to the knees and then clipped his hair so that the electrodes at the base of his brain and on his ankles would touch the bare skin. They then told Talap his time had come.

Father Ulanitzky led the way holding the crucifix aloft that the condemned man could gaze upon it to the last. Talap was supported on either side by a guard and though he did not break down

he walked with lagging step and was supported by the guards. The death chair stands close to the right of the door in the electrocution chamber and it was only a step and the guards seated him in the chair. An agonizing shudder passed over his body while the electrodes were being placed on his ankles and head and his wrists strapped in place. A heavy leather mask was slipped over his face and one minute from the time he entered the death chamber a guard waved a handkerchief and the electrician at the switch board a little to the right and rear of the chair pressed a button and 2,150 volts, 21 amperes, of electric fluid shot through the man's body. There was a convulsion of the muscles plainly perceptible to the witnesses on the other side of the room, but no sound came from the man's lips. The current was kept on sixteen seconds then turned off for about a minute. A second shock of 2,150 volts, 21 amperes, was given and continued for 12 seconds. When the current was turned off the second time Dr. Campbell examined the man and advised a third shock. This was composed of 2,100 volts, 14 to 18 amperes, and was continued only five seconds. When the current was again turned off Dr. Campbell made another examination and turning to the witnesses stated that "I officially pronounce this man dead." This was at 7.21, and with the announcement the witnesses left the death chamber.

Straps were unfastened and electrodes disconnected and the body of Talap was carried by the guards into the autopsy room. It was posted the same afternoon and shortly after five o'clock in the evening the remains were taken in charge by undertaker F. E. Naginy and brought to Bellefonte, and at seven o'clock the same evening they were buried in the Catholic cemetery in this place. Father Ulanitzky, assisted by a priest from St. Mary's read the burial service.

Talap was born in Hungary and was thirty-two years old. His only relatives in this country are two small children. The crime for which he was electrocuted was the murder of his wife on August 6th, 1913, while on their way home from Pottstown to Stowe. He shot her twice, afterwards claiming the shooting was accidental. It was the general opinion, however, that the crime was actuated by jealousy. Talap was convicted on October 11th, 1913, and applications for a new trial and commutation of sentence were refused.

Naturally this being the first electrocution in Pennsylvania, and especially in the new death house in Centre county, it attracted considerable publicity. But now that the efficiency of the equipment at the death house has been thoroughly tested and the new system of capital punishment duly installed public interest in the electrocutions will doubtless abate.

The next electrocution will take place the week of March 1st, when James Boyd, colored, of Philadelphia, will be put to death. Others sentenced to die in the electric chair are: Ruzzo Tassone, of Lancaster, during the week beginning March 8th; Arthur Simons, of Tioga, during the week of March 22nd, and Nicolò Mordallo, of Fayette, during the week of April 5th.

YEAGER.—Maurice Yeager died at his boarding house in Pittsburgh last Friday night following an illness of over a year with dropsy and heart trouble. During last fall and the early winter his condition was so serious that he spent some weeks in the West Penn hospital but along about the holidays he improved sufficiently to leave that institution, and it was only a week or so before his death that his condition became critical.

Deceased was a son of Henry and Emma Yeager and was born in Bellefonte on July 29th, 1869, hence was 45 years, 6 months and 21 days old. Most of his life was spent in Bellefonte, at one time being landlord of the Brant house and later a leading member of the Yeager Swing company. Of late years he has been a traveling salesman with headquarters in Pittsburgh.

He spent several years in New York twenty or more years ago and it was while there he was married to Miss Margaret Cassel, of New York city, who survives with three children: Fred, a student at State College; Margaret and Mary, living with their mother in this place. He also leaves one brother and two sisters, Harry Yeager and Mrs. Edward Harper, both of Bellefonte, and Mrs. J. O'Connell, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Sunday morning and taken to his home on Bishop street where funeral services were held at ten o'clock Monday morning by Rev. E. H. Yocum, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

KELLER.—Mrs. Margaret Keller, widow of the late David Keller, died at her home in Boalsburg on Friday of last week of general infirmities. Her maiden name was Margaret Shoenberger, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shoenberger, and she was born on September 23rd, 1823, making her age 91 years, 5 months and 16 days. She was the last surviving member of the Shoenberger family.

When but eighteen years of age she was united in marriage to Mr. David Keller, of Boalsburg, and all their married life was spent on a farm near that village. Mr. Keller died on June 27th, 1904, since which time she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. L. Mothersbaugh, the first few years on the homestead farm and since then in Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Keller had six children who grew to manhood and womanhood, namely: William D. Keller, who died several years ago; Ephriam K. Keller, of Pleasant Gap; Kate, married to Austin Dale, of Harris township, who died a number of years ago; Elizabeth, wife of Leonidas Mothersbaugh, of Boalsburg; George S. Keller, of State College, and Dr. U. S. G. Keller, of Freeport, Ill.

Mrs. Keller was a member of the Reformed church and Rev. S. C. Stover had charge of the funeral which was held at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Reformed cemetery, Boalsburg. All the living children were home for the funeral.

HEBERLING.—Following a long illness as the result of a paralytic stroke Mrs. Sarah Heberling, widow of the late J. G. Heberling, died at her home in Pine Grove Mills at noon last Saturday. She was a daughter of James and Mary Dunlop and was born at Rock Forge on October 3rd, 1839, hence was in her seventy-sixth year. Her father, Capt. James Dunlop was well known in military circles during his life and for years was manager of the Rock iron works. In 1856 the family moved to Pine Grove Mills and on Thanksgiving day, 1867, Miss Sarah was united in marriage to J. George Heberling. With the exception of two years in the west all their married life was spent in Pine Grove Mills. Mrs. Heberling was a woman of many splendid qualities, a member of the Lutheran church and a sincere Christian.

Mr. Heberling died in July, 1911, but surviving her are three children: James Benton and Musser Everhart Heberling, of State College, and Estella May, at home. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. D. Port and Mrs. H. M. Stover, both of Altoona. Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church on Monday afternoon. Rev. L. S. Spangler officiated and burial was made in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Following a brief illness with pneumonia Mrs. Samuel H. Williams died at her rooms in Tanner's boarding house about eight o'clock last Saturday morning. She caught cold while attending the evangelistic meetings in the armory and pneumonia later developed. The attack was not a severe one but a weak heart resulted in her death.

Her maiden name was Laura E. Hamilton, a daughter of James and Hannah Waddle Hamilton, and she was born on the old Hamilton homestead at Pleasant Gap on June 6th, 1846, making her age 68 years, 7 months and 14 days. She was married to Mr. Williams in 1882 and they made their home in Bellefonte during all their married life. Mr. Williams died three years ago but surviving the deceased is one daughter, Marilla Williams, of State College. She also leaves one step-daughter, Mrs. A. L. McGinley, and three step-sons, Horatio C. Williams, John Harry and Willis E. Three sisters also survive, namely: Mrs. E. D. Satterfield, Mrs. William Dawson and Mrs. John Noll.

Funeral services were held at the Tanner residence at two o'clock Monday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. E. H. Yocum, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

MCCLELLAN.—Mrs. Eliza McClellan, widow of the late Joseph R. McClellan, died quite suddenly at noon on Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Frantz, at Centre Hall. She suffered a stroke of paralysis on Christmas day but was able to be around and her death on Wednesday was caused by heart failure.

Deceased was a daughter of Judge and Mrs. Aaron Middleworth and was born at Beavertown, Snyder county, on December 7th, 1840, making her age 74 years, 2 months and 17 days. She was married to Joseph R. McClellan in 1860 and most of their married life was spent in Centre county. Mr. McClellan died a number of years ago but surviving her are the following children: Rev. William A. McClellan, of Rockwood; Mrs. Harry Frantz, of Earlstown; Robert H., of Linden Hall; Elmer A., Mrs. Cora J. Burchfield and Harry A., of Tusseyville; Charles E., of Millheim, and Frank J., of Centre Hall. She also leaves three brothers. The funeral will be held from the Frantz home at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Revs. Kurtz and Jones will officiate and burial be made at Tusseyville.

SWEENEY.—Mrs. Susan Sweeney, widow of George Sweeney, died early last Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Gregg, of Altoona, after an illness of over three months with heart trouble. Her maiden name was Susan Bitner and she was born at Tusseyville on November 24th, 1840, making her age 74 years, 2 months and 24 days. She was married to George Sweeney fifty years ago and most of their married life was spent at Centre Hall. Mr. Sweeney died about five years ago since which time Mrs. Sweeney made her home with her daughter. Surviving the deceased are four children, J. M. Sweeney, of Rosedale, Kan.; Mrs. N. C. Yarnell, Linden Hall; Mrs. G. W. Rowe, Boalsburg, and Mrs. Andrew Gregg, Altoona. She also leaves one brother and a sister, William Bitner, of Tusseyville, and Mrs. John Neyhart, of Cowan, Union county. Funeral services were held at the Gregg home in Altoona on Saturday morning and the same afternoon the remains were taken to Centre Hall for interment.

Sylvester M. Parsons, of Tyrone, one of the best known engineers on the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania railroad, will be placed on the retired list on March first after forty-eight years service with the company. Mr. Parsons was born at Milesburg on February 18th, 1845. When but eighteen years old he came to Bellefonte and enlisted as a private in Company C, Forty-fourth regiment for service during the Civil war and made a good record. He entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad company in 1867 and has been in the company's employ ever since.

COUNTY CONSTABLES ORGANIZE.—The constables of Centre county formed an organization on Monday, at a meeting in the grand jury room, and elected the following officers: President, Thomas J. McMahon, of State College; vice president, J. H. Maize, of Millheim; secretary and treasurer, H. R. Nash, of Philipsburg. A committee was appointed to formulate resolutions upon questions in which the organization is especially interested and report at the next session of court, when another meeting will be held.

Announcement was made last week of the engagement of Walter B. Furst, of New Haven, Conn., and Miss Edith Whittier, of New York city. Mr. Furst is the youngest son of Mrs. Austin O. Furst, of Bellefonte, but since graduating from State College in 1909, has been private secretary to John T. Manson, of New Haven. Arrangements have been made for a June wedding.

Prof. Crane, of the mining and engineering department of State College, gave an illustrated lecture Tuesday night on life in Alaska. Prof. Crane's talk, which was based upon a personal experience of a fifteen months travel through Alaska, was given before the Layman's club, at the Parish home of the Episcopal church, to a most appreciative audience.