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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Widow Wants Big Compensation.

An interesting hearing under the Workman's Compensation act was held in the writing room at the Brock-erhoff house last Thursday before W. W. Champion, of Williamsport, referee for this district. The hearing was on the application of Mrs. H. Arthur Yeager, of Howard, for compensation for the death of her husband who was instantly killed by lightning while working for the Centre Brick and Clay company, at Orrviston.

Yeager was employed as a miner in the coal mines of the company and was at the mouth of the drift on September 5th, 1916, when a heavy thunder storm occurred. Yeager and two other employees, Charles Boone, of Orrviston, and Robert Mann, of Marsh Creek, as well as Robert Confer, of Howard, who happened to be talking to the men at the time, took refuge from the storm in the mouth of the drift. A bolt of lightning struck a tree a short distance away, jumping from there to the steel rail running into the mine. Yeager happened to be standing with one foot on the rail and he was instantly killed. The other men were only shocked.

At the hearing on Thursday Mrs. Yeager was represented by J. Kennedy Johnston Esq., while Robert M. Wade Esq., of Pittsburgh, looked after the interests of the Aetna Life Insurance company, which carries the compensation insurance for the Centre Clay and Brick company. In her testimony Mrs. Yeager claimed that her husband's average earnings were \$24.00 a week and that she and her three children had been left without any means of support. Many witnesses were heard and some interesting testimony given. A decision in the case will probably be forthcoming in the next two weeks.

Two Veteran Engineers to be Retired.

George J. Gibbs and Carson Smith, two veteran engineers on the Pennsylvania railroad will be retired from service within the next few days, they both having taken the customary retirement examination in Altoona last Friday.

Gibbs was born in Massachusetts in 1851 and went to work as a fireman on the Tyrone division in 1871. In March, 1875, he was promoted to an engineer, and four years later placed on a permanent run. At that time his runs alternated over the Bald Eagle and Tyrone and Clearfield. A number of years ago when the alternate runs were abandoned Gibbs, as senior engineer was given his choice of runs and he took the train from Tyrone to Lock Haven in the morning and back at noon, reaching Tyrone at 2.15 p. m. During his forty-five years of service engineer Gibbs has traveled on his engine approximately 1,500,000 miles, equivalent to sixty trips around the world. He never had a bad accident but in 1881 he narrowly escaped death when his engine blew up at the Tyrone station.

Carson Smith was born in Franklin county in 1852 and became a fireman on the Tyrone division in 1877. He was promoted to an engineer in 1881 and assigned to the passenger service in 1891. For many years he hauled what was generally known as the Bald Eagle "Flyer," No. 6432. On account of physical disability he was compelled to give up this run in March, 1913, but was retained in service as traveling engineman.

Examination for Postmaster at Pleasant Gap.

The United States Civil Service commission announces that an examination will be held at Bellefonte, Pa., to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Pleasant Gap, the compensation of which amounted to \$474 for the last fiscal year. The age limit is twenty-one years and older. The examination is open to all citizens of the United States. Application forms and full information concerning the requirements and date of examination can be had by application to the postmaster at Pleasant Gap.

The Stags Are Coming.

The Lock Haven Stags will come to Bellefonte next Monday evening to see their basket ball team play the Bellefonte Academy five that return game that was to have been played two weeks ago. The Stags have been playing a strong game this season and Bellefonte lovers of the sport can feel assured of seeing an exciting contest.

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BOULTON.—Mrs. Jennie M. Boulton died very unexpectedly at her home in Franklin at 9.35 o'clock on Sunday night. She contracted a heavy cold a little over a week previous but attended services at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday, March 4th as was her custom. Her condition showed no improvement the next day and she took her bed on Tuesday. By Wednesday her illness had developed into pneumonia and she gradually grew worse until the end, though she was conscious almost to the last moment.

Deceased was a daughter of Charles and Anna McBride and was born in Bellefonte on September 25th, 1835, hence was 81 years, 5 months and 14 days old. As a girl she was given a splendid education and early in life engaged in teaching school. She taught several years in Bellefonte then went to Venango county and taught at Sugar Creek and later in the Union school building, Franklin. Scores of the older residents of Franklin point with pride to the fact that they were old-time pupils of hers, while there are still living in Bellefonte a few people who went to school to her when she taught here.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Boulton left Bellefonte about sixty years ago she never lost her interest in the town of her birth or the people here. Almost every year she made it a point to come back to Bellefonte for a week or two, or perhaps longer, and any person from Bellefonte or Centre county always found a warm welcome at her home. She was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian church of Franklin and for a long time had been president of the Ladies' Aid society, and had filled other responsible church offices. She was a woman with a heart overflowing with kindness and never let an opportunity go by to do a good turn for anyone in need or distress.

On July 30th, 1872, she was united in marriage to Daniel Hammer Boulton, of Oil City, who died fifteen years ago. She leaves, however, one daughter, Dr. Eleanor Boulton, of New York, and a step-son, W. E. Boulton, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian church of Franklin at 7.30 o'clock on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday morning the remains were taken to Pittsburgh for interment beside those of her husband in the Allegheny cemetery.

ROUP.—Mrs. Viola May Roup, wife of William Roup, died at her home near Martinsburg on Saturday evening as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained at noon the same day, although she had been in ill health for some time.

Deceased was a daughter of Shadrack and Rebecca Williams and was born at Martha, this county, on September 6th, 1864, hence was 52 years, 6 months and 4 days old. Most of her life since her marriage had been spent in Blair county. She was a member of the Baptist church at Bellwood and was a woman highly respected by all who knew her.

Surviving her are her husband and the following children: Charles, of Cleveland, Ohio; Akron, of Tyrone; Shadrack, of Altoona; Joseph, of Alexandria; Camden, of Altoona; Vesta, Paul and Frank, at home. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: William Williams, of McKees Rocks; Byron and Powell, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Wilson Stiver, of Martha; Mrs. R. R. Richards, of Jersey Shore; Mrs. Robert Neil, of Matternville, and Mrs. Orvis Williams, of Port Matilda.

The remains were brought to Martha on the noon train on Tuesday and taken to the Baptist church where funeral services were held at 1.30 o'clock by Rev. H. H. McElroy, of Huntingdon, after which burial was made in the Williams cemetery.

KINNEY.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kinney died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Fry, at Tipton, on Friday morning of last week following an attack of pneumonia. She was born in Ferguson township, this county, on October 14th, 1836, hence at her death was 80 years, 5 months and 4 days old. When but fourteen years old she became a member of the Presbyterian church at Graysville and ever since had lived a conscientious, christian life. She was married to Jackson Kinney in 1852 and the result of the union was eight daughters and two sons. The husband, six daughters and one son preceded her to the grave, the survivors being Mrs. George Fry, of Tipton; Mrs. R. C. Myers, of Altoona, and James Kinney, of Cleveland, Ohio. Funeral services were held in the Grazierville Methodist church on Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. W. Bieber, after which burial was made in the Grazierville cemetery.

ZEIGLER.—Mrs. Elizabeth R. Zeigler, mother of George W. Zeigler Esq., of Phillipsburg, died at Danville on Sunday, aged eighty-five years. She was the widow of Adam B. Zeigler. The remains were buried in Riverview cemetery, Huntingdon, on Tuesday afternoon.

Favorably Impressed with State College and Penitentiary.

What was probably one of the longest continuous tours of inspection of State institutions ever made by members of the Legislature ended last Saturday night when chairman James F. Woodward and twenty-three members of the House Appropriation committee returned to Harrisburg after a week's trip over the State. Among the institutions visited were The Pennsylvania State College and the new penitentiary at Rockview. In reviewing the impressions made upon the members of the committee by the various institutions visited Chairman Woodward had the following to say about the College and penitentiary:

"At the State College we found as fine a body of students as you can find in any school in the United States. The State should be proud of that school, and I hope we will be able to make sufficient appropriation to give it the additional buildings badly needed.

"We visited the Rockview penitentiary at night. It is my opinion that when it is completed it will be superior to anything of its kind in the country. It is being built on the most modern plan. The State has spent about \$900,000 on it and has got more for its money than is the case with any other similar institution in the State. The prisoners are practically building the institution. There are 450 of them, able-bodied and skilled in all the trades. They are doing all the building operations and getting the material off the State's own property. The site in the Nittany valley is ideal for the purpose and most beautiful. There is an abundant supply of pure water and several thousand acres, a great deal of which is very fertile. We are looking forward to the time when, under the prison labor act, the institution will be furnishing equipment for most of the State institutions for about the actual cost of raw material."

Electrocuted at Philipsburg.

Robert Taylor, a lineman for the Penn Public Service company at Philipsburg, was electrocuted early Sunday morning when he came in contact with a live wire at the company's power house in that place. The electrical storm of Saturday night did some damage at the power house and also caused some wire trouble. Taylor was helping assistant superintendent Thomas Armstrong and Samuel Burris, electrician, repair the damage. He was working on a ladder inside the power house when a live wire came in contact with those he was working on, and twenty-two thousand volts of electricity shot through his body, causing instant death. Armstrong and Burris both climbed the ladder and endeavored to pull Taylor loose, without avail, and both were badly burned in doing so. It was necessary to turn off the current to rescue Taylor's body which was burned to a crisp. Armstrong and Burris were both taken to the hospital for treatment.

The unfortunate young man was a son of Henry Taylor, of Cresson, trainmaster of the Cresson division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and was thirty-two years old. He had been working for the Penn Public Service company at Philipsburg about a year. He leaves his wife and three small children; his parents, one brother and three sisters. The remains were taken to Irwin, Pa., where burial was made on Tuesday afternoon.

Thimble-Bees Growing in Popularity.

That the W. C. T. U. "Thimble-Bees," where the ladies sew for charity, Red Cross and Preparedness, are growing in popularity was evidenced by the large attendance at Mrs. John Bullock's last Wednesday, where every one had such a good time. The fourth of these "Bees" will be held next Wednesday afternoon, March 21st, at 2.30 at the Mrs. L. H. Gettig home on Bishop street, where the sewing will be for the Bellefonte hospital.

It may not be generally known that the Bellefonte W. C. T. U. supports, and has done so for many years, a private room at the hospital, furnished it completely and keeps it replenished with all that is needed.

As stated before, all women, whether members or not, are cordially invited to these "Thimble-Bees."

This Week Twenty Years Ago.

Plans were started for the new public building on Howard street.

W. T. Achenbach closed his jewelry store and moved to Glen Falls, N. Y.

W. L. Daggett released the Bush house for another five years.

An unknown man was killed on the railroad at Powelton.

Jacob Hassel and Miss Rosa Baum, and ex-sheriff D. W. Woodring and Miss Mary Galbraith were united in marriage.

Judge John G. Love handed down an opinion in the contest of Abram V. Miller against W. M. Cronister, on the election of sheriff of Centre county, in which he awarded the contest to the latter and placed the costs on the county.

Swartz—Boyce.—In our issue of January 19th we published an announcement of the engagement of Miss Mable R. Boyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyce, of Willowbank street, to Benjamin F. Swartz, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln H. Swartz, of Hubersburg, and the fact has finally leaked out that the young people were married at that time. To be exact, they were married in Uniontown on December 27th but decided to keep their wedding a secret until spring, as Miss Boyce was the very efficient teacher of the Bush's Addition school.

But the bridegroom's father told a friend "in confidence" and of course the secret leaked until it got to the ears of some of the bride's most intimate friends. The result was that the Beaux Esprits, a club of eighteen young ladies of which she is a member, met at the Boyce home on Wednesday evening and during the social frivolities one of the members very sedately announced the fact of Miss Boyce's marriage, much to that young lady's discomfiture. Of course the only thing she then could do was to admit the fact and inform her young friends that she had tendered her resignation as teacher of the Bush's Addition school to take effect yesterday, and that before very long she would join her husband at Erie and they would go to housekeeping.

Mr. Swartz is a graduate of State College class of 1916, in the electrical engineering course and has a good position at Erie.

Harris—Harris.—Coming with as much of a surprise as the announcement of their engagement was the news last week of the re-marriage of J. Linn Harris, of this place, and Mrs. Marie A. Polsgrove Harris, of Carlisle, announcement of the fact having been made the latter part of the week by Mrs. Harris' parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Polsgrove. The wedding took place on Tuesday, March 6th, at Bel Air, Md., the ceremony being performed by Rev. B. W. Kindler. Mr. and Mrs. Harris will be at home at Carlisle after May 15th. Contrary to expectations Mr. Harris will not resign as chairman of the Republican county committee in the near future, as he expects to spend a day or two every week in Bellefonte for an indefinite time.

Orner—Crebs.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin R. Crebs, at Madisonburg, was the scene of a pretty wedding last Thursday morning, when their daughter, Miss Clarissa Ruth Crebs, became the bride of Raymond P. Orner, son of William H. Orner, of Mill Hall. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. Metzger, of Rebersburg, the ring service being used. About two dozen guests were present to witness the happy event. Following a delicious wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Orner left on a wedding trip to eastern cities. The bride was the recipient of many valuable presents.

McCloskey—Butler.—William O. McCloskey, of Orrviston, and Miss Mary Matilda Butler, of Lock Haven, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias W. McCloskey, Lock Haven, at one o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. Homer C. Bollitt. The young couple will make their home at Orrviston.

Elks Elect Officers.

At a regular meeting of the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks on Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Exalted Ruler—Clyde E. Shuey. Esteemed Leading Knight—Chester H. Barnes.

Esteemed Loyal Knight—D. E. Washburn. Esteemed Lecturing Knight—S. D. Gettig.

Secretary—W. C. Armstrong. Treasurer—C. O. Witmer. Tiler—M. J. Kern.

Trustee—John Noll. Representative to the Grand Lodge—Edward M. Gehret.

Alternate—John J. Bower. District deputy R. J. Haggood, of Bradford, and O. H. Cowell, of Sunbury, president of the Elks State reunion association, were visitors during the evening.

A special feature of the evening was a brief memorial address on the late Thomas A. Shoemaker by Hon. Ellis L. Orvis.

—Charles Harvey Hile, vice president of the Boston elevated system, who has been in Washington for the past five months resting from a general break down, has so far recovered that he expects to be back at his desk by April 1st. This will be cheerful news to his many friends in this section.

—Over a dozen foreigners applied at the prothonotary's office yesterday for their first papers in naturalization but when it came to answering the questions in the declaration there were only four of them who could do so correctly.

—The home of Harry Murtoff, on Bishop street, is under quarantine for scarlet fever.

Important Questions for Girls.

What are you going to do? How much training do you need for your chosen work?

What will it pay? How much opportunity is there for advancement?

What chance for service is in it? Will more or less schooling make any difference in the wages received?

Where can you get the best training for the work?

How much will it cost? Is home making really a profession?

What training is needed? Does it pay to study home questions?

Where can you learn? Is college worthwhile?

Is college possible for folks with very little money?

Which ones are best? These are some of the questions which will be answered at the vocational conferences being planned by the Y. W. C. A. The aim is to show what lines of work are open to girls and women in this county, and to give them the information which will help them to decide on the particular line of work in which they wish to engage.

Girls who are not considering a commercial trade will be interested in the home-making discussion. Nursing, teaching, college, housework, business, etc., will be considered. Later announcements will be made of time, place and other details of the conference.

The Centre county Y. W. C. A. physical standard contest banner is of blue and white, in the shape of a shield, with letters in contrasting colors. The shield will be on the stand so that it may be placed upon a table or hung on the wall. The winning club will hold the banner for six months, or until the next county contest. The name of club and date of holding banner will be attached.

The high cost of living may be materially reduced by a good garden—the fresh vegetables in the summer time and the canned ones in the winter. Several of the Y. W. C. A. clubs are entering a vegetable growing and canning contest. Each girl will receive instructions concerning the care of the vegetables and later in canning. The college extension department will furnish help to all desiring it. A record of the crop is kept by each girl and at the general exhibit prizes will be awarded to those who have done the best work. Any person, whether a member of the Association or not, who is interested in the work is welcome to enter. For full information write to the secretary, Miss M. Hiller, Woman's building, State College, Pa.

Following are the concluding stanzas of James Whitcomb Riley's poem, "A Song."

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear, In the midnight black, or the mid-day blue;

The robin pipes when the sun is here, And the cricket chirrups the whole night through.

The buds may blow, and the fruit may grow, And the autumn leaves drop crisp and soar;

But whether the sun, or the rain, or the snow, There is ever a song somewhere, my dear.

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear, Be the skies above or dark or fair, There is ever a song that our hearts may hear—

There is ever a song somewhere, my dear— There is ever a song somewhere!

Delightful Social Occasion.

The mid-winter house party at the Bellefonte Academy last week was a very successful one in every respect.

The dances in the armory and at the Academy, and the basket ball game with the State Freshmen, which the Academy won, afforded an interesting program for the many guests.

Among those in attendance from a distance were Mrs. A. C. Fulton, Mrs. H. R. VanDusen, Misses Mildred Deitrich, Bessie Wilson, Ruth Krouse and Walter Derry, of Scranton; Miss Hattie Rincker, of Wilkes-Barre, and Miss Rip Turner, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The members of the house party were delighted with their brief stay in Bellefonte. "The Serenaders" orchestra, a fine musical organization of Scranton, was entertained at the Academy and furnished the music for three most enjoyable dances.

The Princess Pat.

"The Princess Pat," Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert's latest musical comedy success which has occupied the stage of the Cort theatre, New York, 109 consecutive days will be seen at the Garman opera house Saturday evening, March 17th, with Miss Ruth Welch and an excellent cast, ensemble and orchestra. "The Princess Pat," is one of those charming comic operas, in fact the only one, which carries us back to the days of the Daley theatre when such delightful offerings as "Three Little Maids," and "The Country Girl," were presented. It has all the cleverness of those productions with the sweetness and refinement retained. Prices, 50 and 75 cents, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

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Centre County Highways to be Improved.

State highway superintendent W. D. Meyer and his corps of able assistants are now well along with tentative plans for the improvement of the state highway route through Bald Eagle valley. The one thing most necessary in assuring a good job of it, is the amount of money appropriated for such work by the present Legislature.

As is well known the Bald Eagle valley road is a dirt road from Lock Haven to Tyrone and while it is a splendid road in the summer time when the weather is dry it is one mud hole after another in the spring of the year. To overcome this Mr. Meyer proposes to put down a good bed of slag as a foundation and after that material is thoroughly rolled and rounded up to give it a durable top dressing. The big mountain of slag where the old Nittany furnace stood will furnish ample material to put a good foundation on the entire road, and it will be as convenient and cheap as any material possible to obtain.

As stated above Mr. Meyer's plans so far are only tentative, and will depend to a great extent on the appropriation made by the Legislature, but if the latter is adequate the above gentleman expects to have everything in shape to begin work on or about the first of May, weather permitting. This fact, we feel sure, will be good news to the people of Bald Eagle valley who have been trying for several years to have their public highway put in a better condition.

Spring Movings.

Marcus C. Hanson, and W. F. Young, chaplain of the Rock View penitentiary, have moved into Walter Cohen's new house on Bishop street.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kerk to one of Edward Cooke's houses on E. Linn street, formerly occupied by C. H. Buckius. Mr. Buckius going into Mr. Cooke's property on Willowbank street, to be vacated by Mr. Boyce and his family.

A. R. Everett, a substitute at the postoffice, will move his family to the E. J. Eckenroth property, on Howard street, purchased this week by his father, Jacob Everett, of Coburn.

Charles Lingle shipped his household goods and with his family left Tuesday for Huntingdon, where they anticipate making their home.

Edward Zimmerman and his family have moved from Milesburg into one of the Twitwires houses on Water street.

Frank Davis and family will move from the Strickland property on Bishop street to the old Thomas home vacated by the Gettigs.

Alfred Heverly, of Axe Mann, will move into the Corman home on Bishop street. Mr. Heverly's son-in-law and his family, who have been living in Lancaster, Pa., will come to Centre county to occupy the Heverly home.

Hunter Knisely will move to Oseola Mills in a week or so, where he has been appointed telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

—Dr. Thomas C. VanTries is again back in the United States after his visit to Cuba and during the past week has been lecturing to the people of Florida on "Matters Matrimonial or Getting married," which he claims is the most celebrated lecture in his repertoire.

—F. A. North & Co., large piano dealers in Philadelphia, have leased the vacant room in the Bush Arcade and will arrive here on Monday with a fine display of pianos and other musical instruments.

—The will of the late Thomas A. Shoemaker was probated this week and in it the testator bequeaths his entire estate to his wife, Mrs. Augusta C. Shoemaker, without bond.

—Mr. E. H. Richard is confined to his home on Allegheny street with an attack of tonsillitis.

Secretary Houck Dies from Paralysis of Heart.

Lebanon, Pa., March 14.—Henry Houck, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Internal Affairs, died at his home here early on Tuesday of paralysis of the heart. He died almost immediately following the attack. He celebrated his eighty-first birthday a week ago today, and at that time was apparently in the best of health.

At the time of his death he was serving his third term as Secretary of Internal Affairs. Secretary Houck was educated in the public schools of Lebanon county and in 1859 he was elected superintendent of schools in that county, serving three terms. In 1867 he accepted a position in the State Department of Public Instruction and two years later was made deputy state superintendent of public instruction and served in that capacity for 38 years.

(Mr. Houck was quite well known in Bellefonte, and Centre county, having frequently appeared here as a speaker at the teachers' institute.—Ed.)

McCormick Not Going to Japan.

Harrisburg, March 13.—Vance C. McCormick today denied a rumor that he would be named to succeed the late Ambassador Guthrie at Tokio. "There is nothing to it," he said.