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Prominent Hardware Man Collides With Train.

Early Christmas eve Edward R. Owen, senior partner of the Bellefonte Hardware Co., drove his Ford coupe into the Lewisburg freight as it was passing the south Water street crossing, wrecking the machine and injuring himself so badly that the first rescuers on the scene thought him dead.

Mr. Owen was driving from his home near the hospital to the store. It was early evening, but so dark that when he approached the railroad crossing at the Phoenix pumping station he did not see the freight train, which was late and sliding slowly into the station, until he was not more than twenty feet from it.

As it was, when they reached him, Owen was lying flat in his car, head out one side and feet out the other, unconscious. He was hurried to the hospital where an examination revealed that he was suffering principally from shock.

At first Mr. Owen thought he had been blinded by the accident. The glasses that he relies on mostly for vision were gone and couldn't be found, but when they were finally located behind the back cushion in his car, and put where they are usually worn Ed. found that he could see quite as well as he ever could.

Ivan Walker Appointed District Attorney by Judge Dale.

Ivan Walker, junior member of the law firm of Spangler & Walker, was last Friday appointed district attorney of Centre county by Judge Arthur C. Dale thus filling the office made vacant when Mr. Dale became president judge just one week earlier.

Mr. Walker, the appointee, is a young attorney of considerable ability and promise. While the greater part of his efforts since admission to the Centre county bar have been devoted to office work he has every necessary qualification for a successful practitioner at bar.

\$25,000 Fire at Tyrone.

Fire at an early hour on Sunday morning completely gutted a business block on Pennsylvania avenue, Tyrone, owned by F. G. Albright and George C. Wilson, entailing a loss estimated at \$25,000. In the Wilson section of the building were located Irvin T. Gray & Son and Givler & Nolan's meat market, while Albert Alberts and family occupied the apartments above the meat market.

AIKEN.—Mrs. Adda L. Aiken, for many years a resident of Bellefonte, passed away at her home in Cleveland, Ohio, at 4:45 o'clock on the morning of December 21st, as the result of a general breakdown in health.

She was a daughter of Isaac O. and Emeline Jacobs Odenkirk and was born in the Kishacoquillas valley, Mifflin county, over seventy-nine years ago. Her girlhood life was spent near the place of her birth but immediately after her marriage to John Alexander Aiken they took up their residence in Milroy. Several years later they went to Lewistown where Mr. Aiken formed a partnership with J. M. Bunnell and opened a store for the sale of musical instruments.

Through assisting her husband in the store Mrs. Aiken acquired a keen business instinct and later on opened a ladies furnishing store in one of the rooms in the block, thus becoming one of the pioneer business women in Bellefonte.

She was a member of the Christian Science church and for a number of years had been a lay reader. A woman of charming manner and disposition she had a large circle of friends in Bellefonte and Centre county who deeply deplore her death.

Her husband died about twenty-five years ago and was followed eight months later by her only son, J. Earl Aiken. Surviving her, however, are two daughters, Mrs. George B. Johnston, of Beaver Falls, and Miss Emma, of Cleveland, Ohio. She also leaves three brothers, Homer, Howe and William Odenkirk, all of Wooster, Ohio.

BAILEY.—G. Wash Bailey, a native of Ferguson township, died in a hospital at Seattle, Wash., on Christmas day, following several weeks' illness with uraemic trouble.

MOWERY.—Mrs. Eliza Jane Mowery, wife of Henry Mowery, died at her home at Aaronsburg, on Monday of last week as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained the week previous. She was seventy years old and in addition to her husband is survived by three children, Arthur Burd, a son by her first marriage, who is located in South Dakota; Mrs. Myra Nevel and Mrs. Charles McVey, of Altoona.

RHUE.—Israel N. Rhue died on December 17th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James H. Dixon, near Wallacton, Clearfield county, following an illness of some weeks.

MUSSEY.—John Durst Mussey, son of J. Alfred and Mary Durst Mussey, died at his home in Indiana, Pa., on December 18th, as the result of a stroke of paralysis, aged twenty-one years. He was a graduate of the Indiana Normal school and a member of the Lutheran church.

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HEILHECKER.—The sudden death of Charles W. Heilhecker, for six years general manager of the Bellefonte district of the Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania, was quite a shock to his many friends.

He was a son of Frederick W. and Mary E. Winrode Heilhecker and was born at Williamsport on March 8th, 1868, hence was 56 years, 9 months and 12 days old. When a youth his parents moved to Hanover, where he was educated in the public schools.

Mr. Heilhecker was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard for a period of twenty-three years and during the Spanish-American war served as captain of Company D, Twelfth regiment. His military career ended when he left Williamsport and moved to Lock Haven.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Monday morning, December 22nd, by Rev. William C. Thompson, after which the remains were taken to Williamsport and placed in a receiving vault until their final resting place shall be determined.

WITMER.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Witmer are mourning the death of their eleven month's old daughter, Louisa Anne Witmer, who passed away on the morning of December 19th, following a brief illness with pneumonia. The child contracted a cold the week previous and was apparently on the way to recovery when pneumonia developed causing its death.

MORGAN.—Mrs. Emma Morgan, wife of Ray Morgan, died at her home near Pittsburgh, last Saturday, following a brief illness. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kuhn and was born near Boalsburg, fifty-seven years ago.

PETERSON.—A. S. Peterson, a well known resident of Spruce Creek valley, died at his home at Graysville last Saturday, as the result of an attack of pneumonia. He was a native of Huntingdon county and had lived near Graysville since 1896.

TAGGERT.—Mrs. Jennie Taggart, of Philadelphia, died on December 22nd at the home of Mrs. Alice Rodgers, at Runville, where she was spending the winter. She was eighty years old and had been a life-long member of the Methodist church.

WALIZER.—Charles Walizer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walizer, of Howard, died in Washington, D. C., on Sunday as the result of an abscess on his tonsils. He was twenty-two years old and had been employed in the national capital less than a year.

The Brant House Sold to W. W. Bickett.

The Brant house on the corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets, Bellefonte, has been sold to W. W. Bickett, who for a number of years past has conducted a pool room and cigar store in the basement of the building where the bar-room was located in pre-Volstead days.

The property was built as a residence in 1840 by Bond Valentine for his son Robert, who with his family, occupied it until he built the handsome stone house on the corner of Curtin and Allegheny streets now occupied by Judge Ellis L. Orvis and family.

Bush House Changed Landlords Yesterday.

The Bush house, one of the leading hotels in Bellefonte, changed landlords yesterday morning, James G. Stewart, who has been in charge since purchasing the interior furnishings and taking over the lease of Mrs. W. L. Daggett several months ago, retiring and the management passing into the hands of H. J. and A. D. Rhinesmith, of Wellsburg, W. Va.

Lyons—Mumma.—Clair Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lyons, of east Howard street, Bellefonte, and Miss Viola Mumma, of Chicago, Ill., were married in Bellefonte on December 18th by Rev. W. P. Ard, of the Lutheran church.

Lambert—Strickler.—The home of Miss Elizabeth Lambert, Bellefonte, was the scene of a quiet wedding, at ten o'clock on Christmas morning, when William Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert, and Miss Hazel Strickler, a daughter of Samuel Strickler, were united in marriage by Rev. E. E. McKeley, pastor of the Methodist church.

Klinger — Nighthart.—A belated wedding announcement is that of John W. Klinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Klinger, and Miss Geraldine Nighthart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Nighthart, who were married at Cumberland, Md., on Thanksgiving day, having gone to that place from the State-Pitt game in Pittsburgh.

McDonnell.—Hoy.—On Saturday, December 27th, Mr. Joseph J. McDonnell and Miss Carrie R. Hoy, both of Pleasant Gap, were married at the Evangelical parsonage in this place, by the Rev. Reed O. Steely.

Interesting Reflections on the Christmas Season.

The Christmas season was ushered in with community services on Sunday night, December 21st. They were scheduled to take place around the community tree erected in the Diamond under the auspices of the Camp-fire girls and the Bellefonte Kiwanis, but owing to the extremely cold weather were held in the court house.

On Christmas morning a group of twenty-five carollers made the rounds of the town and sang a number of the beautiful old-time carols and Christmas songs to the delight of all who heard them.

On Christmas morning twenty-five baskets, each filled with the makings of a delicious Christmas dinner were distributed to those deserving the same through the beneficence of the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks, with the assistance of Mrs. R. S. Brouse.

Christmas cheer was extended the prisoners in the Centre county jail through the medium of a roast goose dinner, while out at Rockview the prisoners were given a dinner similar to the one served on Thanksgiving.

Our Little Joe to Wrestle at Tyrone.

Little Joe, the wrestling kid of Bellefonte, will figure in the opening bout of a big wrestling meet to be held at the Tyrone Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evening of next week.

Garman House to Change Hands.

William H. Brown, former recorder of Centre county, has leased the Garman house, furniture and fixings from August Glinz, owner, and will take charge on February first, succeeding Jacob Knisely Jr. During the past year Mr. Brown has been a salesman for the G. F. Musser company.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Dr. Eloise Meek will leave Saturday night for South Carolina, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Too Many Mammals.

E. H. Hornberg, who will present his company of comedians in "Too Many Mammals," at the Moose Temple theatre, Thursday night, January 8th, prides himself on the fact that he is offering the public an entertainment that is unique in its laughter-compelling qualities and yet is absolutely clean.

Union Week of Prayer.

The union week of prayer services in Bellefonte began last night in the Presbyterian church, with Rev. Reed O. Steely in charge. The program for the remainder of the week is as follows:

Monday evening, Lutheran church, Rev. J. A. Mills.

Tuesday evening, Methodist church, Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt.

Wednesday evening, Evangelical church, Rev. Wilson P. Ard.

Thursday evening, Reformed church, Rev. E. E. McKeley.

Scenic Theatre Weeks-Ahead Program. SATURDAY, JANUARY 3: All Star Cast in "BROKEN BARRIERS," with James Kirkwood, Norma Shearer, Mae Busch, Geo. Fawcett and others.