

—Boulder City, Nevada, is to be a "sinless town," but there will be more fun in Reno.

—The Athletic champions are moving forward in fine form but it is a long way to the end of the season and may be a hard road to travel.

—What has become of the old fashioned fellow who stuck to his flannels until they stuck to him? If he would only come back, maybe American Woolen preferred would follow.

—J. A. Finnegan, of Philadelphia, put it all in a nut shell, the other day, when he said that Pinchot is the kind of a man who would tear down a ten story building to catch one rat.

—We had written a fine little paragraph congratulating the Democrats of Pennsylvania on having gotten rid of a distinguished disturber when Genie Bonniwell went and spoiled it all by wishing himself back on us again.

—As dividend disbursements by big corporations are cut or passed entirely those share holders who participated in the "mellon" cuttings that were so popular several years ago are beginning to wonder if it wasn't lemons that were handed them.

—Judge Baird, of the Clinton-Elk district, discharged a man who was indicted as a "common scold" because he believes that only a woman can be arraigned on such a charge. If the Judge is right what becomes of the belief that class legislation is unconstitutional?

—A good laugh came to some of us who remember, when we saw several Democrats applaud Eugene Bonniwell when he raised Pinchot to the dome of the court house here last Saturday night. They were Democrats who wouldn't vote for Bonniwell when he was their candidate for Governor because he is a Catholic.

—If the Democrats of the United States would only get some sense we might have a look-in at Washington far oftener than we do. Our idea is to get the office first and do the fighting about how it is to be conducted afterward. Most other Democrats think the proper procedure is to do the fighting first. Maybe they are right, but they certainly get nowhere.

—The Philadelphia Public Ledger is trying its level best to select a candidate for President for the Democrats. Most anybody the Ledger picks for us will be able to defeat the candidate whom it will probably have to support, yet is afraid to open its mouth about. The only hope the Republicans have for 1932 is in stirring up a fight in Democratic ranks.

—Those who think that advertising in the Watchman isn't read have another think coming. Even friend Pinchot admitted in his public meeting here last Saturday night that he reads them. However, we don't advise anyone who has heretofore held aloof to contract for space on this, to them, surprising revelation. The Governor doesn't spend his money in Pennsylvania. The only thing he spends here is enough time to accumulate a tail to ambition's kite.

—Those who have been assuring us that business revival "is just around the corner" are beginning to admit that they don't know whether it is the corner just a block away or the one at the other end of that street up in Toronto, Canada, that is said to be the longest one in the world. As a matter of fact the stock market has always been an infallible barometer of business weather. It begins to discount depressions months before the public realizes that they impend. It does the same thing months before revivals become apparent. As you probably know, the stock market is still going down and it is our belief that the bottom hasn't been reached yet, nor have we reached the depths of business stagnation that we will have to plumb before things start forward again.

—Up in McKean county they have a railroad that runs between Mount Jewett and Kusehqua. All the territory between the two towns, some twenty-four miles apart, is dense forest land. Sparks from the Kusehqua railroad engines were eternally setting the forests afire so they had to put it on a "rainy-day" schedule. In other words the road couldn't operate on any but rainy days. Well, you know what happened last June. The big drought set in and what it did to your lawn, your garden, your farm, your cistern or spring was nothing as compared to what the dry weather did to a railroad that could operate only on a rainy day. It dropped dead, just like Lewis Mann did when he found the fifteenth consecutive New York saloon he was accustomed to visiting on Sunday mornings closed. On the doors of fourteen he had read the notice: "Closed, Sunday, on account of Raines Law." He went hopefully on to the next corner where the fifteenth was located and in front of it he found the Salvation Army singing: "Every Day Will be Sunday, By and By."

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SUICIDE OF YOUNG MAN EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

Virgil S. Shuey, adopted son of Lloyd and Lillian Shuey, of State College, climbed up on the side of the hill near the stone quarries opposite the Kelley ice plant, about seven o'clock on Sunday morning, and calling good bye to a companion, Joe Davis, placed a .32 caliber revolver to his right temple and pulled the trigger. He fell dead clutching the revolver in his left hand. Up to this time no plausible solution of the tragic suicide has been arrived at by his family or the authorities.

Shuey was one of four young men from State College who had been in and about Bellefonte most of Saturday night, but so far as can be learned they had all been well behaved and congenial. They all left here between three and four o'clock but shortly before seven o'clock Shuey and Davis returned in Shuey's car. It was shortly after that that they drove out the State highway and parking his car Shuey climbed the hill and fired the fatal shot.

Sheriff H. E. Dunlap was notified and investigated the shooting but was unable to uncover any reason. A note found in the boy's pocket, but written in a rambling, almost unintelligible manner, merely contained a goodbye to his parents and other members of the family. Satisfied that the case was one of suicide the sheriff authorized the removal of the body to Widdowson's undertaking establishment. Sunday afternoon coroner W. R. Heaton came over from Philipsburg and after being told the story of the shooting deemed an inquest unnecessary and issued a death certificate with the cause "suicide."

Shuey's real name was Virgil S. Stine, a son of William and Myrtle Stine, and he was born in Buffalo Run valley. He would have been nineteen years old tomorrow. When thirteen years of age he was adopted by Lloyd and Lillian Shuey, of State College, and since then had borne the name of Virgil S. Shuey. He served a three year enlistment in the United States army and returned home last January at the expiration of his enlistment. During his last year of service he spent most of the time in the hospital as the result of an injury.

He is survived by his adopted parents, his real parents and a number of brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuey were not satisfied with what they had been told of the young man's suicide and demanded a more searching inquest, consequently coroner Heaton went to State College on Wednesday afternoon, with a coroner's jury, to make a more searching inquiry. When they reached the College funeral services had already been held and the body taken to the Pine Hall cemetery for interment, but it was brought back to the Koch morgue. The bullet was extracted from the head and proved to be one from Shuey's own revolver. Joe Davis, who had been with Shuey, was present and told the story of how they had spent the night, but was unable to give any reason for Shuey's act, as he had at no time intimated any intention of killing himself. After hearing all the evidence a verdict of suicide was returned and the body was taken back to Pine Hall cemetery for burial.

While the Fourth of July is six weeks away youngsters in Bellefonte, and some not so young, have started in shooting torpedoes and toy pistols, but they had better be forewarned as Burgess Hardman P. Harris has an eye open for all offenders. On Sunday evening two Bellefonte Academy students were arrested for shooting torpedoes by throwing them on the stones in Logan branch, at the Phoenix pumping station, and at a hearing, on Monday, the Burgess imposed fines of \$25 each. Similar fines will be imposed on any others caught in the act.

Last Saturday morning ten-year-old Ethel Houser, of Pine street, was in the business part of town selling potato chips for her aunt, Mrs. Blanche Houser Ferguson. She had sold most of her packages and was on her way home for a new supply. At the Logan street entrance to the Bellefonte Academy, an unknown boy about her own age, snatched her pocketbook and ran away before he could be identified. The pocketbook contained \$1.60, and it's loss was quite a blow to the little girl.

Some experienced politicians are of the opinion that a State wide election of delegates to the next Republican National convention might do Governor Pinchot more harm than good.

GOVERNOR PINCHOT TALKS TO LARGE CROWD

Governor Pinchot shared honors with the Barnett Bros. show in Bellefonte last Saturday night. His appearance here was the end of his two weeks tour of the State in an effort to evoke public support for his Fair Rate Board measure and his attack on public utilities. He, accompanied by Judge Bonniwell, of Philadelphia, came here from DuBois and had dinner at The Markland. In recognition of his position as chief executive of the Commonwealth Troop L. acted as his escort from The Markland to the court house for the meeting at 8 o'clock, which was an outdoor affair. The Bellefonte band was on hand and their music helped to draw the crowd. There were probably seven hundred people massed in front of the court house for the meeting, while probably twice that many, most of whom were country people in town, did not go near the gathering.

Republican county chairman W. I. Fleming presided and as the first speaker introduced Judge Bonniwell. He began by reiterating the fact that he is still a Democrat but one who believes in the principles advocated by the irreproachable Governor and was simply doing what he could to help along his good work.

When Mr. Fleming introduced the Governor he stepped to the front with a wave of the hand as a good fellowship greeting. He talked for three quarters of an hour and while his speech was not as vitriolic as that delivered in some places the general tenor of his talk was a plea for public support and influence in compelling the Legislature to pass the laws he demanded. He attacked the Public Service Commission and utilities, generally, declaring that New England corporations manufacture electricity by using coal shipped from Pennsylvania and sell it to consumers far cheaper than it is retailed at in this State. Naturally the Governor was applauded at various times, but that was to be expected, as nine-tenths of the men and women who composed his audience were Pinchot sympathizers, and the election last fall showed a large number of them in Centre county.

RAINS CAUSE BIG SLIDE NEAR PORT MATILDA.

Rains during the early part of last week caused the high shale bank on the north side of the highway, 600 ft west of Port Matilda, to let go and about 5 o'clock last Thursday morning thousands of tons of shale rock, trees and surface dirt slid down, completely blocking the highway.

The slide was about 200 ft long and extended back into the hill nearly 100 ft. It is the largest one that any of the highway engineers familiar with roads in this section have any recollection of.

The tremendous pressure against the concrete paving pushed it nearly half way off its foundation and covered it so completely for a distance of 75 feet that only the tops of the guard rail posts along Bald Eagle creek, on the opposite side of the road, could be seen when the gang of highway workers arrived to open a way for traffic. Steam shovels worked for two days and three nights before the worst was gotten rid of. And now there are twenty-five men still at the job of removing the balance of the constantly sliding loose rock and surface growth. It will probably be a week or more before the menace is stopped.

Fortunately it occurred at an hour in the morning when there is little traffic on the highway. Doubtly so because no one was passing the spot at the time.

The work of clearing away the slide is a very ticklish job and has to be done with the greatest caution.

On Monday afternoon a man was high up on the side of the bank prying loose wedge stones that were holding back banks that had to come down. A fairly large red oak had seemingly withstood the avalanche and it was thought a blast would be necessary to dislodge it. Boring a hole under it with his bar the worker dislodged just a little stone when the great bank of earth, rock and tree started crashing down onto the road.

District supervisor Geo. H. Yarnell is in charge of the work and is taking every care to see that the men are protected against the danger of being caught by the slides that constantly let go without warning.

Harry E. Jenkins, former well known resident of Bellefonte, has closed his home in Tyrone and gone to Pittsburgh to live. Harry has not been well for a long time and we have been informed that the change has been made so that he may be in close touch with specialists who have been treating him.

BOROUGH COUNCIL HOLDS BRIEF MEETING.

At a regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, the secretary read a letter from borough engineer H. B. Shattuck in which he stated that he has almost completed a map of south Railroad street which shows that the Kofman buildings are considerably over the line and on the street. The map will be submitted to council in the near future. Engineer Shattuck also suggested as ways of assuring a good supply of water for the high spots in Bellefonte, the repair of the present reservoir so it will hold water up to the top, or the building of a new reservoir out near the Catholic cemetery and use an auxiliary pump at or near the old reservoir to supply it with water. To do this, however, it would be necessary to put check valves in the water mains supplied from the new reservoir. Council favored repair of the present reservoir and the Water committee was instructed to get estimates of the cost.

A letter was read from borough solicitor N. B. Spangler in which he advised bringing action against former tax collector Herbert Auman and his bonding company to force settlement of the tax duplicates for 1924, 1925 and 1926. The Finance committee is in full accord with the solicitor's suggestion.

The Street committee reported removing a tree from in front of the Presbyterian parsonage and the receipt of \$6.00 for doing it. Also that 210 feet of sewer line had been laid on north Water street, to the Philip Ficarro home, the borough furnishing and laying the pipe while Ficarro dug the ditch, covered the pipe and paid \$30 for the sewer tap.

The Water committee also reported laying a water line to the Ficarro home, and that several hundred feet of the new twelve inch line has been laid on Lamb street. The committee also reported the collection of \$400 on water taxes and \$44.20 for rent.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$1432.31 and \$1026.95 in the water fund. Authorization was given for the renewal of one note for \$2000.

The Sanitary committee presented the monthly report of Dr. S. M. Nissley, health officer.

Mr. Lightner, of the West Penn Power company, submitted a contract for a standing charge for the electric pumps as an emergency precaution at a monthly price of \$48.60, council to consider the matter until the next regular meeting.

Borough bills totaling \$748.38 and water bills \$964.89 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

We have all the respect in the world for B. F. Bowersox, the foreman, and the other twenty-three men and women who composed the grand jury, last week, but we think they exerted a lot of unnecessary energy in their report advocating the building of a new cell block for Centre county law violators. In the first place it is hardly likely the present board of county commissioners, who are serving the final year of their term, will venture to undertake such a proposition now, as both majority members are candidates for re-election. And further, the kind of a jail recommended by the grand jury would, we candidly believe, contain more comforts than the homes of fifty per cent of the people of Centre county who would be taxed to help build it. Men and women who violate the law and are sent to prison should be treated humanely but to be pampered in the luxury of a palatial jail is not the right kind of punishment.

John McCoy is having two pecks of trouble with trespassers at his hydro-electric plant and his home near Milesburg. Boys and young men tear the splash boards off the breast of his dam, run over his garden, trample down his shrubbery and do other damage. On Sunday afternoon he caught two boys in the act of tearing off splashboards and captured the lads. He brought them to Bellefonte in his automobile intending to turn them over to an officer, but failing to find one he talked turkey to them until the boys broke down and promised never to do it again when he left them go.

West Penn Life, for May, contains an article and six illustrations of the Titan Metal company, of Bellefonte, furnished by W. W. Seig. The plant, when operating to full capacity, uses 200,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month. The magazine also contains a complete description of Alfred E. Smith's new Empire State building, in New York, referred to as the "House of Thirty Thousand Lamps."

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDS BUILDING NEW JAIL.

Twenty-four men and women of Centre county, composing the May court grand jury, want the county commissioners to build a new jail, one of a more modern type than the present structure. Such was their report to the court after an inspection of the public buildings, last week. After stating that they had passed upon 37 bills of indictment, 30 of which were found true bills and 7 ignored, the report says:

We have examined the public buildings, and the front part of the building (jail) which includes the sheriff's office and living quarters, we find in fair condition, but the wall paper in the hall and office is in poor condition and in need of repair. The jail, proper, that is the cell block, we find in a deplorable condition. The cells are poorly ventilated and lighted, the plumbing of an ancient character, walls, floor and ceiling an ideal breeding place for germs.

We therefore recommend to the county commissioners, for their serious consideration, the building of a complete new cell block, including well ventilated cells, completely modern plumbing, larger cell windows to admit sunshine and daylight, electric lights in each cell, and walls and ceilings plaster board. We find it is also possible to enlarge the cell block, as the county owns the jail yard.

We further recommend that no repairs be made on the old cell block, as it is only a waste of the taxpayer's money, when said money could be applied to the construction of a new, modern, sanitary and completely equipped cell block.

The concrete walk from the court house to the jail needs repair in several places.

We further recommend that a new heating plant be installed in the jail building, as it requires a pressure of 45 to 50 pounds during cold weather to heat the jail from the plant in the court house, whereas it would require only 4 or 5 pounds with a heating plant in the jail. Also, that the smokestack on the court house be built up 10 or 15 feet higher so as to eliminate the soot nuisance to residents of east High street, of which numerous complaints have been received.

We further recommend that the janitor service in the court house be improved, and that all toilets be thoroughly cleaned more often. A new toilet is needed in the attorney's room, and a new lid and tank on the men's toilet downstairs. All of which is respectfully submitted.

PLANE CARRYING INVALID FORCED DOWN BY STORM.

Four people, one an invalid, had a miraculous escape from injury, and a possible death, on Wednesday afternoon, when an airplane in which they were traveling was forced down by the terrific rain and hail storm which swept over Penns valley shortly before four o'clock.

The plane, a Travel-Air passenger carrying ship, from Erie, was in charge of pilot Litzenger, who was taking Miss Rita Roeder, an invalid from Southern Pines, North Carolina, to her home, in Bradford. Miss Roeder was accompanied by her brother W. H. Roeder, and a nurse, Miss S. E. Landin.

The pilot flew into the storm as he neared Spring Mills and so terrific was the downpour of rain and hail that he promptly decided to come down. The landing was made in a wheat field on the M. T. Zubler farm, about a mile west of Spring Mills, and while the running gear of the plane sank in the soft ground the pilot was able to hold it on a level keel and not one of the occupants experienced any shock and the plane was not damaged.

The ship, however, was stuck in the soft ground, and at the suggestion of people who soon gathered around the plane a call was sent to Bellefonte for the ambulance and the patient and nurse were brought to the Centre County hospital. While Miss Roeder's condition is very bad she did not suffer any ill effects of the forced landing or the trip to Bellefonte in the ambulance.

In the meantime the pilot, with the assistance of men who had congregated at the scene of the landing, pushed the plane out of the wheat field onto the State highway and after making sure that the ship was all right he took to the air and flew to Bellefonte. Yesterday morning the entire party resumed the trip to Bradford.

The defeat of Aristide Briand, for President of France, was a disappointment to many right-minded people in many parts of the world, and may prove a hard blow to liberalism everywhere.

After all Charles Holman, killed in an airplane wreck last Sunday, is only another victim of dare-devil flying.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—After consulting a hex doctor in vain efforts to ascertain who stole six pieces of meat from his home, near Markes, Franklin county, Thomas Tenley had recourse to the State Police and got results. They not only captured the thieves but recovered most of the meat.

—Complaining for months because he could not find employment, Thomas Wolfgang, 73, hanged himself in his home at Ashland on Monday. He used a two-strand cotton rope which broke as soon as deputy coroner C. W. Sener touched it. Wolfgang's will disclosed an estate of from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

—After he had been missing nearly three weeks, the body of David Wampfler, 70 years old, of Columbia county, was found on Saturday hanging from a tree on Montour Ridge. Wampfler disappeared the day after his daughter, Mrs. Dolores Nugarra, took poison at Kingston. She died ten days ago.

—Realizing that smoking was a dangerous practice while cleaning the brush in a woodlot, a Cambria county farmer placed his pipe in the pocket of his coat. Unfortunately the pipe was not extinguished and burned through the coat, fell to the ground and started a forest fire that destroyed five acres of timberland.

—Russell Butler, 40, an employee at the Alexandria Clay company quarries, was painfully and perhaps fatally injured, on Saturday, in a premature discharge of a dynamite blast at the quarries. Butler's left hand was ripped from his arm and the arm itself was shattered by the force of the blast. He also suffered severe body burns.

—Kane's unique "rainy day" railroad—the only railroad in the world operating in wet weather exclusively—is now in the hands of its new owner, the Baltimore and Ohio, which purchased the Kusehqua line for \$50,000 and assumed accounts totalling \$7,000. Trains on the Kusehqua line are permitted to run on rainy days only because its trackage extends through a thickly grown forest region and it is feared that sparks from the locomotive might cause destructive forest fires.

—Winning a \$100 prize for representing the type of student that the University of Pittsburgh aims to produce will help the plans of Edward Shultz greatly. He will use the prize as a wedding gift on the occasion of his marriage to Grace Fye, of State College, upon his graduation. Election to this honor climaxed a record of brilliant achievement throughout Shultz's college career. His scholastic record is perfect—all A's. He has been on the "Varsity football squad for three years, was a member of several honorary groups—and in addition worked his way through the University.

N. R. Buller, Pennsylvania State Commissioner of Fisheries under five former Governors, has been recommended by Senator Reed for a place on the joint international committee to investigate fishing conditions on the Canadian border. Reed sent the recommendation to President Hoover with the statement Buller knows "more about fish than any other man in Pennsylvania." Buller's selection for the place carried the endorsement of Edward Martin, Republican State chairman. After 20 years as State Fish Commissioner, Buller was replaced by Governor Pinchot last January with another man.

Orville C. Skinner, 60, president of the Lewisport Aircraft & Airways, Inc., and former head of the Standard Steel Works, a Baldwin Locomotive subsidiary, committed suicide at his home in Lewisport, on Tuesday, by shooting himself. Coroner W. A. Barr said Skinner had been ill for some time. Since his retirement from the steel plant Skinner had been devoting his time largely to aviation. He had two pilots and took frequent trips in his plane. Skinner also was identified with a number of local business establishments. He was president of the Community Discount company and a director of the Russell National Bank. He was head of Standard Steel for 25 years.

While the open hearth department of the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel company will close down within the next ten days for a three-months period, all other departments will remain in operation on a slightly reduced scale. Frank A. Robbins, Jr., general manager of the plant, said yesterday. Employees of the department will be given part time work in other departments. He indicated he expected operations to be at a lower level at any time within the last few years and added that he feared further cuts would be made in the time all employees are being given. The plan of giving all employees as much work as possible would be continued, he added, so that all men will have some weekly income.

"Gold" racketeers, a band of criminals that makes a specialty of lifting gold from dental offices, stole approximately \$4000 worth of the precious metal from central city dentists, in Scranton. Police are of the opinion the burglaries are the work of an outside gang of professionals, trained to expertness in jimmying heavy office doors, desk and cabinet drawers without leaving noticeable evidence of an intrusion. Forty-three dentists' offices in the Medical Arts, Scranton Life and Davis Bliss Buildings were entered. It was revealed early Tuesday night, following an investigation by city detectives A. J. Rellly, Angelo Manno, George Green and Neddo Kelly. A number of the thefts were not discovered until the police probe was well under way.

John A. Schulkins, aged 31, of Pittsburgh, a former state fire ranger, was sentenced to life imprisonment, on Monday, in the Allegheny county court by Judge S. John Morrow, of Fayette county, specially presiding, for the murder of William A. McClintock, aged 36, a watchman. On being arraigned on a murder charge Schulkins pleaded guilty. The court then took testimony to determine the grade of homicide fixed at first degree murder, and set the punishment at life imprisonment. Schulkins shot McClintock in Pittsburgh, the night of February 22, after McClintock had chased Schulkins following a holdup at a garage in Hamilton avenue where McClintock was watchman. Schulkins, who was wounded when McClintock was killed at the time of the holdup, was traced to Ohio and then to a cabin near Spruce Creek, Huntingdon county, where he was arrested and where he had formerly worked as a fire ranger.