

—There isn't a candidate on the Democratic ticket whose character, ability or value as a citizen of the county can be questioned.

—John Boob would make a fine looking Sheriff and, what's more to the point, he would make an official that the county would be proud of.

—The more we ponder over Mr. Coolidge's clarion call to keep the party faith with President Hoover the more we are convinced that he has chosen to run in 1936.

—John F. Wetzler, candidate for Register, is a fine, christian gentleman whose fitness for the office is unquestioned and no one would have reason to regret voting for him.

—If Al. Smith were in the White House panic would be the word. Since Mr. Hoover is there, of course, depression is the better form. Always Democrats have been mealy mouthed, yet, always, they are accused of being the mud-slingers.

—Hard times are just another day to the poor man, because he has never known anything else. The people who have been living on fixed incomes from salaries or investment returns are the real sufferers when reductions come and dividends are passed.

—If you want to halt the orgy of spending in Centre county elect a new Board of Commissioners. Put Victor Brungart in there with John Speary and there will be real management of the County's business. They'll see to it that we don't keep going deeper into debt all the time.

—Vote for D. A. McDowell for Recorder and help a man whom nature has unfitted for any but the kind of work that he might have to do in the court house. Mr. McDowell has made one of the best tax collectors Spring township has ever had. He would make one of the best Recorders Centre county has ever had.

—When Thomas A. Edison puts out to sea there will be no moaning of the bar, for a greater light than he conceived will be his guiding star. Mr. Edison might have started on his great adventure ere these lines reach their readers. His life has been hanging by a thread for several weeks and its end is expected at any moment. And what a life. Surely we can say that Bryant must have had him in mind when he had the inspiration that wrought "the thanatopsis."

—S. Claude Herr is entitled to another term as Prothonotary of the county. It has always been his custom to give a capable and courteous official two terms. Surely here is no one who would have the temerity to say that Mr. Herr was not been capable and courteous. He has made it a pleasure for those who have business in his office to look after, he has been an honor to the official life of the county and he should be kept at his post four years more.

—Sam Lewis must have been merely laying down a smoke screen when he urged the recent convention of County Commissioners to give him written evidence of their charges that his Department is being used for political purposes, rather than for that of providing work or men who are out of jobs, irrespective of party. We offered him written evidence last week, but have heard nothing from him, nor did we expect to. Sam didn't know any more about building roads than the man in the moon when Pinchot appointed him head of the Highway Department, but he had a world of experience as a political hijacker and that is why Pinchot wanted him in his staff.

—Penn State's foot-ball team has gotten off to a bad start. Were we not so well acquainted with that is happening in athletics up here we might use the ill advised word, disappointing. It has not been disappointing, however, to those who know that coach Higgins as only six "S" men to build on and at the pick of the Prep schools as not been paid to go to State—play foot ball. However distressing the season may be we will now that the defenders of our glories are fighting for the same leads that the men who inaugurated competitive sports at State ought for. It seems to us, however, that now the "three year die" might be abrogated among colleges that have gone onto the high plane that State is pioneering in. It was invoked to stop the originations of "tramp athletes." since they were a class whose services were offered to the highest bidder, they could have no place in a college that honestly adheres to its termination to offer no inducement, whatever, to any athlete. Making Freshmen ineligible for competition in inter-collegiate sports ever was anything less than admission that their bona fide standing as students might be questioned. Now that there can be no cavilling over that it seems to us that a very Freshman should have his right restored to represent his college in any inter-collegiate sport.

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FOUR PEOPLE INJURED IN TWO AUTO ACCIDENTS SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Alleged Intoxicated Driver Crashes Into Crowd On Pavement at Milesburg.

A carload of Johnstown young men, bound for Lock Haven to witness the football game between Johnstown High and Lock Haven High, landed at the Centre county jail and failed to get to the game because of an auto accident at Milesburg. The operator of the car was H. Strayer who, it is alleged, was under the influence of liquor. At any rate he crashed into the gas pump at the Walter Hugg filling station, knocked the pump loose from its connections and injured three men to that extent that they were all brought to the Centre County hospital for treatment.

The injured were Fred Lucas, lacerations and bruises of the left foot and a bad cut on the left hip. William Thomas, lacerations and bruises on left foot, leg and hip. William Shultz, cuts on left hip. All the men are residents of Milesburg.

Corporal Turner, of the State highway patrol, investigated the accident and placed the entire Johnstown party under arrest. In addition to Strayer, the driver of the car, the other members of the party were Frederick John, Thomas Jordan, William Keating, James Woods, John Boden and Paul Woods. They were all given a hearing before justice of the peace Tressell Saturday evening. Strayer was held in \$300 bail for trial at court. Being unable to give bond he was sent to jail. The other six men were discharged upon the payment of a fine of one dollar and \$2.67 costs each.

The same afternoon John Rudolph, and mother, Mrs. Winifred Rudolph, of Johnstown, were also on their way to Lock Haven for the football game and near Howard their car was run into by a truck of the Clinton Ice Cream company, of Lock Haven, driven by Salvatore Marasao, the truck being on the wrong side of the road. Mrs. Rudolph suffered injuries of the head and right hip and was brought to the hospital for treatment. Corporal Turner also investigated this accident but so far no action has been brought against the driver or owner of the truck. Last Thursday afternoon a collision occurred, at Milesburg, between a machine driven by Arthur Wensel, of Howard, and a car operated by George Young, of Coleville, and containing George Davis and little grandson, Charles Minneymer. Mr. Davis and the Minneymer boy were both cut with broken glass from the windshield but their injuries were not serious. Both Young and Wensel escaped injury but their cars were badly damaged. Patrolman Duck investigated the accident.

WOMEN'S CLUBS TO MEET IN CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of the Centre county conference of Women's Clubs will be held at State College, in the High school building, on Saturday, October 24th. Luncheon will be served by the hostess club, but each woman is asked to take sandwiches as usual. Displays of hand skill and of Girl Scout activities will be shown and a further interesting program has been prepared of inspirational speakers.

By request of the State Federation there will be a constructive round table discussion of "How can we help the present economic situation." Every woman's organization in the county has a place in this conference and is requested to give a written report of the year's work. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held, the first opening at 10:00 a. m. Plan to go, if you are a member of any woman's society, and help to make this an interesting meeting, says Mrs. George Margale, county chairman.

FIRE COMPANY MAKES DONATION TO ACADEMY.

The Undine Fire company, last week, made a generous donation to James R. Hughes, headmaster of the Bellefonte Academy, to be applied to the athletic expenses of the school. Mr. Hughes was most agreeably surprised and expressed himself as profoundly grateful for the gift and especially for the kindly spirit of friendship that inspired it. Mr. Hughes has always been a warm friend of the Bellefonte firemen, and reasonably so for they have gone to the rescue of the old school on many occasions in past years. This money will be used in purchasing new equipment for the football team.

WEST PENN POWER CO. TO ERECT NEW BUILDING ON LAMB STREET SITE.

The West Penn Power company has completed plans for the erection of a new garage and store house building, on the site of the present structure on the corner of Lamb and north Water streets. An appropriation of \$25,000, or as much thereof as necessary, has been set aside for the work and local contractors will be given an opportunity to bid on the job.

The present building faces 58 feet on Lamb street and has a depth of 69 feet on north Water street. The new building will be twenty feet wider on Lamb street and will be 50 feet deeper, extending 119 feet on north Water. The increase in size is necessary to accommodate all the cars and trucks of the company, as the present building is too small to house them all and as a result some of them have been kept in private garages.

In razing the present building only that portion of it now used as a garage will be torn down. The store room side will stand as it is and the new building connected with it, though the entire structure will be under one roof. The new building will have a concrete foundation and walls of brick. A fire wall will be built between the garage and space allotted for the store room.

Officials of the company from Ridgway were in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, in consultation with borough engineer H. B. Shattuck regarding grades, etc. It is the intention of the company to have the work started as soon as possible so it can be completed before winter weather sets in.

BOALSBURG MINISTER FORTY YEARS IN SERVICE.

The Rev. William J. Wagner, pastor of the Boalsburg parish of the United Lutheran church, celebrates on Sunday, October 18, his fortieth year in the Christian ministry and his tenth year as pastor in his present charge, consisting of the Boalsburg, Pleasant Gap and Shiloh Lutheran churches.

Appropriate services will be held at Boalsburg Sunday morning at 10:30, and at 7:30 in the evening at Pleasant Gap. At the former, the Rev. John H. Wagner, a son, who is pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, Hudson Heights, N. J., will preach on the subject, "And It Was Good," and at the latter, the Rev. John F. Harkins, son-in-law, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, State College, will bring the message of "Answering a Worthy Call." Special music will be given by the choirs of both churches, and the parish members and many friends of Mr. Wagner are expected in large numbers to honor their veteran pastor and, to many, life-long friend.

The Rev. Mr. Wagner was born near Tusseyville and spent his boyhood and young manhood on his father's farm. After preparing himself for teaching, a vocation which he followed for several years in Centre county schools—he completed his ministerial education at Gettysburg College and Seminary. He has served charges at Muncy Valley, Glasgow, Buckhorn, New Bloomfield, Pottsgrove, and for the last ten years at Boalsburg, all of them in Central Pennsylvania. He is respected by all as a man of irreproachable character and boundless sympathy; in short, a Christian gentleman.

PHILIPSBURG BANK CLOSED LAST FRIDAY.

The Moshannon National bank, of Philipsburg, of which State Senator Harry B. Scott is president, failed to open for business last Friday morning. Withdrawal of deposits during the year was assigned as the reason for closing, according to a statement of Theodore C. Jackson, cashier. The bank is not considered insolvent. It has total resources of \$2,021,608.34, while its deposits are \$1,418,461.60. The bank was so heavily tied up with local paper on which it could not realize without distressing others that it was impossible to meet the continued drain of withdrawals. It is possible an effort will be made to liquidate its assets and reopen the bank.

Sixty delegates who are representing Latin-America at the fourth Pan-American commercial conference will spend this week-end at the Pennsylvania State College while on a tour of the State. The travelers expect to arrive Saturday and remain until Monday, making their headquarters at the Nittany Lion, college inn.

EELS AGAIN CLOG THE NEW WATER WHEEL AT GAMBLE MILL STATION.

Nine Big Ones, 37 to 44 Inches Long, Taken from Wheel on Saturday Morning.

When the Watchman suggested to water superintendent J. D. Seibert, two weeks ago, that he drive a big eel into the water wheel at Gamble's mill so as to conserve the water supply in Spring creek and allow more of it to flow over the falls there was no thought that the wheel would be clogged so soon for the second time. It practically stopped on Friday afternoon and when the water was drained out of the race, Saturday morning, it was literally full of dead eels. Nine of them were taken out and when laid side by side on the bank of the race they measured from 37 to 44 inches, and while they were not weighed it is estimated that the total weight was close to 40 pounds.

So far as the writer can remember there was never any trouble with eels clogging the old water wheel when the mill was in operation grinding flour and why they should be so plentiful now, and so unusually large, is a mystery that old fishermen here are at a loss to solve. Patsy Bathurst, who knows considerable about fish in general, says they are what is known as riffle eels, probably because they prefer the riffles to the deep pools and muddy bottoms of streams. But that doesn't explain where they have been while they were growing so large or why they appear to be coming down stream just at this time.

The eel is a peculiar species of fish and authorities have never definitely settled the manner of their breeding. Some maintain they lay eggs like other fish while others claim they give birth to their progeny. However, it is pretty generally known that they go to the deep sea for breeding purposes and that the pilgrimage is always made in the fall of the year. This may account for the unusual run of eels down Spring creek at this time.

One authority states that after breeding in the deep sea waters during the winter season eels return in the spring, and if such is the case we are open to an explanation as to how they get up Spring creek. In the more than a quarter of a century that the writer has been employed in the Watchman office he has never seen an eel go up over the falls. Authorities state that eels can live for some time out of water and can travel overland like a snake. We concur in this because we have seen them in the grass on the banks of a stream but we never saw any of them crawling along the street to get around the falls above this office. So the question of how they get up Spring creek in the spring is still unanswered.

Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STILL GOING ON.

The annual drive for membership in the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. is still going on. When it was started about three weeks ago the goal set was one thousand members, and at the time it was believed that the town and surrounding community could be canvassed in one week. But there were various unaccountable delays with the result that the territory outlined is still far from being covered. To date a little over seven hundred members have been enrolled, which doesn't quite touch last year's total. But the canvassers will continue their work as long as there is a possibility of increasing the enrollment. Because of general conditions the Y will not undertake its open-to-all Halloween celebration this year. However, on Friday night, the 30th, the younger folks, from 10 to 18, will be entertained in the usual way and they are cordially invited to be in attendance.

SNOW SHOE MINER KILLED BY CAVE-IN

Caught under a fall of rock and dirt in a small coal mine, near Clarence, last Wednesday morning, Frank Karadimas, of Snow Shoe, suffered a broken neck and was dead when dug out by fellow workmen. He and two other men were at work in an old drift, presumably taking out a supply of coal for their use during the winter. Karadimas was the only one caught beneath the cave-in. The other two men dug him out in a short time but he was already dead. He was 50 years old, unmarried and had no relatives in this country. Burial was made on Friday.

BURGLARS BREAK INTO MONTGOMERY STORE LAST FRIDAY EVENING.

The timely arrival of Hassell Montgomery, last Friday evening, prevented a robbery at Montgomery & Co's clothing store, in Crider's Exchange. He had been up at State College and returned to Bellefonte shortly after nine o'clock. Going to the store he unlocked and opened the door and as he stepped into the room he heard a noise at the rear end of the store but thought at first it was out in the arway. Then he felt a pronounced draft of air and going to the rear of the store found an open window.

Friday evening was practice night for the Bellefonte band and under cover of the music the robbers or robber had pried open the solid wooden shutters, then pried up the window, breaking the sash lock, and had evidently just stepped into the room when Mr. Montgomery opened the front door. The noise he heard was made by the robbers in making their escape. One boy with two suits of boys underwear had been taken from a shelf and placed on the radiator near the window but the robbers left so hurriedly they did not take it. That they had just gained entrance to the store was evident as a thorough examination showed that not a thing had been taken. So far no trace of them has been found.

BELLEFONTE HIGH HOLDS WINDBER TO LOW SCORE.

On Hughes field, last Saturday afternoon, the football warriors of Bellefonte High, gave many pounds in weight, boy per boy, to their opponents from the Windber High and came through the game with fourteen more points than they had scored through all of their last season.

They didn't win the game, but they did make a grand fight and as all the last quarter was in front of the Windber goal line the red and white might have forced the score that would have made them victors over a team that hasn't lost a conference game this season.

Right after the first kick-off we made a fumble and Windber recovered the ball and started a march that resulted in a touchdown. Just a few minutes later they got the ball again and one of their players broke away for a sixty yard run and another score. They missed both tries for goal so the score stood 12 to 0 almost before the game had fairly started. Then we made another fumble which they recovered and marched right down the field for 6 more points and a total of 18.

In the second quarter Bellefonte pulled herself together and held the visitors even. In the third quarter we had recovered so well from the surprise that the red and white warriors started to do things. Kelley made a forty yard run from mid field and planted the ball on Windber's 10yd line. In the next play Whipp carried it over and Gingery kicked goal. Just a bit later Bellefonte took the ball on downs and started a march down the field. Zimmerman made a nice run to the 15 yd line. Then Kelley tried a buck through center for a small gain and on the next play he went around the end for a touchdown. Gingery kicked goal. Score Windber 18 Bellefonte 14.

FIVE VOTING MACHINES ARRIVE IN PHILIPSBURG.

The five voting machines ordered by Secretary of the Commonwealth Beamish arrived in Philipsburg, on Saturday. Two will be placed in the third ward, two in the second and one in the first. The bill for the machines, approximately \$700, will reach the County Commissioners in due time and there is little doubt but that it will be paid, even if the county has to borrow the money to make the payment. That is the way the Pinchot administration is taking care of the taxpayers.

Just 439 years ago, on Monday, Columbus discovered America and if he could return here today he would doubtless marvel at the progress wrought in four centuries. The Bellefonte banks were closed, Monday, in celebration of the anniversary.

—We will do your job work right

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Mrs. Chava Serlick, of Philadelphia, who out lived all her children, died last Friday of "old age." She was 113. Until a few days ago she had been mentally active and healthy. She never wore glasses nor missed a meal. Besides numerous great grand-children, she is survived by six great-great-grand-children.

—A single lump of coal, weighing more than four tons, was uncovered at the Summit Hill stripping, near Tamaqua, and was taken to the Coaldale colliery where it will be secured for exhibition. The mammoth lump, pure anthracite, is one of the best single pieces of coal ever mined in the hard coal fields.

—Four citizens petitioned the Northumberland county court to oust nine councilmen of Mt. Carmel. A list of twenty charges presented to the court included: Letting contracts without bids, using budget funds for other purposes than appropriated for, making pre-election compacts with political followers, and paying auditors for their services before the audit was made.

—Fretful Freeland husbands who settle arguments caveman style with their wives are to be padded in police court, Burgess George L. Lewis announces. He said he is tired of hearing so many cases where men are charged with wife-beating. Starting with the next case, prisoners who have abused their spouses are to be put across a chair and spanked with a ruler, he warned.

—Damages caused by uncontrolled dogs to Pennsylvania livestock and poultry amounted to \$40,427.68 for the nine months ending October 1, according to the Bureau of Animal Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The amount of damage is \$5000 less than last year and \$10,000 less than for the corresponding period in 1929, due primarily to the downward trend in prices.

—T. W. McFadden, receiver for the People's National bank, of Osceola Mills, Centre county, on Tuesday filed suit for \$20,000 in United States district court at Pittsburgh, against the National Surety company, New York. It is for the purpose of recovering on a bond placed on C. B. Gardner while he was cashier. It was alleged in the statement of claim that Gardner misappropriated \$111,397.90.

—John G. Ziegler, chief of the school sanitation section, Pennsylvania State Health Department, reports that the medical school inspection in the fourth class school districts of Pennsylvania is now well under way. He said that 405 medical inspectors are in the field examining a total of 225,000 school children for visible physical defects. The examination in Bellefonte schools has been almost completed by Dr. Barlett, of Pleasant Gap.

—Five men, masked and armed, obtained \$1000 in cash and an undetermined amount of jewelry on Monday, when they held up 15 men in a restaurant at Clairton, Allegheny county. The five, after rifling the pockets of their victims of watches and money and taking diamond rings from their fingers, fled to the street, where a sixth man waited in a car. The six got away in the machine, a sport sedan, said to have Pennsylvania license plates.

—Sunbury, Northumberland and Selinsgrove, as well as Danville and Bloomsburg, will have natural gas early next spring. A pipe line now being built from Muncy to Milton will provide the final connecting link in the gigantic system extending from the gas fields of Tioga county to Sunbury. Work on this construction will be completed early in the new year, when steps will be taken to hook up the consuming public in that vicinity with Tioga county.

—Pete Pecarado and his wife, Mary, who sought damages from a hardware store in New Castle, which allegedly sold their minor son a rifle with which the boy accidentally shot and killed his sister, were denied a new trial of their case. They sought damages from the Cartwright Hardware company on the ground it violated a state law in selling a weapon to a minor. The court ruled the parents were guilty of contributory negligence in failing to take the gun from the boy.

—Andrew Dubetsky, Sr., of Weatherly, who located a colony of bees in a tree on the Henry Graff farm in Lowrytown, found that gathering wild honey is expensive. To get the bees he felled the tree and found it necessary to smoke the bees into slumber. In doing so he set fire to the woodland. He was arrested by the land owners, given a hearing before Squire Kistler, of Weatherly, and fined \$25 for cutting down the tree, \$10 for setting the woodland afire and \$19 costs with the option of spending 25 days in the county jail or paying the bill. He decided to take the county board, but later changed his mind and paid.

—With the arrest of two men on the Lincoln highway near Columbia and recovery of loot, State police at Columbia aided in solving at least one robbery at Reading and uncovered clues which point towards the solution of others. The prisoners are John W. Fallon, Clearfield, Pa., and Roger Kiscardin, Lebanon. They were arrested by Troopers Herman and Dooner, of the Columbia sub-station, in a machine loaded with automobile tires, auto batteries, a check-writing machine, an adding machine, a commercial acetylene outfit, two generators removed from an auto motor and other accessories. The men are said to have confessed to looting the establishment of Philip Brenner & Co., in Reading. The loot was identified by Brenner.

—The estate of Dr. Homer C. Bloom, prominent and supposedly wealthy Philadelphia physician, who died at Martinsburg, Blair county, recently, which was estimated at approximately \$200,000, dwindled pitifully when the appraisal and inventory was made and filed at the office of register and recorder, Thomas G. Peoples, in Blair county, last week, by the executors. Thus the gifts made to the Morrison's Cove vocational school, Nason hospital, Reading Spring; Presbyterians Home, Hollidaysburg, churches, hospitals, colleges and societies went for naught. She will did not disclose the nature of the investments and it remained for the executors and appraisers to make the necessary investigations. It was shown that many of the dead physician's investments were in bad stocks and it will be impossible to carry out most of the terms of the will.