

BORO AFFAIRS

FAVORITISM SHOWN BY BOROUGHS AUTHORITIES.

Complaint of Wrongs—Repairing Board Walks—The Water Question—Citizens Look to Your Interests.

Borough authorities are apt to go wrong, sometimes from ignorance of the law, lack of judgment, or by being guilty of favoritism.

A short time ago a lady having an interest in a vacant lot, complained that the council charge her for every strip of board put on the walk along said lot and for every shovel full of snow thrown off, while other parties who own vacant lots have the entire walk, repairs and snow shoveling paid out of the borough funds. This matter we heard discussed also in one of the usual places where our citizens gather evenings and the injustice of the favoritism alluded to in strong language.

We informed the lady that if the matter complained of is true, it was a wrong and an outrage that no taxpayer need to submit to for a moment, and if the council is guilty of such action they were violating their oaths. The law puts all citizens upon an equality. No council has a right to build and repair walks at the boro's expense to favor any pet.

For the information of the taxpayers we here print the law and ordinance in regard to walks; there is nothing in either that sanctions anything like the wrongs above referred to.

The act of '83, relating to boroughs, is as follows:

To regulate the roads, streets, lanes, alleys, common sewers, public squares, common grounds, foot walks, pavements, gutters, culverts and drains, and the heights, grades, widths, slopes, and forms thereof, and they shall have all other needful jurisdiction over the same, and they shall have power to survey, lay out, enact and ordain foot walks, pavements, gutters, culverts and drains, over and upon the lands abutting on and along the sides of turnpike roads which may be within the limits of said boroughs, and to fix the size and width thereof, and to require the grading, curbing and guttering thereof, BY THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF LAND RESPECTIVELY FRONTING THEREON, in accordance with the general regulations prescribed.—Act of '83.

BORO ORDINANCE.

That all owners of lots, grounds, or other real estate in said borough, (Centre Hall) shall construct at their own expense such pavements or sidewalks, &c.

No tax payer can be made to pay any tax assessed upon him for work done on walks for other people, the law makes no distinction between improved and unimproved grounds in a boro. Auditors are elected to throw out just such bills.

THE WATER QUESTION.

The purchase of the water works has recently been urged upon our citizens under misrepresentation from a quarter that never contributed a penny towards any enterprise here or elsewhere, by some men who are of no benefit to a community, and spend their lives as growlers at others.

Since the boro election it dawned upon the people that two out of one nest have crept into the council as companion pieces of another who is cheek-by-jowl, and the question arises why this indecency. The natural inference is that there is some object in view. Is it to secure further favoritism as to board walks? No councilman interested in having the boro pay for his walk or in any job, has a right to vote upon such a question. In this case decency requires at least one resignation. Some harbor the idea that certain parties expected to manipulate the water loan, get the funds at 3 per cent, and loan to the boro for 6 per cent, or 100 per cent more than they pay. Well, that would be a nice little speculation. Such things have happened before.

Who will guarantee that water works in such hands would not be allowed to run down in a year or two, to the disgust of the boro, next a move made to sell them to the highest bidder and the waiting sharks stand ready to buy them for a song? It would simply be a repetition of the fate of the old Centre Hall manufacturing company—which started in prosperity, fell into bad management and disrepute, were put up at forced sale, knocked off for a trifle and every honest stockholder lost his money, and others were benefited.

For fear there is a nigger in the woodpile, (and it looks like it, from the manner in which the council was lately sold) the water works will not be sold. Perhaps in the future, when councilmen are chosen who can present a clean bill of character covering their past history, and the parties dealing for them are such as have proven themselves to be public spirited citizens, the water company will be pleased to listen to an offer, but not now.

This is just another scheme in which the originators prove they didn't know what they were about, as usual, and the boro pays for their blunders.

Death of Mrs. Garis.

Mrs. Garis, an aunt of Byron Garis, of our town, died near Madisonburg, a few days ago.

MAJOR REYNOLDS DEAD.

The Largest Land Owner in Centre County Passes Away at an Advanced Age.

Major William F. Reynolds died at his handsome residence, corner Allegheny and Linn streets, Bellefonte, at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, at the advanced age of eighty years.

The cause of his death was a fatty degeneration of the heart, for which his physician, Dr. George F. Harris has been treating him for several years.

Major Reynolds was born in Mifflinville, Columbia county, this state, in 1813. His whole life was devoted to mercantile, banking and agricultural pursuits, and he was the owner of some of the best and most profitable farms in Centre county. He started in the mercantile business in Berwick, Pa., when a young man, eighteen years of age. Later he moved to Danville where he was more extensively engaged in the same business, and met with financial success on every hand.

His first visit to Bellefonte was in 1841, and he selected that place as his home. In 1859 he established the banking house of W. F. Reynolds & Co., which he continued until two years ago when he was succeeded by Jackson, Crider & Hastings. He was the largest land owner in Centre county, being possessed of about thirty large farms, and leaves a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000.

Major Reynolds was a member of the Episcopal church and contributed liberally to the erection of an Episcopal church on the lot now occupied by the residence of Mr. A. C. Mingle, on East High street, and in 1870 again assisted in the erection of their present church building. Some years later he built the Episcopal church parsonage and presented it to the church. In 1879 he presented the borough council with the spring from which Bellefonte draws its water supply. Politically Major Reynolds was a Democrat, but never sought office himself. He was never married, but kept up a fine residence as his Bellefonte home.

The funeral took place from the Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Charley Keller Dead.

Charley Keller, an employe of the Atchison Saddlery company, died of typhoid pneumonia last night, at the residence of Mrs. Coburn, No. 504 Park street. The deceased was twenty-six years of age, and very popular among his acquaintances. The funeral services will occur at the English Lutheran church at 7.30 o'clock this evening, and the remains taken to Mound City, Kansas, tonight, for burial. The deceased was a member of the choir of the Lutheran church, and has lived in Atchison about a year.—Atchison Globe, December 10.

The deceased was a son of Henry Keller, who resided at Centre Hall, leaving this place some five years ago.

SHILL IN LAW.

The Grenoble failure is still a matter in law. Testimony was taken in squire Bonal's office, on Tuesday, preliminary to a new trial. This has been a sad experience for some innocent parties, honest, hardworking farmers, some losing their all, others on the brink of the same fate. As usual, innocent parties suffer, guilty ones escape and have some of the boodle. This is one of the cases in which the "Napoleon of finance" appears and disaster has followed. Rottenness was venerated to deceive confiding ones. It is well, that while the law may not save the innocent, that the general public suspects who has had a hand in the pie.

Joseph E. Mitchell.

This well known citizen, a resident and postmaster of State College, died suddenly, on last Thursday morning, 23, aged about 66 years. A cold which brought on typhoid pneumonia, caused his death. His wife died a few years ago. Mr. Mitchell was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and we always met him as a gentleman of pleasant and agreeable manner.

Taken Ill.

The many friends of Maj. Foster will regret to learn of his illness. The Harrisburg Patriot, 24, says: Major R. H. Foster, who has served in the internal affairs department under Secretaries McCandless, Africa and Stewart was taken ill at his desk yesterday and removed in a carriage to his home on Cumberland street.

United in Marriage.

On Sunday evening, 19th, Mr. Geo. Nearhood and Miss Alice Meyer, both of this place, were united in marriage at the home of the bride on Hoffer st. Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, pastor of the Reformed church performed the ceremony.

Will Move to Town.

Frank Bradford, this spring, will start up housekeeping in our town. He is a good citizen and is one of that class who attends strictly to his own business.

For warm, comfortable and serviceable clothing, and at the same time secure them at a low figure, go to Lewins, at the famous Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, and you will get just the articles wanted. See his stock before purchasing.

CENTRE HALL'S ATTRACTIONS.

An Interesting Fight Between a Snowdrift and an Engine.

Reader did you ever witness a fight between locomotives and a snowbank? A Spanish bull-fight don't compare with it.

Well, it is worth coming to Centre Hall to live in the winter, just to witness such a sight. This is one of our winter attractions. Just above the picnic ground there is a cut, and this the god of the elements delights to fill up with snow every winter just to annoy the locomotives and have them fight the big drift planted in their way in the cut. It generally takes two iron horses to worst the white enemy, and after an all-day or all-night contest, the snowbank invariably gets licked, and sometimes the locomotive is played out too by the time the tussel is over.

In fighting the drift in this cut, the locomotive pursues the tactics of a goat or ram when it sees a feller stooping to tie a shoe; you know how that manœuvre is. The iron horse backs a few yards, then with puff and snort goes forward, and with a mighty plunge buries its head in the belly of the drift in a manner to make the stars fly—the snow we mean. Then there is another backing, a puff and a snort, and the drift gets another whack right about the kidneys. Thus the fight goes on until the iron horse sounds its whistle of triumph, wipes the perspiration from its brow, and goes on rejoicing.

Is this exciting, you ask. Why yes, it must be, for we see young America, and old too, stand by waist-deep in snow, for hours, half frozen and hungry, watching the battle of the giants, and enjoying it far better than a warm meal or a hot stove.

In the fight between locomotives and the drift, last Thursday, one iron horse was disabled and had to be towed to the office of the iron-horse doctor at Sunbury for treatment.

Yes, it's interesting winter sport to see the iron-horse battle with a snow-drift. Certainly, Centre Hall has its attractions,—wonderful for its coasting ground, bull-gine fights, pure air, splendid water works, the CENTRE REPORTER, and—then other fellows.

A Farmer Fooled.

John Newburn, a Lawrence county farmer, sold his farm five weeks ago to a stranger, who paid \$200 down as a guarantee. The deed was to be delivered in a month. A few days later another man called on Newburn, told him his farm was in the natural gas belt and he would pay \$10,000 for it. After a long conference the second visitor bound himself to pay \$10,000 more than the first purchaser had offered, making a deposit of \$200 to show that he meant business. Three days later the first purchaser appeared with the money to pay for the farm. Newburn made overtures to back out, but the buyer was inflexible. Newburn then became desperate and finally persuaded the first buyer to take \$3,000 and let him (Newburn) out of the deal. The stranger took the \$3,000, and Newburn is still looking for the other fellow who was to pay the advance of \$10,000.

There are folks who think it smart if they can swindle a farmer, and think it a credit. These scamps should be denounced by every honest man whether farmer or not.

How Mingle Succeeds.

There are various methods employed to bring about success in business. Mingle has relied on but one method. That one—selling good goods at small profits. If he didn't sell good shoes he would be foolish for selling at small profits, because he could never establish a trade. He could sell a customer one pair of shoes, no more. But by selling nothing but reliable goods he has established himself so firmly that the bitterest competition has failed to draw his trade from him in the least. He is selling today more boots, shoes, slippers and rubber goods than ever before, and he is selling to the best people in the county. Everything is marked as low as it could be. When you want shoes don't miss Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte.

Cut His Foot.

On Saturday last while John Gregg, son of Col. Andrew Gregg, living a short distance west of town, was engaged in chopping wood the axe glanced off the stick and struck his foot, cutting an ugly gash about three inches in length, the effects of which will keep him confined to the house for some time.

Will be a Candidate.

W. J. Carlin, esq., of Rebersburg, has opened the ball for the '93 campaign by announcing his name in another column of the REPORTER as a Democratic candidate for the nomination for Register. He is qualified.

Communion Services.

The Lord's supper will be administered in the Presbyterian church at ten o'clock, next Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Preparatory service Saturday morning at ten o'clock.

Holding Services.

Rev. Minnich started services in the Methodist church at this place on Monday evening, which will be continued during the entire week. Communion services will be held on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

HERE AND THERE

NEWS ABOUT THE TOWN AND COUNTRY.

A Romantic Story Which Culminated in Happiness to Two. The Smallest Locomotive.

The approach of the culmination of a romance took place in Bellefonte on last Thursday when the clerk of the orphan's court of Centre county issued marriage license No. 2457 to Mr. John W. Mills and Mrs. Annie R. Hoffman. Until last night these persons had never seen each other, but that didn't prevent the issue of a license to marry. Mr. Mills is a prosperous florist of Des Moines, Iowa, and is forty-six years of age. Through the medium of correspondence he became interested in Mrs. Hoffman, a widow, aged thirty-eight, residing in Mifflinburg, Union county, Pa., whose husband died in 1885. The correspondence took a warmer turn than mere friendship and Mr. Mills proposed matrimony. He came on to Pennsylvania, having arranged to meet Mrs. Hoffman at Garman's hotel Thursday afternoon. Owing to the lateness of the trains Mr. Mills was delayed somewhat but he arrived before six o'clock and found the lady with whom he had been corresponding, awaiting him. The two interested persons were so pleased with each other that a license to marry was applied for shortly before noon on Friday and was issued. The ceremony took place that same evening. May the lives thus romantically brought together, be spent in peace and prosperity for years to come.

The Smallest Locomotive.

Henry Gase, who lives in Gloversville, is the designer builder and owner of the smallest locomotive ever built to be run by steam. He will send it to the World's Fair. The spare time of fifteen years has been spent in constructing and perfecting this locomotive.

While the engine is in motion the engineer and firemen can be seen to put their heads out and in the cab windows and the whistle can be heard to blow. The engine runs by steam upon a circular track ten feet in diameter.

The principal dimensions of the little engine are—weight, 1½ pounds; with tender, 2 pounds 2½ ounces; length, 8½ inches, with tender 12 inches; height, 3½ inches; gauge of track, 1½ inches; diameter of cylinders, 5-16 of an inch; stroke of piston, 1 inch; stroke of valve, 1-16 of an inch; diameter of drive wheels, 1½ inches; diameter of truck wheels, 1 inch.

The materials used in this midget locomotive are solid silver, steel and brass. There are 15 pieces, exclusive of screws, bolts and rivets, or in all 2836 pieces.

Hard to Beat.

James Cassidy, of Curwensville, Clearfield county, a veteran lumberman, recently reviewed his books for the past twenty years and found in that time he had cut 240,000,000 feet of timber. This lumber was all cut in Clearfield county, and floated down the west branch of the Susquehanna. Mr. Cassidy is no extraordinary operator. He is but one among hundreds who have slashed away at the great pine forests, yet his single work shows what devastation has been wrought within a single lifetime.

We should like some Centre county lumberman to send a record to the REPORTER that can beat the above.

Don't Bite At This.

One of the latest swindles practiced in this part of the country is an advertisement of a steel engraving. It reads like this: "Cut this out and send \$2.50 and you will receive a beautiful steel engraving 'The Landing of Columbus.' This engraving is authorized by the government and is an exact copy of the work of one of the great masters." Some man from Gordon answered it, and received in return a Columbian postage stamp. A great many people have been victimized in this way. Look out for it.—Ashland Telegram.

No Graded School.

We understand the school board has receded from its purpose to build a new school house at Centre Hill, with two rooms, one to be for a graded school. The large opposition throughout the township to such a project has induced the board to drop it. A new house is now to be erected at Centre Hill with one room, of the regulation style.

Died Near Zion.

Henry Showers, age 52 years died Friday night at his home near Zion, the cause of his death was typhoid fever and was sick only a week. He leaves a wife and six sons, two of whom are married.

Will Move Near Bellefonte.

Daniel Royer, farmer near Madisonburg, will move on a farm near Bellefonte in the spring, and took part of his fitting over this week.

Four Children Born at Once.

Mrs. Thomas Schlieher, of Allentown, wife of a motorman on the electric street railway, has given birth to four children, one boy and three girls. All died shortly after birth.

Mifflin County Deaths.

In Milroy, February 16, Andrew Swartzell aged 67 years.
Near Granville, Pa., February 19, Thomas McCord, in the 73d year of his age.
At Granville, February 17, Frank A. McCoy, aged 36 years, 4 months and 12 days.
Near Siglerster, February 17, Mrs. David Treanor, aged 46 years, 11 months and 18 days.

Deaths.

A one-year old child of Daniel, Korman, of Haines township, died last week.
On the 12th inst., Charles David, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Musser, of Penn Hall, aged 1 year and 6 days.
On the 15th inst., Virgie Ray, infant daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Stiger, of Green Brier, aged 11 months.
February 10, in Sugar Valley, Jacob Sheetz, aged 72 years.

For Sale.

The well-known Red mill property, one mile south-east of Centre Hill, will be sold on reasonable terms, or in exchange for farm property.
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GEO. M. HARTER.

Have Declined.

Wheat and corn have declined in the market in the past eight or ten days, where a rise was looked for. The great stock on hand accounts for this fall in prices. Oats has been holding its own. The prospect ahead for good prices is not very flattering for the farmer just now.

Latest Novelties.

Latest novelties in spring clothing for men, boys, and children.

The best suit in the market for men at \$10.00. Tailoring a specialty.
MONTGOMERY & CO.
Bellefonte

For Rent.

A two-story dwelling house and lot with stable, etc., at Centre Hall is for rent. Possession given at any time. Apply to F. Kurtz.

Musical College.

The spring term opens May 1st, in Vocal and Instrumental Music. For catalogues address,
HENRY B. MOYER,
feb9-3t
Freeburg, Pa.

GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY KURTZ & SON

Wheat.....	70
Rye.....	58
Corn.....	46
Oats new.....	45
Barley.....	25
Suckwheat.....	40

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Butter.....	25
Eggs.....	30
Lard.....	10
Shoulders.....	11
Hams.....	10
Tallow.....	4
Potatoes.....	65
Sides.....	9

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COATS

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Muffs, Clouds, Boas, Leggings and seasonal goods in great variety.

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Lace and Heavy Curtains and the little sash draperies.

Try Hayne's wood gloss and save money.

A fine line of MEN'S NECK WEAR

Night Shirts, Etc.

Garmans.

SALE REGISTER.

MARCH 1.—I. A. Sweetwood, at 1 o'clock, 2½ miles west of Spring Mills, horses, cattle, household goods, etc.
MARCH 12.—Fry W. Briggs, at 9 o'clock, ¼ mile north of Penn Hall, 6 horses, 4 cows, 5 sheep, farm implements, harness, etc.
MARCH 15.—B. F. Arney, at 9.30 o'clock, 1½ miles east of Centre Hall, 3 horses, 4 cows, 12 pigs, 10 sheep, farm implements, wagons, household goods, etc.
MARCH 16.—Andrew Harter, near Coburn, horses, cows, wagons, sleds, traps and mowers, Deering self-binder, and all kinds of other implements, and household goods.
MARCH 17.—D. C. Keller, 3 miles east of Centre Hall, horses, cows, sheep, farm implements, wagons, harness, household goods, etc.
MARCH 18.—William Goodhart, at Farmers Mills, at 10 o'clock, 6 horses, cattle, sheep, farm implements, binder, harness, household goods, etc.
MARCH 21.—M. S. Heitinger, at Farmers Mills, horses, cows, implements, household goods, etc.
MARCH 22.—E. M. Huppert, at Spring Mills, horses, cows, young cattle, sheep, farm implements, wagons, household goods, etc.
MARCH 23.—John H. Olenkirk, at Old Fort hotel, at 10 o'clock, 6 horses, cattle, sheep, binder, farm implements, wagons, harness, etc.
MARCH 24.—P. A. Leister, at Strucstown, at 1 o'clock, farm implements, household goods, etc.
MARCH 27.—Adam Krumrine, at Tusseyville, horses, cows, young cattle, sheep, farm implements, etc.
MARCH 28.—William Scholl, 2 miles east of Centre Hall, horses, cows, young cattle, sheep, pigs, farm implements, household goods, etc.
MARCH 31.—D. F. Wiselard, at 10 o'clock, Linden Hall, 3 head horses, 4 cows, 37 sheep, 8 pigs, farm implements and wagon, household goods, etc.