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CENTRE COUNTY NEWS.

AS TELEGRAPHED ABROAD AND BY CORRESPONDENTS.

To be Taken with Caution—Dr. Colfelt's Woes—Burial of a Dog—Cadets No Gold Mining—Constable in Jail. Dead Child in a Bucket.

The call of Rev. Dr. L. M. Colfelt to the Cambridge, Mass., Congregational church has stirred up a sensation over the fact that he does not live with his wife. For many years Dr. Colfelt ministered to one of the largest Congregational churches in Philadelphia, and was there married. After a long married life there was dissension in the household and they concluded to separate, a legal document to that effect being filed in the recorder's office, Philadelphia. Mrs. Colfelt went to live with her parents in the Quaker City, and Rev. Dr. Colfelt resigned from the pastorate of the Philadelphia church and went to Bedford Springs, Less than a year ago he came to State College.

Asked as to what he would do under the circumstances, Rev. Dr. Colfelt said he had written a letter to one of the church committee explaining the affair as far as he deemed necessary, assuming all the blame himself and referring all desiring further information to Mrs. Colfelt, and that now if any church wanted him and his services it would have to take him just as he was and judge him by his works among them. The Cambridge church will hold another meeting, May 6, for final action.

Christian Burial for a Dog.

A strange funeral was seen at State College on 30 ult. The pet dog of the wife of a professor in the college died yesterday and was buried with the ceremonies of a Christian funeral. The dog was shrouded, placed in a casket specially made for it, and taken to the cemetery, followed by its mistress, in deep mourning. At the cemetery it was interred beside the mourner's mother, and the grave was then liberally covered with roses.

[This reads too paganish for belief. —Ed.]

Cadets to Stay Away.

It has been decided that the cadets from State College will not participate in the parade in Philadelphia May 15 on the dedication of the Washington monument. A trip to Philadelphia at that time will interfere greatly with the Spring examinations, and it was decided the wisest thing to remain at home.

Gold Mining by Bellefonters.

The directors of the Tussey Mountain mining and smelting company, at a recent meeting, decided to pursue their mining for gold on the mountains near Bedford. The gold vein found there some time ago is said to be thick and rich. Much new machinery will be purchased for working the tunnel.

[We think stock in the reported new Centre Hall water springs syndicate, or of the old water comp., will be a peg or two better than this gold mining stock.]

Limb of the Law in Jail.

John River, a constable from Rush township, Centre county, instead of serving warrants for other people's arrests, is languishing in the county jail.

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Finds a Dead Child in a Bucket.

What appears to be a case of infanticide was discovered near Bellefonte on Saturday. Several little boys were out fishing, and while walking along the stream they noticed a tin bucket floating along with the current. With boyish curiosity they succeeded in securing the bucket with a stick, and when they opened it they were horrified to find that it contained a dead child.

The boys immediately informed their parents of what they had found and an investigation was made. The child was fully developed and had evidently been dead only a few days.

One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and G. H. Long, Spring Mills, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

FIRE WARDENS.

The Act Placing New Duties on Township Constables.

Many inquiries having been made by constables as to what their duties are and the time when their service begins as fire wardens, we herewith publish the act, which was signed by Governor Hastings, March 30, 1897:

"Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., that on and after the first day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the constables of the various townships of the commonwealth shall be ex-officio fire wardens, whose duty it shall be, when fire is discovered in the forests within their respective townships, immediately take such measures as are necessary for its extinction, and to this end to have authority to call upon any person or persons within their respective townships for assistance; the said fire wardens to receive fifteen (15) cents per hour, and the persons so assisting twelve (12) cents per hour, as compensation for their services; the expenses thereof shall be paid, one-half out of the treasury of the respective county, and the remaining half of said expenses shall be paid by the state treasurer into the treasury of said county, on moneys not otherwise appropriated, upon warrant from the auditor general, but no such warrant shall be drawn until the respective county commissioners shall have first furnished, under oath or affirmation to the auditor general, a written itemized statement of such expense, and until the same is approved by the auditor general: Provided, that no county shall be liable to pay for this purpose, in any one year, an amount exceeding five hundred dollars.

"Sec. 2. Any person who being called upon by the fire wardens of his township to furnish assistance in extinguishing forest fires as provided in section one, shall, without reasonable cause, refuse to render such assistance upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars, or undergo imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

"Sec. 3. The fire wardens of each township throughout the commonwealth shall, in the first week of each term of court of quarter sessions of their respective counties, make returns to said court under oath or affirmation, of all violations occurring within their respective townships, which may come or be brought to their notice of any of the provisions of any law, now enacted, or hereafter to be enacted for the purpose of protecting forests from fire, and it shall be the special duty of the judge of said court to see these returns are faithfully made; and on failure of any warden to comply with this provision, or if it be found upon examination or inquiry by said court that any fire warden has either willfully or negligently omitted to report all such violations occurring within his township or having failed to perform his duty as set forth in section one of this act, such fire warden or constable shall be deemed guilty of willfully or negligently making a false return, or neglect of duty, and the court shall suspend him from office and direct the district attorney to indict and try him, and if found guilty, he shall be fined in a sum not exceeding ten dollars, or undergo imprisonment not exceeding three months, both or either, at the discretion of the court.

"Sec. 4. The term forest herein used shall not, for the purposes of this bill be held to include an area of timber land or brush land of less than fifty acres in extent, unless such said area shall be proximately to other timberland be liable to convey fire to an area of brush land or timber land containing at least 50 acres.

Bonds Illegal.

We see from yesterday's New York Sun that the Safe Deposit and Trust Comp. of New York purchased \$588,000 in bonds issued by the authority of the city council of Louisville, Ky. The taxpayers of Louisville served an injunction upon the council and the court declared the bonds illegal. Pending the suit the bonds were not delivered hence the Safe Deposit Company did not lose its money. This shows how risky it is to invest in bonds of doubtful legality issued by a council.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending.' It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

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SPRING MILLS.

A Breezy Letter from Our Neighboring Town.

Potatoes down to 12½ cents per bushel. Ghosts of Adam and Eve! The Spring Mills band under the skillful leadership of Professor Wm. Brown, is rapidly forging ahead in proficiency, and promises soon to be a band second to none in the county.

The Quarterly Conference of the M. E. church of this circuit met here on Monday last, Dr. Munroe the Presiding Elder officiating. All the reports were quite satisfactory, attendance very fair.

The junior base ball club of our village are preparing themselves for lively business on the diamond this summer. The club is quite an active one, and the young lads are entertaining several propositions from neighboring junior teams for a contest. The club will be in uniform this season.

Smith Bros. the well-known furniture dealers of our village, in fact of Penns valley, say their sales during April were really double the same time last year, and if a lively commencement—like the last few days is any indications, May will do equally as well. Our general merchandise stores report the volume of business for the last month, as being slightly in excess of April a year ago, consequently they have no reason to complain, only they say there is no money in business—very likely.

The four prominent applicants for post-mastership of our village, viz: Messrs. Long, Leitzell, Krape and Moyer, are leaving nothing undone whereby a favorable point may be secured, or an advantage obtained—the time is growing short, and of course each one is straining every nerve and sinew to capture the prize. They are all about equal in strength of influence and capability. Some think that the contest will be settled by throwing all the present applicants overboard, and a compromise effected on a gentleman not identified with the present squabble. This is possible of course, but not probable. If the old soldier racket is to be played over again, it is a very easy matter to guess who will be the next postmaster.

A week or two since, one of our newspapers inadvertently published a statement that Mr. Ruhl, the popular landlord of our village, was obliged to read the "riot act" to several unruly characters who had congregated in his house one evening, and were making affairs decidedly unhealthy. Not being advised of the fracas, and it being such a remarkable occurrence, I inquired of Mr. Ruhl for the full particulars, and the result was just about what I expected—not a word of truth in it. Mr. Ruhl informed me that nothing of the kind had ever occurred in his hotel; it was simply a gross fabrication from beginning to end. Mr. Ruhl assured me that he has never had the slightest disturbance with any one in his hotel, nor had occasion to even appear harsh to any guest or traveler. Why such a malicious and slanderous report would be circulated is difficult to fathom. This denial is simply for the benefit of those not personally acquainted with Mr. Ruhl, of course the traveling community whom he has entertained know better, and a denial is entirely unnecessary.

Ghost Frightens Train Men.

A story is going the rounds of the newspapers that railroaders on the Beech Creek line between Williamsport and Lock Haven, have been frightened by a ghostly figure, that flags the night express at a lonely gorge in the mountains. The trainmen say that when the express is far down the road a red lantern, swung by an unseen hand, can be seen swinging across the tracks; but before the train reaches the point, lantern and flagman disappear. Watchmen have placed the lantern just above or below the place where the guard is stationed. The railroaders regard the appearance of the ghostly lantern as a token of a fatal wreck to the crew that sees it.

L. & T. R. R. Officers.

At Philadelphia on Monday, the stockholders of the Lewisburg & Tyrone railroad elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Samuel Rea. Directors, James P. Coburn, S. C. Stewart, N. P. Shortridge, W. H. Barnes, Charles E. Pugh and Wm. A. Patton.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Wm. T. Gingher and Gertrude Brown, both of Milesburg.

Two New Moons.

For the only time this year we are to be treated to two new moons during the month of May. The phenomenon occurred on the 1st and will occur again on the 31st.

CAPITOL NEWS.

NO FIGHT IN SENATE AGAINST APPOINTMENTS MADE.

Mr. McKinley Has Made up His Mind to Curtail Some of the Extensions of the Civil Service Rules.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Mr. McKinley has fully made up his mind to curtail some of the extensions of the civil service rules made by Mr. Cleveland, but he lacks the nerve to do so until public opinion has been worked up a little on the subject. That is why members of his cabinet and other prominent officials are making public their opinions against those rules. Of course every body understands that the rules do not keep the present Democratic occupants of the positions in office, but so long as they are in force they do operate to keep those Republicans who are not already in the government service out of office. And that is the milk in the cocoanut. Promises have been made that have got to be kept, and the only way to keep them is to withdraw the civil service rules from some of these places. Had Mr. McKinley been a man of backbone he would simply have rescinded Mr. Cleveland's orders extending the rules and said no more about it, and that would have been a much more manly way than this beating the devil around the bush in order to make it appear that the public demands their abrogation, when every body knows that the public doesn't care a continental who fills the minor offices under the government.

The Dingley tariff bill should now be known as the Allison-Aldrich-Platt bill, since those three Senators have added more than a thousand amendments to the bill, which was today laid before the full Finance committee of the Senate. The amendments have not made the bill any less objectionable as a whole to Democrats, but some of them have started many Republicans kicking at a lively rate, but there is no likelihood that any of them will kick out of the party traces.

There hasn't been a determined fight made in the Senate against any appointment yet made by Mr. McKinley, but if he persists in trying to make J. W. Lyons, the negro member of the Republican National Committee from Georgia, postmaster at Augusta, Ga., there will be a fight and a bitter one, too. The entire Georgia Congressional delegation made a respectful protest against appointing this negro postmaster at Augusta, taking the ground that there were plenty of places paying just as well that could be given him, where the performance of his official duties would not necessitate constant irritation of the entire business interests of that city and the greater part of its population—probably nine-tenths of its mail receiving population. Postmaster General Gary had given the Georgia delegation to understand that he was opposed to making this negro postmaster at Augusta, but it seems that the negro, who was a McKinley whooper-up previous to the St. Louis convention, had boss Hanna's positive promise of the postoffice, if McKinley was nominated and elected, and that he has refused all offers of other places, although some of them carry more salary and insisted upon being nominated postmaster at Augusta. The Georgia Senators believe that they can defeat his nomination in the Senate, and it is certain that they will fight it to the last ditch, and hang it up if they can't defeat it.

"Oh, its just the regular pendulum swing," is the substance of what members of the administration say when their attention is called to the large amount of gold—more than \$7,000,000—engaged last week in New York for shipment to Europe, "and it will all come back again in the fall to pay for our crops." They may be right, but those with good memories have not forgotten that Secretary Carlisle and his assistants talked the same way in 1894, when nearly \$102,000,000 in gold went to Europe, and in 1895, when the value exported almost reached \$105,000,000, and again in 1896, when it went close to \$57,000,000, and they know that this gold was only brought back by issuing \$231,000,000 in U. S. bonds. Mr. McKinley has said that he would not issue bonds, but he has also said that Mr. Cleveland did right in issuing them when the continued demand for gold caused the gold reserve in the U. S. Treasury to fall below the arbitrary limit set without any legal authority by John Sherman when he was Secretary of the Treasury. Every body hopes that this gold raid is not made by the New York and London money changers to force another issue of bonds, but that does not keep people from wondering what Mr. McKinley would do, should it turn out that way.

Democratic employees of the Treasury Department who are not so sophisticated as to expect to be protected by the civil service commission are preparing to "get it in the neck." A committee has been appointed to investigate all the bureaus of the Treasury Department, and to report a plan of reorganization that will enable the most efficient employes to get the largest salaries. That sounds all right, doesn't it? But every wide-awake Democrat knows that the plan reported will give the biggest salaries to the Republicans, and is preparing to take his dose of reduction with as good grace as he can, if he isn't in a position to show his disgust by resigning when the reorganization is made.

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TAX REBATE ON FOREST LANDS.

The act of 1887 provides that the owner or owners of any land, etc., planted with forest or timber trees in number of not less than 1200 to the acre, shall, on making due proof thereof, be entitled to receive annually from the Commissioners of their respective counties for a period of ten years after the land has been so planted a sum equal to 90 per cent. of all taxes annually assessed, or so much of said 90 per cent. as shall not exceed 45 cents per acre.

For a second period of ten years the rebate is 80 per cent., or 40 cents an acre, and for the third period 50 per cent., or 25 cents an acre. Thereafter, under the present law, standing timber is subject to full taxation, the policy of the State, so far as it can be read in its tax laws, being to rid the State of standing timber as fast as possible by making it unprofitable for land owners to allow trees to stand on it, as they must pay full taxes on the value of the land, the market value of the timber being estimated as a part of that value.

THE PUBLIC STREETS.

Judge Livingston, of Lancaster county, has handed down an opinion which will be of interest to every city in the state. A case was brought before Judge Livingston, in which the right of the city to sell the privilege of occupying part of a street to hackmen was contested. In deciding against this right of sale the learned judge declares:

"The streets of the city of Lancaster are public highways, and public highways, from side to side, and from end to end, belong to the public. Any permanent structure which materially encroaches upon a public street and impedes travel is a nuisance per se, and may be abated, notwithstanding space left for the passage of the public. It is well settled that the public are entitled not only to a free passage, along the highway, but to a free passage along any portion of it not in the actual use of some other traveler, and if this be true it necessarily follows that there can be no legal sale of any portion of a public street or highway by city authorities for a private business or purposes such as stands for hacks, etc. A municipal corporation has no authority to dispose of for its own benefit property dedicated to or held by it in trust for public use. Nor can it extinguish the public uses in such property. As the highways of a state, including streets in cities, are under the permanent and primary control of the legislature, and as all municipal powers are derived from the legislature, it follows that the authority of the municipalities over streets and the uses to which they may be put depends entirely upon their charters or legislative enactments applicable to them."

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Married.

At Bellefonte, on April 22nd, 1897, Mr. Charles A. Miller and Miss Ida M. Lee, both of Colyer, Pa., by Rev. C. H. Goodling.

Rev. Rearick's Appointments.

Sunday, May 9, at Centre Hall, at 7 p. m.; at St. John's church, at 2 p. m.; at Georges Valley church, communion at 10 a. m.

—Lewins, Bellefonte, can give you an up-to-date equipment of clothing or less money than any other store in the country. Try him and see.

WANTED.—Parties desiring to sell stock in the Centre Hall water company can receive the highest market price by inquiring of or addressing Fortney & Walker, atty's, Bellefonte.

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One Evidently Needed.

Pennsylvania now has a law which provides that any person who shall willfully and maliciously damage or destroy any American flag or flagstaff which now or hereafter may be erected on any private or public building or place, or on any public or private highway, or any public or private grounds, or use the flag for advertising any business or trade, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall pay a fine not exceeding \$500 or suffer imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

Killed Many.

During a hail-storm in Rio Verde Valley, in Mexico, one day last week, hail stones weighing over three pounds arid said to have fallen. Reports say that 41 persons were killed by hail stones. On one hacienda alone 12 farm hands were killed.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register.

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her so much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.