

How Are Those Shoes Wearing?

Perhaps you are one of the very large number who bought shoes at this store in the last few months. If you are, the question applies to you.

We are interested in every pair of our shoes that are in service. Our interest never ceases while the shoes "live."

We want to know just how the shoes we sell wear. If any make that we handle isn't up to the mark, we are just as eager to know it as anyone could be—and if you don't tell us how the shoes wear, we can never know whether our shoemakers are living up to their contracts or not.

Mingle's Shoe Store.

Bellefonte, Pa.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the first and final account of H. E. Duck, assignee of Israel Conestoga will be presented to the court for confirmation on Wednesday, April 23rd, 1920, and unless objections be filed thereto on or before the second day of the term, the same will be confirmed.

M. I. GARDNER, Bellefonte, Pa., March 22, 1920. Probatory.

How the Devil Broke Up an Ancient Poker Club at Centre Hill.

Away back, Centre Hill had a poker party of hillers and loopers, some of whom are in pastures on the other side and some still feeding on this side. The boys did their shuffling on the sly, and quietly, as they enjoyed the chips as they sat around the poker table, anxious not to be found out.

Near the pike, between the Brockenhoff farm buildings and Centre Hill, stood an unoccupied business office, and this the knights of the deck frequented for their night's games. The door was always securely fastened on the inside and certain taps admitted a member of the gang. One of the fellows was then a clerk in the Centre Hill store, and he was noted for his unmatchable profanity. One night there was cheating in the game, and this opened the floodgates of profanity with which the clerk was gifted, and amidst it, every member being inside, there came the regular tap-sign, and without any unlocking from the inside, the door opened, and the devil stood partly under it in all the habiliments of his satanic majesty. The door was at once shut against old nick but it opened again, and cloty was there, but disappeared in a few seconds to see whether his fires were kept up, and the party simply adjourned without a motion for it being necessary, and no more meetings were held there.

Adjoining the Centre Hill cemetery on the rise on the west side, stood an abandoned study of the Presbyterian minister. This the poker set next fixed upon as a safe place to meet, as neither the devil or anybody would be likely to lurk around a grave yard at night. Here they met to shuffle the cards. But alas! who came around again but the devil! the inside fastenings flew open along with the door, and there stood the ruler of darkness, in all his hideousness and most frightful business garb—and vanished.

The poker party scattered; the devil's second appearance was equivalent to a motion to adjourn sine die. And we may be excused for crediting the devil for having done one good thing.

Man and Wife Gored to Death by a Bull. Near Nescopee, on Monday afternoon, the bodies of E. C. Stout and his wife, who lived on a farm, were found buried under the snow in their barnyard, and it is the supposition that while at work in his yard, where a vicious bull was kept, Mr. Stout was attacked by the animal.

His wife, it is presumed, came to his assistance and met a similar fate.

Mrs. Stout's neck was broken and her body stripped of her clothing, which was torn to shreds. So terribly was Mr. Stout's body mangled that recognition was barely possible.

From the deserted appearance of the house, and the fact that the heavy snow which covered the bodies fell Thursday night, it is thought that the farmer and his wife met their fearful fate on Thursday last.

Had His Arm Cut Off. William Freed, an employee of the Milton Iron Company, met with a sad and painful accident while at work last Friday morning. He was working at the shears and in stooping to pick something up, thinking the machinery had stopped, he placed his left arm on the lower knife and it was cut off below the elbow.

Thomb Lacerated. Arthur Bettleyon, employed on E. M. Hayet's mill above Colyer, got the thumb on the right hand into the bolting saw this week, cutting off part of the member above the first joint.

BIG LUMBER DEAL.

Transfer of Thousands of Acres.—A Railroad from the Southside Mountains to Centre Hall.

Well authenticated report has it that a large deal has been consummated in a lumber tract of many thousands of acres, lying south of Tusseyville, in the mountains, covering what is known as the "Kettle."

The parties owning the immense tract are Messrs. Beecher & Sober, an old and well-known firm of lumber men, who have sold the tract to Wither & Co., also well-known in these parts. The consideration is said to be \$90,000.

The new firm, we are informed, will build a lumber railroad from the Kettle to Centre Hall station, the latter to be their shipping point. The railroad will strike the valley at Boal's Gap, thence direct to Stone mill, where the first and only hill will be encountered on the road leading past the farm once owned by John Rishel, dec'd, thence to the station at this place. The road may ultimately become 20 miles in length by the time the most distant parts of the tract are reached in the progress of lumbering.

It is said the new firm will offer facilities to the people of the south side of the valley for travel and traffic to and from Centre Hall, in connection with their lumber trains which will be a convenience. The lumber operation will have timber enough to last fifteen years or more, and lumber hands in these parts will find a good opening for many years of employment.

Once Centre Hall Boy Catches a Burglar in New York.

George H. Rishell, son of John Rishell, dec'd, formerly of this place, and his family were at dinner in the basement of their house, 67 West 128 street, their home in New York City, a few evenings ago, when a neighbor tapped on the window and told them that a stranger had entered the front door with a key. Rishell ran upstairs in time to see a man run out of the bathroom and rush down to the street. He gave chase and the man was arrested at the corner of Fifth avenue by Detectives Buckridge and Meehan, of the East 126 station, who happened along. The man said that he was George Saunders, a horse dealer, of Weehawken. In the Harlem police Court he pleaded not guilty to the charge of burglary and was held.

Mr. Rishell writes us: I had the man indicted to-day, 19th, by the grand jury; he is said to be an old timer and dangerous character; but he made a mistake when he ran up against an installment inspector. I take a great deal of interest in the old Reporter, &c.

Abe Miller Catches the Commissioner Plom.

Abe Miller has been appointed by Judge Love to the vacant Commissionership. It will amount to a three year term, less 2 1/2 months. The appointment is a fit one from the Republican ranks in which Mr. Miller was a life-long voter. To look after the best interests of the county, and co-operate with the Democratic commissioners, Messrs. Heckman and Meyer, for good house-keeping, will bring Mr. Miller credit.

Notice.

Patrons of the REPORTER who contemplate changing their postoffice address this spring, should notify this office of such change by card at once, that the paper may reach them regularly. Do not forget to give last address as well as the new one. By observing the above, much delay may be avoided.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Jacob Weber heirs to Samuel Weber, sr., house and lot in Harris, \$200.
H. J. Wise to Amos Kaufman, house and lot in Centre Hall, \$1800.
J. L. Spangler to A. W. Nevel, 4 acres in Potter, \$218.
J. N. Deitrich to Henry M. Deitrich lot in Walker twp., \$225.

Recent Millin County Deaths.

Granville, wife of Isaac Beaver, aged 46 years.
Lewistown, Steven Bryant, age 37.
Iowa, Thomas Harpster, aged 75.
Granville, widow of Reuben Herington, aged 68 years.
Mattawana, Wm. Sayers, age 65.
Lewistown, wife of Oscar Thrush, age 19. Her infant babe died same day.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:
Wm. Deitz and Annie Walker, of Cato.
John Howard McPherson and Gertrude Ellen Spicher, Linden Hall.
John B. Krebs, Northumberland, and Elizabeth J. Rosecrans, Loveville.
Chas. E. Swartz, Mingoville, and Lizzie A. Royer, Madisonburg.
Harry F. Weaver, Romola, and Anna M. Gentzel, Hublersburg.

A Temperance Lecture.

J. A. Howard, who poses as a reformed drunkard, delivered a lecture in the United Evangelical church last evening on "Intemperance or Life in Prison." There was a large audience present to hear him point out the wrongs committed through the liquor traffic.

Quickly Sold.

A new record in horse sales was established on Tuesday at Benjamin Gentzel's sale of a car load of Illinois horses at Runkle's hotel. To sell the entire car load required but forty minutes. The bidding was spirited and the horses were sold at an average of \$137.50, a price that no car load has yet attained. A team of blacks were sold at private sale for \$400, and they go to Kensington, near Pittsburg. Mr. Gentzel is a very successful dealer and he expects to return to Centre Hall again with another lot. About the first week in April H. B. Pfaltzgraf expects to bring to Centre Hall about two car loads of fine Kentucky horses. The lot will be made up of trotters, pacers, saddle horses, all with records. The horses will be offered at private sale or exchange at the hotel stables. There has been a great demand for road horses from all parts of the county, many being in need of fast drivers, and a chance will now be given to secure this kind of an animal. In the lot to be brought will be included a number of mules.

M. E. Appointments.

Williamsport District.—Emporium, Oliver Metzler; Fairview, Robert Stine; Flemington, John Souser; Gardau, Thomas McKenty; Great Island, Samuel Ham; Hoytville, Franklin E. Hartman; Hughesville, John Mortimer; Hyner, Henry Flanagan.

Altoona District.—Presiding Elder, Martin Smyser; Bellefonte, Wilford Shriner; Half Moon; Robert Runyan; Houtzdale, Frank Leidy; Howard, Andrew Wharton; Milesburg and Unionville, Richard Wharton; Penns Valley, Elias Chilcote; Phillipsburg, Theophilus Thompkins; Pleasant Gap, Edmund White; Port Matilda, Elliot Lashaw; Ramey, Wm. W. Reese; Shawmut, Lemuel L. Logan; Snow Shoe, Theodore Faus; State College, Wm. Noble.
Tyone.—Columbia Avenue, Joseph D. W. Deavor; First Church, John A. Wood, Jr.; Utiaville, Wm. Chilcote.

Central Pa. College.

At the Central Penna. Conference of the United Evangelical church, held at Williamsport last week, the Committee on education reported that the \$100,000 endowment fund for Central Pennsylvania College has not been consummated, and the Conference continued Rev. W. E. Detwiler as the financial agent. As the college at New Berlin is not properly equipped and has not adequate building facilities, it was recommended that the trustees of Central Pennsylvania College formulate plans and conditions, to be referred to the citizens of New Berlin and other places, looking to the removal of the college to another place where more ground and better facilities can be had if the people of New Berlin do not take proper action.—Lewisburg Journal.

Centre's Centennial.

The ball has been set in motion to celebrate the Centre County Centennial at Bellefonte, July 25 and 26. The first move being the appointment of committees from every township in the county to take charge of the various departments. It will be a big success, a big time, for our big county. A flow of other matter makes it impossible to publish the long list of committee names, which reached us too late. Bellefonte, where the Centennial will be celebrated, as upon all public occasions, will excel all previous efforts in that line and in doing her part to make it a success.

No Horses Died.

There have been rumors circulated through the county to the effect that five horses out of one car load sold recently at Centre Hall, have died for the purchasers. The rumors have been without the least foundation and a careful inquiry, failed to find one animal that has died. The horses brought to the Centre Hall market are purely western stock, hardy and sound, and every purchaser of the four car loads sold, has been fully satisfied with the animals.

Nittany Peach Buds Frozen.

The peach buds in Nittany orchards and other parts of Clinton county, are reported killed by Saturday night's freeze, 17th. A large peach grower of Nittany valley states that the plum and peach buds were frozen badly that night, when the mercury registered from six to ten degrees below zero, and that the result will be a greatly decreased yield.

Week of Fasting and Prayer.

The bishops of the Methodist church have issued an address to the ministry calling upon the people for the observance of a week of fasting and prayer to begin March 25, for the purpose of increasing the spirituality of the church. The address closes with an appeal that the week of abstinence may be the means of bringing two million penitents to the altars of the church.

Grain Unpromising.

The wheat fields in this county do not have a promising look. The wet freezing spells in the last six weeks have been very damaging. With wheat low in the crop the trusts will see that it keeps low in price—thus the farmer gets hit right and left.

MARRIED AT JOHNSTOWN.

Miss Gertrude Miller, a Former Centre Hall Lady and M. C. Gephart United.

The marriage of Mr. M. C. Gephart, Millheim's prominent citizen and Miss Anna Gertrude Miller took place last Thursday morning, in the First Lutheran church, at Johnstown, Pa. Rev. Wm. A. Shipman, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Calvin Gephart, of Lavansville, Somerset county, a brother of the groom.

The bride is a daughter of the late Rev. J. K. Miller, for a number of years pastor of the Centre Hall Lutheran church, and she is well known to all in this community. Some years ago the family removed to Johnstown, where they have since resided. Mr. Gephart is one of Millheim's leading and representative business men, and at present is proprietor of the large music store at that place. With his bride he left shortly after the wedding ceremony on a tour of various cities, and about April 15th, will return to Millheim taking up their residence in that place.

Royally Entertained.

Last Thursday evening a party of young people from Milroy along with a number of young folks from this community, were royally entertained at the Old Fort hotel by Landlord and Mrs. Isaac Shawver. It was a congenial party and they were served a bountiful supper, after which the floors were cleared and to lively music, a good old fashioned time was had tripping the light fantastic toe until the hours began to wane. Those present were: Misses Etta Danisin, Tressie Brown, Jennie Gill, Carrie Little, Annie Raymer, Mabel Thompson, Ruth Thompson, Messrs. Willis Reed, Harry Brown, L. S. Alexander, W. R. Reed, W. A. Reed, Harry Danisin, D. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, all of Milroy; Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, Misses Annie Bradford, Rosella Horner, Pearl Riter, Mary Reish, Margie Taylor, Elsie Krise, Messrs. Thomas Kerstetter, J. Bitner, A. H. Zong, John Reish, John Miller, J. H. Auman, W. W. Gonder, Frank Homann, all of Centre Hall.

Distilleries on the Decrease.

Seventy years ago there were 26 distilleries in Penns valley, only one of them is left, it is at the extreme east end, the jumping off place between Centre and Union counties. Every farm house had its barrel of old rye and every harvest field its half gallon bottle at that day. We have much retrograded, it will be observed, in the manufacture of red-nose and correspondingly advanced in Christianity—to every distillery then, we now have two flourishing churches in the valley. Once it was 26 distilleries and less than half a dozen churches; now the Reporter can count 1 distillery and 52 churches in this valley.

District Sabbath School Convention.

The District Sabbath School Convention of Centre District, United Evangelical church, will be held some time in May, at Lemont, Pa. The committee of arrangements will meet in Centre Hall, March 30, to prepare programme.
Signed: S. P. Reemer, P. E.; H. W. Buck, W. W. Rhoads, J. W. Womelendorf, committee.

Centre County to Celebrate.

The Centre County Centennial has been fixed upon for July 25 and 26, one day for civics and one day for a military display, with sports and a historical exhibition. Colonel Wilbur F. Reeder was elected president of the organization, and vice presidents in all parts of the county were named.

Term Nearly Closed.

There remains but about two weeks for our public schools to complete the seven months' term. The schools will finish on Friday, April 6th, when the students will have a couple months vacation, excepting those attending the subscription schools which will open soon after the regular term closes.

Many to Fill.

There will be a great deal of changing around in the town before April first, and many of our citizens will get a "move on." There is no scarcity of houses in the town, and every one can be supplied with a roof over their head.

Horse Died.

A lively horse, one of a team driven from Bellefonte to the Old Fort, on Sunday, took sick while on the way, and died shortly after reaching the hotel. The team belonged to liveryman George Beezer, of Bellefonte, and was valued at over \$200.

The Odd Fellows' Meeting.

The first meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Association was held in Lock Haven, April 26, 1885. Every year since the association has met some place in Central Pennsylvania, and this year they will convene at Renovo.

A Big Sale.

The sale of W. H. and A. E. Meyer on Monday a short distance east of Centre Hill, was one of the largest held in the valley. The stock and implements brought good round prices, and the sale amounted to over \$2400.

There is a Reason Why

I am entitled to some of your trade. I fully explained that in the last issue of this paper. For the benefit of those who did not read it, I again say—

**Goods Sold on Their Own Merits,
No Misrepresentation of Goods Allowed,
Your Money Back for the Asking.**

I fully realize that I cannot expect all your trade, but I am sure a trial will prove financially beneficial to you.

To all persons, I would be very much pleased to have you call and see me in my new location, and I will try to prove to you that I DO WHAT I ADVERTISE.

Sim The Clothier.

There is no Reason Why

I cannot and will not save you money on your Spring wants in Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

Come and see me. It will do no harm, possibly some good may result from it. I realize you won't leave your old trading places unless inducements are offered, and along this line I intend to conduct my business. Goods listed in the papers mean nothing to a buyer. You must see, feel and get prices. You will then be able to judge for yourself.

Give me a call when around my way. I will endeavor to make it interesting for you.

"SIM THE CLOTHIER."

Reynolds' Bank Building, - Bellefonte, Pa.

Just Received a

A Full Stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Queensware, Trunks, etc.

Our stock was never so complete and was bought early in order to take advantage of the constantly advancing prices.

Come and see, and you will find that we sell at same prices as before.

H. F. Rossman,
SPRING MILLS.

This week we can give you

The Benefit of a Good Buy in an Original Crate of Queensware.

Cups and Saucers at 25c. a set.
Ewer and Basin, Nappies, Bowls,
Meat Dishes, Pitchers, Chambers, etc.,

At Very Low Prices.

Look into this at once.

All kinds of Coal on sale.
Wheat, 67c. Bran and Middlings, \$1.00 per cwt. Cheaper by the ton.

G. H. LONG,
Spring Mills, - - Pa.

Brachbill's Annual Reduction Sale

Now Going On.

Which includes some of the choicest goods in the market that came too late for the Holiday trade.

Although prices have advanced, does not say that you must pay higher prices for your furniture, as we are now selling what goods we bought early in the season, before prices advanced. We offer every year during the months of January and February great inducements to buyers in Furniture.

Don't wait for lower prices, but come and see what we can do for you.

W. R. Brachbill,
BELLEFONTE, - - PA.