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## COMMENTS ORVIS' RULE.

Milton Standard Compliments Centre County's Judge for His Ruling on License Question.

Judge Orvis, of Centre county, has laid down two or three rules in the granting of licenses that if generally followed would stop a good deal of drunkenness, and would bring happiness to thousands of homes on Christmas and other festive occasions, that are made miserable by thoughtless and degenerate husbands and fathers and sons, who set apart these occasions for the gratification of their bestial appetites. The sale of liquor by the bottle at the bar is one of the most prolific sources of drunkenness and crime in the liquor traffic. It has done more to maintain the corp of inebriates than any other one phase of liquor selling. Hundreds and thousands of boys and young men are thus supplied with intoxicants from the bars where they could not get it themselves, being under age. Selling liquor by the bottle is directly responsible for fully fifty per cent. of the Sunday debauchery so prevalent in all parts of the country, but more particularly in the industrial centres. No license rule has been laid down in years that will do more for the homes of drinking men and tend in a greater degree to promote temperance and sobriety among minors than Judge Orvis' action. Not long since when Judges Savidge and Auten laid down some new rules governing the sale of liquor in this county, we heard a strong license man declare that such proceedings were unwarranted and unlawful. It probably never occurred to him that the granting of licenses was discretionary with the court—that it could refuse all licenses if it saw fit. Judges have not only the right but they are fully justified in throwing about the sale of intoxicating liquors every possible restraint that will tend to decrease the baleful effects of the traffic, and it is to be regretted that too many of them do not appear to be inclined to exercise their prerogatives in the interests of morality and good citizenship.

## Asking for 3-cent Fare.

An effort is being put forth by "The Homeless 26," an organization of commercial travelers, to have the next legislature reduce the legal rate of car fare from three to two cents a mile on all roads in Pennsylvania. A meeting of delegates representing associations similar to the above will be held in Harrisburg, April 12th, at 2 p. m. The resolutions following convey the purpose of the assemblage:

Resolved, that we approve and commend the efforts being made to abolish the present system of mileage books used by certain railroads requiring the excess payment of ten dollars (\$10) and the securing of a two-cent rate for passenger travel upon steam railways throughout the state of Pennsylvania through concessions from the railways or legislation at the coming session of the legislature.

Resolved, further that this organization appoint a committee composed of four of its members who will meet similar committees from other organizations throughout the state at Harrisburg, Pa., April 12, 1906, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of formulating plans for the furtherance of the railroad matter.

## LOCALS.

Harry Potter, of near Pittsburg, was home for a few days.

The temperature Thursday night was one degree below zero.

George W. Miller, of Linden Hall, had set Wednesday of this week to move to Axe Man.

Lloyd Walters, a student at Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. J. M. Rearick, in this place.

Rev. M. S. Derstine, of North Bend, Clinton county, on his way to conference at Tyrone, stopped to visit his mother, Mrs. Sarah Derstine, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Homan, of Altoona, have been in Centre Hall since the middle of last week. Mr. Homan is settling up the affairs of his father's estate.

Jacob Lee, of Milton, was in Penns Valley the latter part of last week. There is a possibility that he will move to near York, and engage in the butchering business.

Mrs. W. Henry Schuyler is away this week attending the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, held in Hollidaysburg on Wednesday and Thursday, March 28 and 29th.

April 6th is Arbor Day. From present indications Governor Pennypacker will be obliged to revise his proclamation if he wishes trees set in Penns Valley on the first arbor day in 1906. All this on account of the heavy blanket of snow covering almost every foot of mother earth.

## SOUSA'S NEW OPERA.

"The Free Lance," with Joseph Cawthorn, at the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia, beginning Monday, April 2d.

Joseph Cawthorn and a large company of merry-makers will be seen at the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia, for two weeks, beginning April 2d, in the new comic opera, "The Free Lance." The play is replete with witty sayings, excruciatingly funny comedy situations, entertaining dialogue, pretty girls and a series of tuneful, catchy musical jingles. In addition to the star the cast includes many well known actors. The story deals with the adventures of one Sigmund Lump (the role assumed by Cawthorn) who is a bandit chief of great power and like Samson, his strength lies in his hair. Losing this hirsute adornment he becomes cowardly and timid and is forced to flee from his band. He becomes a sheep herder and meeting the Goose Girl, marries her. Meanwhile the kings of two different islands get into money difficulties and each thinking the other possessed of money, plan to marry the Prince and Princess to one another. On hearing this, the Prince, who has never seen his bride to be, becomes indignant and runs away. He meets Sigmund in the mountains and persuades him to exchange clothes with him, each assuming the other's part. About this time the Princess, hearing she is to marry a Prince whom she has never seen, also runs away, and like the Prince, wanders into the mountains. Here she meets the Goose Girl and by giving her a few gold pieces succeeds in getting her to exchange clothes with her. Sigmund and the Goose Girl wander into court, and the kings having found out by this time of the disappearance of their children, marry by proxy the Goose Girl and Sigmund. Sigmund is compelled to rule the island twenty-four hours and succeeds in getting the kingdom in a worse state of rebellion than before. However, before the final fall of the curtain everything ends happily and all matters are straightened out.

## Nothing Unusual.

The fact that 1905 had fifty-three Sundays is nothing unusual, although an item appeared in many newspapers that not for one hundred years would the like occur again. To prove that the year 1911 will have fifty-three Sundays, just do a bit of thinking along this line:

Each common year contains fifty-two weeks and one day. Each common year then begins and ends on the same day of the week. Each leap year has fifty-two weeks and two days, and ends one day in the week later than it began. Now to begin, 1905 began and ended on Sunday, and so had fifty-three Sundays. 1906 began and ended on Monday, and has fifty-two Sundays. 1907 begins and ends on Tuesday with fifty-two Sundays. 1908 begins on Wednesday, but as it is leap year it ends on Thursday, and 1909 begins and ends on Friday, while 1910 begins and ends on Saturday. All these have fifty-two Sundays. Now 1911 begins and ends on Sunday, and has fifty-three Sundays. This is six years later than 1905. There are four years of this century which will have fifty-three Sundays, and the differences between the years of this series are 5, 6, and 11 years.

## LOCALS.

The Intermediate and Primary grades of the borough schools close Monday of next week.

The hip pockets in the pantaloon may hereafter be reduced somewhat in size. The new pattern will be Orvis style.

The public sales are nearly all over. Since the middle of the month the weather was very unfavorable for sales, yet no one seemed to suffer.

W. H. Kuhn, of Jersey Shore, came to Centre Hall Saturday, and for a few days was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Smith. Before coming here he had been in Phillipsburg.

Mrs. Anna McClellan, of Potters Mills, was a caller at this office Monday morning. She accompanied her daughter-in-law to Centre Hall railroad station, where the latter took the train for the west.

United States District Court Judge Benjamin Franklin Keller, of Bramwell, West Virginia, is wintering in New Mexico. Judge Keller is a native of Boalsburg, and is one of the many distinguished men who claims Harris township as his native birth.

The borough financial statement was printed this week. The finances of the borough have greatly improved during the past two years. Bonds are being lifted, and at the same time the tax rate was reduced a year ago. An item of expense that is extraordinary is the payment of almost one hundred dollars, on account of R. A. Krape, to the Millin county authorities.

[As previously announced, "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of Penns., Georges or Brush Valleys, who are making life a success in other sections, will appear in The Centre Reporter from week to week. These contributions are made by a number of writers who have kindly consented to aid in conducting this department.—EDITOR.]



REV. D. J. MITTERLING, PH. D.  
Centreville, Iowa.

The subject of this sketch was born on the Mitterling homestead, three miles southwest of Centre Hall. Here he spent his boyhood days until leaving home to prepare for teaching, in which calling he engaged for five school terms, in the meantime attending the Millersville State Normal during the summer. He then entered Missionary Institute, now West Susquehanna University, at Selingsgrove, continuing there two and a half years. At this time he decided to complete his studies at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, from which institution he graduated in 1880. After completing his college course he entered Wittenberg Theological Seminary, graduating in 1883.

While at college Mr. Mitterling ranked high in reputation as a student. Possessing more than ordinary ability as a speaker, he was frequently sought for special addresses, and was honored by his own institution by being elected to the contest in oratory.

Not satisfied with his attainments at college and in the seminary he entered upon a Post Graduate course in Providence University, receiving in June, 1904, the degree of Ph. D. In his Post Graduate work Ethics and Evidences constituted the major part of the course.

The course itself was very extensive and the examinations most thorough, yet Mr. Mitterling has the credit of sustaining throughout the course an average of ninety-seven and four-fifths per cent., this being the highest general average reached by any one in the history of that University.

In the notification letter the president spoke in strong complimentary terms of his work, and the institution holds Dr. Mitterling in high esteem. An evidence of this is the fact that, since graduation he has been offered a professorship in Ethics and Homiletics, which, preferring the active ministry, he declined.

Dr. Mitterling's first pastorate was at Navarre and Beach City, Ohio. Here he labored for three years, during which time a splendid church was erected and the membership doubled. In the second field one hundred and eighty-four persons were received into the church through a revival. Upon unsolicited recommendation the Doctor was secured by the church at Lagrange, Ind., to bring about a revival in church activity in which other pastors had failed, and in less than six months the object was attained, the membership of the church having been doubled through another great revival. The Doctor has always been eminently successful in church revival work.

During his pastorate at Lagrange he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Norris, a lady whose efficient church work is widely known and greatly appreciated in the Presbyterian church.

In 1895 Dr. Mitterling entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church by a unanimous vote of the Presbytery. At the solicitation of the Home Mission Board he assumed charge of a mission church at Coleman, Mich. Here he organized a second church, erected a fine building and increased the membership four-fold.

At present he is pastor of the Presbyterian church in the city of Centreville, Iowa. This congregation is one of the old, substantial organizations of the southern part of the state.

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## INCIDENTS OF 1877.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1906 Readers.

[Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

FEBRUARY 1—Prof. G. W. Fortney advertises that an "Academic Institute" will open in Centre Hall, April 1st.

FEBRUARY 8—The Red Mill has been opened by H. Breon.

Horace G. Stover, of Aaronsburg, was admitted to practice as an attorney at law in the circuit court, Versailles, Missouri.

A. S. Kerlin has become traveling agent for the Mann Axe Factory, near Lewistown, and is now in the south.

Mrs. Funk, wife of John Funk, of Penn township, fell upon the ice, breaking one of her legs.

FEBRUARY 15—William Kerlin, of Milesburg, has rented Duncan's mill, at Spring Mills; Mr. Osman, the present miller, goes to Stone Mill.

The cars on the branch run up as far as Paddy Mountain.

R. H. Duncan sold his store house at Spring Mills to Israel Grenoble for \$4000. Mr. Grenoble intends moving his store into it.

Almost within a weeks time three of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Potter township were called away by the messenger of death. Samuel Houston, one of the early inhabitants of this valley, died on the 7th, aged eighty-nine years. On last Saturday evening occurred the death of William Allison, Sr., of Potters Mills, aged eighty-four years, and about the same hour Peter Ruble died. The latter's age was seventy-four years.

Mrs. Hamill, wife of Rev. Dr. Hamill, of Oak Hall, died on the 14th.

George B. Harpster, for many years a resident of Centre Hall, died at Cedarville, Ill.

Joseph K. Shirk, formerly of this locality but now of Milroy, intends moving to Texas this spring. Aaron Ishel, of Centre Hill, and Oliver Perry Rearick, of Potters Mills, intend moving to Missouri.

General Buchanan, of Penn Hall, is prostrated from a paralytic stroke.

MARCH 1—Samuel Wilson, of Harris township, intends moving to Virginia.

Zeb. Krise, of Centre Hill, purchased the Howard Harkins property, in this place.

The Penns Valley Banking Company intends erecting a three-story building the coming summer. The present stockholders in the bank are General James A. Beaver, J. P. Harris, William Wolf and Daniel Hess.

MARCH 5—D. W. Zerby was awarded the contract for the new Plumgrove school house. The structure will be of brick, contract price \$1045.

Michael Strohm has become proprietor of the Centre Hill store.

L. B. McEntire intends removing his store from Potters Mills to Fillmore.

George Stover, of Centre Hill, intends moving to Missouri.

Married—January 3, Hayes Solt and Miss L. Zerby, both of Gregg township. . . . January 14, A. M. Neidigh, of Haines township, and Miss Mary M. Beck, of Gregg township. . . . January 18, Peter Kreider, of Harrisburg, and Miss Lizzie Spangler, of Harrisburg, formerly of Rebersburg. . . . December 31, 1876, Samuel Frank and Miss Sarah Zeigler, both of Schrock town. . . . January 7, Isaac Bartholomew and Miss Eliza Confer, both of Logansville. . . . January 14, John Bailey, of Nittany Valley, and Miss Rebecca Condo, of Brush Valley. . . . January 18, Alfred H. Weaver and Miss Angeline Catherman. . . . January 25, George F. Miller and Miss Alice S. Howard, both of Ferguson township. . . . January 25, Jared Mowery, of Penn township, and Miss Elizabeth Bailey, of Penn Hall. . . . January 30, M. C. Stover, of Brush Valley, and Miss Kate Ness, of Farmers Mills. . . . August 28, 1876, J. Q. A. Kennedy, of Lemont, and Miss Mary Glenn, of Renovo. . . . February 6, John A. Hoover and Miss Susan A. Poorman, both of Benner township. . . . January 28, John Habne, of Selingsgrove, and Mrs. Maggie Smith, of Millinburg, daughter of Isaac Stover, of Aaronsburg. . . . February 15, Charles Bower and Miss Julia A. Musser, both of Aaronsburg. . . . February 22, Michael Shires and Miss Vienna McCormick, both of Potters Mills.

Success is apt to turn a man's head, even when he has a stiff neck.

## Missionary Meeting.

Mrs. John Gillespie, Field Secretary of the Presbyterian Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, is making a tour of the churches of Huntingdon Presbytery, and will be in Centre Hall on Easter Sunday, April 15th, and will talk on missions in the Presbyterian church on that day, probably in the evening. Although Mrs. Gillespie is not herself a missionary, her late husband was for many years one of the Foreign Missionary Secretaries of the Presbyterian church, and she was with him when he made a tour of the mission fields. It will thus be seen that she has had unusual opportunities to become acquainted with mission work. She comes highly recommended, and will doubtless interest and instruct not only Presbyterians but also the members of other churches and the general public, to whom a cordial invitation is extended.

## Commencement at Millheim.

The Millheim High School will hold its regular commencement exercises Tuesday evening, April 3rd. The graduating class is composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Helen M. Kister, J. Mae Musser, M. Helen Crawford, Sara I. Kessler, Wm. N. Duck, Paul J. Smith, Bruce M. Stover, Harry F. Shires, Paul Musser.

The very appropriate class motto is "Thoughtful of the future"; class colors, garnet and orange.

Prof. C. R. Neff is principal of the Millheim High School, and it may be safely said that none of these young people will charge Mr. Neff with neglect nor in any way hold him responsible for any lack of preparation (if any exists) for this event.

## Duped Wife-Hunters.

A woman signing her name "Mrs. L. Patterson," of Lewistown, until recently was doing a profitable matrimonial business. She corresponded with a number of men in various sections of the United States, and in a number of cases secured advances of from \$5.00 to \$35.00 for clothing and traveling expenses. She passed off as a niece of a minister, Joseph Shirk, and the dupes were led to believe that they were about to be yoked to the very personification of the Christian virtues.

Her real name is Shirk, and she is about forty years old. She is now held for her appearance at the May term of the U. S. Court, at Harrisburg, for using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

## McManaway Store Sold.

Harry F. McManaway, the popular young merchant at Wolf's Store, sold his mercantile business and stock to Samuel L. Gephart, of Rebersburg, who now has charge of the store.

Mr. McManaway has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Capewell Horse-Shoe Nail Company, covering Central Pennsylvania, formerly worked by George Spayd. Mr. McManaway goes to the company's headquarters, at Hartford, Connecticut, Monday, for instructions. His family will reside in Millheim, to which place they moved last week.

## Says Peaches are Frozen.

Ivy W. Bartges risks his reputation by predicting that the peach crop, in this section, is doomed—frozen. He claims there has been a "fog frost," and that close examination will not reveal a good peach bud. The wood is not hurt. Plums are also frozen, according to Mr. Bartges' judgment. About twenty per cent. of the cherry buds are promising. Apples, quinces and pears are in good condition.

## Card of Thanks.

Howard Slabig and Miss Jennie Slabig, of Potters Mills, take this method of thanking their friends who so kindly assisted them during the last illness and death of their mother, Mrs. Maria Slabig.

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During his entire ministry Dr. Mitterling has to his credit an average of thirty-five additions to the church for each year's work—certainly an excellent showing. He is regarded as a strong, logical and fluent speaker, holding his audiences throughout his discourses with unusual attention. Many of his addresses are published by local papers.

He is, moreover, frequently sought for addresses on public occasions of local importance. A recent address on "Our Public Schools" was so favorably received that it was published in its entirety and widely circulated by the papers of the city.

The Doctor is a comparatively young man yet and has before him the prospect of years of continued usefulness, which, judging from the past, one may safely conclude will be spent to his continued credit.

Some fellows blow themselves every time they can raise the wind.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

William J. Krape was appointed postmaster at Aaronsburg.

Friday night made a good record for March. Mercury fell to five degrees below zero.

Tom Harter's boom for postmaster was launched by the Gazette in its last issue.

Lewistown will vote on the question whether the borough shall borrow \$50,000 for street improvements.

Iceman Boozer harvested a four-inch crop of ice Thursday. All the demands for ice have been supplied in these quarters.

A jury awarded the Watsontown Door and Sash Company \$30,000 damages for the destruction of their plant by fire.

Dr. Brown A. Bigelow, a well known resident of Belleville, died at his home Wednesday night of last week after a protracted illness.

Friday evening a four act drama, "Uncle Rube," will be presented in Boal's Hall, Boalsburg, by the High School of that place.

The Northern Conference of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church, will meet at Penn Hall, May 7th.

The agriculturist is anticipating beneficial results to the wheat plants on account of the great depth of the snow blanket now covering the fields.

Harry E. Bible, who clerks for M. P. Brumbaugh, Altoona, sends the Reporter the Altoona market reports thus: Butter, 36c; eggs, 22c; lard, 12c.

The ladies of the Reformed Sunday school will give an entertainment in the Reformed church Saturday evening. There will be no admission. All are invited.

According to a recent court decision a man who has a private fish pond is under the same restrictions of the fish laws in taking fish therefrom as he is in taking fish from public waters.

Mrs. W. P. Kuhn, prior to leaving Bellefonte for her new home in Williamsport, spent a few days visiting Mrs. Andrew Gregg, in Centre Hall, and Merchant and Mrs. Mervin Kuhn, in Rebersburg.

Mrs. Lucy Henney left for Philadelphia Monday, and will be absent for two weeks. While in the city she will buy her stock of spring millinery goods. The opening days will be April 12th and 13th.

Rev. W. K. Foster was formally installed pastor of the Grace Memorial Presbyterian church in Jenkintown, Thursday evening of last week. Rev. Mr. Foster went to that place from Watsontown, and succeeds Rev. Edwin E. Reilly, who resigned.

Miss Edna Murray, one of the Bell telephone operators at the Centre Hall exchange, one evening last week talked over the wire to her brother, Paul Murray, in Chicago. The wires worked splendidly. Direct connection can be made to San Francisco, and one may talk as easily to that place as to Chicago.

The trains east and west were snow-bound, several times last week, west of Centre Hall station. Thursday evening the freight and the west bound train were tied up at that point. The section hands along the line were called to the rescue, and by nine o'clock had the trains shoveled out.

Mrs. John McClellan, nee Miss Hettie Landis, of Potters Mills, Monday morning started for her new home in Mikkleson, Billings county, North Dakota. She will be met at St. Paul by her husband, who at present, and for some years past, has been ranching in North Dakota. Mrs. McClellan is a bride of a few months, and is going west to begin housekeeping.

The titles of some of the song hits in the Alfred E. Aarons Musical Comedy Company's "The Pink Hussar," which plays a three weeks' engagement at the Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, beginning April 2nd, are: "A Little Girl Like Me," "Where the Wild Vine Clings," "Military Willie," "Mary Ann," "I'll Travel the Links With You," "The Girl From Illinois," "Call Around on Sunday." The company, which numbers over seventy people, will carry its own orchestra.

From the Millinburg Telegraph: Ed. L. Bartholomew, who for the past year has been on the clerical force at the Pennsylvania station at this place, has been transferred to Montgomery. We are sorry to see him leave, but congratulate him on his promotion. During his stay here he proved an efficient and courteous clerk, performing his duties very satisfactorily to the public, as well as the Company. He leaves behind a host of friends who wish him success and feel confident he will succeed, for his many qualities will win friends for him wherever he goes.