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TRAGEDY AT REEDSVILLE.

Woman Loses Her Life Through a Foolhardy Act of a Baker.

A fatal shooting tragedy occurred at Reedsville Wednesday night of last week, after ten o'clock, Miss Barbara Rinehart, aged forty-two years, being shot through the heart and instantly killed. The affair occurred at the home of Jack Rinehart, the Reedsville baker, which is in the same building as the bakery. Mr. Rinehart was in Lewistown at the time of the occurrence. John Search, employed as a baker, was in charge of the bakery, and having finished his work about ten o'clock, picked up a revolver that was kept in the bakery for the purpose of killing rats and, he claims, thoughtlessly placed it in his pocket. He then went into the house, where Miss Rinehart was seated in a Morris chair, and they engaged in conversation to pass the time until her brother would return. Their conversation drifted upon the use of firearms and Search took the revolver from his pocket and handed it to her, explaining how it worked. When she returned it to him he commenced toying with it, and he positively declares that he had not the least knowledge that it was loaded. While the weapon was pointed toward her he pressed the trigger and the revolver was discharged. Drs. Kohler and Stambaugh were called, whose examination disclosed that the bullet had struck the heart and had passed through the body. The revolver was of the heavy pattern, 44 calibre. Search had made no attempt to escape and surrendered himself to the sheriff. He was taken to the jail where it is said he is almost prostrated with grief over the terrible affair.

WANTED, LOW POSTAGE RATES.

Since December 6, 1905, the House Postal Committee has been deliberating (or failing to deliberate) on House Resolution No. 4549, making the rate on all merchandise parcels, up to 4 pounds, 8 cents a pound—thus returning to the rate fixed in 1874. This legislation has been steadily demanded by the Post Office Department for the past seventeen years. It has also been backed by a uniformly favorable public opinion.

It has been steadily opposed by the express companies. These interested corporations have thus far been able to defeat the public interest by preventing favorable action in Congress.

Under these circumstances the public patience is fast wearing out. The bill ought to be favorably reported. Every day's delay in its enactment in law inflicts a direct loss of thousands of dollars of postal revenues and involves a direct injury to the public. Present facilities are ample, if Congress should take favorable action, to meet any resulting increase in the postal business. The passage of the bill would largely increase postal revenue and do much to bring to an end the increasing yearly deficit.

MORE MONEY FOR EXPERIMENTS.

The Adam's Bill, providing for increased Federal appropriations to the Agricultural Experiment Stations, was passed by the House of Representatives and by the Senate, and was approved by the President. By the provisions of this bill, the annual Federal appropriation to each Station is increased at once from \$15,000 to \$20,000, while for the next five years the appropriation is to be increased annually by \$2,000, so that at the end of that time the present appropriation will be doubled. The bill provides that the money appropriated is to be used strictly for experimental work and not for teaching, and not more than five per cent. of it may be used in the purchase, erection or repair of any building or buildings, or for the purchase or rental of land.

The force of the argument to retain the village name in giving an address by persons living on rural mail routes, may be shown by relating an incident, one of a thousand, that happened the other day. A gentleman wishing to see W. H. Blauser, Spring Mills, R. F. D. No. 3, drove from Lewistown to Centre Hall, went to the liveryman to secure a horse to drive to Spring Mills, incidentally stating his object in going to that point. Liveryman Bozer informed the stranger that he had passed by Mr. Blauser's business place at Potters Mills, five miles south of here. The man had already driven five miles out of his way, and it was by mere accident that he did not go six miles farther.

List Corrections.

The subscription list of the Centre Reporter was corrected this week. If you have paid subscription between February 27 and April 2, examine your label and see whether you have been given proper credit.

Visiting cards printed at this office.

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.]

MARCH 15—James C. Boal moved to Centre Hall from Earlstown, Thursday, March 8th.

Hon. John G. Meyer sold his timber land at the head of Pine Creek, in Haines township, for \$5000—about \$29 per acre.

MARCH 22—Snow fell to the depth of a foot on the 16th, followed by cold weather and capital sleighing.

The bridge across Penns Creek, at Kerstetters, is erected.

W. R. Camp, furniture dealer and undertaker, of Milroy, has located in Centre Hall.

"The Broad Ax," is the name of a paper printed by Frank Meyer, at Bethany, Mo. Mr. Meyer is a graduate of the Reporter office, and a son of Wm. Meyer, of this place.

MARCH 29—Jesse Kreamer, of Millheim, left for Kansas last Friday.

Sheriff W. L. Musser quit the Millheim hotel. His son, W. S. Musser, will be the landlord in the future.

APRIL 12—Dr. Stamm, late of Snyder county, has returned to this county and located at Boalsburg.

The winter term of the Centre Hall schools, under Prof. W. A. Krise, principal, Mrs. C. E. Wolf and Miss Aggie Murray, closed with an exhibition.

APRIL 19—David J. Meyer, late of Aaronsburg hotel, will take charge of a steam saw mill at the head of Pine Creek.

Dr. Van Valzah, late of Boalsburg, made sale and moved to Terre Haute, Indiana.

MAY 6—Amos Alexander is having a new dwelling erected on his farm south of Millheim.

J. Henry Keller is building a new house on his farm on Nittany Mountain.

James A. Keller's new dwelling, on his farm east of Centre Hall, is up.

A son of Abraham Harshberger, on the Stump farm east of Centre Hall, fell from a hay loft and sustained a compound fracture of the thigh.

Mr. Hughes, of Bellefonte, was awarded the contract to erect the Penns Valley bank building.

Iron is quoted at \$19 per ton.

MAY 10—The court appointed Clement Dale, D. Z. Kluge and D. W. Woodring as commissioners to fix the line for the division of Potter township into two voting districts.

The election for and against the establishment of a county poor house was held recently. The project was defeated by a majority of about 1500. The townships on the south side of the county voted almost solidly against a poor house. In Potter township but one vote was cast for a poor house.

Married—March 1, in the Lutheran church at Berlin, Rev. W. E. Fischer, of Centre Hall, and Miss Anna J. Phelton, of Berlin. . . . March 6, Alfred Miller, of Spring Mills, and Miss Jennie McCormick, of Potters Mills. . . . March 4, Rev. L. K. Harris, of Millsburg, and Miss Josie Ettinger, of Milton, late of Aaronsburg. . . . March 27, George K. Baker, of near Lemont, and Miss Kate N., daughter of John Rishel, of Centre Hall. . . . March 25, Samuel W. Coble and Miss Julia Ann Page, both of Linden Hall. . . . March 26, Louis Elsiele and Miss Nettie Krader, both of Potter township. . . . March 29, Dr. D. J. Hilbish, of Rebersburg, and Miss Emma K. Hilbish, of Freeburg. . . . March 29, E. J. Swartz, of Millheim, and Miss Jennie M. Shultz, of Brush Valley.

As to Wire Fences.

A. S. Stover, of Aaronsburg, writes us for information regarding the law on wire fences. We submitted the request to Judge Love, who furnishes us with the following:

"The only act I know of in force is that of May 2, 1899, which authorizes and makes a wire fence, without bars, legal to be erected along public highways. But there is no provision that supervisors are to pay part of the cost of the fence.

"A barbed wire fence along a public road is not lawful.

"There was a provision in the act of 1897 where roads drifted and there was a board or rail fence for supervisors to arrange with the owners of land to build a fence partly of wire and rails or all wire, and the supervisors were authorized to pay a part of the expense. But this act never went into effect, as the money was never appropriated by the legislature to secure its enforcement."

The above is reprinted from the Keystone Gazette. From the opinion of ex-Judge Love it appears that supervisors were not warranted at any time to expend township funds for wire, although it was done. Before an allowance is made for that item the township authorities should make a thorough investigation of the subject.

[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.]



P. O. STIVER, FREEPORT, ILL.

Mr. Stiver is one of the members of a family remarkable for the push they have made in the world. Born and brought up on a farm in that part of Potter township known by the general appellation of the "Loop," he is one of the many young men sent out by that section who have truly done well.

A disposition to follow a literary vocation manifested itself early in his life. With this in view he began preparation for it first by close attention to his work in the public schools, and afterwards by attending select schools, at Centre Hall and elsewhere. Having prepared himself to teach, he engaged in that work for several years in his native county.

In the spring of 1876 he went to Freeport, Illinois, but returned to Centre county in the fall of the same year, where he remained until the spring of 1878 when he again went to Stephenson county, Ill., where he has lived ever since. After his second trip to the west he took up the work of public school teaching, at which work he continued until 1886, when he was elected County Superintendent of Schools of Stephenson county. In this capacity he served for eight years, having been re-elected in 1890.

His estimate as a teacher, and as a man of ability and moral standing is shown by the fact that though a Democrat in politics he received the popular vote for this office in a county which is Republican in politics,—the county superintendent being elected in Illinois by popular vote.

After completing his term of office he continued literary work by entering into the newspaper business, having bought, in 1904, a half interest in the plant and business of the Daily and Weekly Freeport Bulletin.

This is the only Democratic paper in Stephenson county. That it is ably edited goes without saying. In fact it is largely subscribed for and read by citizens of the county who are not affiliated with the Democratic party.

In 1889 Mr. Stiver received the Democratic nomination for the office of State Superintendent of Schools, polling at the following election nearly 400,000 votes,—an excellent showing, indeed, in a state as largely Republican as is Illinois.

In April, 1891, he was married to Miss Effie Mingle, of Lock Haven. They have no children.

Keith's Theatre.

The Fadettes, the lady musicians from Boston, are on the bill for Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week, it being their second and last week there. Louise Montrose and her Auto Girls also appear for the first time in that city. A very novel feature is Riccoboni's horses, including "The Horse that Goes to Bed." Others who make it lively for Keith patrons this week are: Harry Atkinson, the Australian musical mimic; the three Crane Brothers, the funniest "Rubes" in vaudeville; Blocksom & Burns, matchless eccentric comedians; Macy & Hall, in humorous sketch, "A Timely Awakening"; Mr. and Mrs. Esmonde, in gold-region playlet, "In Alaska"; Cherry & Bates, comic cyclists, and many others.

Death of a Child.

The family of Maynard Meeker, who last week moved from Pine Glenn to the William Colyer farm, on the pike below Old Fort, was obliged to return to the old home on the sad mission of interring a little son, William, aged about one and one-half years. The child had an attack of the measles, which necessitated him and the mother remaining with friends at Pine Glenn, with the hope that the two within a few days might join the remainder of the family. Fate determined otherwise, however, and Friday the child died. Interment was made at Pine Glenn.

BRANCH COMPANIES NOS. 9 & 10

Organized Last Week—Lines Extend from Centre Hall to Red Mill and Bellefonte to Two Miles West of Fillmore.

Branch Companies Nos. 9 and 10, The Patrons Rural Telephone Company, were organized last week, and preparations are being made to construct the lines as rapidly as possible. Branch Company No. 9 extends from Centre Hall to Tusseyville to the Red Mill, its entire length being about six miles.

A meeting of the persons interested was held at Swartz's store, Tusseyville, Thursday evening. The organization was effected by electing William R. Neff, president; Arthur B. Lee, secretary; Merchant C. W. Swartz, treasurer, and William F. Rocky, agent. So far two others are connected with this company. They are John S. Auman, proprietor of the Red Mill, and J. W. Dashem.

This line is an important one, since it connects several business points not heretofore reached by the Bell lines.

Branch No. 10 begins at Bellefonte and extends to a point two miles west of Fillmore, and traverses a territory which telephone lines never penetrated. The organization of this company was also accomplished last week, and so far as is known to the writer the company has ten subscribers, their names being: Reuben Crust, president; J. W. Blair, secretary; D. M. Shively, treasurer; J. L. Marshall, William Tresler, R. M. Henderson, Mary M. Green, J. C. Rocky, J. C. Rerrick, John Walker.

The agent for the company is H. C. Huey, representing Mary M. Green.

It is the intention of extending this line on through to Stormstown.

To Test Road Law.

It is intimated that the several boards of road supervisors in townships effected by the law providing that the county must maintain condemned turnpikes will resort to "John Doe" proceedings to test the validity of the law. Arrangements, so it is said, are being made with the board of county commissioners to test the law for the least possible expense.

Union Republican Primaries.

The Union county Republicans held their primary election Saturday. The result is: B. K. Focht, for congress, no opposition; G. C. Mahon, for assembly; W. W. Brown, for associate judge; H. W. Dieffenderfer, for sheriff; Martin J. Spotts, for jury commissioner; James R. Kitter, for delegate.

New Khaki Uniforms.

An order has been issued from the adjutant general's office to the effect that the whole National Guard of Pennsylvania will be equipped with khaki uniforms before the annual summer encampment to be held this summer. These uniforms will consist of blouse and breeches instead of trousers as have been issued heretofore. The breeches will be the same as riding breeches as far as the knee, but from the knee down they will be laced to the ankles.

LOCALS.

J. C. Harper, Esq., and Mrs. Harper, of Bellefonte, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Emerick, and Mrs. John Harper, Sunday.

Mrs. John S. Dale, at Dales Summit, is giving the "chicken industry" considerable attention. She has at present a brood of 275 chicks, hatched in an incubator.

Mrs. S. J. Wolf, milliner at Spring Mills, is back from the city with a fine, large, up-to-date stock. The ladies are invited to call and examine the goods before purchasing elsewhere.

G. Howard Rishel, representing the Prudential Life Insurance Company, has been transferred from Hornellsville, New York, to Corning, N. Y. He will be the first assistant in the office of the Prudential at that place.

Jerome H. Allman, of Thompsonstown, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Representative in Juniata county. Allman is an officer of the Pennsylvania State Grange, and expects a large vote in the country districts.

The death of Prof. Ezra F. Smith, of Freeport, Ill., a notice of which appeared in a recent issue of the Reporter, was due to pneumonia. He took ill while on his way home from South Dakota, where he had gone on business for the Freeport Gas Machine Company, which firm he represented.

Criticizing the action of the authorities in closing the schools of Lamar township, Clinton county, for failure of pupils to observe vaccination regulations, a citizen asserts that there has been only one case of smallpox in that township in fifty-eight years, and that was not fatal, while typhoid fever and diphtheria have claimed many victims.

HOLD YOUR VILLAGE NAME.

P. O. Department Asks that Patrons on Rural Mail Routes Perpetuate the Names of Villages.

On frequent previous occasions the Reporter has called attention to the fact that patrons living on Rural Mail Routes should not drop the name of the village post office where they formerly received their mail, but that the name of the village post office as well as the rural mail route center should be used in all printed matter, also in private correspondence. The omission of the village name and simply giving the route number has occasioned the post office department much annoyance and inconvenience in delivering mail over rural routes.

In order to encourage rural route patrons to use their village name in connection with their address, the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General has issued the following to all postmasters:

In order that the location of merchants and others on rural delivery routes, whose post offices have been discontinued as a result of the establishment of the rural delivery service, may be accurately identified, and the delivery of mail facilitated, postmasters at rural distributing offices should urge patrons of the rural service who formerly received their mail at post offices now discontinued, to include (parenthetically) in their addresses, on their letter heads, and in return cards printed on envelopes, the names of the villages or hamlets at which their mail was formerly delivered. Patrons should also request their correspondents to address them in the same manner; for example:

Frank A. Carson,
Rural Route No. 3,
Spring Mills, Pa.
(POTTERS MILLS)

Unless this course is followed, correspondents may assume that rural patrons are located at or near the post offices to which their mail is addressed.

The importance of this order may best be appreciated if applied at home. For instance: Potters Mills is one of the oldest points in Penns Valley; it is known in many parts of the state. But if a resident of Potters Mills were simply to write his or her address "Spring Mills, R. F. D. No. 3," the old familiar village name would soon become extinct; and, again, the place of residence of the person would be given very indefinitely. Now, if the address were written as directed by the post office department: "Frank A. Carson, Spring Mills, R. F. D. No. 3 (Potters Mills)" the location of the person would be definite, the individual easily located, and the village name perpetuated.

Commencement Exercises.

High School commencement exercises are being held this week. The Millheim High School was first, the exercises having been held Tuesday evening. The class consisted of nine.

Wednesday the Pine Grove Mills High School, Prof. Poffenberger, principal, graduated its first class of four pupils. Hon. John G. Love delivered the address to the pupils, whose names are: Misses Helen Lytle, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Beulah Smith and Lucetta Tanyer, of Pine Grove Mills, and Harry Rossmann, of State College.

The Hubersburg High School will graduate a class of eight Monday evening, 8th inst. The exercises will begin Friday evening previous. Rev. H. L. Crow, County Superintendent of Schools, and Hon. John G. Love will be present on these occasions and lend dignity to the affair. W. S. Gerhart is principal of this school, and has brought it up to a high standard of efficiency. The graduates are: Mary E. Detrick, Mary E. Nolan, Anna E. Rokey, Edna C. Decker, Nellie F. Rathmel, G. Nevin Hoy, and D. Rhoads Rumberger.

130 1-3 Dozen Eggs in 131 Days.

One hundred and twenty and one-third dozen eggs represents the work performed in one hundred and twenty-one days by twenty-four hens owned and cared for by Mrs. Frank E. Arney, in Centre Hall. This splendid record extends from December 1st to March 31st, and is ascribed to the liberal use of Dr. Hess' Panacea. The record for the four months is as follows:

December	215 eggs
January	376
February	396
March	458
Total	1445

Another egg account is handed in by Mrs. J. Emer Royer, near Old Fort. She has a total of one hundred and twenty-six hens that laid 1426 (118 5-6 doz.) eggs during the month of March. No wonder the product of biddy, all over the United States, staggers belief.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

J. A. Reesman attended the sessions of the Methodist Conference at Tyrone. William Sweeney, of Potters Mills, moved to the farm of Andrew Harter, near Coburn.

Harry Gilmer, of Boalsburg, moved to the farm owned by Jared Kreamer, near Rebersburg.

The Millheim base ball club will give an entertainment in the Millheim town hall Saturday evening, April 7.

Ground has been broken on the campus of the Juniata College at Huntingdon for a new Carnegie library.

Frank Tharp, of Mingoville, was in town Saturday. He is a carpenter, and is having a good lot of work at all times.

Mrs. Rebecca Flory offers for sale one acre of ground, west of the borough limits. For further particulars apply to her.

Dr. George L. Lee is having his handsome brick residence penciled. The work is being done by Peter R. Auman, of Spring Mills.

Miss Mary Mauck, of Millheim, had the misfortune to break a bone in the right ankle. The injury was caused by a fall on an icy step at her home.

John S. Auman, of the Red Mill, sustained a rupture, which hinders him at present from performing much of the work necessary at a flouring mill.

Mrs. Samuel Hazel and two children, of Bellefonte, will in the future make their home with the former's sister, Mrs. John Ripka, in Williamsport.

John Bitner, of Tusseyville, the latter part of last week, went to Philadelphia to seek employment. He is the character of a young man wanted by the large corporations.

In another column will be found an advertisement by the Gregg township road supervisors asking bids for stone abutments for a bridge on Sinking Creek, near Spring Mills.

Clair Stamm, of near Colyer; George Hettinger, of near Centre Hill, and Adam Krumrine, of Tusseyville, will be residents of Harris township after the moving season.

Former Governor James A. Beaver, Judge of the Superior Court, will be the orator for George Simpson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Huntingdon, on Memorial Day.

The entertainment in the Reformed church Saturday evening was splendid, a number of novel features bringing forth applause. The young people who participated did themselves credit.

Everyone of the fourteen beds in the Bellefonte hospital last week contained a patient, which in itself is ample proof of not only the need of such an institution but the good it is to the community.

The Tyronese Times celebrated its twenty-seventh birthday by changing its form from a four to an eight page paper. The Times is a newsy sheet, and is entitled to the present liberal patronage it enjoys.

If you have or contemplate changing locations that will change your post office address, please report that fact to this office, so that the address on your paper may be corrected. By acting promptly in this matter the Reporter will reach you at your new home regularly.

Supervisor T. F. Royer was a caller Monday morning, on his way to Daniel Callahan's to which place he was helping to fit the household goods of Howard Slabig and sister Jane. The former will be employed by E. M. Huyet, and the latter will make her home with the Allison's, at Potters Mills.

An analysis of the clay sent to Pennsylvania State College from Paxtonville proves it to be the best quality of fire brick clay found anywhere in the state. One of the best qualities is that it contains no lime, but 63-100 of one per cent. titanium, a metal which prevents brick or iron from melting when exposed to high temperatures.

McClure's for April has the freshness and cheerfulness of spring. You will want to read it all. It's articles, stories and verses, have a rare charm for the shortening evenings. Mary Stewart Cutting's "Symphony in Coal," which heads the table of contents, is another of those fascinating, sympathetic stories of married life. The most hair-raising chapter of adventure that has been published in a long time is the sixth instalment of Carl Schurz's "Reminiscences of a Long Life"; "Rescuing Kinkel from Spandau Jail" is a story of intrigue and hair-breadth chances in the shadow of the gallows, told with the happy swing of youth, that holds you from first word to last.