

## BOUNCE FOR BOOZE.

Dr. Fikes, Pastor of Franklin First Baptist Church, Down on Drink with a Case in Point.

The following dispatch from Franklin to the Philadelphia Record relates the action of a minister who has more regard for right than fear of the loss of the financial support of those he opposes:

"If it is the last thing I ever do in Franklin I am going to drop from the rolls of the church the name of every man who goes into a saloon or drug store for a drink of liquor."

This startling statement was made Monday by Rev. Dr. Maurice P. Fikes, pastor of the First Baptist church, in Franklin, who the previous night preached a temperance sermon that almost took the breath of his parishioners.

He further declared that he was just as bitter against the drug stores as the saloons, for they all violated the law. He said he had more respect for a man who drank at a bar than he did for one who sneaked into a drug store and took his liquor behind a prescription case.

The past week a male member of the church choir disappeared, leaving a wife and child destitute. Dr. Fikes says he attributes the disappearance to liquor. The pastor has been compelled to pay a two hundred dollar note of this man's, on which he was surety.

Dr. Fikes is pastor of the church of which ex-Congressman Sibley and ex-Major General Miller are members.

### Masons Elect Officers.

The local Masonic order held its annual election Monday evening. The officers elected are as follows: Worshipful Master, Dr. J. R. G. Allison; Senior Warden, S. W. Shetton; Junior Warden, L. M. Arney; Secretary, J. A. Reeman; Treasurer, J. J. Arney. The attendance was quite large, especially by the cut of town members.

### LOCALS.

#### Christmas.

Nuts, candies and oranges—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

Good weather for shipping poultry, pork and veal.

Come in and see our Xmas goods—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

S. Elmer Ishler, at Oak Hall, will make sale of horses, cattle, etc., March 21st. See sale register.

It is the last straw that breaks the camel's back, and one was added to the burden Saturday night.

Mrs. Mary Shoop, beginning of this week, went to Washington, D. C., where she will spend the winter with her son.

Paul D. Fortney, Esq., publishes an auditor's notice in the estate of Mary Crust, late of Benner township, deceased.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moyer, of near Centre Hall, will make their annual trip to Darragh to visit their son, Alvin Moyer.

C. F. Shaw, one of the instructors at Pennsylvania State College, was in town Tuesday. He will have two periods during the "farmers' week," at State.

Mrs. N. B. Spangler is expected back to Bellefonte from a Philadelphia hospital today (Thursday) or Friday. Her condition is reported as being very favorable.

Remember that Bearick, the furniture dealer, will be able to help you out in your Christmas buying. No matter whether you want to spend much or little, call at the Bearick furniture store.

During the past week a number of new names have been added to the Reporter's subscription list, all of which prove that this paper is filling its humble sphere of printing in its columns the happenings in Centre county.

Those who receive a 1905 calendar from the Centre Hall Roller Flouring Mills will be especially fortunate, as there will none of a more handsome design come to their desk. The calendar reflects the condition of the mill and the make-up of its proprietors.

C. M. Houser, of the firm of House Brothers, painters and decorators at State College, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, drove to Centre Hall Monday. They found the sleighing tiptop and enjoyed the ride. While in Centre Hall they stopped with Dr. J. R. G. Allison, an old acquaintance.

Saturday evening Jacob Sharer was suddenly attacked by neuragic pains in one of his lower limbs while at his new barn located a quarter mile from his present home. He started toward the house, but before reaching his destination the pain became so severe that he was obliged to call for help. Finally his cries were heard by the members of his household who immediately went to his assistance. In a few days he was about again.

Another lot of Christmas cards has been added to the already complete stock of cards in that line. When placed in the cabinets the first lot of cards looked so large that it was thought the supply would not be exhausted, but the mail orders and local demand reduced the bulk sufficiently to warrant the purchase of additional varieties. The price—thirty cents a dozen for a regular five-cent card—is what does the business.

## FARMERS ON NATIONAL ISSUES.

Fail to Support Their Acts While in Session by Their Votes at the Polls.

Senators and Representatives in Congress from Pennsylvania would do well to carefully note the able report of the Pennsylvania Grangers against centralization of power; against the lawless duties which are maintained whilst millions are expended on forestry; against the construction and maintenance of a World Power navy, and, finally, against that familiar old pirate known as the Ship Subsidy bill. A more wholesome declaration upon public questions has never been made by a non-partisan body of men in Pennsylvania.

The farmers of Pennsylvania, who thus speak through their State Grange, have no conception of the wisdom of expending upward of \$100,000,000 a year upon the navy while millions are needed to promote peaceful inland navigation. Nor do they believe in paying ship subsidies out of the public treasury to create a great monopoly of transportation on high seas. But the Grangers also would do well to consider how little their report is worth unless they confirm it by the practicable means which is afforded only by the ballot-box. Of what good are their protests against ship subsidies, waste of public money in monstrous naval toys, lumber duties and the like when they help to send to Congress delegates who voted steadily for these things?

In the Fifty-ninth Congress there was not a Republican representative from Pennsylvania, save one, who was not in favor of every measure of ship subsidy that might be reported from committee; not a Quaker representative who did not favor the largest appropriation demanded by the Administration for big ships in face of the efforts of the struggling nations to secure some limitations of armament. In the present Congress there is not a Republican member who will vote for repeal of the lumber duties to the ravage of American forests for the benefit of a huge monopoly.

The explanation of the apparently strange political anomaly may be simple enough. When in their state conventions the Grangers of Pennsylvania soberly and dispassionately discuss public questions with entire freedom from the spirit of party. When the election comes around they go to the ballot-box under the thralldom of party and vote the other way. Is it not quite natural, then, that the members of Congress should act as the Grangers vote rather than as they talk in their conventions? Let them vote as they talk for once and they will be astonished with the effect upon their representatives in Congress.

### Properties Sold in Rebersburg.

The Reporter's correspondent at Rebersburg reports the following sales of real estate:

One day this week John Harter, the merchant, bought Wm. Shultz' home, situated a short distance north of Rebersburg. The consideration was \$500.

George Miller quite recently bought the James Gramley house and several adjoining lots, in town, for \$1500. Mr. Gramley, the coming spring, will move onto his farm near Madisonburg.

### CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

[Appointments not given here have not been reported to this office.]

Methodist—Centre Hall, morning, theme: Missions; Sprucetown, afternoon, communion; Spring Mills, evening, theme: Missions.

Presbyterian—Centre Hall, morning and evening.

Reformed—Tusseyville, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon.

Lutheran—Centre Hall, morning; Union, afternoon; Georges Valley, evening. Note the change from the schedule.

## Harris township

Mrs. Margaret Weaver, of Lemont, and sister, Mrs. Ella Mader, with three children, of Altoona, were guests at the home of J. W. Miller, last Friday.

Hiram Thompson, of State College, was in Boalsburg last Thursday attending to business relating to the Centre County Mutual Fire Ins. Co., P. of H.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stamm, of the Mountain City, visited here last week. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Keller, of Houserville, spent last Wednesday at the home of Adam Felty.

Isaac Underwood, dealer in implements in Bellefonte, attended to business in Boalsburg, Friday.

Miss Gertrude Wieland spent Saturday in Bellefonte, where she visited her brother, W. Scott Wieland, who is ill at his home on Spring street.

Miss Nora Fry, of Bellefonte, spent some time at her home at Shingletown. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wagner returned to their home in Altoona, Monday, after a stay of ten months with Mrs. Wagner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Myers.

The heaviest porker killed in Boalsburg this winter were those of E. W. Sweeney, killed Wednesday of last week. The one weighed 549 lbs. and the other 520 lbs.

Daniel Stover, of Earlstown, was over Sunday at his home in Boalsburg. A Christmas entertainment will be given by the schools at Oak Hall next Tuesday afternoon. The grammar and primary schools will unite in the exercises. The usual Christmas treat will be given the scholars. Similar exercises will be held in the primary room of the Boalsburg school building, at the same time.

Christmas services will be held in St. Peter's church, Pine Hall, Christmas eve. In the Bethel church, Pine Grove Mills, Sunday evening after Christmas.

### Aaronsburg.

Mrs. Annie Hoover Greigbaum, of Oak Grove, is visiting her uncle, Z. D. Thomas, at this place.

Miss Mabelle Crouse has come to spend the winter months with her father, in this place.

Mrs. Chester Wert, of Rebersburg, was over one day last week, having her butchering done by her son Luther.

Rev. Dr. Schuyler, of Centre Hall, spent the Sabbath with Mrs. F. J. Foster. In the evening he preached a very able sermon in the Lutheran church.

Charles Keister, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting his parents and friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wert were to Rebersburg Sunday, to see Mrs. Jesse Wert, who is ill of pneumonia.

### New Year Cards.

A beautiful line of New Year Post Cards, colored and embossed, are on sale at this office. Prices: 2 cards, 5 cents; 6 cards, 12 cents; 12 cards, 20 cents. Sent by mail to any address.

Handkerchiefs, neckties, mufflers, etc., for Xmas presents—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

### Alfalfa for Chickens.

Choice alfalfa, in bales of from 80 to 100 pounds, is offered to poultrymen at one cent per pound, f. o. b. Centre Hall station.

This is the third cutting, and was stored in October. It is as green as grass, and is readily eaten by fowls. The poultryman acquainted with his business knows the value of alfalfa as an egg producer.

Terms spot cash.

S. W. SMITH, Centre Hall.

## SECRET CHECK SIGNS.

Ways by Which Millionaires Protect Their Signatures.

### FOLLYS AGAINST FORGERIES.

In the Absence of the Hidden Mark a Bank Will Refuse to Pay—An Instance Which Shows How the Secret Sign May Serve Other Purposes.

If all reports be true, then the life of the millionaire, like that of the policeman, is most certainly not a happy one.

There is little doubt that a certain class of criminals regard millionaires as legitimate prey, and the millionaires, knowing this, are compelled to contrive schemes to thwart their cunning.

The modern method of doing business by check has to a large extent provided the forger with opportunities for the exhibition of his workmanship. Therefore many of the millionaires' schemes for his protection relate to his signature on checks, and these schemes, which usually consist of secret marks entirely apart from the signature, indicate to the bank the genuineness of the checks and are mostly of a simple character.

Far and away the most clever idea for protecting a check signature is the one utilized by an American millionaire whose name is as well known in Great Britain as in the States.

His idea is an extremely simple one. It is this: On the back of each check that he signs he makes a tiny blot, which looks so innocent and natural. But should the blot be missing then the bank will decline to honor the check. This little blot saved the millionaire \$50,000 on one occasion alone.

Early one morning he was kidnaped. His captors threatened violence unless they received \$10,000 immediately. The millionaire thought. Then, after hesitation for a few minutes, he offered to write out a check for the money then and there on the understanding that immediately the check was cashed he was to be released.

The terms were accepted, and the millionaire wrote out the check, but he left out the blot. He certainly had great confidence in his plan, for it was impossible to tell what might happen when the check was presented and payment of it refused.

However, the kidnapers went off to the bank and presented the check. Of course the cashier looked for the blot, and when he saw that it was missing he suspected that something was wrong. Payment of the check was refused on the ground that it was incomplete, and the men went away, followed by officials of the bank, who were fortunately able to rescue the millionaire from the desperadoes' hands.

Another man of great wealth disposes of the signature difficulty in a different way altogether. He protects himself by never giving an uncrossed check, and this fact has duly been notified to the bank.

Each day his bank pass book is examined by his private secretary, and if there is an entry in the book which has no business there then the matter can be looked into at once. Of course if the bankers pass a forged check, then, generally speaking, they must bear the loss themselves.

This system has many disadvantages. It means that the man must never allow his check book out of his possession and must place unreserved confidence in his secretary and his staff.

The private secretary supplies his employer with any cash required, receiving in exchange a duly crossed check for the amount. It is the private secretary, therefore, who has to protect his signature from forgery, and this he does in a very ingenious way. He has had a copy of his signature cut out of cork. This he uses as he would an India rubber stamp, and he claims that it is as impossible to imitate the markings of the cork as it is impossible to duplicate the impression of the human thumb.

At any rate, the novelty of the idea has sufficed to scare off would-be forgers, for it is stated that no one has ever attempted to copy the cork signature.

Placing a small grease spot on the check is another protective idea, though the spot has in this case to be precisely in a prearranged position. In a further case the check is never torn out of the check book quite straight. There is always a little piece torn off down part of one side, seemingly in quite an accidental manner.

But still all these devices may fail at times, and in every case the experience and cuteness of the bank officials afford additional protection. Indeed, this experience is perhaps the greatest safeguard of all—Pearson's Weekly.

### Electric Railway Inventor.

The electric railway had many inventors—persons who by various improvements brought the system to its present usefulness. Thomas Davenport, a blacksmith, of Brandon, Vt., is credited with having first suggested the electric railway, although an Italian priest, Abbe Salvatore Del Negro, professor of natural philosophy at the University of Padua, is reputed to have designed an electric toy traction machine of the reciprocating type in 1830. Davenport ran a toy motor mounted on wheels on a small circular railway in 1834, exhibiting this a year later at Springfield and Boston. About half a century passed, however, before the electric railway was made practical for present uses.—Argonaut.

1908. Get the habit of writing it that way.

## PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

### Bulletin

## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ON THE RAILS

At no other period of the year does home-hunger grip the human heart with such an eager yearning as at Christmas time. The lasting memories of the old homestead, the tender welcome of the older and the merry greetings of the younger dear ones, the happy reunion about the festal board, the pungent odor of the cedar, the witchery of the holly, the lurking sentiment of the mistle-toe, all combine to make a lure well nigh irresistible.

It is the season of reunions and foregatherings, of meeting and parting.

The zest of travel is rife, for apart from the home-goings and social exchanges it is a holiday time for many and there are pleasant excursions to be made, where sightseeing has an added relish from the prevalent gaiety and good cheer.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is always popular at holiday times. Its system is so far-reaching, and at the same time so closely interwoven with the needs of the traveler; its trains are so numerous and so well equipped for the accommodation of every class of travel, and its ticketing arrangements so satisfying that it might be termed the Santa Claus route.

Limited trains carrying the highest grade of travelers, completely appointed in every detail, offer exceptional advantages to the children going home from school for the Christmas vacation. The boys naturally gravitate to such trains; the girls will find every comfort and safeguard, as well as a maid at their command.

No matter whither bound it is wise to consult a Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Agent as to trains and rates. He can start you right; the rest will be easy.

## SHOES SHIRTS

We have on hand a large number of the celebrated Keith's Konqueror Shoes for Men. Price \$2.50 & \$3.00

A full line of Men's and Boys' Shirts at 50 cents and \$1.00.

Kreamer & Son, Centre Hall

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F. E. WIELAND, Linden Hall

### Christmas Cards.

A beautiful and varied collection of embossed and colored Christmas cards are now on hand at this office. Price five cents each, when sold singly. Six cards, no two alike, twenty cents; twelve cards, no two alike, thirty cents. These cards will be sent postage prepaid to any address. Home view cards, all different, twelve for forty cents.

Thrice-a-Week World, 65c.

The Thrice-a-Week New York World will be mailed all Centre Reporter subscribers for sixty-five cents, paid in advance. The World will be discontinued every year upon expiration of subscription.

### H. S. TAYLOR

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Office: Opera House Block BELLEFONTE, PA  
(Opposite Court House)  
All branches of legal business attended to promptly.

### GRAIN MARKET.

Rye..... 70    Wheat..... 98  
Barley..... 55    Oats..... 48  
                      Corn..... 55

### PRODUCE AT STORES.

Lard..... 69    Butter..... 28  
Potatoes..... 67    Eggs..... 28

New W-reoster double barrel hammerless shot-gun for sale. Apply at this office.

The man of irregular habits may be a regular nuisance.

## STOMACH IS SEAT OF HUMAN LIFE

New Theory Advanced by Young Man Is Spreading Over Entire Country.

I. T. Cooper's theory concerning the human stomach, which he claims to prove with his new medicine, is being given more respect and comment every day.

Cooper claims that 90 per cent of all ill health is due to stomach trouble. When interviewed about his theory recently, he said: "Stomach trouble is the great curse of the 20th century so far as the civilized races are concerned. Practically all of the chronic ill health of this generation is caused by abnormal stomachic conditions. In earlier days, when the human race was closer to nature, and men and women worked all day out of doors, digging their frugal existence from the soil, the tired, droopy, half-sick people that are now so common, did not exist."

"To be sure, there was sickness in those days, but it was of a virulent character, and only temporary. There was none of this half-sick condition all the time with which so many are afflicted nowadays."

"I know positively that every bit of this chronic ill health is caused by stomach trouble. The human stomach in civilized people today is degenerate. It lacks tone and strength. This weakness has gradually come through a sedentary existence. I further know that few people can be sick with the digestive apparatus in perfect shape. The sole reason for my success is be-

cause my New Discovery medicine tones the stomach up to required strength in about six weeks' time. That is why I have had more people come and thank me wherever I have gone to introduce my medicine, than I have had time to talk with."

Among the immense numbers of people who are now strong believers in Cooper's theory and medicine is Mrs. M. E. Delano, a prominent resident of the suburb of Brookline, Boston, Mass. She says: "For several years I was broken in health, caused primarily by stomach and nerve troubles. I gradually became worse, until recently I was compelled to go without solid food for days at a time. I had sour stomach, palpitation of the nerves of stomach and heart, dyspepsia, and extreme nervousness. I suffered terribly with insomnia, and my liver, bowels and whole system gradually became deranged. I felt instant relief the first day I began this Cooper medicine. I now feel like a new being. Today I walked all over town, shopping—something I have not done for years. 'I make this statement wholly from a sense of duty. I feel I owe it to anyone who might find relief and renewed happiness as I have done.'"

The record made by the Cooper medicines is astonishing. We will take pleasure in discussing it with anyone who wishes to know about them.—J. D. Murray.