



WRECK ON L. & T.

Engineer Edward J. Graeff Pinioned Under Engine and Drowns in Logan Branch

Wednesday afternoon of last week a most horrible wreck occurred on the L. & T. R. R. at a sharp curve near the residence of Harvey Griffith, one mile this side of Bellefonte. The result was: Engineer Edward J. Graeff, of Sunbury, drowned; I. K. Inkrote, Bremen, and W. M. Winegardner and Edward Winters, brakemen, injured.

Engineer Graeff was making his first run over the road in that capacity, but had previously been schooled by acting as fireman. When the engine was rounding the double curve, something happened to one of the freight cars, and it left the track, pulling the rear part of the engine with it. Engineer Graeff went over with the engine, and was pinned fast to the ground by a portion of the ponderous machine. Winters, who had just had a thrilling experience, was the first to come to his aid, and made an effort to rescue his companion, but it was discovered that he was held fast by his arm and shoulder. The engineer plead to be released, saying that he was not much injured. The combined ingenuity of all present was unable to release the unfortunate man, and there was nothing left to do but to hold the man's head up, and await the moment when the water, which was being dammed back by the debris, would engulf him. This was done by Brake-man Winters—a sad, heart-rending mission.

The experience of Mr. Winters was one which will not be forgotten by him. When the engine turned over, he was thrown out over the engineer, and landed in Logan Branch. When he became conscious, he found himself floating down the stream. His first thought, after resigning his feet, was for the safety of Graeff. He hurriedly went to the wrecked engine, and there was enacted the scenes described in the previous paragraph.

Inkrote and Winegardner, both of whom were in the engine cab at the fatal moment, jumped to the opposite side from which the engine turned, and escaped with their lives, but were pretty seriously injured. Both men were immediately taken to the hospital.

It was about eight o'clock before Engineer Graeff was taken from the water, and was only done after hard work of several hours by a wrecking crew that happened to be at Milesburg, and were called from a less to a greater wreck on the Pennsylvania system. The engineer was unconscious of his injuries, when pleading to be released, for when an examination of his body was made it was discovered that one of his lower limbs was broken, and that his shoulder and side were crushed. He was a resident of Sunbury, and is survived by a wife and four children. He was about thirty years of age.

The exact cause of the wreck cannot be ascertained. The train remained linked together, six or seven of the cars toppling into the creek.

Conductor C. H. Snyder, Flagman Ifford and Brakeman Holley were in the caboose, and were not injured.

Going Ornaments For It.

The falling of a six foot section of moulding around a ceiling light in the Auditorium, at Pennsylvania State College, for a time caused considerable excitement, as fragments struck and cut the heads of Winfred Braman, of the Experiment Station, and Mrs. Robert Foster. The crash came in the midst of the discourse by Dr. Gill, but the exercises continued. The ornament was above the gallery, which accounts for the fact that but two persons were hit.

The experts who made an examination stated that it was simply one of those inexplicable accidents which sometimes happen. The building has been declared to be perfectly safe.

Credits Given.

This week subscriptions paid between December 19th and January 21st have been credited on the Pink Label. If you have not proper credit, please report at once. Remember, '08' means July, 1908. January, 1908 is written "Jan 08" on the label. In other words where no month is mentioned the month of July is implied.

Democratic Caucuses.

Keep in mind that Saturday is the day on which Democratic caucuses in Centre county will be held. Let there be a good turnout; nominate capable, clean men for the offices to be filled, and then go to the polls in February with a view of ratifying the caucus actions.

Corn in Bad Condition.

Corn that was thought to be in fairly good condition when cribbed last fall, is proving disappointing when closely examined by buyers. Much of the corn in the centre of cribs is moldy and in some cases is unfit food for hogs or cattle.

ODD FELLOWS BANQUET.

Nearly Two Hundred Plates—The Menu—Order in Prosperous Condition.

The Centre Hall lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows gave its annual banquet Wednesday evening of last week, in Grange Arcadia. All told there were about two hundred persons in the company, the majority being of the members of the order, or of the lodge of Rebekahs, and invited guests. It was the largest gathering of the kind held in some years, and the menu was the most varied, the dishes the most toothsome, the service the best ever.

Grange Arcadia is an ideal place in which to hold a banquet. The lower floor, except the office and kitchen which are entirely separate, was devoted exclusively to a number of long dining tables, tastefully decorated. The guests, previous to the hour set for the dinner, were quartered on the handsomely furnished second floor, and engaged in social chat. At the call, a line was formed and in pairs the large dining hall was filled. For fully an hour and a quarter the guests stowed away the "perishable" edibles, and in the meantime there was merriment everywhere.

MENU		
Celery	Oranges	Cheese
	Pickles	
Cranberries	Turkey	Potatoes
Corn	Limas	Scalloped Oysters
Ices	Cakes	Confections
Tea	Coffee	

The local order of Odd Fellows is in a most flourishing condition; it is growing in membership, and its treasury—always the barometer of success—is expanding. Recently, as noted in these columns, the order acquired the "Meat Market" property, on the diamond, with a view of erecting, some time in the future, a home for the order.

Hon. Charles Emory Smith Dead.

Hon. Charles Emory Smith, editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Press, died Sunday morning. He was minister to Russia under President Harrison, during 1890-1903, and was Postmaster General in the McKinley cabinet, receiving his appointment in 1898. Mr. Smith was held in high esteem by all newspaper men, especially those in Pennsylvania, regardless of politics.

LOCALS.

The P-I-N-K Label this week. Mrs. Esther Gordon, of Lawistown, is the guest of Miss Roxanna Brislin. The Centre County Pomona Grange meets in Centre Hall today (Thursday).

Mrs. John Bower was operated on at the Bellefonte hospital, and is reported as getting along very well.

Miss Jennie Potter, of Milesburg, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Potter, west of Centre Hall.

Miss Lizzie Zeigler, west of Centre Hall, for a week visited her brother, Prof. Irvin Zeigler, at Clearfield.

Mrs. Fannie Colyer, while visiting at Gentzel's at Zion, fell down a flight of stairs and received painful injuries.

See the Stuart-Wieland advertisement of a cash sale at their store in Boalsburg, beginning Friday morning, January 24th.

Archey Moyer is back from the Pittsburg district, and will remain with his father on the farm during the coming summer.

A single change is made in the appointments as made last week for the Quarterly Conference to be held at Spring Mills. There will be services at Locust Grove this (Thursday) evening, instead of at Spring Mills.

Landlord James W. Runkle, who has been confined to his room for the past four months, has improved considerably during the past ten days, and at present is able to be down stairs, but has ventured out little if any.

Mrs. B. D. Brisbin is visiting her sister, Mrs. Linnie Ruble, in Cleveland, Ohio, having gone there about two weeks ago. Before returning she will go to points in the west, and on her return to Pennsylvania will stop at Pittsburg, Altoona and other towns where she has friends and relatives.

The postoffice department has taken the matter of delinquent subscribers out of the hands of the publisher. It is now a matter of paying up back subscription, or getting the publisher into more than a peck of trouble. The Reporter subscribers are making an effort to meet the new conditions, and the editor is very thankful to them.

Messrs. David L. Geary and William R. Neff, two of the south Potter representative farmers, accompanied by the latter's son, John Neff, were in town Monday and called at the Reporter office. They expressed delight over the manner in which the rural telephone proposition was working out, both as to cheapness and goodness of the service.

NO LIQUOR BY MAIL.

New Postoffice Order Aids the Cause of Prohibition.

Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order which has a direct bearing upon the prohibition movement. The order is as follows:

"It is hereby ordered that it shall be a condition of any contract hereafter entered into for carrying the mails upon star, screen wagon, mail messenger or special service route that the contractor or carrier shall not transport intoxicating liquor from one point to another upon such route while in the performance of mail service."

The order becomes effective at once in many sections of the country where it is necessary to install new and supplementary service.

Postmaster General Meyer is getting down to fine points, and in time, no doubt, postmasters will be instructed to open all vials and drink the contents so the durned stuff don't get into some innocent man's hands.

Will Test for Oil and Gas.

The Allegheny Oil and Gas Company is the name of a corporation formed in Centre county with a view of making several tests for oil and gas in the northern section of Centre county. Among the parties interested are Col. H. S. Taylor, Bellefonte; G. W. Zeigler, Phillipsburg; Christian Sharer, Port Matilda; Jerre Coffee and James Stodan, Osceola Mills.

LOCALS.

Cash sale at Stuart & Wieland's store, Boalsburg, beginning January 24th.

Samuel E. Walker, of Salona, father of Attorney W. Harrison Walker, has been seriously ill during the past week.

D. Geiss Wagner, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary, south of Centre Hall, last week went to Glen Hope to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. Frank McClellan.

Mrs. Thomas Hosterman is sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Housman, near Colyer, where she had gone to visit two weeks ago. She is suffering from grip.

Calvin Huss, son of Major Huss, of Spring Mills, will appear as interlocutor with the John W. Vogel Minstrels which will appear at Garman's opera house, Wednesday evening.

The program for the Farmers' Institute to be held at Centre Hall, February 17th and 18th, is of such a character that every farmer in the valley would be benefitted by hearing the topics discussed.

D. P. Heckman, of Spring Mills, was a pleasant caller Saturday, and spoke well of his home town. With regret he mentioned the sickness of Merchant C. P. Long, who, he said, was confined to bed.

Col. William C. Patterson has been elected president of the national bank at State College. The vice presidents are Col. John W. Stuart and Hon. John T. McCormick. John M. Wieland, of Boalsburg, is one of the directors of the institution.

Subscribers will please note that the labels on the Reporter are changed only when the P-I-N-K Label appears. That week all labels are printed on pink paper, but the color of the label indicates that credits have been given, and that those who paid subscription should find a change in the figures on the label.

In United States District Court at Williamsport Henry Arnold, of Knoxville, Tioga county, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes and also with using canceled postage stamps, pleaded guilty. For the first offense he was fined \$25 and sentenced to two months in jail, and for the second, \$100 and costs of prosecution.

Messrs. David K. Keller, D. L. Barages and Miss Florence Rhone, all of Centre Hall, auditors appointed by the Centre County Pomona Grange, met Secretary D. M. Campbell and Treasurer Frank Muser, at the home of Hon. Leonard Rhone, to audit their accounts. The secretary's and treasurer's accounts of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company were also audited.

The judicious landlord, the landlord who has high regard for the law, will close his bar during the hours the polls at the primaries are open. While in Centre county the primaries are held under the old law, it would require a decision of the court to determine whether or not the portion of the primary law applying to the sale of liquor is in force. The judicious landlord will close the bar.

Charles W. Geary, of Altoona, is one of the fortunate ones to have steady employment through the present panic. He is a painter by trade, and although this information is not gained direct from him, a remittance that found its way to this office through Mrs. Geary was of such a character to indicate that the purse was not too hard pinched to prevent paying Reporter subscription in advance.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Millheim Journal—H. E. Duck attended the meeting of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company at Bellefonte, Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Hardengergh, who spent the holidays with her parents at Philadelphia, returned Saturday afternoon, and the doctor is de-light-ed.

George W. Secrist accompanied his father, Darius Secrist, to Lock Haven, Tuesday. He will spend several days at that place before returning.

Edward P. Gamble, deputy factory inspector, of Altoona, was in this place Tuesday and inspected the various industrial establishments in Millheim.

Mrs. S. M. Campbell entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home on Main street Thursday evening. There were also a number of close friends present.

Mrs. John H. Auman, of this place, last week presented the Millheim Reformed Sunday school with a handsome organ, for use in the school. The gift is appreciated very highly by the members of the Sunday school.

Andrew M. Reser, the present proprietor of the Musser House, will, on April 1st, next, take charge of a large hotel at Elkland, Tioga county. Mr. Reser has made an acceptable and successful landlord while in charge of the Musser House. At the time Mr. Reser vacates the hotel G. W. Clark, of Williamsport, will take possession. Mr. Clark is the owner of the premises and will make such repairs as will make the stand an up-to-date hostelry. The old name "Musser House" will be retained by Mr. Clark.

Keystone Gazette—John Houser and family will move to State College in the near future, he having secured good employment at that place in connection with the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Kline, late of Bellefonte, but now residing in Watsonstown, during this week are pleasant visitors with friends in this place, and expect to stop on their way home to visit friends in Centre Hall.

A. C. Mingle, the shoe man, is demonstrating that a "square deal" is not only right but is lasting in a business sense; which is demonstrated by the steady, but rapid increase in his business during the past year—the panic notwithstanding. To assure a successful business career it is not only necessary to observe the Golden Rule to "Do unto others," etc., but to "Be true to thyself," and the two combined established a public confidence, which, in a business sense, is equal to "many cattle and houses and lands."

Democratic Watchman—In addition to his other afflictions Kyle McFarlane was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday, and is now in an almost entirely helpless condition.

Lieutenant James Taylor, who since his graduation from West Point has been stationed at Fort Wayne, Mich., will be transferred to the Seventh United States Infantry and on March 25th will sail for the Philippines.

John S. Walker has been confined to the house the past week and is quite sick. Mrs. Frank Montgomery and Miss Emily Natt are both in bed with the grip. Mrs. David Peters, of Bush Addition, is in a serious condition with cancer, and Mrs. Alfred Bezer has an attack of appendicitis and may have to undergo an operation. Miss Marjorie Lieb is seriously ill with consumption, and Orrin Miller is very sick at his home on Bishop street, with slight chances of his recovery.

Castle No. 360.

Madison Castle No. 360, K. G. E., of Madisonburg, installed the following officers for the ensuing term of six months:

Past Chief, C. E. Duck. Noble Chief, C. I. Granoble. Vice Chief, B. E. Hazel. High Priest, W. B. Shaffer. Master of Records, C. M. Sheats. Clerk of Exchequer, M. E. Yearick. Keeper of Exchequer, J. H. Roush. Venerable Hermit, M. E. Hazel. Eosign, George Jackson. Esquire, Edward Ertel. Worthy Chamberlain, Homer Crebs. Worthy Bard, J. B. Hazel. First Guardsman, Thomas Taylor. Second Guardsman, G. D. Orndorf. Trustees, G. C. Rachau, C. H. Shaffer, J. B. Hazel. Representative to Grand Castle, R. G. Hockman.

Death of an Attorney.

D. Walker Woods, a prominent Millin county attorney, died Wednesday of last week. He was also president of the Millin County National Bank. Mr. Woods was a son of the late Rev. James S. Woods, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lewistown for many years, and brother of the late Judge Samuel Woods and father of the present Judge M. Woods, Esq.

CORPORATIONS MUST PAY TAX.

Telegraph and Telephone Companies Sued for Tax by Kittaning Borough.

The decision handed down by the Supreme court at Philadelphia in the case of the Borough of Kittaning vs. the Consolidated Natural Gas company, in which the municipality won, is a far reaching one, in that it involves the right of boroughs to tax all corporations operating within their limits on the miles of water and gas mains and telegraph and telephone wires which occupy the borough streets.

Kittaning borough had passed an ordinance taxing gas mains laid in the streets. The company refused to pay the tax and the borough brought suit in the county courts to recover \$1,700, winning its fight. The case was appealed by the company and the Supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court, thus deciding that the tax was legal and could be collected. The borough has also brought suit against the telegraph and telephone companies for tax on the miles of wire stretched within the corporate limits, and it is believed that it will win out. The outcome is watched with considerable interest by corporations doing business in this state and borough authorities who have had difficulty in collecting a tax of this character.

Wall from Altoona.

A. H. Kreamer writes the Reporter thus from Altoona: We are having pretty tough sailing here at present, twenty-four hours' employment a week being all many have to depend on to make ends meet. The Roosevelt bunch of "full dinner pails and bundle of prosperity" have vanished from the scene. I do not know whether the present administration has anything to do with "prosperity" or not, but I do know that the Pennsylvania railroad employes are working shorter time, and there has been but a slight rise of wages—no more money for the same kind of work—than during the Democratic administration in 1892-93. Then there is this other condition, living is fully fifty per cent higher now than it was at that time, which greatly overbalances the slight rise in wages. I do hope the present conditions will not continue long, for there is great suffering here. An average of twenty families a day are making application to the poor directors for support.

Masons Will Take Degrees.

Centre county Masons, at least a number of them, will attend the annual winter meeting of the Williamsport consistory, A. A. S. R., which meets in Howard Memorial cathedral, Jan. 29-31. The gathering will be an important one, as a large class will receive the degrees, from the fourth to the thirty-second, inclusive.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, the lodge of Perfection will confer degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth; Thursday, the council, Princes of Jerusalem, will hold its semi-annual meeting, when the fifteenth to the twentieth will be conferred, and on Friday the remainder will be conferred.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Elizabeth Emily Durkey to Leonard Rhone, August 17, 1907, land in Potter twp. \$100. Wm. P. Humes, et al., to Frank P. Knoll, July 1, 1908, lot in State College. \$600. A. J. Orndorf, et. ux., to Wm. J. Myers, March 2, 1891, lot in Pine Grove Mills; \$42.00. Wm. J. Meyers, et. ux., to Mary B. Gates, June 24, 1891, premises in Pine Grove Mills. \$425. Harry E. Woodring, et. ux., to Philip W. Young, Dec. 9, 1907, lot in Port Matilda. \$50.00. John I. Gray, et. ux., to Susan Wiser, August 2, 1907, land in Worth twp. \$236.05. Nittany Iron Company to McCoy Linn Iron Co., July 8, 1908, 24 1/2 14sp in Spring twp. \$250. John C. Stover to Clymer H. Stover, Oct. 13, 1907, 6 lots in Aaronsburg. \$1075. Francis T. McEntire, et. bar., to Chas. G. Bower, Jan. 6, 1908, lot in Howard. \$140.

Keith's Theatre.

Seldom is there such an array of accomplished performers on any vaudeville bill as at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. Carrie DeMar is appearing in her sparkling novelty, "Lonesome Fluffy Ruffles." The famous American monologue genius, R. G. Knowles, recently returned from European triumphs, is another who is delighting the audiences, while the Romany Opera Company, composed of fourteen artists, is presenting a novelty, entitled "Gypsy Life." Lina Marder is giving surprising feats with the best trained horse in the world. There is a special attraction direct from the Berlin winter garden, being "A Study in Black and White," by Delmore & Lee.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A little ice was housed last week.

The P-I-N-K Label this week. Alpha Breon, of Rebersburg, was admitted to the Lock Haven hospital, last week, for treatment.

Rev. John Hewitt, of Columbus, Ohio, has decided to become the rector of the St. John's Episcopal church, Bellefonte.

C. M. Sheats, of Madisonburg, sold his property in that place to James J. Gramley, of Rebersburg. The consideration was \$1550.

Floyd Bowersox, the Spring Mills blacksmith, will leave that place in the spring, having purchased a farm near Millinburg and will move onto the same.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wagner Geiss Thursday night. The mother is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Goodhart, in Centre Hall.

Miss Sarah Reish is learning to operate the telephone switch board in the Commercial exchange with a view of becoming a regular operator some time in the future.

At the annual meeting of the Sugar Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company held in Logan, A. E. Barages, of Millheim, and S. L. Wetzler, of Milesburg, were elected directors.

Western markets indicate that the hog market will not improve. Everywhere farmers are feeding "soft corn" to hogs with a view of getting something for the otherwise worthless grain.

A blind horse owned by A. J. Gephart, at Millheim, walked out of the front door of the threshing floor and fell a distance of about ten feet, landing on a pile of manure. Slight bruises were the only injuries inflicted.

Neiman's pre-inventory sale of clothing and gente furnishings goods, at his Millheim store, is now on. Purchasers will find the Neiman store well filled with the best grades of clothing, which is being offered at remarkably low figures.

Harry E. Harter, who conducted a general store and coal yard at Axe Mann for a number of years, sold his stock of goods and real estate to Homer Decker, of near Bellefonte, on Jan. 1. Harry is desirous of purchasing a small farm near Bellefonte and engaging in tilling the soil.

The new tenant on the farm of Prof. H. C. Rothrock, west of Centre Hall, better known as the Bitner farm, who will succeed Howard Ziegler, is Charles Hartsock. He is now living on the farm of W. E. Tate, a little farther west. Mr. Tate will stock his farm in the spring, and hire a man by the month, if present plans are carried out.

There is no town in the state having the population of Centre Hall that has anything like a public hall that will compare with Grange Arcadia. The building is not only a great credit to Progress Grange, but to the town, and its complete interior equipment elicits favorable comments by all strangers who chance to come within its walls.

Phillipsburg will have a new and important industry, if the Daily Journal can be believed. The World Signal Company, capitalized at \$1,000,000, is being incorporated, the incorporators being Charles H. Rowland, Phillipsburg; Lawrence Baird, Osceola, and S. C. Seamon, of Camden, New Jersey. A new railroad signal is the article to be manufactured.

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The section hands on the railroad were called to the wreck Wednesday evening, and spent the entire night in cleaning up the track. Messrs. John H. Puff and John A. Martz responded from Centre Hall, the former having just taken the last look into the mirror to adjust his toilet for the Odd Fellows' banquet, when the news came to him. J. W. Whiteman was on the sick list that day, and consequently escaped the night call.

A. P. Hosterman, who now lives in one of the prettiest of Potter township farm houses, is not at all puffed up over his good fortune to have such an elegant home in his declining days, but is quietly enjoying it. The dwelling referred to was erected by his son, Dr. J. K. Hosterman, now of Detroit, Michigan, and is occupied by the Senior Hosterman and his youngest son, Thomas, and wife, the son conducting the farming operations.