

DEATHS.

Peter Smith died at his home at Chester Hill, near Philadelphia, of cancer of the throat. A native of Switzerland, he came to this country forty-one years ago. At the time of his death he was tax collector in Chester Hill, which office he had held for fifteen years. He is survived by his second wife and their two children, Deway and Clara, as well as a daughter, Mrs. John L. Davis, of Jersey Shore, by his first wife.

Archibald B. Moore, a well known resident of Juniata, died of paralysis, with which he was stricken while standing talking to a friend. He was born at Pennsylvania Furnace, and was aged fifty-five years. Since living in Juniata he has been employed as a gang leader by the Pennsylvania railroad company. He was of a retiring disposition, and was a musician of considerable reputation, being a worker in the organization and training of the Juniata band. He was twice married, both wives being dead. Surviving are two sons by the first wife, and five children by the second wife.

John C. Jones, who with his brother William were proprietors of the Central hotel, in Philadelphia, died in that place of a complication of diseases. He was fifty-nine years old. Prior to going into the hotel business he worked as a brakeman and conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad. He is survived by two brothers and one sister.

Henry Morter, a former resident of Baileyville, died at his home near Birmingham, after a brief illness of typhoid fever. His wife and several children are also ill from the disease. At the time he was taken ill Mr. Morter was arranging to move back to Baileyville. He was about forty years of age, and a blacksmith by occupation.

Francis A. Mangle, a brother of Alex. Mangle, of Pine Grove Mills, died at his home in Altoona, of neuralgia of the heart. His wife and four children, two brothers and two sisters survive.

Mrs. John E. Furst died at her home at Mackeysville, Saturday morning, aged forty-six years. She is survived by a husband and seven children. Her maiden name was Barner.

LOCALS.

The fellow who does things on the spur of the moment is apt to get stuck.

Most of us are more ready to lend our ears to scandal than to lend a hand.

Michael Stover, of Fiedler, one of the well-to-do citizens of Haines township, visited his sister, Mrs. M. L. Emerick, in Centre Hall last week.

Dr. James W. Boal is seriously ill. His recovery is doubtful. Rev. James H. Boal, of Jasper, Minnesota, his only child, was summoned to his bedside, and arrived Monday.

Irvin V. Musser, who for the past six or more months has been with his parents at Osceola, Ohio, came to Centre Hall Tuesday to see his wife and son, Harold. The Musser, up to the time of the beginning of the panic were located near Pittsburg, but since that time Mrs. Musser and son have been in Centre Hall, and as stated above, Mr. Musser went to Ohio.

POLITICAL.

For reasons that cannot be printed, but can be easily ascertained, every self-respecting voter should support J. C. Meyer, Esq., for assemblyman.

It looks as though W. Harrison Walker might have a walk-over. The truth is Mr. Walker is running and he may outrun the dear old soul, Congressman Barclay.

A Democratic board of county commissioners has never gone out of office with the county in debt, but as a rule the Republican boards have left an indebtedness. That is one difference in Democratic and Republican management of county affairs.

Republicans can support Mr. Meyer for the legislature without in any way hampering their party. There will be a large majority in the legislature to elect a Republican United States Senator, or carry through any needed party measure. Locally it is simply a matter of fitness in selecting between the two candidates—Messrs. Meyer and Taylor.

The working man, no matter what his occupation, should consider the case of George F. Weaver, of Gregg township, Democratic candidate for register. He is altogether capable of discharging every duty pertaining to the office, and is needing of the dollars that come as fees. He is a one-armed man, and when physically able did not hesitate to do any kind of manual labor to earn an honest dollar. His opponent has never had a day of want in his life; he is able-bodied and can earn a living anywhere. It is a hard-hearted man who will turn Mr. Weaver down, if he thinks for a moment.

Marriage Licenses.

- Orvis M. Shull, Millheim
Sarah M. Boob, Millheim
George Bechtel, Penn Township
Clara Snavely, Haines Township
Albert Kerstetter, State College
Cora Fisher, State College
George H. Noll, Millersburg
Hannah E. Swartz, Millersburg
George F. Kuhn, State College
Sarah C. Burris, Aze Mann
James B. Hetchel, Liberty Township
Lucretia Hoese, Liberty Township
Fred Barger, Morris Dale Mine
Mary Hemmes, South Philadelphia
John C. Lupton, Bush Township
Hannah Holdsworth, Mazon
William J. Brooks, Curtin
Delta Williams, Curtin
James I. Justice, Bellefonte
Grace V. Fry, Bellefonte

Harris Township.

Silas Gibony, of Sautsburg, visited his daughter, Mrs. L. E. Klidder.

Clair Stamm and family, of near Potter Mills, spent Saturday evening in Boolsburg.

Miss Elsie Osman, formerly of this place, was one of the Altoona ladies who attended the Grange picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wagner, of Altoona, attended the Grange picnic and are now visiting friends in this place.

Charles Stamm, of Altoona, attended the Enactment, and also made a short visit to his son, J. W. Stamm, at Boolsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Weaver, with their bright little boy Ernest, of near Rebersburg, visited at N. W. Meyer's over Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel Moore and Miss Sara Danley, of State College, spent a day at the home of their sister, Mrs. J. A. Fortney.

George E. Meyer returned to Altoona Saturday, after spending a vacation of several months with his parents in Boolsburg and other relatives and associates in Centre county.

Mrs. L. R. Morgan and little son Louis, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Goehens and Fishers Saturday, and Sunday Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Morgan were the guests of Col. John T. Stuart, at State College.

William Sweet and family, of Instanter, were among the number who enjoyed the dust at the Grange picnic, and are now visiting the parents of Mrs. Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. William Myers. Among the pleasures while here was a day spent in the Bear Meadows.

Owing to a lack of water the state road has been hindered in its construction to some extent. At present the old arch bridge is being rebuilt, and when completed will be the first concrete structure in the neighborhood. The old arch bridge is, indeed, a landmark. The oldest residents in Boolsburg recall the bridge when they were children. When or by whom the structure was built does not seem to be definitely known.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kremer, formerly of Boolsburg, who are now making their home with their daughter, Mrs. Sara Hunter, in Altoona, just returned from a few months' visit to Philadelphia, where they visited a daughter, Mrs. Mary Kennedy. The couple are past eighty years of age, but unlike most aged people they look on the bright side of life, which accounts for the visit having been one of the most pleasant seasons in their lives.

Mrs. Lemuel Watson and son John enjoyed a drive across the mountain from their home at Mooresville, Saturday, returning home Sunday. Mrs. Watson is a sister of Mrs. S. M. Bell. They had an enjoyable time together. These ladies are comforting each other. Mrs. Bell, owing to an injury received by a fall down stairs more than a year ago, is unable to walk save by the use of crutches. Mrs. Watson, who is suffering bodily affliction, was recently bereft of her husband. He was assisting to raise an old academy building, and was struck by a piece of falling timber, and was almost instantly killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Everhart, of Altoona, are visiting friends at Boolsburg, The Branch and Oak Hall. Recently they enjoyed a visit to Philadelphia and Scranton. The great-grandparents of Mr. Everhart came from Germany in 1776 and settled in eastern Pennsylvania. One of his great-grandsons, Nicholas Fox Everhart, is located at Scranton. He is the owner of several valuable buildings and others are being built this summer. He is on a fair way to becoming a millionaire. He was much pleased to meet his Altoona cousins, and they in turn are feeling elated over the honor of having the same name.

Although William Motherbaugh has had enough troubles of his own, thieves continue to pester him. A large number of chickens have been stolen at various times, and now since this crop is getting short, the thieves have turned their attention to another class of goods. A few days ago Mr. Motherbaugh left three bags of reclaimed seed wheat standing in the barn floor—all to his sorrow, for by the next morning it was missing. From indications these thefts have been committed by persons well acquainted with the premises.

The readers of these items will regret to learn of the very serious illness of Miss Beulah Fortney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fortney, in Boolsburg, her sickness being due to an attack of typhoid fever. As is usually the case the disease affects the heart, and in Miss Fortney's case this condition makes her recovery somewhat doubtful, although her physician has not given up hope. A trained nurse, Miss Nell Herman, and her sisters of the lodge of Rebekahs are doing all in their power to care for and cheer her.

Aaronsburg.

Wesley Adams, a former resident of this place, but now an officer in the Huntingdon Reformatory was the guest of his brother-in-law Thomas Hull a few days last week. Misses Mamie and Blanch Treaster, of Bellefonte, visited among some of their many friends a few days. Rev. F. E. Lauffer, D. D., a former minister of the Reformed church called on some of his friends here on Thursday evening. Mr. Chambers and family, of Bellefonte, spent the Sabbath at the home of Thomas Hull. Mr. and Mrs. John Detwiler, and Mrs. Catherine Barner and children, of Mill Hill spent the Sabbath at the home of Warren Winkler. Lisie Acker has gone to spend some time with friends at State College. J. H. Crouse and Alice Bright are having concrete walks put down in front of their homes and John Haines is the builder of the walks. Robert Meusch has the contract to put a concrete walk down in front of the Reformed parsonage. After these walks are completed we can walk the whole length of the town on good walks. Mrs. Foote, of Washington, D. C. visited her cousin, Mrs. Frances Forster, a few days last week. The citizens band will furnish the music for the Lewisburg Fair on Thursday. Mrs. J. F. Troxel, of Winfield, Mrs. A. L. Ulrich, and Mrs. J. M. Kryder, of Krazerville, Snyder county, visited at the home of Harry Crouse.

Linden Hall.

P. C. Bradford, wife and family spent Sunday with friends in this place. Mrs. Davis Tressler, of Pine Hall, visited at the homes of J. L. Tressler and Robert McClellan last week. Mr. and Mrs. George Meil, of Huntingdon, and her sisters of the lodge of Rebekahs are doing all in their power to care for and cheer her.

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Georges Valley.

M. J. Barges sold a fine lot of steers to the Spring Mills butcher last week. The farmers are busy cutting off corn and making cider. John Harter paid a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harter, in this valley. William T. Lingie has been on the sick list for several weeks. A. C. Confer and family spent Sunday at the home of his brother Joseph. James Gillen of Freeport, Ill., is visiting friends in this place. Harry Hettinger spent Sunday at the home of his uncle. William Matter wears a broad smile since the arrival of a baby boy in his family. Add Hackman and family, of Millin county, will move to this place and occupy George Gentzel's house. L. M. Barges and V. A. Lingie, of this place, are engaged in cutting paper wood near Pleasant Gap.

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THE TAX QUESTION. II.

The Gazette in its article in the issue of September 4th in reply to a taxpayer expatiated largely on county finances; that is it tried to do so. It will of course be admitted that the tax levied for county purposes by the present board of County Commissioners is five mills on the dollar, and that has been the rate during their term of office.

When the board of County Commissioners (two of them Republicans) came into office on the first Monday of January, 1906, it found a balance on hand of \$25,001.35. When the same board left the office on the first Monday of January, 1906, it left an indebtedness of \$32,517.72. Thus having consumed the balance on hand, the amount realized each year on a three mill tax, and created a debt of \$32,517.72.

When that board was charged with having run the county largely into debt, the Gazette denied that the county was in debt and insisted that three mills was sufficient on which to run the county. The old board ought to have known how much it would take to run the county and raised the millage accordingly. Had this been done there would have been no need for an increase in the tax rate at any time of more than one mill.

The assessed valuation taxable for county purposes in 1905 was \$11,935,912.00, and three mills on this valuation would net \$35,810.73 while the expenditure for 1905 as shown by the auditors' report for that year was \$117,357.51. It looks ridiculous to undertake to cover so vast an expenditure with so small an income.

The auditors' statement for 1907, the second year of the present Democratic board shows an expenditure of \$98,690.95 for that year, being \$18,699.55 less than the expenditure for 1905. What the Democrats complained of in 1905 was that the Republican board, knowing that the expenditure would run way above the amount raised by a three mill tax were too cowardly to meet the situation. They so much desired a reelection that they failed in duty.

It must be conceded that the county cannot now be run on \$90,000.00 a year. The Gazette however in 1905 insisted that the county was not in debt as the Democrats alleged, and that if the Republican board was continued in power the millage would not be increased. The Democrats also insisted that the expenditure was away above the income and could not be met within the revenue raised by a three mill tax, and that the millage must, as a matter of course be raised. There being a debt, certified by the county auditors at the settlement of the accounts for 1905, of \$32,517.72 which showed without doubt that the income was that much less than the expenditure for that year and that the expenditure for 1905 was

\$117,357.54, there were two things to do. One was to raise more revenue, and the other to cut down the expenditures. The present board did both. In no instances have they, however, cut down any necessary improvements.

"This debt," says the Gazette, "was the result of a three mill tax during a season of extraordinary expenses, and was set up as an argument for the defeat of the Republican commissioners and which was successful." This may have been plain to the man who wrote it, but it is difficult for any one else to understand. The debt, the result of a three mill tax, and the extraordinary expenses is certainly wonderful, when the taxing power knew in advance that such would be the result.

The Gazette mentions as an expense extraordinary one item, to wit—the amount paid to the Soldiers monument. It is careful not to say that of the \$15,000.00 appropriated in the manner the law directed, \$10,000 was paid by the old board giving a note which was lifted by the present board. They should state that item of extraordinary expense.

The settlement by the auditors of the accounts for 1905 show that the old board expended for bridges in 1905 \$15,350.97; that the present board in 1907 expended \$14,009.30, and beside this they are paying out quite a sum under the laws of the state to help build rotten state roads, that now are going to pieces. Other expenses are in a measure equal. In the general expense account the present board has been much more careful and economical. Every bill of costs, constable's bill, the bills of justices of the peace who undertake to farm their offices at the expense of the county, are examined and cut down. The old board paid everything that came in.

There is one other thing that not only the Gazette, but all citizens may as well recognize. That is, that by recent legislation the county is compelled to pay many things that it formerly was not liable for. For instance, there is the burial of old soldiers running from \$1200.00 to \$1500.00 a year; the making returns of judgments, mortgages, etc., for the purpose of taxation, the increase in the pay of election officers and assessors, and in many other instances the expense is put on the county for doing certain things which formerly was not required to be done by the county, and the expense connected therewith has all been placed on the several counties.

If therefore the Gazette correspondent will read this article he will have some intelligent idea of why the county tax was raised from 3 to 5 mills. The county of course has some other sources of revenue besides the amount realized on a 5 mill tax, and were it not for this it would be impossible, when the expenditure runs close to the \$100,000 mark to meet the expenditure on a 5 mill levy.

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MISS MARTHA FARNER. Miss Martha Farner died suddenly near her home, at Colyer, Sunday at about one o'clock. The lady lived alone, and about that time took a coughing spell. Realizing that the consequences might be serious she started for the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Shadow. On the way she had a hemorrhage of the lungs, and died before help came. She was soon discovered by the Shadow family, and later a number of people gathered to do what they could for the woman, but all was too late.

Miss Farner was a member of the Methodist church, and her pastor, Rev. J. Max Lantz, officiated at the burial Wednesday morning, at Spruce-town. Her age was sixty-four years, eight months and seventeen days. Mrs. Farner was highly regarded by all her acquaintances. She leaves behind her in this world two brothers, namely, William C. Farner, of Colyer; and John Thomas Farner, of Hyde-town, Crawford county.

Adam Decker, one of the best known farmers in Walker township, died at home near Snydertown, of a complication of diseases. He was born near Hubersburg, and was aged seventy-five years, five months. He was a successful farmer, having followed that occupation nearly all his life. One son, Charles, survives, and two daughters, Mrs. John Devinney, of Lewisstown, and Mrs. Hiram Long, of Nittany.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Bulletin

FOUNDER'S WEEK, PHILADELPHIA

From October 4 to 10 Philadelphia will celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the City's founding by a series of remarkable events.

On Monday afternoon 25,000 sailors, and marines will parade. The Police and Fire Departments will parade on Tuesday afternoon, depicting their development from the early times. Wednesday afternoon will witness one of the greatest industrial parades ever seen in this country. Over 100 floats will illustrate the evolution of the City's industries. A great river pageant will be given on Thursday afternoon, in which 500 vessels including United States and foreign warships will participate. Fifteen thousand uniformed Red Men with historical floats will parade in the evening. On Friday the first great historical pageant ever given in America, illustrating by 40 floats and 5000 costumed characters the history of Philadelphia, will be the grand climax of the celebration. The P. O. S. of A. will parade in the evening. Saturday will be devoted to athletics, motor races, and Knights Templar parades. The city will be specially illuminated every night and a musical-historical drama "Philadelphia" will be given every evening on Franklin Field.

Special tickets to Philadelphia will be sold October 2 to 10, good to return until October 12, at reduced rates; minimum rate \$1.00. See Ticket Agents.

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The Racing This Year Will be Finer Than

Ever, but bear in mind that there will be no gambling.

Meet Your Friends at the Fair

They will be there to enjoy the many new and novel sights and spend the best days of their life in the full and free enjoyment of a clean moral show that will appeal to all.

WILL YOU BE THERE?

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The Reporter's Register.

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Royal O. Miller and wife, Johnstown

Frank Confer, Howard

William N. Duck, Millheim

Bertha L. Giegerick, Maplewood Hall

Sophie P. Dixon, Washington, D. C.

Flora Owens, Altoona

Robert C. Herman and wife, Mary and Fred Herman, Philadelphia

Minnie Beaver, Millheim

Nettie Jenkins, Lewisstown

Mrs. George Seanson, James and Leroy Seanson, Ruth M. Ross, Eva R. Catherman, Marie L. Campbell, Linden Hall

John C. Barnes, J. D. Houser, Pleasant Gap

Mrs. C. U. Wieland and son Daniel, C. P. Wieland, E. W. Sweeney, Charles E. Mothersbaugh, Claudia P. Wieland, D. W. Myers, O. W. Stover, Boolsburg

John L. Dunlap, Mrs. Jesse Dunlap, Mary Dunlap, Mary B. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wieland and children, Frank R. Stover, Mrs. Fred Scott, Bellefonte

Ph. T. Hartnett and wife, Helen Hazel, John A. Bohm, Mrs. Grace Engbauge, W. H. Cruse, R. T. Alexander, wife and daughter, Mrs. W. J. Close, Mrs. R. M. Alexander, Violet Alexander

C. J. Dunlap, Spring Mills

Jno. F. Harter, Philadelphia

Frank R. Pennington, Lewisstown

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. FaSheffer, Robert and Hazel Sheffer, Dewart

Stephen Cahoon, North Rose, N. Y.

H. H. Bradford, Lewisstown

Mrs. J. H. Meyer, Boolsburg

James H. Boal, Jasper, Minn.

J. Cloyd Brooks, Centre Hall

Bessie Emrick, Centre Hall

J. M. Colderon, Centre Hall

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Bertha McCormick

F. H. Dale, M. D.

Mrs. R. W. Bloom

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