

DEATHS.

PETER COLLINS.

Peter Collins, a well-known contractor, died at the home of his sister, Miss Sarah Collins, in Bellefonte, Friday afternoon, aged seventy-nine years.

The deceased was born in Somerset county and had gained an international reputation as a contractor. He was associated with Thomas and Phillip Collins, who built sections of the Pennsylvania main line and parts of many other roads, also the Collins furnace, now known as the Bellefonte furnace.

The Collins brothers with another contracting firm of the United States undertook the building of the line of railroad in Brazil to connect Bolivia by railroad with the great Amazon river to give it an outlet for its mineral and other products. The undertaking was a hazardous one and failed through the destruction of supply ships that were dispatched to them and the failure of capitalists behind the movement to float bonds to finance the venture. At the time the contract was abandoned, Peter Collins and George Gay with their force of engineers and men in making their way from the wilds in which they were working, were attacked by Indians, and Mr. Collins was shot through one of his lungs by an arrow. The wound proved serious and since then he has been unable to do any arduous work and practically lived a life of retirement in Philadelphia. The old wound is said to have been the cause of his last illness.

In the death of Mrs. Orpha Pletcher, widow of the late David B. Pletcher, Howard township lost one of its oldest and best known women. Although past four score years of age, she had been in good health until two weeks prior to her death when she contracted a bad cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia, causing her death. She was a native of Howard township, and was eighty-four years and three months old. Practically all her life was spent in that locality where she was much respected and loved. Two sons survived, A. A. Pletcher, of Howard, justice of the peace, of Howard, who himself has been quite ill for some time, and Sergius S. Pletcher, a clerk in the auditing department at Washington, D. C.

J. Irvin Kunes, one of the best known citizens of Liberty township, died at his home in Blanchard. Two years ago he was stricken with paralysis and since that time has been somewhat of an invalid, and his death was the result of another stroke. His age was about seventy years. For many years he was identified with business interests in Liberty township, being a member of the firm of S. H. and J. I. Kunes, merchants, farmers and lumbermen. Both of the founders of the firm are now dead. Mr. Kunes is survived by one brother, Dance B. Kunes, of Blanchard, and a niece, Miss Ella Graham, who made her home with him.

LOCALS.

D. A. Boozer began cutting his first crop of ice Wednesday morning.

Wednesday was a pleasant day. The sun shone, and conditions favorable for out-of-door work permissible at this season.

Mrs. G. W. Bushman is expected home the latter part of this week from the Bellefonte hospital where she underwent a second operation three weeks ago Monday. Her condition is now considered very favorable.

The Lykens Valley Mutual Insurance Company is becoming very popular among those having insurable property on the South side of the county. Among those who had losses and is highly gratified over his treatment by the company is Station Agent W. L. Campbell, of Spring Mills.

John W. Confer, tenant on the Foreman farm near Red Mill makes sale of his stock and implements, February 27th. Mr. Confer will move to the Lewis Falls property which he purchased some time ago. The Foreman farm will be titled hereafter by Harry Vonada, the new owner of the farm.

The following persons were elected directors of the Lewistown Citizens National Bank at the annual meeting of the stockholders: Samuel Watt, H. J. Culbertson, A. Reed Hayes, J. G. Yeager, Walter Mann and D. Sterrett McNeill. The latter is the senior partner in the firm of McNitt-Huyett Lumber Company, who have their main mill at present near Snyderstown.

A movement is on foot to induce the Pennsylvania State Grange to hold its next meeting at State College. It is barely probable that could the necessary arrangements be made by the College managers to house and entertain the fifteen or more hundred who attend the annual meeting of the State Grange that it would accept the invitation if formerly made. Both Harrisburg and Williamsport are anxious that the Grange hold its next meeting there. The farmers of the State ought to become acquainted with their educational institution, and by holding this Grange meeting within its walls, the College could be shown up to its best advantage.

Will Rebuild in Millhelm.

From the best information obtainable it is learned that A. A. Frank will rebuild his store room in Millhelm and conduct a general store as heretofore.

John Stoner will also rebuild, and it is said Nevin Auman will occupy the building when completed.

Whether or not the Musser hotel will be rebuilt cannot now be ascertained. Several parties are dealing for the lot, and in the event of a sale a substantial business block will adorn the diamond.

D. J. Nieman, the clothier, is absent from Millhelm, and before going away had not announced his intentions.

Next Week's Corn Show.

The man who grew the Grand Champion ear of corn at the late National Corn Show, at Omaha, will send his best ear to the Pennsylvania Corn Show to be held at Harrisburg, January 26-29, so our corn growers can compare notes. Every Pennsylvania corn-grower should send ten ears of his best corn to W. H. Moody, Chestnut Street Hall, Harrisburg, at once, and try to win one of the nine silver cups or one of the 45 cash prizes offered for good corn by the Penn'a Live Stock Breeder's Association. There are no entry fees.

LOCALS.

Read the Gephart music store adv. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wion, of near Bellefonte, drove to Centre Hall Tuesday to spend the day with Mr. Wion's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wion.

"Ma's New Husband" will arrive in Bellefonte Saturday and you are all invited to meet him at the Garman opera house Saturday afternoon and evening.

One of the most successful poultrymen in Orangeville, Illinois, is G. Bruce Goodhart, formerly of this place. He's also made a record for a coup of ten hens that will be hard to match. These ten pullets during the month of December laid an average of twenty-three eggs each.

Manager Garman of the Bellefonte opera house has a number of first class shows booked for the latter half of the season in that place. Among the number are "Ma's New Husband," which will be there this week; "The Arrival of Kitty," "Granstark," "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," and a number others of equally high class reputation.

Mrs. S. W. Decker, of Mitchell, South Dakota, is east and is accompanied by her children. In company with a sister, Mrs. Frank Herman, of near Spring Mills, she called at the Reporter office, and expressed herself as entirely pleased with her western home. Crops she said were very good the past season, and the farmers generally were prospering in her part of the state.

There are some new faces at the court house since the first Monday of this month, and they are already learning to "look pleasant," give a real hearty hand-shake, and—"take a chair." Since it is all over now, and there is no use to try to out them before their term expires, the Reporter wishes them their duties pleasant, their fees liberal and everything else they may wish, except a second term.

A Democratic caucus will be held in the council room Saturday evening to place in nomination candidates for the borough offices. It is important that every voter be present for no where has a voter a more important duty to perform than at the local caucus.

Good men should be placed in nomination for every office. The local government is of as much consequence to the individual as the state or national. Attend the caucus, fellow Democrats, and by performing your full duty there capable men can be placed in nomination whose election will cast a good reflection on the local political party, and serve the interests of all.

It is not often that a westerner after a continuous absence from Centre county for fifty-six years returns, but that is what George Ripley, of Laurel, South Dakota, did a short time ago. He is a native of Georges Valley, being a son of John Ripka, and he and William Ripka, are the only two remaining children of a family of eleven.

In his early life Mr. Ripley followed the carpenter trade, working under Joseph Lose, of Millhelm, and later with George Breon, of Sugar Valley. On leaving his old home in Georges Valley he first located in Stephenson county, Illinois, and from there went to Iowa, where he met Miss Fye, formerly of Loganton, and they were married. Minnesota was his home until twenty-six years ago when he adopted South Dakota as his state.

These changes of location were, however, not in quick succession, as is noted in the beginning of this note, it is now already fifty-six years since he left here. During his residence in the west Mr. Ripley accumulated considerable wealth and now owns something like four or five hundred acres of land, which is farmed and managed by his children, eight of the nine of whom are living. With all this the old home was not forgotten, and at the age of seventy-seven, Mr. Ripley is here to enjoy the friendship of old acquaintances and relatives, among the latter being A. C. Ripka, of Centre Hill, through whose pleadings it is largely due that he made the trip east.

THE PIGEONS WON.

In Spite of Clipped Wings They Got Back on Time.

The colonel was something of a pigeon fancier and had so much confidence in a certain strain of homers he was making a hobby of that when his friend the major proposed a wager the colonel removed the limit.

"We'll make it a suppuh," said the major. "Yo' black boy will tote a palah ovah to the cyahs an' ship them to St. Louay, whaah they ah to be libarated on ahival. I wagah they ah not back in two days, sah."

The colonel accepted, crated his finest pair and included a note to the express agent with the charges. Meanwhile the major communed with Joe, the colored boy, and after the tendering of a certain half dollar and promises of immunity from the consequences of the colonel's wrath later Joe agreed to clip the pigeons' wings sub rosa.

Two days passed, and the major presented himself duly at the colonel's. The colonel eyed him with suspicious narrowness.

"Have they ahrired?" asked the major gayly.

"They hev, sah," said the colonel, with dignity; "they hev, but those two pidgins, sah, hev the so'lest feet I evah saw on a bird, sah."—Browning's Magazine.

BE SURE YOU'RE RIGHT.

Then Take a Long Think and Mind Your Own Business.

The other day a man traveling on a shore line train noticed, protruding from an overhead rack, a dress suit case which he recognized as belonging to a friend. He knew that his friend always got off at the station which they had just passed, and as he was not in the seat the conclusion was inevitable that he had jumped off the train and forgotten it.

The man called the conductor and explained the case to him. After some discussion and a mild protest on the part of the conductor that it wasn't a part of his duty, the suit case was put off at the next station, with instructions to send it back on the first train the other way.

The man, feeling that he had done an able and friendly act, settled down for the rest of his journey.

But not for long. The face of his friend, who had been in the smoker and who happened on that particular afternoon to be going on to New London to attend a dinner party—loomed before him.

The moral of this is, of course, quite evident.

Be sure you're right and then mind your own business.—Life.

Overboard.

"Overboard" is engraved on a metal label fastened to many articles of paraphernalia seen about the decks of a modern war vessel. It means that the article so marked should be thrown overboard whenever action with an enemy's ship becomes imminent. Alcohol chests, turpentine tanks, paints, spare spurs, unnecessary hatches and other articles easily destroyed or splintered by shell fire are thus labeled. The president of Occident college, California, is said to have given the word a new meaning in civil life when he used it to label those who are unfit, useless or exempt in the struggle of life. It is a strong word and as such can be appropriately applied to men and things which when a ship must go to battle are not necessary or material to the end desired.—Army and Navy Life.

Her Own Doctor.

A Washington woman recently hired a negro. Going to the kitchen one day, she was amazed to find the negro sitting on the floor, with her hair standing out from her head like a black cat's. The girl was pulling one curly lock and then another in a way as to suggest that she had suddenly lost her reason.

"What do earth are you doing, Mary?" queried the lady of the house.

"Nawt'nal, ma'am; only I has got a sore throat an' was jest tryin' to find the lock dat would pull mah palate up an' relieve de tickle."—New York Herald.

The Fickle Shopper.

"That woman always keeps me guessing," said the grocery clerk as she went out. "I never can tell till the last minute what she is going to buy. Just now she priced the coffee. I gave her the prices—25 cents, 28, 30, 35, 40.

"Is your twenty-five cent coffee any good?" she asked me.

"Yes," said I; "bang up."

"Then," said she, "give me a pound of your forty cent, ground fine."—New York Press.

Probably Not.

"I hate to be poor. Now, a millionaire can walk right in and order what he wants without bothering about the price."

"He can," stated the wealthy salesman, "but he seldom does."—Kansas City Journal.

Every Morning.

Paul, at the age of four, was asked one morning by his papa, "What is the name of the first meal of the day?"

"Oatmeal," responded little Paul promptly.—Exchange.

An Epigram.

Tommy—Say, papa, I wish you would tell me something. Papa—Well, what is it? Tommy—When you were a little boy, who was my papa?—Chicago News.

Some men are rich enough to afford every luxury except a clear conscience.—Philadelphia Record.

Centre Reporter, \$1.00 per year.

A Curious Spanish Custom.

Ellen Maury Slayden in the Century in an account of her own and her husband's lavish entertainment in a Spanish household says:

"No custom of the house was so unaccountable as that of having people come 'to see you eat.' Enjoying a square meal while our guests inhaled cigarette smoke seemed so inhospitable that I sometimes playfully insisted upon their having something with us. It was always laughingly declined, except once when a particularly lively youth took a piece of ham and ate it with all sorts of self-conscious little antics, as if he were acting a pantomime."

Shortening of the Day.

It has long been known theoretically that the tides act as a brake on the rotating earth and tend to lengthen the day. The effect, however, is so slight that it cannot be measured in any length of time at man's disposal. It may be estimated with the aid of certain assumptions, and, using the data available, W. D. MacMillan made the necessary computation by the formulas used by engineers. He finds for the increase of the length of the day one second in 400,000 years.

Waiting.

"Where are you lunching now?" "Over here at one of these places where you wait on yourself. Where are you eating?" "Oh, I'm still over there where you wait on the waiter."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Good Guesser.

Aubrey—I say, old chap, I suppose you can't lend me a fiver? Plantagenet—No, my dear boy, but a man with your capacity for guessing the right thing ought to be able to win a fortune on the turf.—London Telegraph.

Expert Criticism.

"I don't like that judge," said the smooth crook; "his speech is so jerky." "I would say," remarked the Boston burglar, "that, though they are unorthodox, I rather like his short sentences."—Baltimore American.

When the Hair Falls

Stop it! And why not? Falling hair is a disease, a regular disease; and Ayer's Hair Vigor, as made from our new improved formula, quickly and completely destroys that disease. The hair stops falling out, grows more rapidly, and all dandruff disappears.

Does not change the color of the hair.

Formula with each bottle. Show it to your doctor. Ask him about it, then do as he says.

The little book in each package gives the formula of our new Hair Vigor, tells why each ingredient is used, and explains many other interesting things. After reading you will know why this new hair preparation does its work so well.

Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Wheat 1 00
Oats 50
Corn 60
Butter 25
Eggs 30

ARM HAND WANTS WORK—The undersigned wants work on the farm by the year. Good references.
WILLIAM H. STOVER,
Centre Hall, Pa.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE—In the matter of the estate of Lydia Ann Faust, late of Potter township, Centre county, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed an auditor in the estate of said Lydia Ann Faust, to make distribution of the balance of the funds in the hands of the Administrator to and among those entitled to receive the same, will meet all parties interested in said estate at the office of Gettig, Bower & Zetty, in the borough of Bellefonte, on Monday, the 31st day of January, A. D. 1909, at ten o'clock A. M., when and where all persons interested or having claims against said estate will appear and prove their accounts or be forever debarred from making any claim against the estate.
S. D. GETTIG, Auditor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the estate of Julia A. Ishler late of Potter township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned he would respectfully request any persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.
JOHN H. ISHLER, Executor,
Tusseyville, Pa.
P. O.—Spring Mills, R. F. d. No. 3.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE—By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre county, the undersigned will expose at public sale or outcry, on the premises one-half mile east of Colyer, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1909, 1 P. M., the following real estate, being the property of Martha S. Farmer, late of Potter Township, deceased:
Parcel No. 1, Beginning at a corner of lands of J. S. Housman and Henry Shadow, at the north side of the public road; thence along lands of said Henry Shadow, north four and four-tenths perches to a stone; thence along land, late of Hannah Moore, east six perches to a stone; thence along same north four and four-tenths perches to a stone; thence along public road west six perches to stone, and place of beginning, containing twenty-six and four-tenths perches, near measure.

Parcel No. 2, Beginning near public road, thence along lands of Sarah Shadow, north nineteen and one-half degrees west eight and seven-tenths perches to stones; thence by lands of Susan Housman, south fifty-three degrees, west eight perches to stone; thence by residue of tract south nineteen and one-half degrees, east twenty perches; thence by public road north sixty six and one-half degrees, east eight perches to place of beginning, containing one hundred and fifty-four perches, near measure. There being erected on said premises a two-story frame dwelling house and other outbuildings.

TERMS OF SALE—10 per cent. of purchase money to be paid or secured on day of sale; one-third thereof, on or before the 1st day of April, 1909, and the balance to be given by judgment or bond and mortgage at one year from April 1st, 1909, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

WM. C. FARNER,
A Jnr. of the estate of Martha S. Farmer, dec'd.

Hunger is a better appetizer before dinner than a cocktail.

WE ARE GETTING ABOARD FOR THE SPRING HOUSEKEEPERS

WE are getting in a nice, clean, and well selected stock and will make it our aim to give Value for Value. These are Some of our lowest prices, but not all of them:

- GOOD KITCHEN CHAIRS, (1-2 Doz.) . . . \$ 4.50
- ROCKERS 1.50
- IRON BEDS 2.95
- WOOD BEDS 3.25
- 7-PIECE CHAMBER SUIT 22.00
- SPRINGS AND MATTRESSES 3.00
- EXTENSION TABLES-6 Ft. 6.00

Do you want something better? — We have it.
We do not wish to sell the cheapest, but want to sell a good article at a reasonable price.

Rearick's.....Furniture Store
Centre Hall, Penn'a

Day-old Chicks & Eggs FOR Hatching

CHAS. D. BARTHOLOMEW, CENTRE HALL, PA.
BREEDER OF
...Thoroughbred Poultry...
Orders now booked for Eggs for hatching and day-old Chicks from the following varieties of chickens:
Barred White Single-comb
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"Model Incubators, Brooders & Poultry Supplies" for sale at all times

THESE ARE THE FACTS:
JUST PONDER— PLEASE INVESTIGATE

OUR ONCE-A-YEAR Clearance Sale
CONTINUES During JANUARY

PROGRESS OUR MOTTO
In order to make room for a new and larger consignment of Pianos ever brought to Bellefonte, we shall devote the month of January in which to complete our well begun work.

Seventeen Pianos unsold; will be sold during the next to days. They consist mostly of fine, new up-to-date Pianos, standard makes, in transit when our sale began. 17 These are now on the floor, the latest design, Walz & Malnevillers; others just returned from rent, with others received in exchange the past 10 days. Uprights, Squares and Grands, all in good condition. All told, an unequalled collection of Fine Pianos, fully guaranteeing bargain, will be sold during this month. This sale affords an unequalled opportunity to purchase the piano of your choice at a low price. We have many inquiries and have no difficulty in selling every Piano at the price we ask.

Successful Sale. Many fine Pianos and Organs sold during this sale. Some of those who purchased our pianos are: Mrs. Jacob Weber, F. Giffrich, David S. Bechdel, F. McKilip, Player; Mrs. Alice Miller, Annie Miller, Piano.

HOME PATRONAGE—These and many more are evidences of the great saving they have made, and the real values we are giving during this sale. We earnestly desire that every one in Bellefonte and Centre county see and appreciate the extensive line of fine pianos and music merchandise we carry, as well as the modern Music House we are endeavoring to establish and maintain right here at home in Bellefonte and Centre county. We heartily thank all of our patrons for their patronage in the past, assuring the music loving public that we shall put forth a strenuous effort to serve them in the future in our line to the best possible advantage in price and in quality and that by and with their continued patronage to make this store a better, larger, stronger, modern Music House for Bellefonte and Centre county.

M. C. GÉPHART, BELLEFONTE PENN'A