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## THE LEGISLATURE.

### Measures Passed in House, Senate, or Finally Passed by Both Bodies.

The Senate passed the Capitol Park bill by a vote of 37 to 3. It carries an appropriation of \$2,000,000, to be expended over a period of five years for the purchase of property on the east side of the Capitol grounds.

Other bills passed finally by the Senate follow:

House bill authorizing the Department of Forestry to grow and distribute young forest trees to those who will plant and care for them.

House bill providing that before charters are issued to cemetery companies in first and second class cities they shall provide for the perpetual care of burial grounds.

Raising the salary of the auditor general and the secretary of internal affairs from \$4000 to \$8000 a year.

These bills were passed finally in the House:

Senate bill limiting change of venue to conditions when local prejudices shall be apparent to the court, and regulating sale of carbolic acid and other poisons.

House bills permitting sale of surplus farm produce by state institutions; restricting the use of "trust" to trust companies under state control; making a tax of 2 cents per acre on state forest reservations for benefit of schools, and providing new regulations for peddlers' licenses.

The legislature has entered on the last month of the session and all business is to be rushed.

There are over 150 bills on the calendar in the House and probably one-third as many in the Senate, and as the committees are expected to be very active the number will be increased by the end of the week.

### County Officers Responsible.

Westmoreland county courts hold county officers responsible for the shortcomings of their subordinates. Because a clerk in the Recorder of Deeds' office during the term of William B. Conway, of that county, failed properly to index a first mortgage, a verdict for \$1146 70 was found in Common Pleas Court against Conway and his bondsmen upon instruction of the trial judge.

### Transfer of Real Estate.

Wm. P. Humes et al to Clark Herman, tract of land in State College, Feb. 22, 1909, \$575.

John F. Harrison to Jennie E. Harrison, house and lot in Bellefonte, Feb. 5, 1909, \$10.

Mary E. Williams et al to William Gates, tract of land in Walker township, Dec. 21, 1908, \$40.

William E. Bridge et ux to Thomas P. Beightol, tract of land in Marion township, Feb. 25, 1909, \$700.

Elsie M. Houck et al to J. C. Orndorf, tract of land in Gregg township, March 3, 1909.

William Peeler et al to Chas. H. Lee, Feb. 25, 1909; lot in Walker township, \$82 88.

Jacob A. Erb to Sarah Jane Richards, Feb. 25, 1909; tract of land in South Philadelphia, \$500.

Mary Newell Cole to John Augustus Armor, March 1, 1909; house and lot in Bellefonte, \$976.

Chas. H. Rowland et al to Phillipsburg Electric Light Gas Power and Heating Co., March 3, 1909; tract of land in Rush township, \$3700.

W. Harrison Walker, guardian to J. L. Orndorf, tract of land in Gregg township, March 1, 1909.

John E. Johnson et ux to Sarah Ann Smith, June 26, 1908; lot of ground in Ferguson township, \$100.

M. Louis Duncan et al to D. Wallace Duncan, Jan. 30, 1909; tract of land in Spring Mills.

### The Legal News.

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The man who is satisfied to follow the crowd never gets to the front.

## BUSIED TRUST-BUSTERS.

Everybody but the Lawyers has Lost in the Dismal Collapse of the Standard Prosecution.

With two sets of such eminent counsel as the Government attorneys and those for the Standard disagreeing so radically as they have in the sensational rebate cases, no mere layman dare openly entertain any opinion as to what is the law or the facts here. Especially is an awed, or awful, silence most appropriate when the wide divergence of the two learned judges sitting on the case is noted.

Judge Anderson seems to have ruled invariably for the defendant corporation, just as Judge Landis ruled invariably for the Government on the same presentation of facts. This utter failure of the two courts to agree on any point from the same data is far more serious and unfortunate for the people than the escape of a defendant like the Standard, even though guilty as alleged.

It is a sorry thing for justice when the personality and antecedents of the judge seem to weigh at all in any case. It is a sorry thing for the prestige of a trust-busting Government when its legal department spends the vast effort and money it has here, only to get thrown out of court because of the flimsy case made out. This fiasco ought to be docketed with the famous beef trust immunity blunder. Everybody but the lawyers has lost in the dismal collapse of the pretentious prosecution in the Standard rebate case.

### LOCALS

Miss Virna Geiss has been visiting in Bellefonte during the past week.

This has been a real March any way. It has had all the earmarks of March weather of years gone by.

Edward L. Graham & Company is the name of a new firm that will engage in the sale of general merchandise at State College.

The woodlot is not only the guardian of the farm but also the savings bank from which interest can be drawn for general farm improvement.

France spends annually upon her state forests ninety-five cents per acre; Switzerland, \$1 32; Prussia, \$1 58; and Saxony, \$2 32. Pennsylvania spends eleven and one-half cents.

J. D. Keen sold the house and lot in the rear of the United Evangelical church, known as the Mary Garsting property, in Millheim, to Mrs. W. J. Throssel. Consideration \$300.

Mrs. B. F. Brown writes from her home at Oxford, Kansas, that the nice warm weather they were having ceased on the 8th instant, and that then it got cold and disagreeable, and the following day four inches of snow fell.

Dr. P. C. Frank advertises a gray horse for sale. Dr. Frank is quitting the farm, and will hereafter devote all his time to his profession. After April 1st, or thereabouts, he will move east of the pike, between Centre Hill and Potters Mills.

Milton Bradford, the assistant agent at Centre Hall, who has been ill for two or more weeks from pneumonia, is gradually improving. The same can be said of Mrs. Lucinda Weaver, whose illness has extended over a period of several months.

If it is a cream separator you want, investigate the merits of the DeLaval, sold by D. W. Bradford, Centre Hall. If you will be honest with yourself you will not buy until you have seen the DeLaval in operation. It has all the essential points of a first-class machine—clean skimming, light running, durability.

The public sale season is more than half over. Many thousands of dollars worth of goods, farm stock and implements have been sold at high prices. Although a credit of one year, as a rule, is given, the losses are light to the party having the sale. A chance time the indorser is unfortunate, but generally speaking the purchaser meets the papers when due.

Dr. H. F. Bitner came up to Centre Hall from Millersville State Normal School to superintend the public sale of farm stock, implements, etc., sold on his farm, west of Old Fort. He has leased the farm to Arthur G. Cummings, who will furnish the stock himself. The present tenant, E. C. Harter, will move to near Bellefonte and be an assistant on one of the Dr. Brockerhoff farms.

"The Advocate" is a real local church paper published in the interest of the Avondale Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, by the pastor, Rev. Elmer Lynn Williams, formerly of this county. The congregation of which Rev. Williams is pastor is a growing one, and the edifice is large and beautiful. Mr. Williams' wife—Miss Kathryn Kerr—was formerly of Centre Hall, and this will be cause for the reader to be especially interested in the mention of "The Advocate's" merits, the pastor's success, and the growth of the church.

## New Laws.

Governor Stuart signed three of the administration pure food bills and announced his first veto.

The pure food bills signed are the "soft drink," "rots and spots" and pure lard bills.

The "rots and spots" bill prohibits the sale of any eggs which are partially decomposed or which are unfit for food for any reason, the penalty being a fine of from \$200 to \$1,000 and from three to nine months in jail. The soft drink bill provides a penalty of from \$25 to \$100 fine for selling any impure soft drink, being designed to wipe out the trade in beverages composed of coal tar dyes and chemicals. The third pure food bill compels the proper marking of lard compounds under penalty of from \$50 to \$100 fine.

### Bucknell University.

The fifty-ninth annual catalogue of Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pa., is a book of over two hundred pages, and contains a full account of the institution. The charter granted February 5, 1846, secures entire religious freedom to teachers and students, no religious sentiments being a bar to admission or allowed to "abridge their privileges or immunities." The institution has property of over a million dollars, seven hundred thousand of which is in productive investments. The attendance during the year aggregates 775, of which 547 are in the College.

### Huntingdon Presbytery.

The presbytery of Huntingdon will hold its next stated meeting in the Presbyterian church at Mt. Union, opening at 7.30 p. m. Monday, April 12, 1909. Commissioners should notify the Rev. Harry M. Campbell in due time of their intention to be present. One feature of this spring meeting is the election of commissioners to the general assembly which body meets in Denver, May 20th. One week before the meeting of the presbytery the annual reports of all the churches are to be sent to the stated clerk, Rev. J. E. Irvine, Altoona.

### Little Girl Injured.

Bessie, aged four years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benner Walker, west of Centre Hall, met with a mishap a week ago that proved serious. The little girl was at the barn with her father, and fell a distance of two or three feet. Little was thought of the affair, until a few days later, when it was observed that she was weak in the back, and finally became unable to walk, the lower portion of her body appearing as though paralyzed. To add to the distress, inflammation of the bowels set in.

### Condemned for Dodging.

"People in the country want to know what they are going to get out of this Legislature," says Republican Representative Oster, of Bedford. "Every time I go home I hear my neighbors condemning us for doing nothing. The dilatory tactics are looked upon as intending to kill 'country' legislation, especially that on roads and schools. You hear it all around that we are the 'do-nothing Legislature.'"

### State's New Athletic Field.

The grandstand on the old Beaver field is being moved to the new athletic field. When in place it will have on either side long bleachers, which will give a seating capacity of 1,200. New bleachers, having a seating capacity of 800, will be built on the baseball diamond. At the southern end of the field will be 16 tennis courts. Arrangements are afoot for dedicating the field.

### Excessive War Expenditures.

Is it not just a little humiliating to think that this country is now, in a time of peace, spending \$500,000,000 a year for war, while the entire public school system is but \$200,000,000? This expense is in the face of what General Grant said, "No war was ever fought which could not have been avoided."

### Keith's Theatre.

The bill at Keith's theatre, Philadelphia, this week is a brilliant one, with Blanche Ring as the stellar attraction. This famous comedienne is a favorite in the Quaker City and has a new repertoire of songs. The Golden-Makarenko troupe is Keith's latest importation, coming from Russia with songs and dances. The Abner troupe give an acrobatic and wheeling comedy. John T. Kelley & Co. appear in his latest comedy, "Old Fool's Day." Joe Maxwell & Co.'s musical creation is another comedy feature. The Hall Brothers are newcomers in the strongman class, while the Countess Leontine is an European high-class vocalist. Seymour & Nestor, with character songs and chatter; Brothers Tognarelli, musical wonders, and the Demos, gymnasts, help to complete the program.

## DEATHS.

### JAMES C. RUNKLE.

The death of James C. Runkle occurred suddenly Friday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Weaver, at Ax Mann. He and one of his little daughters drove to that place from their home at Sprucetown, near Potters Mills, in the morning, and during the day Mr. Runkle was in his usual health. Death was due to paralysis.

Interment was made at Tusseyville, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Runkle was a farmer by occupation, having lived in Potter township for many years. He was twice married, and is the father of fourteen children, all but one of whom are living. The first wife was Miss Jennie Alexander. Six children to this wife survive, namely: Mrs. Walter Weaver, Ax Mann; Grace, Williamsport; Mrs. Christ Meyer, Linden Hall; Irvin, at home; Frank, Simi, James, Cavina, California.

The second wife, who survives, was Miss Ada Harper, and the children are as follows: John, Altoona; Pearl, Centre Hall; Katie, Earl, Vira, Walter and Edna, at home.

W. H. Runkle, Centre Hall, is a brother of the deceased, and Mrs. Shutt, Centre Hill, and Mrs. John Mitchley, Williamsport, are sisters.

### MRS. SAMUEL RUHL.

Mrs. Barbara Kleckner Ruhl, the wife of Samuel Ruhl, died Saturday a week at her home on North Third street, Lewisburg, from a cancerous affection, aged seventy-seven years and four days. She had been in ill health for some time, and leaves a family of eight children and a husband to survive. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Gearhart of the Reformed church. Interment was made in the Lewisburg cemetery.

Calvin Ruhl, of Centre Hall, was one of the sons of the deceased.

H. S. Thompson, a native of Centre county, died at his home in East Waterford. He was the youngest son of ex-Sheriff John Thompson, deceased, and was born May 17, 1842. At the outbreak of the war of the rebellion he enlisted in Company E, 45th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, serving until the close of the conflict. In later years he had poor health occasioned by hardships and exposure suffered during the war. After the war he engaged in the mercantile business in different parts of this state, and for several years farmed in Kansas. His widow and three daughters survive, also a sister and two brothers.

Mrs. Scott Woods died very suddenly at her home at Phillipsburg Wednesday morning of last week. She was in her usual good health when her husband went to work after breakfast, but fifteen minutes later Mrs. James Davis, an aunt of Mrs. Woods, found her lying dead on the kitchen floor. She was only twenty years old and was married to Mr. Woods a little over two years ago. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Senser, of Munson. Her husband, one child, her parents, one sister and two brothers survive.

After suffering for a number of months Mrs. Mary E. Friday, wife of John H. Friday, died at her home near Bald Eagle. She was twenty-seven years, eight months and two days old and was born in Centre county. In addition to her husband she leaves four children, also her father, George Hainbarger, of Port Matilda, three brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Matilda Boyle, widow of the late Ambrase Boyle, and formerly a resident of Snow Shoe, died in the hospital at Winder of typhoid fever. She contracted the fever while caring for her daughter, Mrs. James Turner, who was ill from that disease. Her age was fifty-nine years, and she is survived by ten children, one sister and two brothers.

Jonathan Laird, one of the pioneer residents of Bald Eagle Valley, died at the home of his son, Scott Laird, in Worth township, of paralysis. He was eighty-six years old and was one of the best known figures around Port Matilda. He is survived by three sons and two daughters.

Harry C. Wilson died at the home of his parents at Hublersburg as the result of a prolonged siege of rheumatism. He was aged fifteen years, five months and six days.

The Federal stock food has become so popular that Samuel K. Strickler, the proprietor, will erect a building 25x100 feet in Millifinburg, which will be used as a factory, laboratory and offices.

## Conference of R. R. Agents.

A party of Pennsylvania Railroad station agents was at State College and inspected the College buildings and grounds. The party was in conference with Dr. Hunt and Prof. Agee of the school of agriculture, relative to the advancement of the school from a railroad's point of view. The agents were in charge of W. G. Rehnacker, chief clerk to Supt. Lincoln, at Williamsport. In the party were H. B. Relland, Selinsgrove; J. S. Gumberling, Halifax; E. E. Deitz, Millersburg; E. C. R. die, Liverpool; M. R. Fenstermacher, Dalmatia; J. B. Wagner, Herndon; D. S. Cope, Montandon; J. N. Frimire, Watsonstown; N. F. Braucht, Dewart; R. I. Crombey, Montgomery; D. W. Wendel, Muney; G. W. Parsons, W. G. Rehnacker, Williamsport; S. C. Kelley, Lewisburg; J. H. Anderson, Vicksburg; S. W. Johnson, Millmont; W. A. Van Kirk, Glen Iron; G. W. Radel, Coburn; W. L. Campbell, Rising Springs; W. F. Bradford, Centre Hall; J. C. Lee, Linden Hall; P. C. Bradford, Lemont, and J. W. Lee, Philadelphia. After dinner at the Nittany Inn the party held another conference with the deans of the several departments.

## February Weather Conditions.

The precipitation during the month of February throughout the state was pretty evenly distributed. Most sections, including Centre county, had from four to six inches of a fall of water. This includes the snows reduced to water. Lycoming and several other counties north of Centre, and several counties south of Centre had but from two to four inches of rain, and several counties to the east six to eight inches. The mean temperature for the state was much above the normal in all districts. The precipitation was more than fifty per cent. above the February average. The lowest temperature during February on record for the state was thirty-nine below zero in 1899. The state report shows that the ice harvest in all parts of the state was extremely light.

## Ties Are in Demand.

After declining to purchase ties for the past six months, for the reason that more ties were on hand than would be used, and also because no more ties could be stored, on account of the lack of room, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has sent out notice that all ties procurable will be purchased from now on, and has sent out price lists to all the farmers residing along the road, who ordinarily furnish the company with ties. The selling of ties to the "Pensy" had been a pronounced source of income to the farmers along the road, but following recent business depression the company ceased taking ties, having plenty on hand and no place to use them.

## Women Not in It.

Woman's eligibility to the office of school director, under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution, has created an impression in some parts of the state that she is eligible for other offices. Recently this question attracted attention in Tioga county, where the candidacy of Mrs. Elinor Westcott, for collector of taxes in Westfield township, was discussed. The ballots sent to the election board contained Mrs. Westcott's name. The case was referred to Attorney General Todd, who decided that, although she received a majority of votes at the Republican caucus, Mrs. Westcott was not eligible to the office, and her name could not appear on the official ballot.

## State's White Plague War.

Over 11,000 patients have thus far been examined and cared for by the 107 dispensaries which the State Department of Health has established throughout Pennsylvania for the treatment of indigent persons suffering from tuberculosis. New buildings just being opened at the State's Mont Alto Sanitarium will increase the capacity of that institution to 550. This model tuberculosis village in one of the most beautiful and healthful spots in the country has been built and equipped and the 107 dispensaries throughout the State established since the appropriation of 1907 became available.

## Fleed Mutilates Horse.

An unknown fiend mutilated a valuable horse, owned by Grove and Rice, Lewistown confectioners, by entering the stable and cutting off a large portion of its tongue. When fed the next morning it was observed the animal could not lap up its feed, and upon investigation the discovery as noted above was made. It is thought the horse will never be able to eat properly and that it will have to be killed. There is not the least clue as to who committed the diabolical act.

Even a gold brick may be regarded as gilt-edge security.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Joe W. Rightnour, of Howard, has been appointed a state game protector. The county commissioners have been having repairs made on the old pike between Lemont and State College.

Mrs. William Derstine, of Bellefonte, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Maggie Harper, in Centre Hall, for a few days last week.

Mrs. D. Wagner Geiss and son George, of Bellefonte, were in Centre Hall over Sunday, guests at the Geiss and Goodhart homes.

Miss Mary J. McFarlane, postmistress at Graysville, had the misfortune to fall and break her left arm. She is now doing Uncle Sam's service with the right arm and hand.

Last week another flock of wild geese and a few ducks flew northwestward over Centre Hill while buyers were bidding by twos and fives at Nicodemus Lose's sale.

The frequent appearance of lime pit through Penns Valley indicates that lime is being more generally used for agricultural purposes. Lime fits the soil for clover, and clover for any growing plant.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knarr will occupy the Dauberman house about the first of April. Squire and Mrs. Dauberman will move to the upper end of Centre Hall into the Jacobs property, purchased by them.

During the past two or three years the question of "hiring a man for the summer's work," was one much discussed by the farmers. Since the panic laborers on the farm have become more plentiful, if not cheaper, and the farmer is glad for it.

If you have printing to do, bring it to us and give us a chance to quote a price. By having your work done here you will be keeping the money at home, and you will be doing what you want: the Reporter to advocate patronizing home trade.

The Bellefonte school board decided to erect a new school building instead of remodeling and enlarging the old stone school building. The new building will be made large enough to accommodate the increasing school population for a number of years, and will be constructed on modern lines.

The wheat fields have been holding their own fairly well during this fickle March weather. Where there was a good set of plants last fall, the fields are looking rather promising. There are yet, however, three or more weeks during which the crop of 1909 can be injured past repairing by June showers.

The Bellefonte borough council is getting things in shape to advertise for bids for the building of the new hydro-electric plant at Milesburg, and expects to have things in readiness in a week or two. The contract will call for operations to be begun at once and the work pushed as fast as possible to completion.

Especially when meat is so high in price the loss of the year's supply is keenly felt, but the elements did not consider this in the case of the fire at Penn Hall, which consumed the smoke house of Robert Barges and meat as well. The loss was fourteen hams, eight or more shoulders, some beef and side meat.

George Earhart is now back to the Old Fort, where he stirred the soil when a boy, during the lifetime of his father. He moved from the Mary Potter farm and is now the successor of Charles W. Slack, having purchased his interest in the farm stock and implements owned by him and his landlord, W. Frank Bradford.

Calvin Ruhl was called home from Covington, Virginia, where he is employed by the Bay Brothers, lumbermen, on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Samuel C. Ruhl, of Lewisburg, a notice of which appears elsewhere. While here Mr. Ruhl moved his wife and daughter to Bellefonte, but he expects to return to Virginia and again engage with the lumbermen.

Col. John A. Daley, of Curtin township, who had been suffering from a sore on his face for several years, but which was thought to be well under control after treatment by a local physician, is somewhat discouraged, the wound having again broken out, and is causing him much pain. The sore is the result of a wound received while in service in defense of Old Glory.

In all sections of country there will be the first of April flitting from one farm to another. In Harris township George A. Hettinger, who was a caller at this office Friday, will move from the Wert farm, better known as the Sparr farm to the Stamm farm, about three-fourths of a mile east of Boalsburg. George Fortney, now tenant on the latter farm, will go to the Fortney farm, also near Boalsburg.