

LOCALS.

Many a man on the high tide of popularity has been stranded at low water.

Rev. E. T. Rhodes, of Lewistown, will preach in the union church at Tusseyville on Friday evening of this week.

Mrs. Carrie Ruhl moved from Buffalo Cross Roads, Union county, to Centre Hall and now occupies a part of the residence of John Roseman.

S. A. Shilling has opened a repair shop in the Bush House block, Bellefonte. Sewing machines typewriters, phonographs, etc. will receive attention there.

William Harshbarger, the Bellwood dairyman, was in the valley a short time ago in quest of milch cows, but found the price above that in his own community.

The Old Fort blacksmith shop is now occupied by Miffin Moyer, who moved from Potters Mills to the Grove house, near the station, and is doing business at the former place.

The condition of Michael Schaffer, east of Centre Hall, mention of whose illness was made in previous issues, is improving somewhat. He is suffering from hemorrhages of the nose.

An invoice of the goods in the store of W. H. Meyer is being made this week, prior to the turning over of the store to C. F. Emery, of Yegertown, who moved to Centre Hall a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Roy Stover, of Altoona, came to Centre Hall Saturday morning and returned in the afternoon. While in town they visited the former's mother and other relatives and friends.

The restaurant at State College conducted by Charles Harrison was sold to Messrs. Herbert Hosterman, of Woodward, and William Mingle, of Aaronsburg. The young men will get possession by April 1st.

Possibly you can do some business without using printers ink, but it cannot be denied that you can do more business by judicious advertising. The most profitable advertising is newspaper advertising.

Pennsylvania takes the lead in having the largest forest nurseries of any state in the Union, and the purpose of the Forestry Department is to have 20,000,000 seedlings ready for planting each year for the next twenty-five years.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature by Hon. J. Gundy Wolfe appropriating \$2,000 for the erection of a monument at Leroy Springs, Union county, on the site where occurred the famous Indian massacre a century or more ago.

After a two weeks' wedding tour to Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Washington, Dent Peterson and bride were given a reception at the Peterson home at Spruce Creek. The young couple will be at home to their friends, at Baileyville, April 1.

Miss M. J. Johnson, of Bellefonte, was last week elected to fill the unexpired term of Miss Gertrude Kelchline as teacher of the Pine Grove Mills second grade school. Miss Kelchline resigned to take charge of the domestic affairs in her father's home.

The farm of Mrs. Eliza Smith, of Centre Hill, will hereafter be under the care of her son, Lloyd Smith, who moved to that place from Altoona a few days ago. John C. Bible and son were the tenants during the past few years, but they are making sale of their farm stock Friday of this week.

The First National Bank, at State College, has already outgrown its present accommodations, and steps have been taken to enlarge the building. An adjoining plot of ground has been purchased from Miss Hunt for \$1000, and on this an extension will be erected as speedily as weather conditions will permit.

State College will have free mail delivery after April 1st. There will be two carriers. This will be a great convenience to State College residents and will also be a relief to Postmaster Stuart, who was pestered to a greater or less extent on the arrival of every mail by from fifty to several hundred students who gathered in the office during the distribution of the mails.

By April 1st, Calvin Osman will have rounded out his nineteenth year as a trackman on the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad at Glen Iron, and for a long time he has been foreman of the crew. It was not just exactly to celebrate this event, but rather to see Mrs. Osman's aged mother, Mrs. James Runkle, at Tusseyville, that Mr. and Mrs. Osman came to Centre county Saturday and remained over Sunday.

If you are going to begin housekeeping this spring, by all means see L. G. Reaick, the Centre Hall furniture dealer. He will quote you prices and show you goods that, for the money, cannot be matched anywhere. He doesn't expect to make his fortune on the sales he makes this spring; it is only a reasonable profit he is after. Another thing can be truthfully said about Mr. Reaick, and that is his representations are correct—his goods are just what he says they are.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the BOROUGH OF CENTRE HALL For Year Ending March 10, 1909

W. B. MINGLE, TREASURER DR.

1908, March 9	To balance	\$ 1828 86
April 25	P. R. tax, 2 years	10 90
Sept 4	Licenses	114 00
Oct 9	Silver, cement	2 60
Nov 6	Corporation tax	7 58
Nov 6	Sacks returned	57 60
" 10	Dr. Lee, cement	85 00
" 24	Sacks returned	84 00
Dec 7	Hosterman, sand	1 50
" 14	Foreman, sand	1 19
" 15	Tax, Smith	1804 88
	CR.	

1909, March 10	Borough Orders paid	\$3487 23
	Overseer Orders paid	122 75
	Balance	729 92-\$4339 45
	CR.	

J. FRANK SMITH, COLLECTOR. Boro. Funds

1908, March 9	To balance	\$ 154 98
Am't. 1908 duplicate		1846 07-\$1999 75
	CR.	
By cash paid treas.		\$ 1273 75
5 per cent. abatement, \$116.30		58 81
5 per cent. com., \$106.49		21 21
5 per cent. com., \$90.09		45 00
Exonerations		8 80
Balance		189 88-\$1999 75
	CR.	

J. FRANK SMITH, COLLECTOR. Interest Fund

1908, March 9	To balance	\$ 77 60
Am't. 1908 duplicate		672 80-\$ 750 40
	CR.	
By cash paid treas.		\$ 632 80
5 per cent. abatement, \$547.08		27 25
5 per cent. com., \$13.73		10 39
5 per cent. com., \$13.74		2 56
Exonerations		74 38-\$ 750 40
	CR.	

J. FRANK SMITH, COLLECTOR. Poor Funds

1908, March 9	To balance	\$ 139 85-\$ 139 85
Am't. 1908 duplicate		
	CR.	
Balance 1907		\$ 1 77
Cash to treas.		115 99
5 per cent. abatement, \$117.04		5 85
5 per cent. com., \$11.13		2 21
5 per cent. com., \$8.56		4 28
Exonerations		13 99-\$ 139 85
	CR.	

J. FRANK SMITH, COLLECTOR. Special Water Fund

1908, March 9	To balance	\$ 160 16
Am't. 1908 duplicate		216 29-\$ 376 45
	CR.	
By cash paid treas. 1908		\$ 276 29
5 per cent. abatement, \$164.43		8 21
5 per cent. com., \$14.73		7 81
Exonerations		32 56
Balance		51 96-\$ 376 45
	CR.	

STREET LIGHTING

Clymer McClanahan	\$ 138 44
Gasoline and freight	99 16
Lamps, globes and fixtures	54 99-\$ 321 99

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Kramer & Son, supplies	\$ 4 74
John Howe, corp. stocks and plumbing	5 87
W. H. Kunkle, burying 2 dogs	1 00
S. K. Sharer, plumbing	1 30
J. S. Swabb, fumigating house	4 05
Clyde Bradford, duty at shirk	1 00
Robert Sweetwood, duty at shirk	1 00
S. W. Smith, printing auditors' statement	6 15-\$ 25 11

INTEREST, SALARIES, ETC.

Interest on bonds, \$5000, at 4 per cent., less tax	\$ 212 40
State tax on loans, 1902-1908	188 79
Interest to bank	5 18
Treasurer's salary	25 00
Secretary's salary	25 00
Auditors' salary	15 00
Rent of Council room	15 00
B. H. Arney, annual water rental	60 00
B. H. Arney, services	19 50
C. H. W. Co., advance on pipe	100 00
Gettig, Bower & Zerby, retaining wall	30 00
Gettig, Bower & Zerby, writing interest agreement	5 00-\$ 632 70

STREET ACCOUNT

Crushed stones for crossings	\$ 14 91
Freight on same	25 94
Hauling street, teams	57 77
Large stones and hauling	13 54
Labor on streets and crossings	163 75-\$ 275 89

REPAIRING RESERVOIR

Cement and sand	\$ 783 78
Freight on same	317 52
Planks and boards	61 60
Teams, hauling cement and sand	200 79
Tools	15 18
Blacksmith repair work	12 30
Labor, common	604 29
Labor, masons	265 70-\$2211 58
Total amount of Borough Orders	\$5487 22

POOR ACCOUNT.

Danville asylum, A. Tobias, 1 yr	\$ 91 25
P. R. ticket for tramp	4 46
W. W. Spangler, services for yr	5 00
B. D. Brislin, rent for Mrs. Emerick	25 00
W. B. Mingle, legal services	1 00
Total amt. orders paid	\$ 122 71

EXONERATIONS.

Geo. Flory estate	\$ 3 00
R. J. Miller	1 13
J. P. Reaick	1 13
Rev. J. M. Reaick	1 13
Class. D. Emerick	60 00
William Laird	60 00
Samuel Meyer	1 13-\$ 8 72

EXONERATIONS, SPECIAL WATER.

B. D. Brislin & Co.	\$ 22 50
Frank Jahler	7 25
Frank Geary (motor)	2 50
	\$ 32 25

We have examined the above and find it correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHAS. D. BARTHOLOMEW, SAML. S. KREAMER, THOS. L. MOORE, Auditors.

Attest: W. GROSS MINGLE, Clerk.

Surveying Air Line.

A corps of engineers has been at work in the western end of Union county the past two weeks surveying over the route of the proposed air line between Chicago and New York, which scheme persists in bobbing up right along and persists in not staying down. This is the electric line that enters Union county near Weikert, following Penns Creek from Centre county, and runs close to New Berlin, crossing the river near Selinsgrove.

It sometimes happens that a man's conversation is so polished that he slips up on the truth.

Some men are so mean that rather than break a dollar bill they will pretend to be broke themselves.

OFFICERS' CHARADE.

One of the Company Was an Expert at the Game.

A general arrived from St. Petersburg in a garrison town in the interior of Russia to hold an inspection of the troops. After the review he stepped into the officers' mess room, where he noticed on the counter a row of bottles, to which, instead of usual labels, white tickets, with a single letter of the alphabet on each, were affixed. The bottles stood in rank and file in alphabetical order.

"What does this mean?" the general asked the lieutenant who was showing him around.

"That is an officers' charade, your excellency," replied the officer, rather embarrassed.

The general continued his inquiries and elicited the following information: "Each bottle contains a different kind of liquor. At the meeting of the officers' club one of us mixes some of these varieties in a glass so that the initials spell a name, and the older and more experienced members of the club after tasting it guess what it is composed of and name the word intended."

"Very original idea," remarked the general. "And are you able to make a guess of that kind?"

"If it is your excellency's pleasure, I will try," the lieutenant replied.

The general went to the counter and mixed a glass, while the officer stood at the other end of the room with his face to the wall.

"Now, guess what this means," said the general as he handed the glass to the officer.

The latter drank it at one gulp, snatched his tongue and replied: "That was 'Anna,' your excellency."

"Bravo!" exclaimed the general. "It requires a lot of practice, eh?"

"Your excellency, 'Anna' is easy enough, but there is a captain in our corps who can even guess 'Nebuchadnezzar!'"

LOST BOTH WAYS.

A Toss of a Coin With an Unexpected Result.

A New York traveling man was telling stories of "Toothpick Tom," a famous Bowery character, who lived by his wits as a gambler. Tom was known far and wide, not only because of this gambling mania, which was insatiable, but because of his quaint wit and originality. He was an illiterate and could neither read nor write, but in the course of his career he handled perhaps a little more than the average gambler's share of coin raked in across the green cloth.

"One afternoon Tom woke up with a healthy appetite for breakfast," said the New Yorker. "He found on investigating his pockets that he had a five dollar gold piece, and he set out for the nearest cafe to appease his hunger. But just as he was about to enter the restaurant he suddenly recognized the entrance to the next place as the one leading to a gambling house which he had not visited for some time. Tom paused. He felt himself torn between two emotions, hunger and the spirit of gambling.

"Should he risk his gold piece on the faro table or the roulette or should he eat? That was the question. He might make a 'killing,' in which event, of course, he would eat sumptuously. Then, again, he might lose and face starvation. The natural thing for Tom to do was to leave it to chance.

"Heads up, I eat breakfast; tails, I play," said Tom and flipped the coin. It was heads up, and Tom scratched his head thoughtfully and said: "Well, we'll make it two out of three."

"Again he tossed up, but this time the gold piece struck a crevice in the sidewalk and disappeared. Tom looked at the crack and philosophically remarked: "Whipped both ways."—Milwaukee Free Press.

Tricked of the Time.

A Philadelphia lawyer who spends most of his time at his country estate employs a sturdy Irish gardener whose one desire in life is to live until the banner of freedom is unfurled over Ireland.

One evening the lawyer strolled through the grounds of his place and stopped to have a chat with the gardener.

"Michael, do you know that while we are here enjoying the beautiful twilight it is dark midnight in Ireland?" he asked.

"Faith, an' O!' not surprised," replied the gardener. "Ireland never got justice yet."—Judge.

Money Getters.

"Do you think it pays to send our sons to college? Do they obtain the practical experience in money getting that is so necessary in these days?"

"Well, judging from the experience I have had with my son, I should say they did. His practical experience in money getting increases with every letter that I receive from him."

Simplified Debate.

"Are you going to attempt to answer all the charges made against you?"

"Certainly," replied Senator Sorghum. "Answering charges these days is easy. All you've got to do is to say, 'You're another.'—Washington Star.

A Definition.

"What is the difference between preferred and common stock?"

"Well, if you buy the common you lose your money right off, but if you buy preferred there is a little longer delay about it."—Judge.

A liar ends by making truth appear like falsehood.—Shenstone.

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NIAGARA FALLS BARE

For One Whole Day the Rocky Precipice Was Dry.

THE WATER CEASED TO FLOW

This Curious Phenomenon Occurred on March 31, 1848—Terrified the People in the Vicinity—Return of the Torrent and the Cause of the Stoppage.

In the early spring of 1848 occurred a natural phenomenon so strange, so sudden and so stupendous that the older inhabitants of western New York still speak of it with awe and wonder. This phenomenon was nothing else than the running dry of Niagara falls. The story is seldom recounted now, but it was a nine days' wonder for the whole country when it appeared in the newspapers. For the first time in history the roar of the grandest cataract in America was hushed.

In the early morning of March 31, 1848, people living in the vicinity of the falls were awakened by a peculiar hush, as startling in its suddenness and intensity as the most thunderous explosion could have been. Many dressed and hastened outdoors, urged by a conviction that something appalling had happened or was about to happen. Some thought the end of the world was at hand. Others imagined that they had grown suddenly deaf. Still others thought that the hush preceding a terrific hurricane had fallen upon the air. All were oppressed with a feeling of profound awe and dread.

It was soon discovered, however, that the cessation of the roar of the falls was the sole cause of this common panic. As the dim light of early morning grew stronger the people were able to see the almost bare precipice of the falls, over which but a short time before thousands of tons of water had been pouring. Only here and there small streams, constantly growing smaller, now trickled down the face of the towering wall. Above the falls, instead of the rushing, foaming river, only a naked channel, studded with black and jagged rocks, appeared. The bed of the river was practically exposed from shore to shore, except for small streams, like mountain brooks, running slowly to the verge of the precipice. The spectators could hardly believe their eyes.

Some remarkable feats were performed on that day when Niagara ran dry. People walked from the Canadian side of the river, along the edge of the frightful precipice, nearly as far as Goat Island on the American side and never even wet their feet. Some went exploring in the river bed above the falls and discovered a number of ancient gun barrels, lost probably by sportsmen up the river in long gone days and still after the rotting away of their stocks slowly forced down stream by the current. Caves and curious formations in the rocks were discovered, the existence of which had never been suspected before.

All that day, March 31, 1848, Niagara falls remained dry, and people who remained up until late at night, expecting to see a change, went to bed without witnessing it. But in the early morning of April 1 the familiar thunder of the great cataract was once more heard, and every one knew that the mysteriously drained river bed was again pouring its flood over the falls.

Now for the explanation of this strange phenomenon. It proved to be, after all, very simple. The winter of 1847 and 1848 had been one of extreme severity. Ice of such thickness had never been known as formed on Lake Erie that season. When the break-up came, toward the end of March, a strong northeast wind was blowing, which piled the great fields of ice in floes and then in banks as high as miniature icebergs. Toward night on March 30 the wind suddenly changed to the opposite direction and increased to a terrific gale, which hurled back the piled up ice and drove it into the entrance of Niagara river with such force that a huge and almost impenetrable dam was formed. For a whole day the source of the river was stopped up, and the stream was drained of its supply. By the morning of the 31st the river was practically dry, and thus for twenty-four hours the roar of Niagara falls was stilled. Then in the early morning of April 1 the ice pack gave way under the tremendous pressure from above, and the long restrained volume of water rushed down and reclaimed its own.—Exchange.

Few Beds in Bagdad.

About 60 per cent of Bagdad's population possess no beds. These poor people rest on blankets spread on the floors of their houses in the winter and on the roofs in the summer. Owing to the excessive heat of these regions sleep is made impossible elsewhere than on the roof or in the open garden. It is an interesting sight to see how the women at sunset emerge from their houses to prepare the evening meal on the roof and spread the bedding for the night. Inasmuch as the climate is very dry, there is little to fear from exposure to the night air. While a considerable number of the roofs are surrounded by lattice-work to insure a certain amount of privacy, by far the larger number are quite exposed to the gaze of curious and inquisitive neighbors.

Learning without politeness makes a disagreeable pedant, and politeness without learning makes a superficial, frivolous puppy.—Chesterfield.

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