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## JAMES A. FEIDLER DEAD.

Founder of the Keystone Gazette Passes Away in Chicago Hospital.

James A. Feidler died in a Chicago hospital, Tuesday, July 6th, from Bright's disease, aged about fifty-five years. Interment was made at Madisonburg, from the home of his aged mother, Saturday morning.

Mr. Feidler, about twenty-five years ago, founded the Keystone Gazette, in Bellefonte, having previously been engaged in newspaper work in Williamsport. His newspaper from the very beginning proved a power in politics in Centre county. He was an ideal country newspaper man, and soon built up a large circulation for his paper. Later he was appointed postmaster in Bellefonte, which gave him additional prestige. These years of prosperity weakened him in another way, and like many others became addicted to the drink habit. Reverses came, his property disappeared and with it his influence, and his friends forsook him. Many times he strove to recover his former manhood and failed as often.

Mr. Feidler was a man with a large heart. He was generous and kind at all times. He was most indulgent with his employees in the newspaper office. His only weakness was the lack of power to say emphatically "no."

Mr. Feidler had been in Chicago since last October, and was employed in a printing office. He leaves a wife, nee Miss Brown, now living in Williamsport; also one daughter and five sons.

## LOCALS.

George H. Emerick, who had been ill for a week or ten days, is out and around again.

The festival held in Grange Arcadia by the Centre Hall base ball team, the other Monday night, was well patronized.

The Kessler store building, in Millheim, is being rapidly constructed. The brick work has been in progress during the past two weeks.

On July 21st the sheriff of Union county will sell the properties of S. W. Rutherford, of Laurelton, consisting of thirty-two farms and town properties.

Rufus Lee came up from Harrisburg to spend a week or more at the home of his sister, Mrs. James C. Goodhart, and also visit his chums here. He is employed in one of the theatres in Harrisburg.

J. R. Eckley, tenant on the Spicher farm, west of Old Fort, has almost one hundred acres of grass and clover to mow this season. He is making a desperate effort to get the hay made in good time, so that the quality will be the best.

A vicious bull attacked Lillian, the fourteen-year-old daughter of John Eisenbaur, of near Milesburg, while passing through a field. The animal rushed upon the child, knocked her down, and gored open her body and trampled her to such an extent that an operation became necessary, which was performed at the Bellefonte hospital.

T. C. Foster, state orchard inspector, of Winfield, was through Centre county during the past few weeks, inspecting the experimental orchards and those pruned and sprayed under his supervision last spring. To the question, what are the prospects for an apple crop? Mr. Foster replied that there would be much more fruit than was generally expected.

Ex-Representative J. Henry Wetzel, of Bellefonte, was sent to Centre Hall last week by the pike company to locate the line between the township and borough, at which point Pennsylvania Avenue and the Bellefonte pike join. The point designated by Mr. Wetzel does not correspond with that heretofore held to be the dividing line by the borough authorities.

One of the Bolte & Weyer Company's systems of lighting has been installed in the general store of C. F. Emery in Centre Hall, and is giving very good satisfaction. The mechanism is very simple, and there is little of it to become defective. The particular system is the "Bright" and it is well named. The fuel is gasoline, and the cost for lighting the store room is considerably less than it was when common oil was used.

To harvest a crop of eleven thousand baskets of strawberries will sound to the majority of readers a pretty large yield, but Lloyd Kerlin, a trucker at Liverpool, along the Susquehanna, tells the Reporter that it is just one half the number of baskets picked from the same number of acres last year, the shortage being due to the dry fall failing to develop the fruit crowns. Mr. Kerlin is an experienced trucker and has been successful. Last Saturday he came to Centre Hall, when he was met by Jacob Jordan, transported to Colyer, the old home, where he remained for a few days.

## DEATHS.

Cyrus Jeffries Houser, a highly esteemed resident of Phillipsburg, died on Saturday afternoon, 2nd instant, at McGirk's Sanitarium where he had undergone a very delicate operation, his condition previously having been very critical.

The deceased, who was aged sixty-one years was a native of Houserville. He was a machinist by trade, and for several years has been in the employ of the Gowland Manufacturing Company. Before locating at Phillipsburg he was manager of the machine shops at Irvona, Lajos and Mahaffey. He was a valuable citizen and a faithful member of the United Brethren church.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter and two sons at home, and three sons and two daughters who are married.

James Brown, a well known resident of College township, died after a brief illness with paralysis. He was born near Unionville and was sixty-eight years old on the fifth of last November. The greater part of his life was spent in and near State College. In 1865 he was married to Miss Agnes Hackenberg who survives with four sons and three daughters, namely: Lewis, George, Ira and Frank, of State College; Mrs. Lucas, of Fleming; Mrs. J. C. Krebs, of Struble, and Mrs. Ordman, of Sunbury. Rev. Sasserman, of the Lutheran church, officiated at the funeral, burial being made at the Pine Hill cemetery.

Barbara May Confer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Confer, of near Spring Mills, died July first, aged nineteen years, eleven months, and eight days. Interment was made in the cemetery connected with the Georges Valley Lutheran church, on Monday, July 4th, the officiating minister being Rev. J. Max Lantz, of Spring Mills. The incidents surrounding this death are sad in the extreme, and the sorrowing parents have the deep sympathy of their acquaintances in their bereavement.

Mrs. Margaret Jane Rumberger, wife of Benner W. Rumberger, of near Hubersburg, died suddenly at Winfield, Kansas. She was at Elk City, Oklahoma, to visit her sons, Wilbur and George, and was on her way east when she became ill on the train, stopping at the point named.

Mrs. Rumberger was aged about fifty-eight years, and her maiden name was Iddings, and was born at Unionville.

On receiving the news of the death of his wife, Mr. Rumberger started for the west.

## The Pink Label.

The Pink Label appears this week, and if you have paid subscription between the dates of June 14th and July 11th, you should find credit given. If there has been an error, report at once, do not wait a day.

## Stork Visits Three Families.

The stork made a tour through these quarters and distributed babies with good judgment. A boy was dropped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lutz, who live on the Bartholomew Centre Hall poultry farm; and a girl was stationed with Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClellan, being the first arrival; and a girl was also left to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Krape, who live with Prof. and Mrs. C. R. Neff, west of Old Fort.

## Murray & Bitner Successful.

After a great deal of effort and correspondence Murray & Bitner the popular druggists have succeeded in getting the Dr. Howard Co. to make a special half-price introductory offer on the regular fifty cent size of cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

This medicine is a recent discovery for the cure of all diseases of the stomach and bowels. It not only gives quick relief, but it makes permanent cures.

Dr. Howard's specific has been so remarkably successful in curing constipation, dyspepsia and all liver troubles that Murray & Bitner are willing to return the price paid in every case where it does not give relief.

So great is the demand for this specific that Murray & Bitner have been able to secure only a limited supply, and every one who is troubled with dyspepsia, constipation or liver trouble should call upon them at once, or send twenty-five cents, and get sixty doses of the best medicine ever made, on this special half price offer with their personal guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure.

The suggestion made by the Democratic Watchman that portraits of the former judges of Centre county be hung in the new court house is a good one, and should be acted upon.

## Fatal Chair For Lustig.

Upon hearing his sentence to die in the electric chair pronounced by Judge Foster, Morris M. Lustig, the private detective and former Philadelphian, who was convicted of murdering his wife in New York, smiled and then laughed. The court set the week of August 8 for Lustig's death. As the proceedings were about ended, Lustig turned to his counsel and remarked: "That's easy."

Lustig was convicted of killing his wife by giving her strychnine. The crime is said to have been due to Lustig being in love with another woman and also in order to get the life insurance money of his wife, who formerly lived in Millroy. An appeal is to be made by his lawyers.

## The McAllister Scholarship.

The McAllister scholarships in the Pennsylvania State College awarded by five competitive examinations in the counties of the state showing the highest ratio of students to the population of the county have been won for the year 1910-11 by the following contestants: Centre, Raymond Jenkins, Bellefonte; Dauphin, H. Alvin Dinmore, Harrisburg; Franklin, Lester B. Zig, Chambersburg; Lycoming, George Crawford, Muncy; Wyoming, G. V. Davis, Tunkhannock.

## LOCALS.

James Corl, former clerk in the office of the county commissioners, has accepted a position with the Acme Car Supply Company, in Chicago.

The residence of Al. P. Krape was further improved by the building to the front of it a concrete walk, constructed by D. H. Shlegel of Spring Mills.

John D. Meyer, treasurer of the Blair County Title and Trust Company, in Altoona, has been elected treasurer of the Altoona school board. All the school taxes in the city are paid direct to him.

Mrs. S. R. Kamp, of Lock Haven, before returning home from attending the funeral of her father, John Wolf, near Potters Mills, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Saukey, near Coburn.

The foundation walls for the new residence of W. J. Mitterling purposes erecting are almost completed. The exposed portion of the walls will be built of Nittany Mountain brown stone. The work is being done by Messrs. Byron Garis, Philip Helms and Frank Kennelly.

While painting the roof of his house in Millroy, John A. Camp was a victim of a sunstroke. He became unconscious and for several hours was in a critical condition, but later improved very much. Mr. Camp, who is an undertaker, is the Democratic candidate for the legislature in Millroy county.

A concrete walk was built to the front of the Old Fort hotel to replace the flag stones that did service there since the erection of the hotel many years ago. The improvement adds to the comfort of the guests as well as the general appearance of the hostelry. The work of construction was done by Messrs. Mingle and Boozer.

The battle at Reno was bulletined at the Reporter office on July 4th, as soon as the news reached the east over the wires. For this service the Reporter is indebted to the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel, which forwarded the press dispatches over the Bell telephone line. From this office the messages were sent on to Boalsburg, Linden Hall, Colyer, Spring Mills, Millheim, and also furnished all the news for the Bellefonte sporting men.

Mrs. John Blauser, of Potters Mills, was a caller recently. In speaking of the death of her father, the late John Wolf, Mrs. Blauser said his only living brother, Peter Wolf, of Dakota, Illinois, was unable to come east just at this time. He is now past eighty years of age and his wife is eighty-one years old. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf are a remarkable couple. The former received his second sight, and the latter is also quite spry. They recently made a trip unaccompanied, and a year ago celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Miss Ethyl Shetter, of York, last week was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. William H. Meyer, in Centre Hall. She has been coming to this place ever since she was a bit of a girl, except during the past two years, during which time she was preparing herself for a business life. Two years ago she graduated from the York High School, and then took a course in the York School of Business. She is now a stenographer in the York Chamber of Commerce, and has held the position for a year or more. Her work there is exacting, and covers a wide range. She is also frequently called to do stenographic work in the local courts, and for attorneys in their private offices, all of which indicates that she is efficient in her work.

## LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

I noted in letter No. 1 that Dr. Gibson was the first superintendent of Centre county schools. The system at first was met with much opposition. Very many denounced it because it required of the rich that they assist in educating the poor, but since that generation has passed away the system has become more popular.

Dr. Gibson was succeeded by J. Ilgen Burrell, who, like his predecessor, was an active, earnest christian man. Mr. Burrell, too, was highly educated. Some of his nearest relatives were determined that no means should be spared to make of him one of the most brilliant attorneys. The study and practice of law were not satisfactory to him and he entered the ministry of the Lutheran church. In this calling he was very successful, but lived to preach only a few years.

Mr. Burrell was succeeded by Thomas Holahan, an eminent scholar, who was successful in his work. He was a christian gentleman in the strictest sense of the word. Not so gentle, perhaps, when teachers deviated from the path of moral rectitude. His Irish accent and peculiar modes of expression provoked many a broad smile from us imperfect, unsanctified teachers. His examinations were very rigid. Among the many difficult words in orthography I remember these: tergastant, ichneumon, isosoles, myrmidon. He was deeply interested in both teachers and schools.

Mr. Holahan was succeeded by R. M. Magee, who was one of the most loving and lovable men I ever knew, conscientious in all his transactions. He never tried to wound the teacher's feelings and they, in turn, were careful not to cause him to worry. The teachers and superintendent were one in heart and purpose. He died in Philadelphia recently but I have not ceased to love him. He was still superintendent when I stopped teaching.

I taught my second term at Dale's Summit. Patrons names were Dale, Grove, Shney, Mitchell, Hoy, Garberich, Thomas, Bible, Meese. My next term was at Fleisher's near Stone Mill. Patrons names were Runkle, Rishel, Kerr, Heimbach, Royer, Allen, Fleisher, Shirk, Keller, Zittle. Next four terms were at Tussey Sink. Patrons names were Bitner, Spangler, Taylor, Wagner, Paul, Stem, Geise, Eye, Ditzell, Myers, Love. Most of these families went west, or were scattered by the death of parents. One of the Ditzells is a Reformed minister. Next term was at Tusseyville. Patrons names were Jordan, Love, Fortney, Smith, From, Strohm, Grossman, Mitterling; one the latter is a Presbyterian minister. My ninth term was at Tussey Sink, making five terms there. The term was four months of twenty-two days each, salary twenty-two dollars at first, and only a few dollars more at any time while I taught. Board was eight to ten dollars per month.

When I taught near Stone Mill I boarded at home, four miles distant, walking this distance most of the time both morning and evening. In summer I attended Pine Grove Mills Academy, Prof. J. E. Thomas, principal. The remainder of the summer I worked on the farm.

I have been trying to think of the names of other teachers and am surprised that I can name only a few. They are Fergus Potter, William Neff, C. T. and William Alexander, John and Abner Murray, P. S. Kerlin, Carrie Working, Ella Meyer, Delia Bollinger, Euta Moser, William Fleisher, Thomas McElroy, Robert Sankey. I think that on every farm here there is a binder at work today. I will try to give a description of this country, the products of the soil and an account of the battle of Antietam in my next letter. Glad to hear from brother Garver. Will say more about his letter later on.

A. S. KERLIN.  
Sharpsburg, Md., June 27.

Rather than have no Reporter, we will certainly pay up arrears. When a paper is good enough to continue one's subscription on credit, it is such an easy matter for one to allow the paper to continue at the thing. Please find enclosed check that will pay up arrears and carry me forward some.

The wheat here has all been in shock for about one week. The straw was a very good growth, and the heads seem well filled with grain. Farmers have had great difficulty curing the hay crop because of the unsettled weather. During the last three weeks we have had heavy rain falls. About the 16th inst. the James River was higher than for several years back. The banks were overflowed and considerable damage done to the corn and hay crops on the river flats.

On the 24th inst. mercury rose to ninety-six degrees in the shade; the

## Thanks to Reporter Readers.

The editor of The Centre Reporter is indebted to a large number of Reporter patrons who have paid subscription within the past two months, and returns thanks. Many of the readers have not only paid up to date, but a year in advance, all of which is appreciated. The subscription price being but one dollar, the majority of the readers are beginning to realize that the payment should be in advance, and are acting accordingly. The Reporter is not the greatest newspaper on earth, but those who have any interest in the local news of Centre Hall and Penns Valley, find it is the only newspaper that fills their needs.

## Spangler-Johnson.

R. B. Spangler and Miss Anna Engeline Johnson, both of Barnesboro, were married in Altoona, and from there started on a wedding tour to the east, Atlantic city and Washington being two of the points reached. On their return they came to Centre Hall, and for a few days were the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Annie Spangler.

Mr. Spangler is engaged in the milling business in Barnesboro, and has also other interests. Press of business hurried them to their thriving home town, where they will take up-housekeeping.

## Garb Law Constitutional.

Among the many decisions announced by the Pennsylvania supreme court at Philadelphia the past week was one declaring that the law known as the "garb law" to be constitutional. The law prohibits the wearing by teachers in the public schools of the state of any religious costume or habit. The case came to the Supreme court from Lancaster county, where several school directors had been indicted for violating the law, and who claimed it was void because it violated the bill of rights.

The Kessler store building and lot in Millheim were recently sold to Harry F. McMansway, who, about September 1st, will open a first class hardware store. The stock will be more complete than is usually found in rural towns. Mr. McMansway is well posted in the hardware business, and there is little doubt of his success in the undertaking.

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weather is cooler now.

Very truly yours,

P. B. MEYER.  
Cartersville, Va., June 28.

Mr. Meyer is engaged in the manufacture of framing lumber of all kinds, and is well acquainted with his business. He is a son of J. Henry Meyer, of Bowling Green, Virginia, and Mrs. Meyer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, of Linden Hall.

Please change the address of the Reporter from Manlius, Illinois, to Sutherland, Nebraska. Also credit the dollar enclosed on account.

We moved to this place on the 9th of June. I am pastor of our church here. This is quite a pretty place and seems to be a pleasant one to live in. There are fourteen or fifteen new buildings under construction at present—residences, store buildings and two garages. The town seems to be booming some. There are six teachers in the public schools. Sutherland is on the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad and is three hundred and ten miles west of Omaha, and twenty miles west of North Platte.

We are all well and think that we will like our new home. I may send you a letter at some future time.

I am yours sincerely and fraternally,

M. E. BOLLINGER.

Rev. Bollinger is the husband of Miss Margaret Evans, formerly of Potters Mills, and is well known to many of the Reporter readers.

I will send you a bit of news from Iowa, together with subscription for the Reporter for another year. The Spring was cold, and snow fell through April and May. June has been hot and dry. The corn crop is looking good, and is ready to finish cultivating. Two weeks ago we had a severe hail storm. The ground was covered with hail, most of which were quite large.

There is no fruit in this section. We had enough cherries for one pie.

People hereabouts have little interest in church work. Last Sabbath there were but five present, the preacher being the only man. Some Sundays the Sunday School is pretty well attended, and at other times there are scarcely any. Everybody goes visiting on Sunday.

My husband's brother, Frank Bressler, moved to Minnesota to a farm he purchased there, which leaves us alone as far as relatives are concerned.

MRS. WM. B. BRESSLER.  
Nevada, Iowa, June 31.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. Mary J. Goodhart, of Centre Hall, visited her daughter, Mrs. William Winegardner, in Millroy, for several weeks.

Mrs. Harry Hoy, while picking cherries on the Newton Hoy farm at Pine Hall, fell from the tree and sustained serious injuries.

Over the fourth of July, Miss Ethel Sechrist, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Sechrist, of Bellwood, was the guest of her friend, Miss Nellie Smith, in Centre Hall.

A month ago farmers were very much discouraged over the prospects of the hay crop, and now they can get done telling how wonderfully rank the clover has since grown.

Generally speaking the corn crop in Penns Valley is in fine condition. There is a good set of plants, which are large enough for this season, and the fields as a rule are fairly clean of weeds and grass.

The estate of the late John G. Love, Esq., of Bellefonte, is estimated to be worth between thirty and fifty thousand dollars. Mrs. Love has been made administratrix, and John Blanchard her attorney.

Beside those mentioned elsewhere in this issue as having attended the funeral of the late John Wolf, of Potters Mills, were Mrs. J. C. Barber, of Mill Hall, a niece, and Miss Edna C. Kamp and John Kamp, grandchildren, of Lock Haven.

The supreme court refused to set aside the will of John L. McNitt, a well known citizen of Millroy county, who gave all his property to his niece, Mrs. Lizzie Taylor. The appeal was taken by George A. Betzer, Charles E. Betzer, Hannah E. Gilham and Clara J. Kiechner.

A team of mules belonging to Frank Kreamer of Penn township, ran away from his hiring, George Betchel, while hitched to a cultivator. Betchel was caught by the machine, thrown under it, and dragged a short distance. He was pretty badly out on the head, which came in contact with the shovels.

Haymaking began in this section in real earnest immediately after the Fourth. Little hay was made previous to that date. There are many fields that turned out first class crops, and the quality was also good. The clover made a second and third growth, all of which was harvested with all of its growth.

On the return from their honeymoon trip through the south on Saturday afternoon, an informal reception was given to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Keller, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Durst, in Centre Hall. A number of the relatives and close friends of the families of the bride and groom participated in the affair.

Frank F. Palmer, of Potters Mills, had an accident a short while ago that proved very painful, and obliged him to use crutches for some time. He was amusing Robert M. Smith, of Centre Hill, in skidding logs in the Seven Mountains, when one of the skids broke, striking Mr. Palmer on calf of the leg. Several ligaments were torn, and such an injury is a ways difficult to repair.

Trood Parker, of Bellefonte, made his first trip to Centre Hall last week, and from here went on to Penns Cave and Spring Mills. He graduated from the Bellefonte High School, and after taking another year of preparatory work, expects to enter Pennsylvania State College. Believing that young men should be busy at all times, Mr. Parker spends his spare hours in the composing rooms of the Watchman printing house.

A little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Max Lantz, of Spring Mills, had the misfortune to badly scald her leg from the hip to below the knee. She is about five years of age, and on being left alone for a few minutes, lifted a kettle from the stove and proceeded to scald a wheat biscuit, and it was while this was being done that the mishap occurred. Her light clothing and shoeless feet were much in her favor, and lessened the depth of the burning.

Messrs. Earl D. Fleming and Will A. Sandoe, Jr., were in town for a short stay. They left New York on a trip by boat to Norfolk, Virginia, and returning came by the way of Washington, landing in Centre Hall Friday of last week. Mr. Fleming is holding his place with a large auditing concern in New York, and Mr. Sandoe is with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the office at Pittsburg. While they are well located, and perhaps would not care to make Centre Hall their home, it after all is about the dearest old town to them that they risk when out on their little excursions during vacation time.