

GANG AFTER LICENSE GRIP.

Bill for Excise Commissions Controlled by Machine Ready.

A bill to establish an Excise Commission to supplant the Judge in acting on liquor license applications was introduced in the legislature. It would completely wipe out the judicial system of the Brooks high license law and place licensing in the hands of three Commissioners, to be appointed annually in each county by the Judge from the list supplied by the Auditor General.

Effort will be made to get the legislation through on the plea that some of the judges want to be relieved of the handling of the liquor licenses. It is understood that, so far, Senator Penrose has not agreed to use his influence for the bill and there is no assurance that he will do so.

The men who stood for local option in the House will naturally oppose Excise Commission plan. The same is true of a number of men who would not vote for local option. They think that the handling of the liquor question should not be taken out of the hands of courts. Others are of the opinion that it would be a political blunder to authorize such commissions, because of the tendency to play politics through them. The whole liquor question would be an annual issue in most counties in the State.

The names which the Auditor General is to submit to each Quarter Sessions Court in the State shall include seven attorneys. From the number the Court is to appoint three Commissioners, one of whom shall be a lawyer.

In addition to all other fees now paid by liquor license applicants, each must pay an additional \$5 to the clerk of Courts, to be equally divided among the three Commissioners at the end of the year. The more applicants the greater will be the compensation.

When the license list has been completed, the Commissioners are to adjourn and cannot be called together for the purpose of hearing applicants until the following year, unless for special and extraordinary cause moving the Court to do so. There is a provision that a transfer of license made necessary by the death of the licensee may be heard by the Commissioners in chambers "at any time without further notice being given of such hearing than is required by law and the rules of the Court." All testimony taken at the hearings to be filed with the clerk of the courts.

The number of licenses to be granted in one year must be limited to one for each 1000 of population, "provided, however, that no application for a renewal of license to sell liquors at retail, existing at the time this act takes effect, shall be affected by the above limitation."

When cause is shown the Court can remove the commissioners and judgment of the Court shall not be subject to review.

All associations, clubs or other organizations desiring to sell liquor must file an application the same as a regular dealer.

The license fee is to be \$250 and a bond for \$2000 must be given. The sale of liquor must be confined to bona fide members.

All licenses granted by the commission are to be recognized as the personal property of the licensee and can be transferred to an executor or administrator in the case of death of the licensee. The licenses can be attached as other personal property for debt.

Bill in the Legislature.

Baldwin, Potter—Regulating the sale of lime and ground limestone for agricultural purposes.

Hays, Butler—Requiring hospitals receiving state aid to treat free of charge all veterans of the civil war now residents of the state.

To establish an excise commission to supplant the judges in acting on liquor licenses.

Taxing school bonds the same as municipal bonds.

A bill was introduced by Representative Alter, Allegheny, to require all private banks to take out a license from the state department of banking.

Representative Haggerty, Lackawanna, presented a bill to create a system of licensing barbers.

Mr. Fahy, Philadelphia, introduced a bill requiring all food containers to be marked with net capacity, under penalty of a fine from \$200 to \$500 or six months in prison.

Three of the revenue-raising bills were reported out, including the bill to tax surplus of banks, stocks and bonds of gas companies and traction engines.

The Huntingdon county commissioners have awarded to J. C. Hall the contract to work over the jail, under plans of Herbert Hall, architect, at a cost of \$15,857.83. It will make a new building of it, practically, and will also change the appearance of it by porches and dormer windows.

Rev. McDowell's Mission Talk.

Rev. E. W. McDowell, a missionary on the border land between Turkey and Persia, gave a very interesting account of his work last Thursday evening in the Presbyterian church. His field of labor was the cradle of the human race and includes Turke, Kurds, and Nestorian Christians; hence he has a great variety of experiences. He is in the habit of making itineraries among these people, lasting sometimes as much as six months. His description of traveling over the steep, bare, roadless mountains, sleeping out in the open, or in a Nestorian hut which sheltered not only the owner's family but also his domestic animals whose friendly touch would sometimes awaken him in the night, his reception at a Kurdish chief's castle among a people ready to rob him should the chief not be willing to admit him, the fact that he must be used in presenting the gospel and the foundations being laid for greater things in the future—all made an interesting story.

After the lecture he set forth the circumstances under which young Baskerville lost his life, making it clear that his act was not rash, as reported in some papers, but one of great bravery and unselfish devotion to the welfare of his fellow citizens. Only words of praise for the lecture have been heard.

Mrs. U. G. Auman Entertains.

Mrs. U. G. Auman, of Sober, on Friday evening, gave a supper to sixty of the members of the Spring Mills Ladies Temple, K. G. E. A souvenir bill of fair, like those used at the tent dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford, were found at each plate. Great merriment was occasioned by the orders given by some of the guests, because of their unacquaintance with French in which language the bill of fare was printed. Mrs. Warren Wood and Mrs. Braucht's orders brought to them enough food to feed a barn-raising crew, while others more timid than they were obliged to supplement their first orders.

Impromptu speeches followed the supper. Mrs. Warren Wood talking on "Lost in Bellefonte." She held the attention of the guests until the jokes were scented, and then she was crowned to the head of the table and crowned "queen." Windom Gramley, "My trip to Belleville." Mrs. Braucht, "Intemperance in society"; Miss Mabel Brown, "My late Male." The hobbie skit dance was participated in by Mrs. Daniel McCool and Mrs. John Osman, and they were roundly applauded. The occasion was one long to be remembered by the participants. It can be truly said that the Ladies Temple of Spring Mills is doing a grand work.

Big Lumber Deal.

Messrs. J. M. Gilliland and John W. and Elmer Treasurer, of New Bloomfield; W. O. Rearick, of Millroy; L. G. Rearick, of Centre Hall, and William Harter, of Coburn, recently closed one of the largest deals in timberland that has been consummated for some time. They purchased 2,515 acres of timberland in Powell and Menifee counties, Kentucky, paying therefor the sum of \$175,000.

It is estimated that there are 30,000,000 feet of lumber on the tract, mostly poplar, oak and hemlock. The land lies in the great basin, surrounded by a rocky rim of cliffs and in order to get the lumber out a tunnel, seven hundred feet long, is being cut through for a railroad. The price paid for the timberland includes the completion of this tunnel, and the erection and equipment of a huge saw and electric light plant.

The parties interested have been on the tract of timber and also inspected the incomplete saw mill and other improvements, and are satisfied the investment to be an exceptionally good one.

A New Pen.

A bill passed by the legislature provides for a new penitentiary and the abandonment of the Pittsburg pen. No location has been designated, but it is understood that one of the many state forestry reservations will be taken for that purpose, and a site well to the east is preferred, the object being to ultimately do away with the Philadelphia pen. The first work contemplated is to erect a wall about the proposed penitentiary site and this work is to be done by convict labor.

Increase For Carriers.

The R. F. D. News for March contains this information which will be appreciated by the local postmen and their patrons:

"After July 1, 1911, rural carriers will receive \$1000 per year for routes of 24 miles or more and a proportionate increase for routes of less length. Furthermore, there will be no danger of consolidation of rural delivery and star route service during the next fiscal year."

Williamsport Commercial College.

Spring term begins April 17th. The college will be open all summer. Over one hundred calls have been received this year for bookkeepers, stenographers and office help. Students entering this spring will be ready for positions in the fall. Write for catalogue and free trial lessons.

F. F. HEALEY, Proprietor.

The Grand View Poultry Farm and the Centre Hall Poultry Farm, conducted by A. E. Kerlin & Son and C. D. Bartholomew, respectively, are picking the first crop of day old chicks. The incubators at both plants are being run at full capacity to fill the orders booked early in the season.

If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

RECIPROCIITY WITH CANADA.

With Apologies to Thomas Jefferson a Farmer Translates Reciprocity With Canada.

We, the people of the United States, who are living beyond our incomes, realize that in order to maintain our present standard of high living it is necessary to demand a reduction in the price of foodstuffs.

For, after careful examination, we have found that the farmer is actually making a small profit upon the produce we consume, which is inhuman and unjust.

We hold that our superiority over the farmer is true and self-evident, as agriculture was the original occupation of man, and we declare that whoever pursues this work in the golden age of the twentieth century has not advanced with the other classes of humanity.

Therefore, it is the duty of the farmer to furnish us with his produce without a fair profit or compensation, so that ourselves and posterity may live in royal style.

As Canadian reciprocity is the remedy for our distressing situation, we heartily support this bill.

And with a firm reliance on the protection of political schemes, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our ill-gotten fortunes and our unshared honor.

The Lecture Course Balance.

The Centre Hall Lecture Course Committee met on Monday afternoon and settled its accounts for the year. The balance in the treasury is \$15.57.

Generally speaking the course was well patronized. The committee's aim was simply to be able to pay expenses, there being no incentive to have a balance. The financial statement follows:

EXPENSES.	
Five attractions	\$205 00
Rental for Grand Arcade	25 00
Hack hire and draying	1 40
Printing and advertising	1 50
Loss \$9.35 donated to fund	25 70
Total	\$258 60

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from last year	\$ 42 00
Interest from bank	1 25
150 course tickets at \$1.00	150 00
Receipts at door	72 88
Balance in treasury	\$ 15 57

County S. S. Work.

The following schedule has been agreed upon by the executive committee of the Centre County Sabbath School Association for a week's tour of the county to hold one meeting in each of the twelve districts to be addressed by Miss Robison, one of the state field workers, and others under the supervision of the sub-committee of six. The meetings will begin the week of April 17th and continue as follows:

Monday afternoon, Stormstown, Dist. 8
Monday evening, Fort Meade, Dist. 3
Tuesday afternoon, Millburg, Dist. 4
Tuesday evening, Snowshoe, Dist. 2
Wednesday morning, Howard, Dist. 5
Wednesday evening, Hublerburg, Dist. 6
Thursday afternoon, Pine Grove Mills, Dist. 10
Thursday evening, State College, Dist. 9
Friday afternoon, Bellefonte, Dist. 7
Friday evening, Centre Hall, Dist. 11
Saturday afternoon, Millheim, Dist. 12

The annual county convention will be held at Aaronsburg, July 17th and 18th.

Military Opening, April 11th and 12th.

The ladies throughout Penna and Nittany Valleys will be interested in this item because it announces the spring opening at the millinery store of Mrs. Lucy Henney, in Centre Hall, which will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11th and 12th.

Mrs. Henney has been in the millinery business for so long a time that she is thoroughly acquainted with the business and the needs of her large number of customers. Her selections this year will embrace all the latest fashions in head gear, and these are exceptionally pretty and becoming to the youthful and the more aged.

The children and girls in their first teens will also be provided for, for there are many frames and hats exceptionally becoming to the pretty faces of these youngsters.

While everything else has advanced in price, Mrs. Henney will continue to sell millinery goods at the former low margins over cost, and this means much to the customers.

The spring meeting of the Presbytery of Huntingdon will be held in the New Presbyterian church at Lewisburg, Rev. W. L. Mudge pastor, Monday evening, April 10th, and continue in session during the next day. This body consists of 88 churches, scattered over seven counties of Central Pennsylvania, 64 ministers, 386 elders, 13,416 church members, 11,609 Sunday-school members. For the year ending March 31, 1910, it raised for various benevolences \$39,125 and \$122,190 for church support. The commissioners from the Sinking Creek or Centre Hall charge are the pastor, Rev. W. Henry Schuyler, and Elder G. L. Goodhart.

About an inch of rain fell on Sunday evening and during the night, which relieved the earth from frost-freshened up the wheat plants, and put a green tinge on the lawns. Monday afternoon an electrical storm passed over the valley, accompanied by rain and a half inch of hail. During Monday night it grew cold, and Tuesday morning the ground was frozen and covered lightly with snow. Tuesday it was very stormy, and there were frequent snow storms.

John W. Sicklesmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers."

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

In a letter from J. Newton Erhard, of Inavale, Nebraska, a few figures are given that will be of interest to those of the Reporter readers who are stock feeders. Mr. Erhard is a son of the late William Erhard, of Potter township, and also brother of George Erhard, of Old Fort. His letter follows, and bears the date of March 24:

Inclosed find money order which should have been forwarded earlier, but I have been exceedingly busy. When one man husks one hundred acres of corn, feeds two cars of cattle and hogs, and does his own cooking, he can realize what the word busy means.

I marketed thirty hifers, coming two years old, weighing 855 pounds each, some selling at \$5.65 per hundred weight. Three cows, weighing over eleven hundred, sold for \$5.00 per cwt.; a bull weighing 1390 lbs. for \$5.15 per cwt. Also thirty-one hogs, the lot weighing 5250 lbs., for \$6.75 per cwt. The cattle and hogs sold for \$2285.88. The expenses on these are as follows:

Amount of sales	\$2285 88
Freight to Kansas City	\$ 60 51
Grading	10 60
One lb. of corn	60 00
Inspection	15 00
Commission	25 00
Total	\$7 16
Net receipts from lot	\$2168 72

These cattle and hogs were fed one hundred and fifty days, and consumed the following feeds:

Twenty tons of alfalfa hay at \$25.00 per ton	\$ 500 00
500 lb. of meal	15 00
1700 lbs. corn, worth in market at 35c	595 00
Cost of cattle and hogs	645 00
Shipping and expenses	1050 00
Total expenses	\$1991 16

By a bit of figuring you can see what I got for my corn. Prices are not nearly as good as a year ago. Cattle are fifty cents and hogs almost \$1.00 per cwt. lower than on March 17, 1910. Corn was then worth sixty cents and alfalfa say \$9.00 per ton.

This has been a fine winter for feeding. Wheat is looking fine.

Yours,
J. N. ERHARD.

LOCALS.

Mrs. Lucy Henney went to Philadelphia last week on business.

The law permitting the use of bear traps has been repealed. That is a good move.

The Williamsport Commercial College announces its opening of the spring term on April 17th.

J. G. Heberling, of State College, just recovered from an illness of some duration. He was for many years a resident of Pine Grove Mills, and is a civil war veteran.

During the first few days of Spring the thermometer was busy in the vicinity of the zero mark. One night it marked a point just eleven degrees on the summer side.

Considerable concrete work will be done in Centre Hall during the coming summer. A number of farmers will also make permanent improvements by the use of concrete.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Moore, of Philadelphia, are expected in Centre Hall this week, and will occupy the Murray home purchased some months ago by them. Mr. Moore expects to improve the property to a considerable extent.

H. E. Frankenberger is having a large manure shed erected at his barn on the Weaver farm, east of Centre Hall. The work is being done by H. E. Shreckengost, of Farmers Mills, who also expects to do work on the Arthur Grove farm.

Harry M. Black, the Lewisport postoffice clerk, who got away with \$200 taken from letters, plead guilty in the U. S. District Court, at Scranton. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300, undergo imprisonment for four months, and make restitution for the money stolen.

James B. Spangler and W. R. Neff, of Tusseyville; Newton Yarnell, of Linden Hall; H. F. Muser, of Centre Hill; John E. Rissel and John H. Rankle, of Centre Hall, were callers during the past week, but all too busy to prolong their visits after the business that brought them here had been transacted.

Henry E. Homan and family moved from their farm, east of Centre Hall, to State College, where Mr. Homan purchased a property some months ago. Mr. Homan bought the George Durst farm, and in the spring of 1901 moved out to it and has since lived there. He will be succeeded on the farm by his son, John Homan, who purchased the farm stock and implements.

Miss Margaret Goodhart, Mrs. Leroy Rearick and Mrs. G. O. Benner represented the missionary and C. E. societies of the Presbyterian church at the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery in Huntingdon, in Tyrone, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. They report the meeting to be of unusual interest, were entertained at Samuel Barr's and made a visit to Altoona before returning home Saturday afternoon.

There was a rather stormy session of court in Union county when liquor licenses were granted. Judge McClure refused to issue a license to W. F. Holschue, of Vicksburg, and W. G. Hartwick, of New Berlin, because remonstrances were presented, and they were also charged with violations of the liquor laws. The associate judges overruled Judge McClure in these two cases. On the strength of the charges in the remonstrances, Judge McClure ordered the district attorney to hold Holschue under \$1000 bail for his appearance at court. The Lewisburg Journal thinks "this action of the little judge is another good reason for the abolishment of these ornaments on the bench."

DEATHS.

Mrs. Annie Spangler, aged thirty-seven years, nine months, and two days, wife of John Spangler, died at her home at Tusseyville, Thursday morning of last week, after an illness of many weeks of catarrh of the stomach. Deceased was the daughter of Henry Stoner, of Centre Hall.

Besides her husband, there being no children, the following brothers and sister, survive: Charles Stoner, Tusseyville; William Stoner, Centre Hall; Nora, wife of Arber J. Cummings, Linden Hall.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday morning, 10 a. m., at the United Evangelical church, at Zion, Rev. S. A. Snyder, of Centre Hall officiating.

Mrs. Magdalene Wasson, aged eighty-nine years, died at Lemont. Interment was made at the Branch. Her maiden name was Magdalene Shuey and she was born in College township. Surviving her are four children, namely: Mrs. Mary Payne, of Lemont; Joseph, of New York State; Alfred, of Huntingdon, and William, of Nittany. Daniel Shuey, a brother, also survives.

Samuel E. Showers, born in Spring township fifty-nine years ago, died in Bellefonte Wednesday evening of last week. He was one of Bellefonte's street commissioners. Death was due to stomach trouble, from which he suffered for a year or more, but performed his duties just prior to his death. He is survived by a wife, nee Miss Tamazine Eckley, and six children.

Ros Langham died at the home of John D. Dreible, west of State College, after a ten days' illness of pneumonia, aged eighteen years. The deceased was an exemplary young man and his death is mourned by a large circle of friends. He is survived by his father, a sister and two brothers, all of Duncansville, to which place the remains were taken for interment.

Elmer Oliver died at his home at Alamo, Illinois. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, and was born in this county and was aged forty-six years, five months. The family moved to Illinois when the deceased was but four years of age. His mother's name was Gulsewitz, a sister of the late John Gulsewitz, of Haines township.

Frederick Hartman died at Wolf's Store, Sunday night of last week, of paralysis, aged seventy-four years and three months. He leaves to survive a widow and four children. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. N. A. Whitman, and interment was made in the Union cemetery at Rebersburg.

Mrs. Melinda Houser, wife of William Houser, died at her home in Altoona, from Bright's disease. She was born at Houserville, this county, and was aged fifty-six years.

Mrs. Catharine Hoffman, mother of Mrs. John Stine, of Buffalo Run, died Wednesday morning at Phillipsburg, aged eighty-two years. She is survived by six children.

Sarah Melinda, daughter of Benjamin Eppers, on Nittany Mountain, aged one year and four months, died from pneumonia. Interment at Pleasant Gap.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cramer, of State College, died from the effects of peritonitis Monday night of last week. Interment was made at Pine Hall.

Mifflin County Industry Bared.

The large ax manufacturing plant of the James H. Mann estate, at Yegertown, near Lewisport, was totally destroyed Friday by fire, which started in the tempering department. The large buildings were frame and were soon in ruins. The loss, estimated at \$175,000, is partly covered by insurance. The capacity was 2400 axes per day, and 110 men were employed running full time. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

Any day in April or May should be the farmer's arbor day. Plant trees, Mr. Farmer, for every tree you plant makes your farm worth more money and the homestead more saleable.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Bush House rates have again been reduced to \$2.00 per day, which is simply going back to the old rates on which it built up its large trade.

J. D. Gingery and J. Q. Miles were callers in Centre Hall on business of a political nature, Saturday morning. From here they went to the Herman sale, at Lemont.

Mrs. Coldron is contemplating the erection of an addition to her dwelling house, in Centre Hall, within the next year. Part of the lumber is now on the ground.

Mrs. Lucy Henney expects to erect an addition to her dwelling house during the coming summer, and install a heating plant, bath room and make other improvements on the interior.

David Rearick, wife and two children, of Potters Mills, L. G. Rearick, Mrs. Mary Rearick, Miss Savilla Rearick and Miss Lella Huyett, of Centre Hall, were guests at the W. O. Rearick home in Milroy, last week.

Miss Margaret Mulfinger, of Bellefonte, daughter of John Mulfinger, of Pleasant Gap, will soon be married to Harry Showers, of Chicago; who is also a native of Pleasant Gap. The wedding is to take place in Chicago.

Cleveland Brungart and Roy Shaffer, near Tusseyville, arranged to have Bell telephones installed in their homes. The service will be secured through the Tusseyville Branch Company of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company.

Thursday of last week, the neighbors of Mrs. Jacob Sharer, assembled at her home and spent the day in quilting. At noon the party, thirty-seven in number, sat down to an elegant dinner, which had been prepared for the occasion.

Mrs. Susan Schnars, of Clearfield, who spent the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Strunk, in Centre Hall, is at the home of her nephew, William Grossman, south of Earlstown. Mrs. Jacob Showers, of Youngdale, was also a guest there recently.

While painting the grandstand at Pennsylvania State College, David Fulton fell a distance of twenty-five feet, breaking and splintering the bone in his leg. The injury is of such a character that amputation may be necessary. He was taken to the Bellefonte hospital.

W. M. Grove, of Spring Mills, who last year spent considerable time in surveying state lands for the Forestry Department, on Monday went to Penfield, Clearfield county, where work of the same class is being resumed. He took with him Orris McCormick, who will do chaining, and later on will be allowed to do work with the compass.

The experiment station of the Pennsylvania State College has issued a comprehensive bulletin on the apple in Pennsylvania, compiled by Prof. John P. Stewart. The bulletin covers twenty pages and treats of the varieties, planting and general care of orchards. The investigations cover a period of three years in nine counties of the state.

William Sweeney, of Centre Hill, who had contemplated moving to the Pittsburg district this spring and engage in farming on one of the coal company's farms, has secured employment with Peter Smith, at Centre Hill, on a farm. He will move from the Strohm farm to the house vacated by Bruce Ripka. And, by the way, an additional heir made its appearance in the Sweeney home within the past two weeks.

Last week mention was made of the freezing to death of a boy, nine years old, while sitting on a wagon which had broken down. Mrs. M. J. F. Van Boskirk, the mother of the child, insists that the child was doped with whiskey and was poisoned, and she asked District Attorney Houser, of Mifflin county, to have the father arrested for the murder. At the funeral the feeling among the factions ran high. Van Boskirk and some of his friends were ordered from the house.

Very few of the younger Reporter readers ever saw an ox team in service, but those living in this locality will have an opportunity of seeing a team of young bulls perform farm work if they take the trouble to go to the Marshall farms (formerly the Gregg farms,) west of Centre Hall. When Mr. Marshall moved from near Unionville to his new possessions, to one of the wagons loaded with household goods was hitched this team of bulls, and attracted considerable attention along the route. These beasts performed much work, such as harrowing, raking hay, etc., last season, and will again be pressed into service wherever they can be made useful. Mr. Marshall has several good teams of horses, and the bulls will simply be used to assist the horse power when the rush season on the farm is on.