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AUTO CAR EXPLODES.

Hamill Holmes Pinned Under Car; Released by L. L. Smith Just Before Car is Blown to Pieces.

Hamill Holmes, of State College, narrowly escaped death under a run-about car on Wednesday evening, east of the Geles farm, on the road leading from Old Fort to Linden Hall. The car ran over an embankment, turned over; the gasoline tank exploded; the car burned. When the car came to a rest the driver was underneath it, and although not hurt, was unable to release himself until the car was pried up with fence rails. Once released, Mr. Holmes made an effort to save the car from total destruction, but was persuaded to retreat as an explosion was certain within a few moments. The retreating was not too soon.

The accident occurred at a point where the road is rather narrow. Mr. Smith and Amos Koch, the latter of Boalsburg, were on their way to Centre Hall. On reaching the place named the men observed the machine approaching, and as the horse became uneasy, one of the men alighted to make the horse and vehicle secure. Mr. Holmes came on and just when it was thought he had safely passed, the rear wheels slid over the embankment, overturning the machine. Mr. Smith saw the tail lights of the machine flare up into a blaze, and suspected the machine occupants needed assistance, and at once went there. He could see no one, and then called; a groan came from under the Ford, and later he was implored to help him out, that he was not hurt. The machine was lifted a trifle, when Holmes crawled out through Smith's legs. Once freed the couple made an effort to knock off the tail lights but the spilled gasoline had already taken fire, and seeking shelter was thought and proved to be the wisest course.

The fire was observed by the Pearson family, who came with buckets filled with water. The flames were extinguished, but not, as stated above, until the machine had become a total wreck.

Mr. Holmes had been at Centre Hall among other places that day, leaving here just at dusk. He was taken home from the scene of the wreck in a vehicle. The machine was the property of his brother, J. L. Holmes, of State College, the brothers having exchanged cars for the day.

Bellefonte Fair.

The Bellefonte fair opens Tuesday and closes Friday of next week. The management announces a number of free amusements to those within the gates. There will also be good racing.

Reciprocity and the Farmer.

The newspapers, local and metropolitan, advanced the idea that the passage of the reciprocity pact would not lessen the price of farm products in the United States, and yet at the same time relieve the consumer. At the time the Centre Reporter called attention to the fact that the quotations on wheat in Chicago, Duluth, Minneapolis, and Kansas City, dropped several points when the pact was submitted in the Canadian house, and at this writing, two days after the Canadian government supporting reciprocity, has been overturned, the wheat quotations in the centers named rose from three to eight cents. At Winnipeg the reverse was true; the prices of wheat dropped.

Now then, what consumer dare complain at this, when it is known that wheat is being raised at an actual loss to farmers, and is only grown by Pennsylvania farmers because it is almost necessary to do so.

The farmer will take a second look at his wheat bin before he will sell his grain.

The candidates are on the home stretch, and in a few days they will know whether they made the race by a neck or were outdistanced.

Well, we'll not get a bushel of potatoes nor a ton of hay from Canada without duty—not for a while, at least. There are some products Canada might favor the United States with, but if there is to be reciprocity it ought to be the real thing and not the sham President Taft put up.

Just a little while longer and then we will know who is who among the candidates. In the mean time all the candidates will continue to remain confident, and will only be persuaded that another is thought by the voters to be better fitted for the office when the tally sheets are summed up.

Those who are making inquiry of land owners as to the value they place on the old homestead are discovering that the dear old farm is dear in reality—in dollars and cents. Of course, the Keystone State has a well filled treasury, but in hunting a location for the Pen the purchaser will make a poor mouth at least.

CONVENTION AT NEW CASTLE.

Sunday-school Workers Will Meet at Lawrence County Capitol, October 11, 12, 13.

Great interest is being manifested among Sunday-school workers in every county in the state in lieu of the great Sunday-school convention called to meet in the city of New Castle, October 11th, 12th, and 13th. Two of the greatest business men in the world—John Wanamaker, the Merchant Prince, and H. J. Heinz, the Manufacturing Prince, are both officers of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath-school Association and are back of the great forward movement that will greatly stimulate Sunday-school work in every part of the state. Every county will send its quota of delegates to the New Castle convention. The program promises many unique features.

A session recognizing the tercentenary of the English Bible will be held Wednesday, October 11th. A great organized Adult Bible Class Exchange and demonstration, with ten thousand men in line will be held Thursday, October 12th. A Pastors' Congress and a Superintendents' Congress will be held on Friday, October 13th.

Hon. R. P. Hobson, of Santiago fame, will make the principal address on the O. A. B. C. demonstration. Hon. John Wanamaker and other speakers of national and international note will take part in the program.

A great exhibit of Sunday-school supplies and literature will also be a feature of the convention. New Castle is planning to take care of five thousand delegates.

Sunday-school workers from Centre county desiring to attend this convention can secure delegate credentials from the undersigned, the corresponding secretary for this county.

L. W. NUTTALL,
Phillipsburg, Pa.

LOCALS.

Samuel Burris, west of Centre Hall, is not at all well at present.

Saturday was Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah) beginning of 5672, according to Hebrew reckoning.

Here is a gentle warning: Keep your ash plies off the street, and don't use the fronts of others' property for your dumping ground.

Sheriff Hurley has declared his intention to remain a citizen of Bellefonte after the expiration of his term of office, about the first of the coming year.

Mrs. Matilda Meiss, of Half Moon Valley, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Floray, in Centre Hall. She is in her seventy-fifth year but quite able to get about.

If there is merit in party service, in personal effort by practical work and experiences, in distribution of county offices, and a "square deal"—which all may expect and shall receive—vote for J. Kennedy Johnston for district attorney.

Daniel Stover, who last spring went to Chester county with Jerome Auman to work on the farm, is back to Centre Hall. Tiring of dairying the young man engaged in a manufacturing establishment as a freeman, but sickness overtook him, and he is here to recuperate.

The two women who are candidates for school directors in Bellefonte have a large following, so it appears. Bellefonte must either have had a very inefficient school board, or else there is something else wrong. But then Bellefonte is about the only town in the county the ladies could successfully run.

This is corn cutting time, and hustlers are telling how much they can do in a day in standing corn. To prove that he is a corn cutter of some note, T. F. Royer, of Potters Mills, has made a wager that he can cut two hundred and twenty-five shocks in a day. He will do the cutting in a field owned by F. A. Carson, Esq.

Few farmers in this valley, or perhaps anywhere in this part of the state, have prospects of a good yield of potatoes, but there are exceptions to all rules, and a field of over eight acres planted by F. A. Carson, Esq., below Potters Mills, is the exceptional promising potato field in the southern section of Centre county. The stalks at this writing are in perfect condition; the tubers are larger and there are a goodly number to a hill.

Several members of the young ladies class in the United Evangelical Sunday-school, at Lemont, namely, Misses Minnie Grove, Ruth Cronmiller, Ruth Evy, Ethel Evy, of Lemont, and Helen Markle, of State College, with their teacher, John Stover, and Mrs. Stover, and Miss Ray Brennon, of State College, spent Thursday at the United Evangelical parsonage, Centre Hall, guests of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Snyder. All enjoyed a good social time, and especially the fine dinner provided by the guests.

MASONIC 125TH ANNIVERSARY.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Held Ceremonies in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, impressive ceremonies were held in Philadelphia on Sunday and Monday, Monday, Masons from all sections of Pennsylvania and officials from other Masonic jurisdictions were in attendance. Grand Master George W. Guthrie presided.

The "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging," to use its full corporate title, was the first Grand Lodge in the United States to declare independence from the Grand Lodge of England.

The first Masonic lodge in the thirteen colonies was organized in Philadelphia in 1730, at the historic Three Tuns Tavern on Water street. That was the lodge with which Benjamin Franklin was so long connected. It was the nucleus of the first independent Grand Lodge in the colonies formed in Philadelphia in 1731.

After a period of vicissitude, the original Grand Lodge passed out of existence and was succeeded by the establishment of a provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, chartered by the "Grand Lodge of England, according to the old constitution," commonly known as the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. The ritual of Masonry in Pennsylvania has ever since adhered to the "Ancient" forms of Masonry, as distinguished from the forms of the other Grand Lodges of this country, which were offshoots from the "Modern" Grand Lodge of England, or followed its usages and customs. In this respect the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania stands unique among the Grand Lodges in this country.

In 1796 the provincial Grand Lodge declared itself independent of the parent organization in England, which in terms of fraternal amity acknowledge the independence and jurisdictional sovereignty of the Pennsylvania organization.

On Tuesday the officers of the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of the new Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, between Harrisburg and Lancaster, with ritualistic ceremony. Several thousand Masons from all parts of the state were in attendance. The Home is located in a tract of one thousand acres, purchased two years ago by the Grand Lodge, and when completed will be the greatest fraternal charitable institution in the world. It will ultimately represent an investment of \$5,000,000 or more.

Will Publish Council Proceedings.

The Centre Reporter has frequently been requested to report the proceedings of the Centre Hall borough council, as is done by papers in other towns. The request will be heeded, and if it is possible to do so, the writer will hereafter attend the meetings of the council, and report, in detail, the business transacted there. It is natural that the citizens desire to know what is being done, by the councilmen, and how they do it. Recent rulings of court have made it clear that town councils cannot transact business in private, and that any one who is a citizen of the borough has the privilege to attend all meetings of that body.

Ran Into Open Switch.

The west bound passenger train, on Thursday morning, ran into an open switch at Linn Dale, one of the mountain stations, and the result was the engine was thrown from the switch onto its side on the main track. The tender, the baggage car and a passenger coach were also derailed.

The passengers and mail were transferred to the east bound train, which returned, arriving here after eleven o'clock.

Woodward.

George Miller is visiting friends in Laurelton.

Messrs. LeRoy Mench and Gurney Wert were in this place on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Doach, of Salix, are visiting Mrs. Doach's brother, William Walter.

Roy London, a student at Lancaster Business College, spent a few days with Roy Musser.

Rev. and Mrs. Caris and baby spent Sunday afternoon at the home of James Guisewite.

Mrs. Charles Miller, of Glen Iron, spent a few days this week at the home of Dr. H. P. Ard.

Arthur Runkle, of Braddock, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Runkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe, of Aaronsburg, spent Sunday afternoon with the latter's sister, Mrs. James Von Neida.

A. M. Yearick and family, accompanied by Mrs. Bryan and daughter, of Jersey Shore, and Mrs. Blanche Von Neida spent the Sabbath with friends at Laurelton.

FOR UNIFORM HIGH SCHOOLS.

Possibility of Similarity of High Schools in Pennsylvania.

The new State board of education proposes to provide a more uniform system of instruction in the various high schools in the state. Under the present code, it is pointed out, the high schools are divided into three classes: those of the first class provide a four years' course of study; those of the second a three years' course; and those of the third a two years' course. The question has now arisen whether it would not be advisable to establish a standard course for all the high schools, or to provide a course of at least three years. But, what is still more important, it is strongly recommended that there should be similarity in the courses of study in all the high schools, and that a more uniform curriculum should be adopted. At the present time there are high schools in which the course of study is little more than equivalent to that in the sixth grades of the elementary schools, while there are others in which the course is little inferior to that of the first two years of many colleges and universities. It is, therefore, recommended that a more uniform standard of instruction be introduced in all the state high schools. Another matter that will soon be taken up by the state board in this connection is that of so adjusting the courses of the high schools as to accommodate a student's desire to specialize in some branch of study. While the general academic training will be continued, it is recommended that provisions be made for letting pupils specialize in such subjects as each may select.

LOCALS.

Dr. Allison has his Metz runabout on the road again.

Miss Marie Barber, of Hazelton, last week visited Dr. J. V. Foster and family in Centre Hall.

Last week James S. Stahl attended the Milton fair, and also visited Rev. B. F. Bieber at West Milton.

Guy W. Jacobs went to York on Monday, after a brief stay with his mother in Centre Hall. He had been in Indianapolis and Chicago during the greater part of the summer.

Two Philadelphians—Former Mayor William B. Smith and Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, last week, became Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Masons at a meeting of the Grand Lodge in Saratoga.

A slight abrasion of the skin on the hand of Mrs. William Keller, of Centre Hall, has developed into an ugly sore causing the lady much pain. The original injury was done on a screen door, a week or ten days ago.

A six acre field farmed by the management of the Huntingdon Reformatory yielded at the rate of thirty bushels of wheat per acre. This indicates the possibilities of the soil in Central Pennsylvania when scientifically tilled.

Mrs. William F. Keller, the latter part of last week, went to Taneytown, Maryland, to visit her sister, wife of Rev. David J. Wolf. During her absence Mrs. Samuel M. Goodhart, of Johnstown, is assisting her mother, Mrs. Alfred Durr, to keep house.

The hunting season is approaching, and guns are in evidence. Too great care cannot be exercised in the handling of these weapons. In central Pennsylvania, within the past two weeks, several lives have been forfeited on account of accidental discharges of guns of various types.

A petition, largely signed by citizens of Lycoming county, was laid before Judge Hart, asking that he make rulings whereby the bars in that county would be closed at an earlier hour. The court thinks such a ruling at this time improper, but intimated that he would heed the request when the next license court was held.

This accident was reported by the Keystone Gazette: Irvin Gettig and E. C. Harter, while shingling the roof of a hay barn at L. H. Gettig's slaughter house, along Spring creek, on Wednesday, fell a distance of nearly twenty feet. Mr. Gettig sustained a sprained back and ankle, while Mr. Harter escaped with a few slight bruises.

One of the children of the family who previously occupied the house in Williamsburg in which Rev. J. M. Reareck now lives, died of diphtheria, and as recalled from notices in these columns the Reareck family only lived there a short time until one of the number—Paul—became affected with the disease. It appears the residence proper was thoroughly disinfected, but for some reason some of the out-buildings were not, and it was there the germ lodged and awaited its opportunity to again become active. This incident is cited to emphasize the importance of disinfecting every building exposed to the germs.

I. O. O. F. BARBQUOR SELLERS.

Grand Lodge Excludes Hotel Men Holding License For Saloon.

Hotelkeepers holding saloon licenses were barred from the order of Odd Fellows, by action taken by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in session in Indianapolis. Saloonkeepers have been barred for some time. The action was advocated by Grand Sire John B. Cockrum.

Another important ruling of the Grand Lodge was the refusal to permit the women Rebekahs, auxiliary of the Odd Fellows, to organize a national assembly. The grand sire's report on the Imperial Order of Muscovites recognizes the right of any Odd Fellow to become a Muscovite.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Ripka Injured.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Ripka, of near Potters Mills, who were injured by being run down by a Lewisburg party, are improving, but they suffered considerable since the wreck. The couple, who are well advanced in years, on Thursday evening of the Grange Encampment and fair, were on their way home, and on reaching the hill this side of the Brockerhoff farm, were overtaken by a large spring wagon, the driver of which is said to have been John Koonsman, and badly booze-soaked. The vehicle was smashed, and the elderly couple were thrown out, both receiving numerous bruises, sprains and cuts. They were brought to Centre Hall, where Dr. Allison gave the necessary medical attention and dressed their wounds.

The road was crowded with vehicles at this particular time, and when the intoxicated man failed to stop and assist those whose injury he caused, Robert Glasgow, who was a short distance ahead, leaped from his rig and took hold of the horses and stopped them and afterwards secured their names. The driver was seen to be unfit to handle a team, and William McKinney, one of the Seven Mountain forest rangers, was put in charge of the outfit. They were taken to Potters Mills, where Koonsman was obliged to remain until the next day.

A. C. Ripka heard of the misfortune his brother and his wife had, and went to their assistance, taking them to their home that night.

To Vote For Collectors This Year.

President Judge Evans, of the Columbia and Montour district, recently rendered an opinion in which he held that the recent act of assembly adding a year to municipal and township officers elected in odd years did not apply to the office of tax collector, who was elected in 1909. The county commissioners had declined to accept the petition of Charles E. Kesty, Republican, candidate for the office in Bloomsburg, on the grounds there was no vacancy, the recent act of assembly having extended the term of the present incumbent one year and that none would be elected until 1912. The matter came before the court on a petition from an alternative mandamus which the court directed to issue, compelling the commissioners to accept the petition.

Lancaster Farming.

There is much talk of what is being done on the farm in the west, forgetting the accomplishments and the possibilities in the east. Here is a brief account of what S. H. Tresler, tenant on one of the Cameron farms, in Lancaster county, reports for this season:

120 acres yielded 3068 bushels of wheat, average per acre, 25 bushels.

35 acres yielded 900 bushels of oats, average per acre almost 26 bushels.

The corn and tobacco crop on this farm also look well.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to Penn's R. R. Co., August 5, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$1.

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Jane E. Coburn et al to Jacob Meyer, November 30, 1909, tract of land in Haines twp. \$405.

Robert B. Hosterman exr to Jacob Meyer, April 1, 1911, tract of land in Haines twp. \$5925.

Elmer C. Ross et ux to John Grove et ux, September 2, 1911, tract of land in Lemont. \$800.

Florence L. Twigg et bar to Caroline Ciesla, August 21, 1911, tract of land in Rush twp. \$1.

John L. Holmes et al to James H. Holmes, October 10, 1910, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$500.

Theory may be perfect, but the road known as "practice" is a safer one to travel on to secure economy and impartiality in an office such as the district attorney's; you will therefore win by voting for the winner—J. Kennedy Johnston, the practical candidate for the nomination for district attorney. adv.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Primary election next Saturday. September court opened on Monday for a two weeks' term.

There will be a return train from the Lewisburg fair today (Thursday). Dr. P. H. Dale brought Mrs. Dale and baby to Centre Hall for the first time last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, on Monday, went to Wilkes-Barre to visit her brother, John Moser, and will be absent for ten days.

Mrs. Anna Mshaffe, of Altoona, this week was the guest of her cousin, F. K. Carter, in Centre Hall, and of her son, Clyde Dutrow, east of town.

The man with experience on the farm, in lumber woods, teaching public school, and equipped to fulfill all the duties of the district attorney's office, is J. Kennedy Johnston. adv.

Irvin Showers has succeeded in growing Pargason chestnuts on his lot in Centre Hall. Sprouts were grafted several years ago, and he has now some fine specimens of fruit.

Mrs. S. F. Dorman, of Snyderstown, has been very ill during the past week or more. She is the mother of Mrs. L. G. Reareck, of Centre Hall, who spent several days at her bedside.

Miss Edna Murray, chief operator in the Bell telephone exchange at Centre Hall, on Friday of last week became confined to bed with muscular rheumatism. She has since improved very much.

James Swab, the Linden Hall farmer, is proud over the fact that he not only has twenty acres of first class corn, but that he already has a portion of it cribbed, the quality of which is above the average.

There are yet two days in September, and not over sixty per cent. of the wheat acreage in this locality is sown. There will be a good opportunity to observe the results of late sowing when the crop of 1912 is harvested.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buck, of Berwick, for several days last week were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary, Mrs. Geary being the former's sister. Mr. Buck is engaged with the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, as storekeeper, a very desirable position.

William C. Boozer, of Centre Hall, represented the local lodge of Masons at the anniversary jubilee held in Philadelphia on Monday, and on Tuesday witnessed the laying of the cornerstone of the Elizabethtown home, an account of both of which affairs appears in this issue.

Prof. Homer W. Jackson, of State College, before the Williamsport Poultry Association, recommended corn, bran and meat scrap as a combination of foods to bring good results in the production of eggs. This bill of fare is within the reach of every one and may be fed with the minimum labor and waste.

A new Moller pipe organ was installed in the Lutheran church, at Millburg, Sunday a week. The cost of the instrument was \$2700, of which sum Andrew Carnegie contributed \$1250. At the services referred to a number of vocalists from Freeburg assisted the choir. Rev. W. M. Reareck is pastor of the church.

Dr. Norton, who with his wife and children spent several months in Centre Hall, has been ill at Montgomery ever since leaving here. He took sick the second day after he arrived in Montgomery, and it appears his trouble, which comes from the stomach, is of such a character that he will not reach his New York home within several months. The Norton family went to Montgomery to visit Mrs. Norton's father, Mr. Doyle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCormick, of Columbia, South Carolina, came to Centre Hall on Saturday and until Wednesday were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer. Mr. McCormick came to Atlantic City to attend a meeting of the National Undertakers Association, a gathering he always attends as one of South Carolina's representatives. On Sunday the Meyer family had a reunion, all the children being around the family board.

Jerome Auman, who last spring moved from Earlstown to near Phoenixville, made an easy \$500. He had leased a farm for two years, and a few months after he moved onto it the owner had an opportunity to sell and did so. The new owner wished Auman's lease terminated, and offered him \$500 to quit the place next spring, and the proposition was accepted. He has since leased another farm about the same distance from Phoenixville. Mr. Auman is conducting a large dairy, and keeps as many as thirty cows. The milk is retailed in Phoenixville.