



MEISSNER SENTENCED.

Old Age, No Doubt, Cause of Light Sentence—Other Court News.

John H. Meissner, of Gregg township, found guilty of selling liquor to minors, was on Saturday morning sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of twenty days.

In the hearing of this case it was charged by the defendant's attorney that the district attorney had knowledge that several other persons in Gregg township were practicing the same methods as his client—Mr. Meissner, and that the defendant was being persecuted, while the others were unmolested in conducting their illegal traffic. The district attorney denied that he had knowledge of such violations, whereupon Mr. Meissner was called to the stand and questioned by the court as to whether he had knowledge of other persons engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquors who had no license to do so. The reply came that he had named three persons at Spring Mills whom he declared were guilty of such an offense.

The sentence imposed on Meissner is regarded light, but the age of the man and other surrounding circumstances, no doubt, had much to do with reducing the fine and imprisonment from the maximum.

The case of the commonwealth vs. Theodore Williams, Mamie Williams and Helen Wilson indicted on two counts—larceny and receiving stolen goods—resulted in a verdict of not guilty. It was claimed by the defendants that the goods were taken with the full knowledge of Nannie Butler, the prosecutrix, and her husband, Burdine Butler, and the articles of clothing, etc., were in exchange for services rendered.

The Grand Jury passed on three county bridges—one in Gregg township crossing Penns Creek, the inter-county bridge at Osceola Mills, and the High street bridge in the borough of Bellefonte, approving all three of them.

Court adjourned on Thursday evening until Friday morning. The attorneys, jurors, and parties interested assembled, but at the hour for the opening of court it was learned that there was evidently a misunderstanding, because Judge Orvis failed to appear.

Court was called on Saturday morning at which time, as above stated, Meissner was sentenced.

Edward Oswalt, Harry Smith, Daniel Rider, Dewey Stratton, Harry Rogers and Maurice Cartwright were also called for sentence for having stolen wire from the Bell Telephone Co. at Philipsburg, the defendants pleaded guilty early in the week. These boys, it seems, were induced to commit this crime, under the statement made by counsel, by an older person who as yet has not been brought into court. Sentence was suspended on probation and the young men placed in charge of their parents subject to being called at any time.

There were the usual number of f. and b. cases disposed of but a report of these the Reporter has always deemed unfit for publication.

Politics in Adjoining Counties.

Judge Harold M. McClure was defeated for re-nomination in the Union-Snyder district by Albert W. Johnson. The Democratic nominee is William R. Fallmer.

The bitterest primary election ever held in Clinton county resulted in the nomination of C. H. Bressler and R. W. A. Jameson for associate judges on the Republican ticket, and John A. Robb and John F. Cororan on the Democratic ticket. The fight was between the Hall and anti-Hall adherents, with complete rout for the Hall men.

In the Perry-Junata judicial districts the candidates are J. Mac. Barnett, Republican; and W. N. Selbert, Democratic. In Juniata both parties nominated one anti-liquor and one liquor candidate for associate judge, but the anti-liquor candidates took the lead by several hundred votes.

Doolin Will Cover World's Series.

Charles S. Doolin, manager of the Phillies who had his team high in the National League race, till the loss of Magee, Titus, and the manager himself killed the pennant hopes, will head the staff of baseball experts who will cover the world's series for The North American.

The fan who wants to get the best accounts of these games should order The North American.

"Temptations of a Great City," exciting, interesting and instructive, at Garman's Opera House, Bellefonte, Saturday evening, October 7th.

E. T. Jamison, of near Spring Mills, advertises two coals for sale in this issue.

The Ticket.

From among the thirty-two candidates on the Democratic county primary ticket the Democratic voters who interested themselves sufficiently to attend the primary election on Saturday, selected twelve men as their candidates to go before the people at the coming November election, yet this does not say that the candidates defeated are not worthy, capable, deserving, and that had any of them secured the nomination their chances of election would have been equally certain. The will of the people is supreme at the primaries, as well as it is at the general election, and they made no mistake in naming Democratic candidates.

The contest is now on, and will end in the summing up of the ballots cast on November 7. The Democratic party can go before the people and invite the search light to be thrown upon every candidate on the ticket without fear of developing a single dark spot on the character of any of them; without fear of exposing a lack of integrity; without fear of exposing a lack of ability; and without fear of exposing a lack of sound judgment—every candidate is peculiarly fitted for the office to which he aspires.

These candidates have entered the final contest to win, and the Democratic party means to redeem its partially lost prestige. This can and will be done.

Crooked Newspaper Contests.

The first sentence of the leading editorial in the Williamsport Sun, date of September 27, is this:

"The newspaper voting contest," as it has developed in these modern days, under the direction of professional promoters, is not a credit to the newspaper profession, nor fair to those who go into them, and has come to be regarded a nuisance by the general public."

Two of the contests conducted by a Williamsport newspaper, says the Sun, proved to be lotteries, in which the newspaper conducting them and the contestants were equally responsible, and further the postmaster has had charges of misconduct lodged against him for permitting the circulation of the papers through the mails.

A contestant in Williamsport won a prize advertised by the newspaper to be worth \$125, but he found its actual value to be but \$65. He had spent \$100 in cash to win, aside from what his friends had done for him. The contestant threatened to sue for the difference between the actual value and the advertised value, and this forced the newspaper to make good. Another contestant spent \$180 with the hope of securing an automobile, but his prize proved to be a \$75 ring, upon which four local jewelers placed a value of but \$30.

One of the methods of swindling the contestants, according to the Sun's editorial, is the "combining of districts" as the contest goes on.

LOCALS.

Miss Nellie Smith, of Centre Hall, spent Sunday with Miss Helen Breen, at Ax Mann.

The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society, on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, will hold a special endeavor rally service to which all are invited.

A great many election boards were unable to complete the primary election returns until several hours after midnight, but the best they can do is to collect the half-pay of a regular election officer.

Unclaimed letters in the Centre Hall postoffice, October 2d, 1911: Miss M. E. Mills, Mrs. John Miller, Mr. Harry Ayers, Mr. Louis A. Smith, Mr. J. F. Sult, Mr. Sam. Raspoport, two for Mr. Charles Ansbach.

Saturday afternoon, Misses I. Myrtle, F. May and Berte Barry, went to Hartleton the home of the father, Rev. D. F. P. Barry, who has long been located there. On the return of Rev. Barry from the Central Pennsylvania Synod the latter Miss Barry will again come to Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conley, of Centre Hall, on Monday afternoon started on a trip to York where they attended the fair. From there they went to Lancaster, and before returning will go to Piquanville, New Jersey, where they will visit a relative of Mr. Conley, R. C. Holmes, who conducts a large hotel there.

"Mister" is deemed a title of sufficient honor to be applied to the professors at the Central State Normal School, at Lock Haven, and by formal request of Principal Dr. D. J. Weller the students have been asked to substitute "mister" for "professor" in addressing members of the faculty. That is a good move, and proves sanity on the part of the management of the institution. The Reporter has always believed that the title of "mister" carried with it sufficient dignity to be applied to any one no matter how high his station in life.

UPLIFT—CORRECT VIEW OF COUNTRY LIFE.

[By ALVA AGEE]

I see nothing reasonable or wise in many of the things that are now being said regarding rural conditions. All of us believe that country life should be more attractive and desirable, and the same may be said of the life lived by most people of the cities. If we did not believe that matters should be better and could be better, we would not be interested in agricultural education or economic conditions. We readily grant that some people in the country, and some in the city, do not have sufficient desire for the better things of life, but somebody's resentment is stirred by the statement or the implication that as an agricultural people we are in special need of an "uplift" movement. I cannot see the sanity or the logic in it all. The cart appears to be before the horse. There is plenty of reason for study of economic conditions in the country, and we welcome all the interest that can be shown by any one along that line. We recognize the fact that all interest has centered during the last half-century upon the development of transportation and manufacturing and mining, and this resulted from a development of a lot of science that could be applied to these things. There was a field for skill in work along these lines and there was a chance for a combination of effort. Naturally these interests came into control and we learned to think for a while that they must dominate. There was less necessary skill in agriculture and less aggressiveness on the part of those remaining in agriculture. One merely states a fact when he says that the share of the consumer's dollar which has been going, and still goes, into the pocket of the producer of food is too small. Why should it be otherwise when unusual opportunity for skill and for combination attracted the aggressive element of our population, speaking of the people as a mass.

A SQUARE DEAL.

The improvement in rural conditions will come as improvement in economic conditions comes. There are people who will not educate their children nor live in good homes nor support community improvements no matter how much income they may have, but public sentiment brings things around right within a reasonably short time, if there is money for such use. Much can be done in the way of making the attainment of desirable things more easy, and for one I am sure that the increase of our definite knowledge of agriculture, the widespread teaching of the fundamental principles in our schools, and the increasing ease of adapting modern invention to home and farm life, are aids of great value but the primary question is one of a square deal. We could do better than is now the case, but matters are going to come right anyway. We have more room for skill in our business of farming and we are more awake to economic conditions. There is bound to be a better control of transportation rates, and the day will come when distribution will be more scientific and will put a greater share of the consumer's dollar into the farmer's pocket. Of course every human being needs more inspiration and higher ideals, but the "uplift" will come to us all right if the net income permits it.

AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS.

The definite knowledge which we call science and the skill in its use made work attractive. We now know things that can be taught in colleges, high schools and all other schools, and the subjects can be made true training subjects. When we know enough and know how to teach it there is going to be a big improvement in agriculture, and that work has started now. The trouble is that some people want the change in the old order of things to come about within a year or five years. A far longer time was required to make much progress in manufacturing or transportation and if the principles of agriculture are effectively taught in all our schools twenty years hence a great and rapid work will have been done. Only harm can come from testing the value of agricultural science as training subjects for children when teachers are not equipped with enthusiasm and knowledge. Time always is needed for any great change.

COOPERATION.

The same haste is shown today respecting the change in methods of buying and selling. We know in our hearts that the principal of cooperation is absolutely right, but we have not been trained to its use. The farmer has learned to depend upon his individual effort and is slow in subordinating his own judgment to that of the community. This quality is a good thing in one way, but it stands in the road of cooperation. We have some groups of farmers who are able to join in a cooperative commercial effort and make a winning, but it is hardly to be expected that men will win in it until they have acquired the spirit of cooperation that leads the best men of any community to

work shoulder to shoulder for community good at all times. We are coming to that probably as rapidly as we have a right to expect. It is a matter of education and every step in breaking down the isolation of farming life is a step toward the possibilities of cooperation. There is no pessimism in the statement that great masses are not yet ready to join in a successful movement for a more just division of the dollar that a consumer pays. We are traveling the road toward that goal, but we do only harm if we try to travel too fast. It is the spirit of the people that determines the question of success, and whenever a man reaches the point where he believes in his calling and in his community and in the judgment of his community, he is ready for it. If he goes into it as an individualist merely for individual gain, he endangers the movement.

RECIPROCITY.

I believe the opposition to reciprocity has been due more to resentment than the products of farmers were the first thing to be affected by reduction of tariffs rather than any absolute fear that the loss would be serious. I may be right and I may be wrong. The thing that interests me is the widespread earnestness with which a measure is scrutinized by farmers when it seems to concern them.

Our country people are far more capable of protecting their interests today than they were twenty years ago. There is an increasing number of wide-awake young men going into agriculture every year. Fifty years from now people will look back to this day and marvel at the progress that is being made in agricultural knowledge and the development of community interests. We need more science and more fairness in economic conditions. When we have these, social conditions will take care of themselves. The mass of people always are willing to make their conditions more desirable if their income for that purpose.

Gave Pastor Reception.

Friday evening in the Lutheran church, at Centre Hall, a reception was given the pastor, Rev. F. W. Barry, who on Tuesday previous moved from Bellefonte to Centre Hall. The reception was informal, although many of the members for the first time met the pastor. In a brief address Rev. Barry gave his views of a pastor's obligations to his people, and the church member's duty to the church and the pastor. He laid particular stress on the duty of the church member parent toward the children. The little ones should be brought to the church services as soon as they could be taken anywhere, and when of proper age it is the parents' further duty to see that they are catechized and attend all the religious services.

In speaking of the pastor's duties, he stated that pastoral work did not consist of friendly visits where his services were not needed. He promised his people that under all conditions and at all times he would be ready to visit members in need of pastoral services when asked to do so, and that none should hesitate to ask services of him.

T. M. Gramley, president of the joint council of the charge, made a few remarks in which he brought out that the method of calling the present pastor was not new to this charge. Rev. J. M. Bearick, who was here more than a dozen years, was called in the same way, and although the call was issued contrary to the church regulations, the outcome proved the wisdom of the proceedings, and he believed that history would repeat itself.

After these addresses, E. M. Huyett announced that preparations on the part of those assembled should be made to partake of the refreshments prepared in the Sunday School room, and this suggestion was at once heeded, and an hour was devoted to this feature.

Progress Grange will hold a regular meeting Saturday evening, at which time the members will take up the matter of supporting the Centre Hall Lecture Course. A proposition made by the Lecture Course Committee to the Grange to give that order the benefits of the proceeds was accepted, the conditions being that the members of the order would be liberal in their support of the movement. Over one hundred and fifty course tickets have already been sold.

The York fair is an attraction for people from all over the state. Among those from this section who attended this gathering are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer and Mrs. J. W. Runkle. The trip was made in Mr. Meyer's auto, leaving here on Saturday. They will be gone for several weeks.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We kindly thank you for remembering us by forwarding the Centre Reporter, for we know how we shall enjoy reading the news from Pennsylvania. We are more than pleased with Ohio. Have been to Akron several times, and it is certainly a beautiful city especially at night, as it is so lavishly lighted with electric lights, and then one cannot help but appreciate paved and level streets. I like Barberton very much. Everyone has a chance to breathe, as the homes are not crowded together, but have large lawns and the streets are paved and wide and level as far as one can see.

A hard rain storm visited us today; it was so dark at 10:30 a. m. that it was impossible to do any work at all indoors without artificial light, but the results were not as bad as we expected.

Natural gas is principally used, for lighting, and nearly everyone does their cooking on gas stoves, and also heat their houses with it.

Of course we are not so far from home, but far enough that we cannot see the mountains of Pennsylvania or ramble over them in search of chestnuts. We must pay ten cents in Ohio for a thimble full of these delicious nuts.

With best wishes to our friends in Centre county,

Very truly,
MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. BROOKS,
Barberton, Ohio.

Mr. Lingle Attacked by a Boar.

Friday, while endeavoring to capture a boar for castration, L. R. Lingle, at Earlstown, was attacked by the brute and narrowly escaped with his life; but for the assistance of his faithful dog, and helper, John Garis, he would have been torn to pieces. The animal was in a small pen, and the men endeavored to fasten a rope on his jaw, as is the customary way of overpowering them, when the brute made a vicious assault on Mr. Lingle, tearing his clothing from him on the hip, and then sank his tusks into his limb on the inner side midway between the crotch and knee tearing the flesh. The men began beating the brute, and with the aid of the dog he was driven to a corner and Mr. Lingle made his escape.

Dr. Foster was called to dress the wounds inflicted, which dressing required several stitches, and no further trouble is anticipated.

Veterinary Surgeon Kaup and other men castrated the boar, but he never regained his feet, dying on the spot.

Lutheran Synod.

The Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church is in session at Middleburg, the first session being called Wednesday. The Synod includes the counties of Snyder, Juniata, Perry, Mifflin, Centre, Clinton and Union. The pastors in attendance from Centre county are:

- Boalsburg—Rev. J. L. Stonecipher; delegate, George Scholl.
- Fine Grove Mills—Rev. F. S. Schultz.
- State College—Rev. I. S. Sassaman; delegate, Hon. John T. McCormick.
- Centre Hall—Rev. Fred. W. Barry; delegate, T. M. Gramley, Spring Mills.
- Aronsburg—Rev. D. M. Geesey.
- Rebersburg—Rev. N. A. Whitman; delegate, Clark Karpis, Rebersburg.
- Snyderstown—J. J. Minnemer.

Transfers of Real Estate.

William L. Fiesler et al to Sarah E. Geris, March 9, 1911, tract of land in State College. \$900.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to D. H. Meredith, February 24, 1903, tract of land in Snow Shoe. \$50.

D. H. Meredith to I. B. Budinger, September 16, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe. \$50.

Frank Pennington et ux to W. B. Taylor, September 18, 1911, tract of land in State College. \$4400.

Charles G. Avery et ux to Emma C. Hurley, September 14, 1911, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$2000.

Frank Azepo et ux to Harry Azepo, September 4, 1911, tract of land in Rush twp. \$1.

Emma L. Lebkecker et al to Cora Hymn, August 23, 1911, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$600.

James S. Martin to William Custard, August 15, 1911, tract of land in State College. \$1150.

Frank D. Gowland et al to Clara C. Spangler, September 16, 1911, tract of land in Philipsburg. \$1525.

You are not experimenting on yourself when you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a cold as that preparation has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. It is equally valuable for adults and children and may be given to young children with implicit confidence as it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

John D. Lucas, during the past few weeks, has been at Penn Hall doing carpenter work of various kinds for the Fishers.

Dwight Wolf, brother of Mrs. Sertha Wolf, is a patient in the Williamsport hospital, suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Cora Luse, a student of the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, was home on Monday to attend the funeral of her grandfather, A. P. Luse.

If you have not paid your school tax you will be obliged to pay a penalty of five per cent. On other taxes a discount of five per cent. will be allowed until November 1st.

The voters in Centre Hall, both Democrats and Republicans, didn't slight a candidate. The tally sheet has the name of every candidate on it, and one or more votes were cast for each.

Harry Keller, Jr., son of Attorney Harry Keller, of Bellefonte, has received the appointment to the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. He will begin his studies and training there next spring.

The sale of household goods held by Miss Eisle Geise, Saturday afternoon, was largely attended, and fair to good prices were received; there were no sacrifices. L. F. Mayes, of Lemont, was the auctioneer.

S. L. Condo, the Spring Mills carriage builder, and Elmer E. Swartz, a Nittany Valley farmer, met in Centre Hall on Saturday morning and made an exchange—Mr. Condo passed a new carriage to Mr. Swartz.

Beginning of this week, Mr. and Mrs. Ammon R. Burkholder set up housekeeping in Philipsburg, New Jersey, at 154 Washington street. Mr. Burkholder is employed by the Pennsylvania under his brother-in-law, A. E. Person, and has been railroading for several years.

Rev. D. M. Geesey, pastor of the Aaronburg Lutheran charge, has been at his former home in York county during the past few weeks and will not return until after the Synod at Middleburg has adjourned. Mr. Geesey is accompanied on his vacation by his wife.

After six months' residence in Bellefonte, Emory S. Ripka and family moved back to Centre Hall on Monday, and are now occupying the Geise house, which has been leased for eighteen months. Mr. Ripka is a traveling salesman for a shoe house—the Hamilton-Brown Company, and is away from home much of the time.

There are several cases of typhoid fever between Colyer and Potters Mills, and since this disease is always due to a germ that is taken into the body in either food or water, an effort should be made to locate the breeding place of the disease germs. In the mean time residents in the locality named should exercise great care to boil all water used, and not unnecessarily expose themselves.

Oliver Strunk and his assistants, Charles Stump and Jared Ripka, did their best day's hay baling last Thursday at the barn of the writer, when between 7:30 and 5:45 with an hour and a half off at noon, nineteen and three-fourth tons were packed. No attempt was made to make a record run. The hay was put to the machine by Perry Breen and George Breen, assisted occasionally by the boss, and was weighed and piled by Harry Neff.

Prof. Holsopple, of Huntington, will hold services at Centre Hall, Union and Georges Valley, as indicated in the church appointments for the Lutheran denomination. Prof. Holsopple will appear as a representative of the State Anti-Saloon League. He is well informed on his subject and treats it from a stand point not generally viewed from. His talk will be well worth the hearing, no matter what your views are on the question.

This reference to a musical was made by the Watchman: One of the most delightful social events of the season was the high class musical given on Tuesday evening to about fifty invited guests by Mr. and Mrs. R. Russell Blair, at their residence on Spring street, Bellefonte. Mr. and Mrs. Blair were ably assisted by Miss Dorothy of Bellefonte, and Miss Bradley Bible, of Philadelphia, whose reputation as a violinist of great merit is well established in the cities as well as Bellefonte. The program consisted of twelve numbers of the most classical solos, duets and trios, both vocal and instrumental, all of which were greatly appreciated by those present. During intermission refreshments were served. Miss Bible, who has been the guest of her sister, for several weeks, will leave Bellefonte soon, to accompany her father on a concert tour.