

**EXPOSE LIQUOR LICENSE SIGNERS.**

The Petitioners on the Thirteen Liquor License Applications for Phillipsburg Exposed.

Friday's Philadelphia North American published the following dispatch, dated Phillipsburg, February 13th:

There was consternation and much indignation here today when hundreds of copies of the New Republic, published at Westerville, O., were received by all classes of citizens. The paper contained a three column article headed "Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania's Black Roll of Degradation," and gave the names of 436 citizens who signed the local liquor license applications.

Heretofore signers for licenses have been exempted from any publicity, as neither of the local papers would publish the list either as reading or paid matter. The list contains some prominent citizens and church members.

In connection with the names the article says in part: "It has been shown that every fifth boy born in Phillipsburg has gone to ruin through the liquor traffic and that the drink bill of the town is at least \$200,000 a year. If this sum was invested in some legitimate moral business worthy employment could be given to all now employed in the liquor business locally and 300 men besides." The thirteen applications from Phillipsburg are still held up by Judge Orvis. Twenty-one other Centre county licenses, with the exception of one at Millheim, have been granted.

On Saturday this dispatch was printed in the North American, having been sent from Phillipsburg;

The talk of the town and county is over the list of the men who signed the petitions of the local applicants for liquor licenses published in the New Republic, an Ohio newspaper. It appears the papers were mailed to families throughout the county. Business men who were signers particularly resent the publicity, as they feel it cannot be of benefit to them in a business way.

All of the 436 signers resent the terms applied to them in the article published in connection with the list. In one place they are referred to as "blacklegs" and as "men so degraded that they sign petitions to license traps that will send their neighbors' children to perdition."

The article was not signed and an effort is being made to learn the name of the writer. Because the local ministerial association has taken an active part in the movement against granting the local licenses this year, many have credited the article to one of its members. The Rev. R. P. Miller, of the Presbyterian church and a member of the ministerial association, in a signed statement in the Daily Journal today emphatically denies any knowledge of or connection with the article.

Back to Old Ballot.

Back to the old vest pocket ballot is the order of things provided for in a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Herbert, of Berks. The bill is almost an exact reproduction of the one presented by the Democrats in 1908 as a substitute for the Focht bill, which is now the law, except that it contains the primary law section as it now exists.

Stripped of verbiage it provides that the voter shall be furnished with his ballot and an envelope when he wants to vote, and after making out his ballot he places it in the box. Nobody sees it except himself, and he has no need of assistance at the polls. The ballots are to be furnished half to the election officers and half to the representatives of party organizations on the Friday before election, and the latter may distribute them so that a voter can make out his ticket at home and take it to the polls.

It is a very simple way of getting rid of the blanket ballot, as the candidates' names are printed in one column with no party squares or anything of the kind to hoodwink the voters. It is the closest approach to the old vest pocket ballot that has yet been devised.

February Court Recalled.

President Judge Ellis L. Orvis, on Saturday, filed a decree recalling the February term of court, and since Prothonotary Foreman has notified the jurors, constables and attorneys of this fact.

The Court emphatically states that the order is made for economical reasons, it appearing that there will practically be no cases for trial for either the first or second week.

The Hooven Mercantile Co. Dividend No. 89.

The Directors of The Hooven Mercantile Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent on the preferred stock and one per cent on the common stock, payable on March 1st to stockholders of record February 18th. Checks will be mailed.

MORE LEGENDARY TALES.

From the Pen of Henry W. Shoemaker, of New York City.

"Tales of the Bald Eagle Mountains," a volume of 487 pages, by Henry W. Shoemaker, of New York, has just been issued from the press, and The Centre Reporter acknowledges the receipt of a copy with the compliments of the author, which will be a valuable and highly prized addition to our library. This historical and legendary work, which is intensely interesting, especially to those residing in the scope of territory covered by the author in his narratives, is the latest production of Mr. Shoemaker's versatile pen, his other leading works being "The Indian Steps and Other Pennsylvania Mountain Stories" and "Pennsylvania Mountain Verses."

The tales recorded in the book, as stated by the author in the preface, "show the wealth of folk lore the Indians stored up, and the first settlers brought with them from over the seas—from Scotland the north of Ireland, France, etc. In some of them the author thinks he was able to catch on the wing a passing phrase, a time and mode of life that will come no more. Every year death has wrought havoc with the 'old folks,' most of them going to their graves with their reminiscences and their ghost stories unrecorded." The author states that if he has been able to perform a service, no matter how slight, to legendary history, or to a reader's gratification, or to promote a love of all that is picturesque and best in the Central Pennsylvania mountain country, the task cannot be said to have been in vain. The book contains twenty-three absorbing tales, and contains eleven illustrations.

Aikens Buys Hotel.

The State College Times makes this reference to the sale of the Nittany Inn at that place:

One of the most important changes in reality that has ever taken place in State College was recorded last week, when the rights and interests of the Nittany Real Estate company were acquired by Charles T. and James P. Aikens. The deal involves the Nittany Inn block, the Times building and all of the vacant lots and buildings on Frazier street between the Henry Fry property and Calder alley, including the Keller livery on Kelley alley.

The Aiken brothers have the plans for a three story extension to the south wing of the hotel building, the first floor of which has already been rented by a Shamokin man for a moving picture theater. The upper floors will be ensuite with private baths. The new addition will add 22 rooms to the hotel. The management of the company will remain in the hands of Charles T. Aikens, who will give his personal attention to it. The brothers are wide awake business men and have the welfare of the future metropolis of Centre county at heart.

Putting Officers Out of Politics.

The Lock Haven Republican looks at a proposed law in this wise:

One of the very best bills now before the State Legislature is that introduced by Representative Walnut, of Philadelphia, and which if passed would prohibit county and state officials from taking any active part in political matters. The proposed bill will prohibit political activity on the part of state and county officials, will prohibit them from attending party conventions, canvassing in the interests of any candidates or soliciting votes. The penalty for violators will be dismissal from office. A law that would put a crimp in some of our local office holding political pirates that would be a blessing to the community in general, and upon those whom they are in a position to take advantage of. This law would apply to all officials from the judges of the court to the jury commissioners, and while it would not in the least embarrass some of our worthy public officials, it would make others look like Samson after he had taken a trip to a barber shop.

Every family of five persons last year gave to members of Congress one dollar's worth of postage. The head of the family may have had to borrow a stamp from his neighbor when he wished to send a letter, but he couldn't dodge the payment of his Congressional stamp tax. This stamp tax is called by the name of franking privilege, and the total cost of carrying this free mail was \$20,000,000. When the Government is seeking hither and yon for some way to make both ends meet in its great postal service, wouldn't it be a good thing to start by lopping off a great part of this huge free mailing list? There is some mail matter which a Congressman might with propriety be permitted to send at the public expense, but at present the franking stamp covers more sins than charity.

On Saturday the Georges will be let to do it.

Post Office Department

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

PUBLISHER CENTRE REPORTER, Centre Hall, Pa.

Your attention is invited to amended paragraph 3, section 436, of the Postal Laws and Regulations, appearing in the December, 1911, Postal Guide, reading as follows:

"The right of publishers to extend in good faith credit on subscriptions is recognized and will not be abridged, and although all subscriptions are regarded as expiring with the period for which they were obtained, nevertheless, in order to give an opportunity to secure renewals, copies of their publications will be accepted for mailing as to subscribers at the usual second-class rates of postage for a period of one year from the date of expiration; but copies sent to persons after one year from the date of the expiration of their subscriptions, unless such subscriptions be expressly renewed for a definite time, together with an actual payment of subscription or a bona fide promise of payment, will not be accepted at the pound rate, but will be accepted at the transient second-class rate of one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof, prepaid by stamps affixed."

The purpose of this regulation is to give publishers a reasonable opportunity to secure renewals of subscriptions, and at the same time relieve the postal service of the burden of carrying copies of publications as to subscribers at the usual second-class rates of postage to persons who are not such in fact.

In order that the Department may ascertain whether the regulation is being uniformly complied with, you are requested to furnish, with regard to the circulation of the next issue of your publication, the information asked on the reverse side of this sheet, sending it under cover of the inclosed official envelope, which requires no postage.

JOHN R. BRITT,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION

Of The Centre Reporter, published at Centre Hall, Pa., covering the date February 20, 1913.

How many copies of the above issue did you print?
How many copies were mailed as to subscribers?
How many copies were sold by news agents, delivered by your own carriers, or sold over your counter?
How many copies were mailed as "sample copies"?
What disposition was made of the remaining copies printed?
Of the number of copies mailed as to subscribers, how many were sent to persons whose subscriptions at the time of mailing this issue were in arrears more than one year and had not been expressly renewed?

Any person who shall submit or cause to be submitted to any postmaster or to the Post Office Department or any officer of the postal service any false evidence relative to any publication, for the purpose of securing the admission thereof at the second class rate for transportation in the mails, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for every such offense, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars. (Act of March 4, 1909, ch. 321, 35 Stat. L., 1088.)

(Signed and sworn to by the publisher.)

The above will explain to our patrons why we have insisted on payment on subscription before the expiration of a year, and why we have induced the greater part of our patrons to pay in advance.

Wolf-Cummings.

On Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock, Charles W. Wolf, of near Aaronsburg, and Mrs. Rebecca Cummings, of near Centre Hall, were united in marriage by Rev. W. Donat, pastor of the Reformed church, at the home of Mrs. Nathaniel Boob, in Millheim, in the presence of the following relatives and immediate friends: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings, Miss Elsie Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Boob, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Motz, Mrs. Anna Kemmely, Mrs. Samuel Moyer, and Mrs. Jose Reigher.

The groom is a farmer by occupation, but in a few weeks will make sale of his personal property, and then he and his bride will make their home in Aaronsburg, where the groom owns a property. The bride is well known in this locality, and owns a fine farm west of Centre Hall, along the Boalsburg road west from Old Fort. She is highly regarded, a splendid housekeeper, and good business woman, having managed her farm in a manner that would be a great credit to any one. The Reporter extends to the newly married couple its best wishes for a happy life.

To Marry February 27th.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of David Haines, of McAlisterville, and Miss Mary White, of Centre Hall, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel White at Bellefonte.

The prospective bride has lived in or near Centre Hall for a number of years, and is highly thought of. She is an ideal housekeeper, and in every other way qualified to make a home home-like.

Mr. Haines is said to be a retired tiller of the soil, a man of means and in good standing in every way in the community in which he lives.

The couple will make McAlisterville their home, where the prospective groom owns property.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cure, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Birthday Party for Thomas Sholl.

The friends and neighbors of Thomas Sholl, of Madisonburg, assembled at his home on the evening of February 12 to celebrate the anniversary of his birth. Mr. Sholl has lived in Penna and Brush Valleys his entire life, having devoted his energies to the tilling of the soil. In this he has been successful but he has also made friends as well as money. Happy is the man who can call his neighbors friends.

Some time ago Mr. Sholl had the misfortune to fall through an opening from one floor of the barn to the other. The result of which was a broken leg. He has fully recovered and is able to go about his usual work. To celebrate this recovery as well as his birthday the affair was planned and carried out. The arrangements were in charge of his two daughters, Miss Kate Sholl and Mrs. Herbert Yearick.

The Madisonburg orchestra was on hand to furnish music for the occasion. Mrs. Mary Hazel Dietrich, an accomplished musician and teacher, delighted the gathering with several piano selections.

A bountiful supper was served, consisting of oysters, ice cream, cakes and sweetmeats. Mr. Sholl was the recipient of numerous presents. His friends and neighbors wish him more abundant success still and many more years of usefulness to himself and the community in which he lives.

The following is a list of those present: George Sholl and Mrs. Carrie Dale, Lemont; Miss Mary Tibbens, Bellefonte; Ira Schultz and family, Abner Hill and family, Mrs. Henry Swartz, Roy Grimes, Mrs. George Bechtel, William Snavely, Millheim; Lee Homan, Paul Wert, Anna Weaver, Spring Mills; Fairy Stover, Rebersburg; Abraham Stein, Lock Haven; Harry Fiedler, Rockford, Ill.; Benjamin Royer and family, Jacob Stover and family, Thomas Wise and family, George Wise and family, Newton Fiedler and family, Mrs. Bertha Royer, Miles Royer, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ziegler, Miss Alma Dietrich, Miss Mabel Vonado, Jacob Hazzi, Reuben Vonado, Miss Tacy Yearick, Misses Ida and Lottie Strayer, Miss Anna Smith, Miss Martha Rachau, Fred Rachau, Madisonburg.

The February term of court has been recalled.

DEATHS

Sarah Jane Reesman, widow of Samuel P. Reesman, died in Fairbury, Nebraska. Deceased was a daughter of the late William L. Musser and was born in Millheim, February 3rd, 1843. She was married to Samuel P. Reesman, July 7, 1861, at Millheim. To this union were born eight children, two of whom preceded her to the better land. Her husband, Samuel Reesman died December, 12, 1904, at Fairbury. Three sons and three daughters survive her, namely: John W. and James T. Reesman, living south of Fairbury; Ward B. Reesman, living near Daykin, Neb.; Anna A. Hockett, wife of W. M. Hockett; Dora A. Denney, wife of C. H. Denney and Gertrude V. Riley, wife of R. E. Riley, all living in Fairbury.

Ray Livingstone, a former resident of Pine Grove Mills, died suddenly at Kemlocks, British Columbia, aged thirty-two years. He had resided in that district for the past fifteen years. A sister, Miss Ella Livingstone, of Pine Grove Mills left immediately upon receipt of the telegram to claim the body, which upon arrival will be interred at Manor Hill. The deceased, who was a son of James and Mary Livingstone, was well known to the old residents of Ferguson township, and is survived by three sisters and brothers: Mrs. Maud Randolph and Ella, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Fannie Gibbons, of Stone Valley; Mrs. Miller, of North Dakota; Bertha, of New Jersey; Robert, of Tyrone, and Edward, in the west.

Capt. John M. Harnish, aged eighty-one years, died in Boggs township. He enlisted in Company F, 56th Regiment and served until the close of the war. He was postmaster at Wrigate for thirty years, and was also engaged in the mercantile business.

Miss Mazie Bannison died in Howard, aged sixty years. Interment was made in that place on Sunday. She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. W. R. Gardner, Mrs. J. R. Sweeney, and Miss Jane Bannison, all of Howard.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Michael Lennett, a civil war veteran in Benner township, aged seventy-two years.

Miss Ella Hall, at Howard, aged fifty-five years.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Oscar W. Stover et ux to Walker Shutt, house and lot in Boalsburg, \$800.

John Hamilton et ux to Alvaretta W. Corman, lot in State College, \$500.

Martha S. Packer to Penna. Railroad Co., strip of land in Howard twp. \$325.

Thomas Miles et ux to Baleser Weber lot of land in Howard twp. \$1000.

F. Milford Pletcher to Penna. Railroad Co., lot of land in Howard twp. \$1500.

Arabella Yocum et bar to George E. Vonado, lot of land in Walker twp. \$325.

Susannah Emerick to Mary A. Kauffman, lot of land in Walker twp. \$300.

John I. Robison et ux to Emma R. Butz, lot of land in State College. \$1.

Mary J. Caldwell, admrx. to J. K. Johnston, guard, lot of land in Bellefonte. \$450.

D. Howard Bartley et ux to F. A. Shoemaker, premises in Bellefonte. \$1100.

Harry B. Kern et ux to D. H. Bartley, premises in Bellefonte. \$1375.

Centre Mills.

Mrs. Harvey Lambert is still confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller visited their new niece.

The little son of Arthur Cummings has recovered from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Floray, of Madisonburg, visited the home of Wm. Bair, on Sunday.

Chas. Miller, wife and baby, of Union county, are visiting the former's parents at present.

Miss Minnie Kline returned to the home of her parents after serving a charge at Holdens, Maryland, the past year. She refused to accept a call to continue to fill the pastorate, but will again give her time to evangelistic work. On her way home she stopped in Philadelphia and acted as bride's maid at the marriage of a friend.

One Ben Johnson, a Kentucky congressman, discovered that the people outside of the District of Columbia were paying one-half of all the expenses to conduct the government of Washington, and he put up such a strenuous fight against it that three million dollars was cut out of a recent appropriation for the running expenses of the National Capital City.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.**HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS**

Charley Stump is back from Virginia, where he visited the old folks at home for several months.

The purchasing price of the Dinges property in Boalsburg was \$1600, and the new owner is Al. Lee.

Mrs. W. Vernon Godehall, of Centre Hall, sold her dwelling house at State College to Perry Homer Gentzler for \$3,800.

L. F. Roan, the Lemont auctioneer and who also makes a specialty of packing furniture, was in Centre Hall on Monday.

The State College school board purchased three lots on Fairmont Avenue and some of the taxpayers are up in arms about the transaction.

F. M. Ackerman, of near Centre Hill, began painting on the interior of the Reporter building on Monday. The woodwork will all be finished in natural color.

The engagement of Miss Gertrude Homan, of State College, to Charles Moherbaugh, of Boalsburg, was announced at a gathering of young people at the home of Mrs. Sarah Garis, at State College.

Farmer John D. Moore was one of the Reporter's callers on Friday evening. Mr. Moore is a renter, but holds long leases, having lived more than twenty years on the Lingle farm, now owned by John Treaster.

Henny's auto car on its way home from the Millheim horse sale last Thursday made a dash for a telephone pole and could not be checked until it struck hard enough to do considerable damage. None of the occupants were injured.

A Daughter of the Desert, a western drama in three acts, will be produced at Noll's hall, Pleasant Gap, on Saturday evening, for the benefit of the Pleasant Gap Fire company. Good specialties will be introduced between every part.

J. H. Weber purchased the driving horse, buggy, etc., owned by W. Gross Mingle. Mr. Weber, under moderate weather comes, will devote some of his time to driving through the country, which he thinks will be beneficial to his health.

Dr. P. S. Wykoff, of Loganton, has leased the Jacob Krumline property at State College, and will locate there. One of his objects in changing his field for practicing his profession is to take advantage of the educational opportunities presented at the latter place.

Mrs. W. W. Royer asks the Reporter to change her address from Juniata to Tacoma, Washington. Her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Saunders, with whom Mrs. Royer has made her home for several years, will also locate at the place named above. The Reporter wishes them success in their new home.

There will be a large number of "flittings" in Centre Hall, April 1st, several families will move out of town. A number of new houses will be occupied for the first time next spring. If there are any houses open for tenants, the fact should be made known through an advertisement in this paper, for there is no necessity of a single house being vacant in the borough after April 1st.

William A. Magee, of Philadelphia, was in town from Saturday until Monday evening. He is in the Philadelphia custom house, and his position is protected by the civil service law, which applies to the entire department except three offices at the head of the list. Shipping business is not being effected by the approaching change of administration, in the opinion of Mr. Magee.

Many of the readers of this paper, especially those interested in bands, will be pleased to know that Prof. Joseph H. Feehrer is hale and hearty at seventy-five years, and continues his love for the cornet. He now lives in Sellingsgrove. Prof. Feehrer, not less than forty years ago, instructed the Centre Hall band which at that time was one of the crack bands in Centre county. During the civil war he was leader of the 208th Regiment, P. V. I., band.

R. D. Killian, of Lewisburg, who makes his exclusive business that of buying walnut trees, cutting them into logs and preparing them for shipment to Germany, has cleaned up all the walnut in this section, having made two shipments last week. The logs are peeled, and hewn octagonal-shape so that they will occupy the least possible space on board of ship. The ends of the logs are also dressed off nicely and carefully painted. When ready for shipping the logs have the appearance of heavy pieces of timber dressed for a special purpose.