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CAPITOL HILL BAR ROOM.

Spreading Hand On Glass Door is Key That Opens Room 249.

The following appeared in the Harrisburg Patriot of last Friday, and the night previous a resolution was passed by the house to investigate the "joint."

This is not a story of "the black hand," nor has it anything to do with palmistry. Neither is it a tale of digital surgery workings. It is simply the story of the open "sesame," to the first-class beer and whiskey joint that is maintained in the State Capitol.

If you are one of the "elite"—and to become one you need only, in case you drink, to have "gone along" on some of the important pieces of liquor interests legislation that got through both Houses and Senate this session—you can get all the booze you want.

Room 249, located on the Senate side of the central corridor of the Capitol, on the same floor as is both Senate and House, is fitted out with as complete a line of booze as one could well desire. Whiskey, beer and "soft" drinks are to be had without stint, the only requisite being capacity and an ability to keep quiet about the joint.

Entrance is gained in the usual manner of opening a door. But to do this a key must be had. Now to use a key to "249" requires some finesse.

And such a key! Place your right hand—the left will do, of course—on the frosted glass panel in the door of "249" then knock gently with your free hand.

You needn't even call "Open, Sesame!" for a kindly hand will perform that function.

Almost silently the latch will click and you can step inside and drink your fill.

There's no expense. Who pays it? Big liquor interests have gotten all they wanted out of the legislature, both House and Senate, either in the way of "special privilege" bills or the defeat or mutilation of those measures aimed at them. Everything's free. Even the lunch that you might get is free, or at least you won't have to pay for it.

That "special privilege" bar has been in constant operation since the session opened. Senators and Representatives have worn paths in the hard granolithic flooring as they traveled merrily and unsteadily to and fro.

Invitation, by word of mouth, came quite early in the session to nearly all of the Senators and Representatives who were considered "safe" to "come and get a key." Many of them went; some drank, others merely had a look or took a "water"—but none of them peached.

Spout as they would on any and all occasions and subjects, not one member of either branch of the legislature has been known to burst into song about the full fledged bar that operates continuously and without known expense within sound of their mingled voices.

Girls Stop Runaway.

Two Milroy girls, Miss Catharine Fulz and her cousin, Miss Ruth Fulz, exhibited a bit of nerve when at the risk of their lives they stopped a heavy team of runaway horses which were bearing down upon a carriage in which the young ladies were driving with two aged aunts and a small child. They were driving through a narrow lane, and it was impossible to turn aside to allow the driverless team pass. Without hesitation the girls leaped from the carriage and sprang at the frightened horses. One of the girls was lifted from the ground, but she hung bravely onto the bridle, while the other girl was handspelled by a broken bit, but she grasped the other animal in the nostrils and between them they brought the animals to a standstill.

Petition will be made to the Carnegie Hero Commission by interested parties for medals of bravery.

Sechrist-Gardner.

On the 12th inst., Miss Ethel Sechrist, youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Sechrist, and Milton Gardner, son of Prof. Joseph Gardner, of near Howard, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Dallastown, York county. They will take up housekeeping in Altoona, where the groom is employed.

During the term of ministry of Rev. J. R. Sechrist as pastor of the United Evangelical church in Centre Hall, Mrs. Gardner won many warm friends among the younger set on account of her cheery disposition, who will be pleased to learn of her advent into matrimony.

The grass widow is sometimes a daisy.

GOING FORWARD POLITICALLY.

Armstrong, Bucks, Crawford, Dauphin and Somerset Counties Indorse Reorganization Leaders.

The proceedings of the Democratic County Committees which have recently met for re-organization in various parts of the State, are full of encouragement for all sincere Democrats. Not long ago the committees of Lycoming and Snyder counties which, during the re-organization movement, were under the control of bi-partisan gangsters, dumped the reactionaries and put in their places sincere, earnest, progressive Democrats.

Within the last ten days the Democratic County Committees of Armstrong, Berks, Crawford, Dauphin and Somerset counties have met for re-organization and adopted resolutions formally commending the administration of President Wilson, the conduct of the Democratic State Central Committee under the chairmanship of Hon. George W. Guthrie and the course of the National Committeeman, A. Mitchell Palmer, showing that those committees are standing true with faces to the front for honesty, progressiveness, the rule of the people, repudiation of bossism and for an organization of the Democratic party, local and State, truly representative of the voters and responsive to their will.

Odd Fellows Decorate.

Last Sunday was the day set for decorating the graves of the deceased members of the local order of I. O. O. F., and this tribute of respect was performed by forty Odd Fellows and twenty Rebekahs. The cemeteries visited were those at Spruettown, Tusseyville, Centre Hill and Centre Hall. The graves were strewn with beautiful flowers. The orator for the occasion was Lawyer S. D. Gettig, of Bellefonte.

Reformed Reunion and Picnic.

The four congregations comprising the Centre Hall Reformed church will hold a reunion and basket picnic on Grange Park, Centre Hall, Thursday, July 31st. There will be a literary program, and beside the pastor, Rev. R. R. Jones, there will be one or two speakers from a distance.

LOCALS.

Miss Minnie Kline is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. Vernon Godshall, in Centre Hall.

Henry Swabb, who has been ill for some months is not improving. His sickness is largely due to his advanced age.

Merchant George O. Benner is having his store and dwelling house repainted. The painters doing the work are Messrs. John Luse and F. E. Arney.

Claud K. Stahl, who holds a clerical position with the Pennys, at Altoona, was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Stahl, Saturday and Sunday.

T. L. Smith was in State College Tuesday on the transaction of business. He brought home with him his little daughter Louise, who spent a few days with friends.

Tuesday Henry Mitterling left Centre Hall on his Indian motorcycle for Altoona where he will remain for a few days before going to Cleveland, Ohio, where he hopes to secure employment during the summer months.

Prof. Samuel C. Miller, a native of Ferguson township, who last year taught the Larkin grammar school, is now principal of the new Franklin grammar school in the same city—Chester—and is receiving a salary of \$150 per month.

Mrs. Mary Reick and daughter, Miss Savilla Reick, on Saturday went to Dewart where they will be entertained for two weeks at the home of the former's niece, Mrs. Sheffer, whose husband is engaged in the manufacture of ice cream.

Merchant and Mrs. C. F. Emery, accompanied by their children, had an enjoyable auto trip Sunday, taking in Cowan, Millinburg and Laurelton. Mrs. Emery and two of the children, Albert and Algie, remained at Laurelton with Mr. Emery's brother, Martin T. Emery, until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Powell for several days last week were at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Milford Luse. Mrs. Powell before her marriage, last fall, was Miss Jennie Kerstetter, of Laurelton, at which place she resides. Mr. Powell is a traveling salesman and his business brought him into this locality at this time.

Rev. Simpson B. Evans, presiding elder in the Methodist church for this district, held the second quarterly conference at Spring Mills on Saturday afternoon, and filled appointments at Spruettown, Centre Hall and Millheim. While in this place Rev. Simpson and Rev. and Mrs. Lantz and children were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bartholomew.

New School Principal.

At a recent meeting of the Centre Hall school board Prof. Harry A. Dodson, of Orbisonia, was elected principal of the Centre Hall High School at a salary of eighty dollars per month, with the understanding that if he makes good he is to have his wages increased after two months. Prof. Dodson is a graduate of one of the State Normal Schools and has had some thirteen years experience. He is married, and with his wife and two children will come to Centre Hall to live.

The school term remains at eight months, and while the millage has not yet been fixed it is understood that it will not be changed from the present rate—six for school and two for building purposes.

Potter Twp. School Teachers.

The Potter township school board at a recent meeting elected the following teachers:

Tusseyville, Bertha Miller.
Colyer, Frank Kerlin.
Potters Mills (Grammar) Elmer M. Miller.
Potters Mills (Primary) M. Ruth Bower.
Centre Hill, Edward F. Mersinger.
Earlstown, Dora Ishler.
Tusseyville, Charles Horner.
Manser Hill, Mary Nell.
Egg Hill, Bruce Ripka.
Fleisher Gap, Mary Slatterbeck.
Pine Grove, Elizabeth Bitner.
Pine Stump, Mary Grove.
Cold Springs, George Harter.

The finances of the district are in good condition. The tax rate is five mills.

Murder and Suicide.

Mrs. Sarah Seitles, aged forty-seven years, in a fit of jealousy, shot and instantly killed William Hough, aged twenty-eight. It is believed she fired the fatal bullet while Hough was asleep on her couch. The body of the woman was found on the floor.

Mrs. Seitles is a widow and witness at the inquest stated that she had made threats that she would kill Hough, because he would attention to another and a younger woman.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Harry Keller, Assignee, to Clayton S. Gardner, tract of land in Curtin twp. \$1355.

Susanna Allen's heirs to W. G. Runkle, tract of land in Potter twp. \$1200.

Susan E. McKinney to William Bennett, tract of land in Worth twp. \$240.

Elizabeth S. Meyer to Edna M. McIntire, tract of land in College twp. \$1.

Frank Holt et al to Sarah A. Goodrick, tract of land in Rush twp. \$1.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co., to John Daniel, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$100.

Dora E. Fisher to Boro of Unionville, tract of land in Union twp. \$500.

Daniel I. Johnston to Jennie M. Tate, tract of land in Pine Grove Mills. \$650.

E. S. Erb to A. C. Longee, tract of land in State College. \$100.

E. S. Erb to Olive M. Steele, tract of land in State College. \$100.

Anna C. Grove to Arthur M. Grove, tract of land in Potter twp. \$2500.

John C. Barr et al to Harris Harbridge, tract of land in Huston twp. \$1.

Arthur B. Lee, sheriff, to A. C. Mingle, premises in Bellefonte. \$200.

Robert Flick et al to A. Y. Wagner et al, extra. premises in Union twp. \$700.

J. R. Smetzler to John F. Treaster, tract of land in Potter twp. \$10.

John F. Royer et al extra. to John F. Treaster, tract of land in Potter twp. \$340.

Fergus Potter ex. to John F. Treaster, tract of land in Potter twp. \$7690.85.

A. C. Mann, ex. to A. P. White, tract of land in Liberty twp. \$225.

Pine Grove Cemetery Association to Henry McCracken, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$50.

Mary A. Waple et al to Florence L. Twigg, tract of land in N. Phillipsburg. \$400.

Annie E. Mattern et bar to Ada B. Bullock, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$450.

Lucian Spicher et ux to Lloyd Brown, tract of land in Harris twp. \$100.

Luther D. Fye et ux to Norris B. Martz, tract of land in State College. \$450.

Luther D. Fye et ux to Norris B. Martz, tract of land in State College. \$425.

E. H. Auman et ux to Aithur M. Long, tract of land in Millheim boro. \$12,000.

Arthur M. Long to E. L. Auman Milling Co., tract of land in Millheim boro. \$12,000.

Charles Zelnaka et ux to John Sychta, tract of land in Rush twp. \$250.

The Susquehanna district Knights of the Golden Eagle will hold its annual meeting at Riverside park, Milton, on labor day, September 1.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Some Interesting Facts Concerning the Pittsburg District, from Calvin G. Spicher, Editor of the Reporter.

The label on my paper indicates the necessity of a renewal, and I will also send you a description of our town which is a residence place for people employed at the Westinghouse, in Pittsburg and other nearby places. There is no employment except at a few planing mills in Wilkinsburg.

The valuation of property of this borough is over \$20,000,000. School tax, seven and one half mills; borough tax, seven mills; all other taxes three and one half mills. There are six large public school buildings, one is a \$400,000 new high school building—the best high school in the state.

Ordinarily convenient houses rent for from \$25 to \$40 per month, according to size and location; small houses, inconvenient and at undesirable locations, rent at from \$15 up per month. Four years ago I had a convenient house built. To own one's own home is almost as expensive as to rent, as it is expensive to build and to keep them in repair. Masons, carpenters, bricklayers, painters, plasterers, plumbers, and roofers receive fifty-five to sixty-five cents per hour. Shop mechanics receive thirty to forty cents per hour. Men having no trades eighteen to twenty-eight cents per hour. Meals and room, \$25 to \$33 per month.

The P. R. R. extends through the town, having grade crossings. There were so many people killed at these crossings, that now each crossing is guarded by two policemen and two watchmen. There are more than one hundred passenger trains go through here each day. The tracks are now being elevated to overhead crossing, and when completed there will be seven tracks and a new station with a platform one-third of a mile long.

There was a new building erected near the railroad for the postoffice. It is large and equipped with the very latest designs of postoffice furniture and appliances. There are at present forty-one employees in the postoffice, of which I am one, and by July 1st there will be three more employees added to the force.

Respectfully,
CALVIN G. SPICHER.

Wilkinsburg, June 16th, 1913.

Children's Day Service in the Churches.

Children's Day service in the local Lutheran church, scheduled to take place last Sunday, was postponed until next Sunday morning, June 29th. Services in other churches will be as follows:

Tusseyville, Reformed and Lutheran, Saturday evening, June 28th.

Centre Hall, Reformed, Sunday evening, June 29th.

Tusseyville, United Evangelical church, Sunday evening, June 29th.

Attended Funerals.

The funeral of Mrs. James Runkle at Tusseyville was largely attended. Among those who were there from a distance whose names were given the Reporter were: Mr. and Mrs. James High, and Miss Mary Runkle, Lock Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bottorf, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bottorf, Mr. and Mrs. James Bottorf and Minnie and Walter Bottorf, of Newburg; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Osman and Miss Ruth Osman, Glen Iron; Mrs. Bowersox, Middleburg; Mrs. Rosie Meyer, Buffalo; Mrs. Hulda Sullivan, Philadelphia; W. G. Runkle, Eq., and James Runkle, Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Musser, Penn Hall; Christ Bezer and James Witmer, Bellefonte; Mrs. Rocky and family, Zion; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Musser, Spring Mills; Lizzie Stover, Spring Mills; N. B. Spangler, Eq., and Joseph L. Runkle, Bellefonte; Mrs. Jacob Meyer, Boalsburg; Mrs. E. W. Crawford, Mrs. Sarah Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyers, James Runkle, Miss Laura Runkle, Mrs. J. R. G. Allison, Centre Hall; and Miss Helen Shaffer, Bellefonte.

The automobile can be used to advantage aside from touring and pleasure, as has been demonstrated by both Penns and Nittany Valley farmers. Down below Penn Hall George Sheesley hitches an Oldsmobile to a cultivator, and tills his corn to his heart's content. At the noon hour the "Barney of 1913" stands quietly in the corn row until Farmer Sheesley is refreshed, and then the critter's tail is twisted, the engine hums, and away the modern horse goes, taking with it the cultivator. In the suburbs of Lock Haven F. C. Lucas uses a Chalmers car to draw a hay rake, and with that power gathered a fine crop of alfalfa on windows. These farmers claim that the gasoline driven horse neither gets the bolts nor colic, and needs no pity.

The legislature is due to adjourn today (26th), but will it do so?

DEATHS.

Last week as the Reporter went to press word was received of the death of Mrs. Catharine Runkle, widow of the late James Runkle, of Potter township, and but a brief statement of the death was made.

Mrs. Runkle died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Musser, at Penn Hall, to whose home she had gone on Sunday previous for a few days' visit, and was sick but for a few hours, her heart having been very much affected.

Mrs. Runkle was a daughter of George Spangler, Sr., and was born in Potter township June 20, 1831, making her age eighty-two years less two days. She and her husband for many years lived immediately west of Tusseyville, where they engaged in farming, and since the death of Mr. Runkle in March of 1910, she continued to live there with her son, who conducts the farm.

She was a member of the Reformed church, and her pastor, Rev. R. R. Jones, officiated at the funeral services which were held from the Runkle home on Saturday morning, interment being made in the cemetery at Tusseyville.

The surviving children are: Mary, wife of Harry Bottorf, Newburg; Mrs. Hulda Sullivan, Philadelphia; Lydia, wife of James High, Lock Haven; Alice, wife of Calvin Osman, Glenn Iron; Maggie, wife of Frank Musser, Penn Hall; Hugh, at the home-stead in Potter township; James, near Bellefonte; William Groh, Bellefonte. William H. Runkle, at Centre Hall, is a half brother, and Mrs. Samuel Shutt, of Centre Hill, and Mrs. John Mitchley, of Williamsport, are half sisters of the deceased.

Mrs. Jane Shreckengast died at Millmont, aged sixty-seven years, nine months and thirteen days, and interment was made at Farmers Mills Wednesday of last week, Rev. Kohler, pastor of the Reformed church at Millinburg, being the officiating minister. Before marriage Mrs. Shreckengast was Miss Jane Greening, and was born at Tylersville, in Sugar Valley. She was the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom survive; one daughter, Mrs. John Huss, of Spring Mills, and her husband, Luther Shreckengast, having preceded her in death. The surviving children are these: Hamilton E., and Harry, Farmers Mills; Mrs. William Ralston and Mrs. John Hannah, State College; Mrs. John Guthrie, Philadelphia; Mrs. Dr. Heedner, Easton; Mrs. George Hickernell, Nevada; Mrs. Martin Shade, Livonia; Samuel, Altoona; Cyrus, Millmont; Mrs. Charles Taylor, Huntingdon. Two brothers, Thomas, of Tylersville; and Daniel, of California, and two sisters, Mrs. James Cooney, of Jersey Shore; and Mrs. Herman Bressler, of Corning, New York, also survive.

William Stonebraker, of Sandy Ridge, died of typhoid fever, with which he had been ailing for a short time. The deceased, whose age was about thirty-nine years, was unmarried. He was born near Sandy Ridge, where he has always resided, working most of the time in the brick plants there and at Retort.

School Teachers Elected.
At a meeting of the Centre Hall school board held last week, three of the four teachers were elected, namely: Primary, Miss Helen Bartholomew; Intermediate, Thomas L. Moore; Grammar, D. Ross Bushman. The salary in each case is the minimum wages of fifty dollars per month.

It was not money for which D. A. Booser was searching one night last week, as was supposed by some who passed his residence while he was passing over his lawn with a lighted lamp in hand, and face turned downward. Quite to the contrary it was vermin which he learned but recently had been the cause of the grass on his newly-sown lawn turning from a healthy green to a sickly yellow hue. "Night crawlers" had been attacking the roots of the tender plants, and Mr. Booser has since been waging an incessant warfare to exterminate this pest. The "night crawler" is a species of the common earth worm, only it is about six or eight times as large in size. It comes out only at night, and usually lays on the grass with one end of its long slimy body in the hole into which it disappears with lightning-like rapidity upon the approach of an enemy. Mr. Booser however, has learned to "beat him to it," and one night's work usually results in the capture of a pint or more of these destructive pests.

If you intend doing any concrete work it will be worth your while to look into the quality of the cement to be used. Try Alpha Portland, color right and quality guaranteed.—R. D. Foreman.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Millheim has a six mills borough and two mills poor tax.

Miss Alice Boon, daughter of Mrs. J. H. Boon, is with her at the Bristol home in Centre Hall.

Miss Ruth Rupp, of State College, spent a few days last week with her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Saunders, in Centre Hall.

Misses Effie J. R. Keller, of Bellefonte, and Margaret Glassner, of Blanchard, graduated from the West Chester State Normal School.

James High, of Lock Haven, was a caller at this office last week. He came here with Mrs. High to attend the funeral of Mrs. James Runkle, at Tusseyville.

Mrs. Sarah Horner, of Colyer, who has reached the ripe old age of seventy-three years, is spending some time with her niece, Miss Elizabeth Runkle, in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran L. Grove and little daughter, of Red Hill, Monticomey county, are visiting relatives in and about Boalsburg. Mr. Grove is an operator on the Reading railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jackson, of State College, and the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stephens, of the same place, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith, in Centre Hall.

Miss Ruth Ruble, who for some time had been at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. L. W. Ruble, in Cleveland, Ohio, is at the home of her parents in Centre Hall and will remain for the summer.

Installation services for Rev. L. S. Spangler will be held in the Lutheran church, at Pine Grove Mills, on Sunday, at 10 a. m. His father, Dr. H. H. Spangler, will charge the people and Dr. W. M. Doblin, of Adamsburg, the pastor.

John F. Drum, of Winfield, Union county, while riding a bicycle collided with an auto driven by A. E. Kreamer, and was so badly injured internally that he died the following day. He was twenty-nine years of age and leaves a widow.

Prof. Matthew Landquist, M. Mus., of Taylor University, Upland, Ind., had been elected director of the Susquehanna University Conservatory of Music to succeed Prof. H. Anton Dickie, resigned. Prof. Landquist will take charge at the opening of the next scholastic year in September.

A movement is formulating in Union county to assemble former residents of Centre county and hold a picnic. The active parties in the undertaking live in the vicinity of Hartleton, but it is proposed to extend the invitation to all former residents of Centre county regardless of the locality of the county in which they live.

Darlington Brown, a member of the Milroy Boy Scouts, earned a medal when he hiked across the Seven Mountains and on to Centre Hall to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Krise. He arrived in Centre Hall Saturday afternoon and on Sunday started on his return trip. The distance he covered is twenty-eight miles.

This (Thursday) morning Rev. W. H. Schuyler will leave for Clinton, N. Y., where with his daughter, Miss Eloise Schuyler, he will be among relatives and friends for a period of ten days. From there he will go to Auburn, N. Y., and take the two weeks' course of study in the Summer School of Theology in the Theological Seminary.

W. E. Spangler, who is engaged by the Monon Coal Company in the auditing department, moved from Chicago to Terre Haute, Indiana. The company named changed the location of the department in which Mr. Spangler is employed from Chicago to the Indiana town, and it was to be near his office that Mr. Spangler made the change of residence.

The tenth reunion of the Yearick & Hoy families was held at Hecla park last Thursday. A regular program had been arranged beginning at 10 o'clock and ending at 12 o'clock noon. A portion of the program included an address by Rev. J. Leidy Yearick, of McConnelsburg; reading of the minutes by the secretary, Hon. J. H. Wetzel; financial report by the treasurer, Albert Spayd.

The fact that the Commonwealth Male Quartette, which twice appeared in Centre Hall as numbers in the lecture course, is one of the drawing cards the Chautauqua to be held in Bellefonte in July is putting out, proves that the material furnished by Mr. Arnold is not second grade. What is good enough for summer Chautauquas at the larger towns and cities, ought to satisfy those who patronize the Centre Hall lecture course.