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ANOTHER COUNTY IN "DRY" COLUMN.

Jefferson County Cleared Up of Rum Traffic Last Week.—Brings Total of "Dry" Counties to Ten.

The rum trade was wiped out in Jefferson county last week, thus bringing the list of dry counties to ten, when Judge Charles Corbet, at Punxsutawney, refused every one of forty-one applications for 1916 licenses. The present licenses will expire on February 16.

The final assault of the liquor forces, which were defeated in the last election, was led by ex-Judge John W. Reed, the defeated candidate for reelection. Two retail, two brewery and one wholesale applicant quit the ranks of the liquor forces before the final clash and withdrew their applications.

The ten counties now in the dry list are Jefferson, Huntingdon, Millin, Bedford, Venango, Greene, Tioga, Wyoming, Juniata and Lawrence.

In addition victories for the anti-boza forces are expected in Mercer and Beaver counties.

Will Open Quarry.

E. Clayton Wagner has leased about seven acres of land owned by Chas. D. Bartolomew and lying east of the Zettle planing mill, on which is a heavy ridge of limestone. It is Mr. Wagner's intention to purchase a rock crusher and pulverizing machine and prepare the rock which he will quarry, for all purposes, ranging from stone used in road making and for building purposes to material for lime burning as well as the pulverized rock which has been proved to produce better results on soil than the burnt lime. Mr. Wagner will not begin operations before the summer months and will then use power from the Zettle planing mill engine.

The William Penn Highway.

The advantages of the William Penn Highway, Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, have been set forth in a letter written to the newspapers of the state by E. E. C. Gibbs, member of the William Penn Highway committee of the Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gibbs tells of the wonderful scenery along the highway, which he says will give a proper idea of the state's prosperity and magnitude. The value of the highway in time of war transport supplies and troops is also touched upon.

Wagner-Kock.

J. B. Wagner and Miss Adaline N. Kock, both of Herndon, were married by the Rev. M. Fetterolf, at the Lutheran parsonage at Pillow, Saturday evening, January 29th. The groom is a brother of E. Clayton Wagner, of this place, and a native of Penns Valley. This is his second marriage, his first wife, Miss Fleisher, having died about two years ago.

A Country Girl's Creed.

I am glad that I live in the country. I love its beauty and its spirit. I rejoice in the things I can do as a country girl for my home and my neighborhood. I believe I can share in the beauty around me.—In the fragrance of the orchards in spring, in the weight of the ripe wheat at harvest, in the morning song of birds and in the glow of the sunset on the far horizon. I want to express this beauty in my own life as naturally and happily as the wild rose blooms by the roadside.

I believe I can have a part in the courageous spirit of the country. This spirit has entered into the brook in our pasture. The stone placed in its way call forth its strength and add to its strength a song. It dwells in the tender plants as they burst the seed cases that imprison them, and push through the dark earth to the light. It sounds in the nesting notes of the meadowlark. With this courageous spirit I, too can face the hard things of life with gladness.

I believe there is much I can do in my country home. Through studying the best way to do my every day work I can find joy in common tasks done well. Through loving comradeship I can help bring into my home the happiness and peace that are always so near us in God's out-of-door world. Through such a home I can help make real to all who pass that way their highest ideal of country life.

I believe my love and loyalty for my country home should reach out in service to that larger home that we call our neighborhood. I would join with the people who live there in true friendliness. I would whole-heartedly give my best to further all that is being done for a better community. I would have all that I think and say and do help to unite country people near and far in that great Kingdom of Love for N-ighbors which the Master came to establish—the Master who knew and cared for country ways and country folk.

Monday is St. Valentine's day.

FIFTH MONTH OF SCHOOL.

Statistical Report and Honor Roll in Borough Schools.

The fifth month of the borough schools came to a close on Monday. There still remains three months of school work in the term. A number of scholars in the various grades are bidding fair to have a perfect attendance for the term. The reports follow:

Primary School.—Number enrolled, males 15, females 29, total 44. Average attendance during month, males 11, females 23, total 34. Per cent of attendance, males 76, females 81, total 79. Those present every day during month: Ralph Martz, George Riter, Joseph Ruble, Elizabeth Bradford, Elizabeth Breon, Esther Martz, and Ruth Runkle. Those who have not missed a day during term are Joseph Ruble, Elizabeth Bradford and Elizabeth Breon.

High School.—Those in full attendance during month: Gladys Jones, Esther Parsons, Carrie Mitterling, Rebecca Kremer, Catherine Ruble, Elizabeth Sweetwood. In perfect attendance during term: Esther Parsons. Percentage of attendance during month, boys 76, girls 93. During term, boys 81, girls 94. 101 tardy marks during month.

Grammar Grade.—Whole number in attendance during month, male 14, female 20, total 34. Average attendance during month, males 12, females 15, total 27. Per cent of attendance during month, males 89, females 77, total 83. Per cent of attendance during term, males 94, females 92, total 93. Pupils in regular attendance during the month: Ruth Parson, Pearl Ruble, Margaret Emery, Gertrude Ruble, Ernest Frank, Frederick Lucas, Harold Keller, Ralph Henney, Bruce Cole, Ernest Kunn. Those in regular attendance during term: Pearl Ruble, Gertrude Ruble, Frederick Lucas, Harold Keller.

Councilmen Talk.

The borough council held their February meeting Friday night. Some bills were paid, and the remainder of the session was devoted to talking about lighting the streets.

Two of the councilmen—Messrs. W. F. Bradford and William H. Meyer—strongly advocated a lamp of high power on the diamond.

LOCALS.

A baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clayton Wagner, on Friday. Mother and child are both doing well.

Miss Laura Mitterling, of the Reporter composing force, was off duty for several days this week because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Geary attended the funeral of the latter's father, Rev. W. H. Buck, which was held at Lewisburg, on Saturday.

Prof. W. O. Heckman, principal of the borough schools, has decided to open a Summer Normal in Centre Hall, Monday, May 8th. Full particulars are given in an advertisement in this issue.

The contract for decorating the streets in Bellefonte for the I. O. O. F. anniversary celebration, to be held in Bellefonte, April 26th, has been awarded to J. M. Nichols, of Syracuse, New York, who has also been made the official decorator for the town for that occasion.

The senior class of the Millheim High school will render a play entitled "The Country Squire," in the auditorium, Millheim, on the last day of this month. Previous to that date, on the 22nd, the intermediate and primary grades of the Millheim schools will give an entertainment.

Dr. Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent, a New York journal of the highest standing, will appear as the next number of the Centre Hall Lecture Course, Tuesday evening, February 29th. Dr. Holt is one of several lecturers paid by the Carnegie Peace Commission, and will receive \$100 for the lecture he will deliver in Centre Hall. Do not confound Dr. Holt with Dr. Holt, a former lecturer. You have never heard Dr. Holt.

The concert rendered by the Bellefonte High school orchestra in Grange hall, Thursday evening, was most pleasing to the fair-sized audience present. The orchestra, under the leadership of Eugene H. Weik, performed in a most creditable manner, and the specialties which were introduced between the various numbers were of a high order. Miss Pauline Johnston, soprano, Miss Charlotte Reed, alto, and Cecil Walker, tenor, played important parts in the evening's performance. The proceeds—forty dollars—were divided on a fifty-fifty basis, and the share received by the local High school, under whose auspices the concert was held, will be used in beautifying the High school room.

School Board in Meeting.

The borough school board met in regular monthly session Thursday night. It was decided to change the time of meeting hereafter from Thursday to Friday night, owing to the impossibility of one of the members being present on the former night. The meeting place will also be changed and until the coming of warm weather the board will meet in a room in the rear of Geary's barber shop instead of in the council chamber as heretofore.

The board passed favorably on the matter of erecting a flag pole on the school grounds. The schools are in possession of two large flags and there has long been a desire for a pole from which to unfurl the stars and stripes, consequently this bit of information will be most gratifying to the scholars. The pole will be thirty-five feet high and of iron.

Prof. William Heckman appeared before the board and asked advice concerning the opening of a summer Normal immediately after the winter term which closes in May. The directors gave their hearty approval to Prof. Heckman's plans and encouraged him to take the step.

Thornton-Bartges.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of May L. Bartges to J. Edward Thornton, at Los Angeles, California. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Anna Cunningham, nee Miss Anna E. Moyer, daughter of James Moyer, of Potters Mills. The marriage ceremony took place on Thursday evening, January 27th, at the parsonage of the Evangelical Church, and was performed by the Rev. J. M. Schiefele. The bridesmaids were Misses Pearl Pastor and Anna Lose, and the best man was Ralph Duncan. After the ceremony the newlyweds were delightfully entertained by the bride's mother at her home on Roxbury Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Thornton will welcome their many friends after February 14th at their new home, 1318 Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Shook Garage Sold.

The garage at Spring Mills, erected by E. P. Shook, was sold to former Sheriff A. B. Lee, who now is in possession of the property. Mr. Lee is a mechanic, and will give his time both to repairing machines and selling them. He is selling the Chalmers and Saxon, having unloaded a carload of the latter type last week.

During the past year Mr. Lee erected a splendid buff brick dwelling house at Spring Mills, and also bought a farm west of that place along Sinking Creek. Those who thought the former sheriff would live a retired life missed their guess, since operating a garage and managing a farm will mean bustling six days a week, and perhaps more.

Letter from Rev. J. H. Keller.

In a recent letter from Rev. J. H. Keller, pastor of the Mt. Zion and St. Paul's Reformed churches, at China Grove, North-Carolina, he says as follows:

"I appreciate very much the weekly visits of your paper as I can thereby keep in touch with many of the people and events of my native valley. It will soon be fifteen years since I came south and these years have been spent in the Piedmont section of North Carolina, than which there is none better. Best wishes to you and all my friends."

Yours fraternally,
J. H. KELLER.

Trust List.

The following cases will come up for trial at the February court which will commence Monday, February 22nd:

FIRST WEEK.

Clair G. Heverly vs. Reuben Glosner, an appeal, not support.

SECOND WEEK.

Mina E. Gonsen vs. H. G. Ritchey, forged lease, general plea.
Hannah Cowher vs. Wilson G. Frantz, settlement, not guilty.
Wilbur H. Wining vs. Wilson G. Frantz, Abenedgo Laird, John Kelley and Gilbert Eller, trespass, not guilty.
The W. T. Rawleigh Med. Co., a corporation, vs. Ray Allison, assumption.

Samuel B. Weaver vs. John W. Weaver, settlement, not guilty.

Thomas W. Burnes vs. May Gardner, nee Mahan, alias May Cowdrie, capias ad respondentum.

Hannah J. Maulie vs. Hannah J. Maulie and J. W. Maulie, Exr. of Etc., of the estate of Charles E. Maulie, deceased. Assumpsit.

B. E. Fortney vs. M. E. Meyer, assumpsit.

John Corman vs. Overseers of the Poor of Howard township, assumpsit.

Main Belting Co. vs. Centre Brick and Clay Co., assumpsit.
Lillian C. Ertter vs. Katherine Musser, Deft., Lillian C. Ertter, Luther W. Musser, et al, garnishee. Att. Ex. to satisfy judgement.

PHILIPSBURG'S GREATEST FIRE.

Two Business Blocks Burned in Which Were Located Bank, Post Office, Clothing Stores, Lodge Rooms and Offices.

A blanket of snow that fell during the twenty-four hours previous to four o'clock Thursday morning of last week, saved Philipsburg from a conflagration that undoubtedly would have swept away a large portion of that thriving business center. It was with the greatest difficulty, and only with the aid of the fire companies from Tyrone and Clearfield that the fire was kept confined to two blocks—the Mohannon bank block and the Barnes block. When the flames broke out through the Barnes building, large embers were carried in all directions, and for a time it was thought the Continental hotel would be doomed to destruction, and it required the combined efforts of the firemen—local and foreign—to prevent it.

The fire originated in the cellars of the New York clothing store and that of N. Slinger & Company. The real seat of the fire could not be reached, and it was only when the flames burst through the first and second stories that they became visible.

In giving an account of the fire the Philipsburg Journal gives these losses: Mohannon National Bank—building and equipment; estimated value, \$30,000; insured. The papers and cash in the vault were unharmed. The bank opened business in a building on the opposite side of the street.

John T. Barnes Estate—building, one of the best in the town, estimated value, \$30,000; insurance, \$6000.

T. J. Lee, coal operator, \$1000; no insurance. This loss does not include valuable papers, books, etc.

The N. Slinger Company, total loss of stock, \$15,000; partly covered by insurance.

The New York Clothing Store (Philip Wilerzik), total loss of stock, estimated at \$6000; with \$3000 insurance.

George F. Troutman & Co., druggists, \$800; insurance \$3,500.

G. H. Lichtenthaler, attorney, office equipment and library; estimated loss \$2500; partly insured.

The Bell Telephone Company exchange, estimated loss, \$10,000; fully insured.

George H. Ayres, civil and mining engineer, all equipment and instruments. Loss heavy, but no estimate given.

The Maderia Hill Coal Mining Company were heavy losers, their entire offices being cleaned out, with their records of all sorts. Their loss from a monetary consideration is estimated at \$5,000, with partial insurance.

H. B. Scott & Company suffered the destruction of the complete and handsomely equipped office together with all records covering many years. Their loss is estimated at \$5,000, with no insurance.

Lillie B. Icker, milliner, lost everything, her loss being estimated at \$1,000.

The postoffice was practically wiped out, only a little of the equipment being saved. The first class mail was all saved. The government will entail a loss of only about \$500.

Postmaster Roy Rowles suffered a private loss of about \$400, covered partially by insurance.

H. D. Rumberger, who had a private office in with T. J. Lee, suffered a loss of about \$250.

The lodges on the third floor of the Barnes Block which were entirely wiped out were the Knights of Malta, F. O. E. of A., Jr. and Sr. orders of American Mechanic, United Mine Workers and Poochonts. Their loss amounted to about \$3,000, partially covered by insurance.

Post Office Notes.

The local post office had its star month of business during January since its establishment sometime during the fifties. In every department of the business—receipt and outgoing mail, gross sales, cancellations, money order, number of patrons served—there was an excess over any previous month.

No records were kept of the amount of mail given out at the office and dispatched, but the reports of the two rural carriers show during January there were carried over one and one-quarter tons of letters, papers, and parcel post packages, the number of pieces being 14,559. The postage on these pieces of mail (not including newspapers) was \$179.

Will Give "Dutch Supper."

A "Dutch Supper" will be given by the members of the Lady of the Valley Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., in this place, in Grange Arcade, Saturday evening, February 19th. All the famous Dutch dishes, including sauer kraut, gingerbread, pumpkin pie, and baked beans, as well as ice cream and cake, will be served. The small sum of twenty-five cents is asked for this choice menu.

DEATHS.

Brief mention was made in these columns last week of the sudden death of Mrs. Enoch W. Sweeney, which occurred at her home at Boalsburg early Wednesday morning of last week. Mrs. Sweeney had become afflicted with grip, which together with a complication of diseases, resulted in her death. Funeral services were held Saturday morning in the Lutheran church and burial was made at Boalsburg, Rev. G. L. Courtney, the Lutheran minister, officiating.

Mrs. Sweeney was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Musser and was born in the town in which she died seventy years and ten months ago. Forty-one years ago she was married to Enoch Sweeney and for many years the couple were engaged in farming. To this union were born two children, the only surviving one being Miss Anna, at home. The husband is also left to mourn the departure of a wife whose life was one of kindly deeds and unselfish devotion to her family. All her life she was a consistent member of the Lutheran church and was identified with its various societies.

Her father was married three times, she being born to the second union. Four half-sisters and one brother survive her as follows: Mrs. Ellen Stuart, of State College; Mrs. E. A. Fisher, of Boalsburg; Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobs, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Jacob Botton, of Lemont; and John Musser, of Wilkesbarre.

After a short illness with grip, Mrs. Sarah Hubler, widow of James M. Hubler, died at the home of her son, James Hubler, on the old homestead at Pine Hill, early Wednesday morning of last week, aged seventy-eight years, four months and thirty days. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the house and burial made in the Pine Hill cemetery, Rev. S. C. Stover, of Boalsburg, and Rev. N. L. Horn, of State College, both of the R-formed church, officiating.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Grenoble and was born at Penn Hall. Her husband preceded her to the beyond thirteen years ago. Mrs. Hubler was a member of the R-formed church, a kindly christian woman whose death is generally mourned. A family of seven children survive, namely, Mrs. Henry Dietrich, Heals; M. D. J. Hubler, Mrs. J. P. Heckman, John W. Hubler, State College; Mrs. Emanuel Corman, Bellefonte; James M. Hubler, Pine Hill; Mrs. Edward Weaver, Boynton City, New Jersey. Three brothers and three sisters are also left: Michael, of Lamar; J. A., of Yeacovtown, and J. W. Grenoble, of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Elias Weaver, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Emanuel McCoy, of Orangeville, Illinois; and Mrs. Daniel Driebelbitz, of State College. Twenty grandchildren and seven great grandchildren also survive. Owing to the great amount of sickness among the members of the family the funeral was not largely attended.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gingerich died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Yost, in Lewisburg, Jan. 22, aged sixty-nine years. The deceased was born at Tylersville, in 1847. She was a daughter of the late Philip Schreckengast, of Tylersville, known as Sugar Valley, and was married to George Gingerich, of Centre county. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Wm. H. Yost, and Rudy M. Gingerich, Lewisburg; Mrs. Elmer Hold, Newberry; John Gingerich, Lewistown; Wm. C. Gingerich, Potters Mills; Olive Watts, Jersey Shore; Collie Confer, Potters Mills; Cleveland Gingerich, Spring Mills. Also a sister, Mrs. Harriet Auman, of Coburn, and two brothers, Adam Schreckengast, of Millheim, and Jonathan Schreckengast, Tylersville.

Funeral services were conducted the following Wednesday by the Rev. R. L. Gearhart, D. D., and in interment was made in Lewisburg cemetery.

David K. Miller was found dead beside his bed at the home of his daughter in Lock Haven, Sunday morning of last week. His age was seventy-six years. When a lad of eleven years he lived with his parents at Centre Hill for a short time where they were engaged in farming.

Lillian Mae Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. King, of Juniata, died last Wednesday morning in convulsions. She was born in Jackson-ville and her body was taken to that place on Thursday morning, at which time interment was made.

Mrs. O. L. Hanson, mother of Mrs. W. E. Walker, of near Centre Hall, died in Bellefonte Saturday morning a week ago, of heart failure. She was aged seventy-two years. Burial was made in Bellefonte Monday following her death.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Saturday is Lincoln's birthday. Newton C. Yarnell and son, of near Linden Hall, advertise a stock sale for Friday, March 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zettle attended the funeral of the latter's aunt, Mrs. Sarah Hubler, at Pine Hall, on Saturday.

Dr. G. W. Hostrerman sustained a badly sprained knee in falling onto the icy sidewalk, on his way to the postoffice, one day last week.

Among the building operations in Millheim now in progress is the Geppert restaurant building, being constructed by the Housman carpenters.

The residence of Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot, in the borough, and Mrs. J. Q. A. Kennedy and James S. Stahl, west of town, were wired for electric lights within the past week.

Arthur Holderman, the thrasherman, and John Bitner, both of Colyer, favored this office with a call on Friday. Mr. Holderman advertises some first class clover seed for sale.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church has decided on Tuesday of next week as the day for gathering papers and magazines for shipment. You are kindly asked to have your lot ready when the call is made.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, it was unanimously decided to dispose of the school property to the State Board of Education. The actual taking over of the school property will be done in the near future.

S. E. Weber, the Boalsburg dealer in hay and grain, during the past week, shipped four car loads of timothy and alfalfa hay from the Centre Hall station. This is a portion of the one hundred and a quarter ton crop grown on the Reporter's acres.

The grocery store of C. C. Shuey, at Bellefonte, was sold last week to Weaver Brothers, of Strawsburg, and the new firm took immediate possession. Mr. Shuey has coal interests, and it was to give more time to this, besides devoting more time to church work, that he sold his store.

The town of Burnham has started a determined effort to put a stop to the cigarette smoking habit among the young boys in that place. Prof. Ramey, principal of the schools is at the head of the movement. The source from which the "dope sticks" come is being investigated, and the guilty parties are going to be made suffer.

Prof. W. R. Jones, principal of the Spring Mills school, Sunday of last week filled the pulpit in the M. E. church in Millheim, much to the satisfaction of his audience. Prof. Jones was last December licensed by the Methodist Episcopal Conference as a local preacher and he is looking forward to the time when he will enter the ministry.

Oscar Homan, of Farmers Mills, was a business caller at this office, Saturday. Mr. Homan informed the Reporter that his son Leo J. Homan, who for some time drove a cream route for the Coburn creamery, has decided to move to Union county and consequently has no need of his equipment which he will sell at a figure exceedingly far below its value. See the ad. in another column.

The first claim for compensation under the employers liability law in this section of the state was made last week by Charles Nighthart, of Bellefonte, who has brought a claim against the Standard Steam Oven Company, of Pittsburgh. This concern installed new machinery for the Cedar bakery and Mr. Nighthart states that while engaged on this job a wheelbarrow upset on him, resulting in his right arm being splintered and the ligaments torn.

The sale of the old foundry building to T. L. Smith, who contemplates the removal of the structures to another foundation on the same lot and work the structure into two or more dwelling houses, removes from view a familiar sight to the oldest inhabitants in the town. The foundry was Centre Hall's first industry, and those connected with it made and lost depending on their ability to operate such an industry. Back in the early seventies was the culmination of a storm that began brewing during the sixties, and amounted to a miniature war within the borders of Centre Hall, which at that time covered less than the fifth of the present built up area of the borough. The plant was successfully operated under several managements—the VanPelt, Bocser & Co., and W. O. Rearick. It was only a slip made in a sale that resulted in the foundry being dismantled some years ago much to the regret of residents as well as to those who formerly owned it.