



### SEEKING FRANCHISE IN STATE COLLEGE.

Two Street Railway Companies Would Give Service in That College Town—Council Slowly on Master.

The matter of street railway service for State College is now engaging the thought of the council in that borough, and since several companies have asked for a franchise to operate there the borough fathers are undecided as to which would prove the better in the way of service. The following is taken from the State College Times:

Three months ago, D. S. Mullin, of Pittsburg, formerly of State College, representing Senator Chas. H. Kline, Attorney C. A. Waldemith, Attorney W. H. Kimberland, and others, of Pittsburg, appeared before the borough council of State College asking for a franchise to operate a street railway in the borough, the line to extend to Lemport. The matter came up a second time in council two months ago. Again it was continued over. At the meeting March 8 an ordinance was read and changes were made and it was decided to hold an adjourned meeting Saturday afternoon for consideration of the ordinance. Saturday afternoon the ordinance was read, voted upon and unanimously carried granting permission to the company—Penn State Railway company—to use South Allen street, Beaver avenue, Burrows street and West College avenue. The ordinance was subject to the approval of the borough solicitor as to legal phraseology. And another adjourned meeting was agreed upon for Tuesday evening.

Then the importance of State College as a railroad center became very apparent. Reports came that the Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad company was about to construct a line from Huntingdon to State College and the Lewistown Electric company extend its lines here.

Monday J. Arvin Quigley, president of the Lewistown and Reedsville Electric company, W. W. Utley, solicitor, and Mr. Harvey, of Philadelphia, arrived in State College in the interest of a line from here to Lewistown. A special meeting of council was called and the plans of the company explained by President Quigley. It appears that the Lewistown company has been considering for years a line from Lewistown to Bellefonte. The plan is to lease the line from Reedsville to Milroy, and from Milroy to Centre Hall and use the Pennsylvania line to Bellefonte. It appears, however, that the Pennsylvania insisted upon a "spur" being built to State College. As a result, the Lewistown and Reedsville Electric company is now anxious to furnish State College with transportation facilities.

The gentlemen present were not asking for a franchise. They merely wished council to hold up the franchise to Senator Kline and others until they could make a survey and, if the plan is feasible, ask for a franchise themselves. For, although it is claimed that this matter has been considered for a number of years, no survey has been made. Now, however, the engineers appear to be waiting, somewhere in the mountains, for the snow to leave, then they will make a survey, then possibly they will ask for a franchise. In the meantime the Senator Kline franchise could be held up.

The idea of a "spur" to State College was not particularly attractive to the council but the gentlemen from Lewistown were not committing themselves to anything just yet.

### A Fishing License Next?

A bill to provide for State fishermen's license, based on the same plan and for much the same objects as the gunners' license, is to be presented to the next General Assembly, according to an announcement made on Saturday by Nathan R. Butler, State Commissioner of Fisheries.

Mr. Butler calls attention to the increasing demands upon the Department of Fisheries, which is compelled to secure its appropriations from the general funds of the State, and which in his opinion should have a special revenue for its object.

The number of fishermen has increased, and the demand for food fish is growing, he contends, and the license, in his opinion, is as much justified as a hunting license.

### Federal Building for Tyrone.

It is now a certainty that Tyrone will have a postoffice building. Recently Congressman Warren Worth Bailey introduced a bill for the same, which has been referred to the public buildings and grounds committee. It is expected that the officials will be in Tyrone this week to decide on a location. The bill limits the cost of the building to \$125,000.

During the past two weeks George Homer of Millheim has been buying up horses for shipment to the east.

### WHERE ORANGES ARE CHEAP.

Former Potter Township Resident Makes Us Wish for a Short Stay in the Land of Oranges, Just Now.

The Reporter is in receipt of a "California Grange Day" post card from Mrs. Anna Cunningham, nee Miss Anna Moyer, of Potter township, who for several years has resided in Los Angeles, California. The message it bears is sufficient to cause any Centre countian to wish that he were there for a day and eat his fill of the fruit for which he is asked in this state to part with a dime for three small ones. Here is what she says: "We are just in the beginning of our orange season. It is a common sight to see wagon loads of oranges peddled through the streets every day, much like the eastern farmer taking apples to the cider press. Two large buckets of oranges can be bought for fifteen cents."

California has inaugurated an "Orange Day," and has set Saturday, March 18th, for everybody to "Eat California Oranges." As for us, we'll say that we'd like to, and would, if we could have them unloaded at our door two large buckets for fifteen coppers.

### Supervisors to Meet Friday.

The annual convention of supervisors of Centre county will be held in the Court House, Bellefonte, on Friday, March 17th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. All supervisors are earnestly urged to attend this convention; also all others interested in the good roads propaganda. The State Highway Department will be represented by eminent speakers, as well as many other speakers of authority on good roads will address the meeting during the day. We hope all will take an interest in this meeting and attend as there will be many instructive talks on building and maintenance of roads through our district.—Hon. Ellis L. Orvis, President.

### More Stringent Boozing Orders in Lycoming.

Ninety-five licenses were granted, two refused and 17 held for further hearing by Judge Whitehead in license court, in Lycoming county, Saturday. The applications refused were: George A. Wood, at Waterville, and John F. Richards, at Unityville. No remonstrances had been filed against any of the licenses granted.

Judge Whitehead issued an order prohibiting music in rooms where liquor is furnished, and forbidding free lunches with drinks.

### Letters From Subscribers.

Letters from subscribers to the Reporter are read with the greatest interest. The feature is one developed by this paper, and should and will continue a distinctive feature. We again ask our many subscribers to keep up the letter writing. The Reporter readers are like one great family, each one is interested in the other's welfare. Come along with the letter.

### A Reply to Owen Wister.

A week or more ago the country was shocked to find a leading Philadelphia newspaper give space to a poem written by Owen Wister, a distinguished author, who in the most scathing language, flayed the President for his efforts in keeping this country out of a world war. The poem, by Wister, follows:

Not even if I possessed your twist in speech, Could I make any (fit for use) fit you; You've wormed yourself beyond description's reach; Truth if she touched you would become untrue. Satire has searched a host of evil fames, Has withered Emperors by her fierce lampoons; History has lashes that have fayed the names Of public cowards, hypocrites, politicians; You go immune. Cased in your self-esteem, The next word cannot scathe you, nor can this; No fact can stab through your complacent dream. Nor present laughter, nor the future's hiss. But if its fathers did this land control, Dead Washington would wake and blast your soul.

Criticism of the most severe forms poured in from the four ends of the country for the unpatriotic stand taken by the newspaper which gave space to the author's outburst, but it remained for Mrs. N. P. Eigelberger, of State College, to answer Wister in lines that more than match those of that noted author. The poem appeared in the State College Times, last week, and is given below:

Thou Wister false, unvaliant, lean of soul, To name that great immortal one, to blast Our sterling, beauteous President. He aims to cast Aside desire for war with monstrous toil, And keep the land of Washington peace-whole, Triumphant, too. 'Twill stand out from the past,— Old Glory's stars shall gleam from pole and mast. With Truth unseared by an Immune's control, Satires and Emperors fade beside our man. Ungracious singer thou. Soon may you find Those lines, and scold your poem so unkind; And prove by measure if it meets a nobler plan Which God entrusts to Wilson's godly mind.

George Bozzer was home from the Mercersburg Academy for a few days.

### Letter from Minnesota. Editor Reporter:

A look at the label on my paper convinces me that the figures "1917" would look better than "1916" and I herewith enclose a draft in payment for those figures.

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.

The weather has been somewhat warmer the last two weeks than the former months were.

I shall be glad when spring comes for then we can commence working in the fields of rich black soil. There are quite a few boys from Penns Valley working in this section of the state; they are all employed on stock farms. The wages of a good sober man who has no bad habits and can do any kind of farm work are from \$35 to \$40 per month. So come along, ye Centre county farmers.

Well, that is all, hoping that this letter will find all of my friends well. I have left old Centre county, but I still think of the pranks I used to play and the good old times I had.

GEORGE J. BOHNS. Dover, Minn., Mar. 11, 1916.

### A Reader of the Reporter for 40 Years.

In a letter from A. R. Krider, of Johnstown, in which there was a remittance extending the subscription on the Reporter for Mr. Krider's mother, Mrs. Mary Krider, there were three sentences which reveal one of the Reporter's most highly valued subscribers in the point of years as well as one of the most appreciative. Mr. Krider says, "The 'Reporter' has been coming to our home for a period of over forty years and my mother finds the news very interesting as it includes many happenings from the vicinity of her old home in Centre county."

### Forest Fire Wardens Will Meet.

A meeting of the forest fire wardens of southern Centre county will be held at the Garman House, Bellefonte, tomorrow (Friday). Chief Forest Fire Warden, George Wirt, of Harrisburg, will address the gathering, and will outline plans for future protection of the wooded lands. In the various townships and boroughs making up this district are thirty-three fire wardens, three foresters and five forest rangers.

### Planning for July 4th Celebration.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows are already planning to hold their annual celebration on July 4th. A feature of the festivities that will be a departure from the usual run of celebrations will be a grand ox roast which will take place on Grange Park. Ox roasts in some sections of the state are an annual affair and are the means of drawing big gatherings.

### A High Class Concert.

True to all the press commendations, the Dorva-DeLeon company proved to be the acme of excellence in their musical entertainment in Grange Hall, Friday night. It was the closing number on the 1915-16 Lecture Course and it may truthfully be said the Dorva-DeLeon company furnished the climax to a season of high-class lectures and musicals. Without losing sight of the many classic musical entertainments which the lecture course patrons have enjoyed in previous seasons, it was the consensus of opinion that the Dorva-DeLeon quartette of artists scored highest among the great galaxy of musical stars. The personnel of the company was as follows:

Mme. Claire Dorva, vocalist and instrumentalist; Prof. W. DeLeon, instrumentalist; Charles R. Rogers, pianist; Miss Elizabeth L. Beattie, impersonator. The program was one of classical and operatic selections, and music lovers were given a great variety of instrumental and vocal productions. It is usually stated that operatic music is unintelligible and therefore meaningless to those lacking culture in the musical art. While true to an extent it was not the case when Mme. Dorva sang in the native tongue of four different countries. The hearty applause which greeted her performance was evidence of the favorable impression it made upon the audience, and she was forced to respond with an encore. In fact each number on the program was followed by a repetition, so well did the various selections please. The impersonations, dramatic and humorous, by Miss Beattie, were likewise well received and evoked long applause.

It was altogether a fitting number with which to close the course for it must have left a desire in many who are not now lecture course subscribers to wait to belong next year in order that this movement for intellectual progress may remain here.

By defeating both Swarthmore College and Dickinson, in debate, Pennsylvania State College has won the championship cup of the Intercollegiate Debating League.

### 1915 WAS A HEALTHY YEAR.

Vital Statistics Show a Big Reduction in Deaths from Principal Diseases.

The year 1915 was the healthiest in the history of Pennsylvania according to a report which has just been made to Governor Brumbaugh by Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon. The vital statistics for the year 1915 show a very considerable reduction in deaths from diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, tuberculosis and typhoid fever.

The comparative figures of 1906 and 1915 for these diseases are as follows:

Diphtheria	2488	1634
Measles	1463	536
Scarlet Fever	577	295
Whooping Cough	1560	580
Tuberculosis	9258	8777
Typhoid Fever	3917	1020

These reductions in the actual number of deaths have occurred despite the fact that in 1915 the population of the state was 1,242,716 greater than in 1906.

The State Department of Health has directed specific efforts for a number of years toward the prevention of these diseases and the reduction in the death rate is an evidence of the value of the application of preventative medicine.

Ten years ago Pennsylvania first began the collection of vital statistics. In that year the population of the state was 7,141,766, the death rate was sixteen per thousand inhabitants; the death rate for 1915 was thirteen and eight tenths per thousand. Had the death rate of 1906 obtained during the year just passed, 18,833 additional deaths would have occurred.

The total number of deaths recorded during the year 1915 was 115,311; the total number of births 218,915.

### C. E. Society to Give Entertainment.

The young people affiliated with the Christian Endeavor Society of the Reformed church have been working for the past week or more in preparation of an entertainment which they will give in Grange Arcadia on Thursday evening, March 23rd. The first play is entitled "Up Caesar's Creek," a play for boys, in two acts. The cast of characters follows:

John Middleton, the leader of the Caesar's Creek crowd. William Archer, John's rival. Dick DeMythe, the visitor from the city. "Beaver" Hamilton, fond of hunting. "Skinner" Grey, fond of fishing. "Stuffy" Burrows, loyal to John at all times. Toby Eisher, who envies the city boy. Tom Merton, J. Chums. Harry Sandford, the visitor from the city. "Spider" Kelly, the harmonica enthusiast. "Daffy" Dan, a wandering minstrel.

The second play is a farce—"The Heavenly Twins," in three acts. The cast in this play follows:

Geo. W. Barton, Students at Yale. "The Tom Jacks n." Twins. Miss Samantha Brown, principal of Miss Brown's Select School for Young Ladies. Miss Sophronia Brown, Her sister. Mrs. Prof. Barton, Mother of George and friend of Miss Brown. Helen Clark, Girls chums in School. Lou Brighton, Clara Cole. Miss Jennings, Miss Johnson. Janitor. Detective.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

J. J. Deshler to J. H. Crouse, tract of land in Aaronburg, \$120. J. A. Meyers et al to Robert P. Coner, tract of land in Howard, \$15.67. Isaac P. Bickel to Lucy Smith, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$200. Annie S. Meese et bar to Anna L. Billets, tract of land in Spring twp. \$850.

Chas. D. Bartholomew to Orvis P. Weaver, tract of land in Centre Hall, \$170.

Jacob Marks to Lottie Harper, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$2250.

Christ Bezer et ux to James Davidson, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$6300. Lizzie Miller to Susan Leah Stamm, tract of land in Millheim, \$700.

Susan Leah Stamm to Mabel Aumar, tract of land in Millheim, \$800. O. Perry Cole to Otterbein Cole, tract of land in Spring twp. \$500.

Jacob D. Honer et ux to John T. Spangler, tract of land in State College, \$1850.

### Penn State Singing Praised.

The second annual glee club concert by the combined organizations of Bucknell University and the Pennsylvania State College was given at State College, Friday. While the numbers on the program were sung chiefly by the Bucknell students, a large crowd was present to welcome the State College club which was awarded second place in the intercollegiate concert contest in New York City. Princeton University won the cup, but Penn State was the only club given honorable mention. Other competitors were Harvard, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Dartmouth.

By defeating both Swarthmore College and Dickinson, in debate, Pennsylvania State College has won the championship cup of the Intercollegiate Debating League.

### NATIVE OF GEORGES VALLEY DIES IN OHIO, FRIDAY.

John Zerby, Aged Fifty Years, Succumbs to Diabetes.—Body Brought to Spring Mills for Burial.—Other Deaths.

Tuesday morning the remains of John Zerby, a son of William Zerby, of Georges Valley, arrived on the east bound train from Youngstown, Ohio, where his death occurred Friday previous. Ten years ago Mr. Zerby removed from Gregg township to Youngstown where he accepted a position as night watchman in a large printing establishment. A year or more ago he became ill with diabetes which terminated in his death at the above stated time. He was aged about fifty years and leaves a widow, who was a Miss Aumae, of Gregg township, and two sons—Calvin and Homer. His father, as well as six or more brothers and sisters, also survive.

Burial was made direct from the train in the Salem cemetery at Penn Hall, Rev. D. M. Geesey officiating.

### Millheim Woman Dies After Operation.

Mrs. Joanna Secrist, wife of George W. Secrist, of Millheim, and a highly esteemed woman, died in the Lock Haven hospital Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. She was admitted March 1st and submitted to a serious operation. For a time it was thought she would recover, but complications ensued, which contributed to her death.

Mrs. Secrist was Joanna Stover and was born May 1st, 1863, and was therefore in her fifty-third year. To her marriage to George Secrist two children were born—Charles and Cora—the former preceding his mother to the grave five years ago.

The remains were sent from Lock Haven to Millheim on Monday morning. Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church on Wednesday morning and interment was made in the Union cemetery, Rev. D. M. Geesey officiating.

### DEATHS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, of Altoona, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Anderson, in that city, Sunday afternoon of heart disease and kidney trouble. She had been confined to her room for five weeks and was in failing health for a year. She was born at Blochsburg on June 19, 1846, and was the daughter of Rev. D. E. and Elizabeth Tobias, the father being a Reformed clergyman. She spent practically all her life at Millheim, where she was wedded to J. Henry Miller, January 14, 1866, who died in 1909.

For the last three years Mrs. Miller resided in Altoona with her daughter, Mrs. Anderson, who survives with one sister and two brothers: Mrs. R. J. Smith, Millheim; J. William Miller, Jersey shore, and Sanford D. Miller, of Altoona. One brother, L. C. Tobias, of Rockford, Ill., and nine grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Miller was a lifelong member of the Millheim Reformed church and was greatly esteemed among a large circle of friends. She died on the same date and in the same house as did her brother, W. A. Tobias, who expired in 1914, who also died in the afternoon.

Funeral services were held at 523 Eighth avenue at 8 o'clock Monday evening and Tuesday morning the remains were taken to Millheim where further services were conducted at the Reformed church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

After years of suffering with rheumatism, which she bore with true Christian fortitude, Mrs. Anna Swartz, wife of W. H. Swartz, died at her home in Lewistown, Sunday night of last week. Only two months ago Mrs. Swartz, in a letter to the Reporter, told of her intense suffering and that for six years she had been unable to leave the sick room. Her friends in Penns Valley will be grieved to learn of her passing away. She was a native of Centre Hall, her parents having been Mr. and Mrs. Absalom Mingle. After her marriage to Mr. Swartz they lived in Millheim for several years. She was aged fifty-seven years and six months.

Funeral services were held in the U. Ev. church at Millheim last Thursday morning and were conducted by Rev. Edward Crumbling, of Lewistown, assisted by Rev. W. H. Brown. Burial was made in the Fairview cemetery. Her husband and two daughters—Mrs. Prudence Metz, of Royersford, and Mrs. Puella Clemens, of Lewistown—survive. Also two brothers and two sisters: David Mingle, of near Woodward; Calvin Mingle, of Millheim; Mrs. Reuben Musser, of North Dakota, and Mrs. Rosie Tate, of Coleville.

The excessive rise in the price of many grades of fertilizers will deter many farmers from using it even in small quantities. Acid goods, from which is obtained phosphoric acid, an element deficient in many soils, has not advanced in price to such an extent that it cannot be used profitably on all crops, and should be used liberally. In fact, where farming is done with a bit of intelligence, it is only the specialist who uses any other commercial fertilizer than acid goods.

Mrs. E. Ellen Keller, (widow of the late Henry Keller) of Kansas City, Missouri, has been seriously ill since the middle of January. She is eighty-two years, yet her children are living in hopes that she will again be restored to her normal health which, by the way, was unusually good up to the date first mentioned above. Her daughters, Miss Margaret E. Keller, who makes her home with her mother, and Mrs. O. G. David, of Chicago, are doing all in their power to make the mother comfortable.

Mrs. Peter Bear, a daughter of George and Lydia Wohlford, who left Centre county for Illinois in the 50's, died at Eldorado, Illinois, last week, aged seventy-four years.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

To-morrow (Friday) the wearin' of the green will be in order, for it will be St. Patrick's Day.

Clover seed is well up in price but not too high to be sown most liberally by every farmer who is looking forward to profit in the future.

On Monday ex-Register J. Frank Smith assumed his duties as traveling salesman for the firm of Danenhower & Son, Inc., wholesale grocer, of Bellefonte.

S. W. Gramley, of Millheim, representing the mortgage creditor, bought the E. L. Auman Milling Company's real estate, in Millheim, which was sold at sheriff's sale recently.

Yoder Brothers disposed of thirty-two head of Kansas horses at Bellefonte, Millheim county, last week, realizing almost \$5000. E. E. Hubler, of Rebersburg, cried the sale and it required only three hours to sell the animals.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reuben Garis, at Bellefonte, was brightened last week by the arrival of the Stork who left a bright baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Garis removed to Bellefonte from Centre Hall last summer. The latter is employed in the Beezer butcher establishment.

Carpenters are at work making alterations on the building formerly occupied by the Reporter and of late used as a garage for the Boozer and Fetterolf automobile firm. Mr. Bozzer has set in several new windows and partitions so that the room will best meet the demands of a first-class harness shop.

The Public Service Commission, at Harrisburg, in making public its report on the recent investigation of the steam heating conditions in Bellefonte, last week, stated that the size of the plant is sufficiently large to give adequate service. The heat company was ordered to follow a prescribed schedule of pressure at the boilers, varying with the outside temperature of the air.

C. E. Biszier, of State College, was a caller at this office of Monday and informed the Reporter that he and Mrs. Biszier (nee Miss Ruth Brooks) will begin farming on the Wieland farm at Linden Hall, April 1st. David Glasgow, the present tenant, will move onto his new possession, the farm which he purchased of Dr. H. F. Bitner, and located east of Linden Hall.

The 1915-1916 winter is about over, or correctly speaking, will finish on Tuesday of next week, the 21st, and if spring weather really sets in then we will not have much to complain of. The weather was pretty cold during the greater part of winter, and it took a lot of coal to heat up the homes, offices, shops, school houses, churches, etc., but after all the weather was not unseasonable to any great extent.

Following a request by the members of the United Evangelical church at Middleburg, of which Rev. S. A. Snyder has been pastor for several years, the change in pastors as was decided by the recent conference will not take effect, the presiding elder granting the wish of Rev. Snyder's parishioners by returning to them their beloved pastor and sending Rev. D. A. Artman to Bellwood, the place assigned Rev. Snyder by the conference.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Decker, east of town, entertained a sledding party at their home, Thursday evening. The following enjoyed the evening listening to high-class music on the Edison Amberols, the instrument for which Mr. Decker has taken the agency: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reish, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Delaney, Mr. and Mrs. John Breon and children, Mrs. Alfred Krape and daughter Florence, and Miss Mary Durst.

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