

FOUNDRYMAN WINS SUIT.

S. B. Stein, of Osceola Mills, Awarded \$116,000 Damages.

S. B. Stein, of Osceola Mills, has won his suit against the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Bellefonte court. The jury brought in a verdict, Thursday of last week, awarding Mr. Stein damages totalling approximately \$116,000.

The case had been on since December 9th, and has attracted widespread attention and interest. Mr. Stein's attorneys were M. Ward Fleming of Phillipsburg, Harry Boulton, of Clearfield, and Judge Reed, of the Public Service Commission, Harrisburg, and the railroad company's counsel was John Blanchard, of Bellefonte. During the trial more than sixty witnesses were examined.

Oct. 18, 1917, the Stine foundry charged on war orders, caught fire and was virtually destroyed. It was established at the trial the conflagration was started by sparks from an engine on which a spark screen had not been placed on the stack. The plant was in Rush township, opposite Osceola Mills.

The award of damages was as follows: Buildings, lighting, and heating apparatus, \$15,444.12; machinery and tools, etc., destroyed, \$33,132.45; machinery, tools, etc., partially destroyed, \$58,376.52; interest for twenty-six months at three per cent., \$7,082.14. Total amount awarded \$116,038.23.

Literary Society.

The literary society in connection with the C. H. H. S. will hold a public meeting in Grange Arcadia, Dec. 31, at 7:30 o'clock. The following program will be rendered:

Piano Duet, Ruth Bartges and Helen Tressler.

Opening address, by the President, Piano Solo, Ruth Bartges.

Debate—"Resolved that a Federal law providing for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes should be enacted." Affirmative, Sara Heckman, Esther Wagner, Ruth Ripka. Negative, Ruth Bartges, Emily Jordan, Helen Tressler.

Recitation, Ethel Frank.

Recitation, Beatrice Kreamer.

Reading, Gertrude Ruble.

Vaudeville, Ernest Frank, William Reiber, John Shultz.

School paper, Harold Keller.

Closing chorus, "America".

A silver collection will be taken for paying expenses connected with the organization.

The support of the public is earnestly solicited.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. S. C. Musser, of Aaronsburg, was a guest of Dr. D. K. Musser, on Tuesday.

Auto license tags are being shipped from Harrisburg at the rate of 4000 each day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geichell are the proud parents of a young son, born last week.

There will be a Christmas service entitled Morning Star, in the Reformed church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ripka and family left for Baltimore, Md., where they will spend the holiday season.

Letters uncalled for at the Centre Hall post office: Jack Manague and Mrs. Charles Harrison.

Mrs. Detrick, of Middleburg, is enjoying the holiday season at the hotel, a guest of the Runkle family.

Misses Lillian Emery and Ruth Smith are spending the Christmas season in Altoona among friends.

Miss Lizzie Fetterolf, east of town, will spend the winter at the home of Merchant and Mrs. C. M. Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Longwell, and baby son, left Wednesday for Suffield, Connecticut, where they will visit Mrs. Longwell's parents over the Christmas season.

Mrs. J. B. Strohm closed her home in Centre Hall and on Tuesday, went to Phillipsburg, New Jersey, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ammon Burkholder.

George Drake, of Hayes, Kansas, remembered F. P. Geary, the barber, on Christmas by sending him some choice western apples. Mr. Drake was in Centre Hall during the fall.

Abner Alexander left for Chicago Wednesday to spend the Christmas season with Mrs. Alexander and daughter, Margaret, who are spending some time in that city, with Mrs. Elmer L. Williams.

The Reporter wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas today, and a happy New Year to follow. May the whole of 1920 be a year of plenty, a year of prosperity, a year of genuine peace and happiness.

Miss Myra Kimpfort was delighted with the news that a baby girl had arrived at the Frances Miller home at State College. Mother and baby no. 9 are doing fine. Mrs. Miller was Miss Maud Kimpfort.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Boozer and son Shannon, on Tuesday, started on a trip to Chicago, where they will spend Christmas with a son, Ralph C. Boozer, who is one of Centre Hall's young men who has long been making good.

Mrs. Mary Shoop went to Altoona and after visiting friends there for a short time will go to Washington, where she will make her home with her son. Her many friends here wish her a pleasant life at her new home.

DR. WILLIAMS LOSES SUIT.

Sued Minister for \$7,166 for Fees for Attending Daughter—Costs \$1000 Per Day.

A verdict for the defendant was returned by the jury in the sensational William Bierly case in Snyder County Court at Middleburg on Tuesday of last week. The costs were placed upon Dr. E. C. Williams, the plaintiff.

The jury had deliberated little more than an hour and a half. The verdict caused no great surprise among the crowd of spectators who had attended the trial.

Rev. A. S. Bierly, the defendant, was highly elated when the verdict was announced, according to the reporters in the court room.

The trial had lasted just a week, and was one of the most sensational in the history of the Snyder County courts. It is estimated to have cost \$1,000 a day so that Dr. Williams' bill will be a big one.

Dr. Williams had sued for \$7,166, representing fees for treatment for Rev. Bierly's daughter, who lives with Dr. Williams, with interest since 1911.

The testimony of the witnesses was more or less cheap gossip and much of it was unprintable. Most of those called were witnesses of Dr. Williams and told what they had seen, heard or "believed."

THE DEATH RECORD.

HARPSTER.—Mrs. Anna Harpster, wife of John O. Harpster, of Pennsylvania Furnace, died in the Altoona hospital of cerebral apoplexy.

MEYER.—Ralph C. Meyer, aged six months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Meyer, of Coburn, died last week. The parents and a brother, Randall, survive.

CHARLES.—Mrs. Rebecca Hubler Charles died at her home in Hublersburg, aged eighty years. She was born at Feidler. During her last illness she was taken care of by Miss Margaret Weaver, of Aaronsburg.

CURTIN.—Miss Julia Curtin died in her apartment in the Bush house, Bellefonte. She was the daughter of Roland and James Curtin a sister of former Governor Andrew G. Curtin. Her age was ninety-eight years.

POTTER.—John Potter, a native of Centre county, died in Philadelphia Sunday evening, at the age of about eighty-three years. Internment was made on Wednesday in Philadelphia.

There survive him eleven children, also two brothers—Henry and Joshua T. Potter, and one sister, Mrs. A. E. Kent, Centre Hall. His wife, nee Miss Jane Krape, sister of A. P. Krape, of Centre Hall, died about thirteen years ago.

The Pink Label.

The Pink Label will appear on the next issue of the Reporter. Look your label over, and if your subscription needs boosting to put a 20 on it, give it your attention, please.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

John Getchell and son Wendell, of Greensburg, are the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Brungart, for the holiday season.

W. E. Bartges, of near Penns Cave, who will move onto the Bartges farm at Earlstown, in the spring, is some hog grower. Last week he slaughtered a hog weighing 578 pounds.

POTTERS MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Henshell, of State College, are spending a few days with the latter's parents at this place.

Adam Kimpfort is spending a couple of weeks at the Slack home. He is a student at the Gettysburg College.

Boyd Smith and wife made a short visit to this place. It was long enough for the wedding bells to be heard.

Emmerson Ebnist and Dorothy Hanna spent Saturday and Sunday in Lewis town.

Russell Reish and Goldie Wagner spent Sunday at Tusseyville.

GEORGES VALLEY.

Mrs. S. C. Decker and Mrs. D. D. Decker went to Altoona, last Thursday, to spend a week with friends.

Miss Maggie Immel spent Sunday with her parents at Greengrove.

C. W. Lingle and family visited Mrs. Lingle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerick, on Sunday, near Penn Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fetterolf, and little son, Dean, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McClellan.

Lloyd Leister and family visited the Clark Yetter home on Sunday.

FORGING GROWTH OF PLANTS

Intelligence of Man is Enabling Him to Become Master of Nature and the Seasons.

By degrees man is becoming master of the seasons. Light and electricity are being pressed into his service, and he can already force on plant growth so rapidly that he can beat the ordinary process of Nature by many weeks.

One method is to treat seed, before planting it, with small doses of high-tension electricity. In 1910 a trial was made of this method near Burham-on-Crouch, in Essex, England. Spring wheat is usually sown in March or April. On this occasion the wheat of which the seed had been treated by this special process, was not sown until July 19. It was up in five days, and on September 16 was in ear. It was reaped 12 weeks from the time it was sown, whereas the ordinary time for wheat to mature in that country is 18 weeks.

Another method of forcing crops is to run a current of electricity through overhead wires. In this way the yield of oats and beans has been nearly doubled. Experiments tried last year at Lincoln Main farm in Dumfriesshire, were practically successful. A third method is to use artificial light, either electric or, better still, acetylene. Plants are thus made to grow by night as well as by day. Cabbages and lettuce are easily forced in this way, but other plants such as carrots, seem to resent it. Flowers bloom earlier under artificial light, and are more brilliant.

Until the sixteenth century armor developed in a logical way; its forms were governed by the necessities of war, changes in it were the result of practical experience and actual experiment on the battlefield—not decided upon in the office of the minister of war.

After the sixteenth century it became fantastic and meaningless, a gala costume rather than a harness; the greatest captains opposed its use, but the nobles clung to it as a mark of distinction.

After it was made bulletproof it became so enormously heavy that at the end of the sixteenth century Lanone complained that gentlemen of thirty were already deformed by the weight of their armor.

In spite of the huge armors of Henry VIII, of Anthony of Burgundy and of some others, the average size of the modern man is greater than that of the soldier of the middle ages and the rennaissance, if we can judge from the armors preserved in the museums of England and the Continent, which are, with few exceptions, small and narrow, especially in the leg and thigh pieces.

Valuable Stamp Collection.

The first set of stamps in the \$1,000,000 collection which the late Henry J. Duveen accumulated in less than 30 years, was purchased by Mr. Duveen in an attempt to induce his son Geoffrey, to take up the hobby. When the son evinced no interest in the stamps, his father, who knew little about the curious, bought another packet for himself, and becoming fascinated with the pursuit, continued his purchases until his collection grew to be one of the four finest in the world. It is said that the late J. Pierpont Morgan tried in vain to purchase the collection.

The love for his stamps which Mr. Duveen displayed may be judged from the care he took of them. It is said he kept his collection, during the latter years of his life, in a room especially prepared for them in a fashionable New York hotel. He paid \$10 a day for the room and employed a special secretary to care for his treasures.

Rock That Floats.

James E. Grieve of Prospect, Jackson county, Ore., has a formation of rock in his property which will float.

Mr. Grieve claims that floating rock is not uncommon in his vicinity, the supposition being that it is the rock from the eruption when Crater lake was formed, that body of water being about 30 miles from his property. The rock resembles pumice stone and pieces of it can be seen floating around on the ponds. Regarding this strange rock Mr. Grieve says:

"To appreciate this enormous eruption one should visit Crater Lake park and the surrounding country, which is being made more accessible and attractive every year by extensive road and trail work under direction of the war department."

Working Upward.

There is nothing so sure of succeeding as not to be over brilliant—as to be entirely wrapped up in the thought of success, and endowed with perseverance which, in spite of the rebuffs it may meet, never relaxes in the pursuit of its object, and the man of real talents is the man who will make bold to ask for what he wants. He will beseege every employer in the world for work before he will remain idle or be satisfied with a mediocre position. Then when he has once obtained it, he will almost immediately lay claim to something better. He will summon all his courage and demand the right to take a step higher up on the success ladder; and nine times out of ten he will be permitted to take it.—Exchange.

This is happy Christmas day.

PINE GROVE MILLS.

Plans are being laid to celebrate the sixty-second marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowersox.

F. W. Swabb went to Baltimore and other points nearby. He has two daughters, Mrs. Grace Tille and Mrs. Harry Erb, living in Maryland.

Christmas at Mess's.

Come to Mess's store, Colyer, on Christmas. There will be blue rock shooting, oysters and ice cream served. A large stock of oranges and candies for the holidays at reasonable price. Every body welcome.

G. R. MEISS, Colyer.

Annual Election.

The annual election of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County will be held in the Grand Jury room, Court House, Bellefonte, on Monday, January 12, 1920, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., for the election of twelve directors for the ensuing year.

W. FRED. REYNOLDS, President.

FRANK M. FISHER, Secretary.

Alfalfa hay for sale.—S. W. Smith.

CYRUS BRUNGART JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CENTRE HALL, PA.

Special attention given to collecting, legal writings of all classes, including deeds, mortgages, agreements, etc., marriage licenses and had let's licenses secured, and all matters pertaining to the office taken up promptly. Jan 20

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—The undersigned offers for sale his house and lot, containing over one-half acre, situated in the town of Boalsburg, the location being very desirable. All necessary outbuildings—stable, etc.—on the premises; all in good repair. This is a very desirable property. S. E. WEBER, Boalsburg, Pa.

JAMES W. SWABB JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LINDEN HALL, CENTRE CO., PA.

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IMPORTANT NEWS

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Of our entire stock of **WOMEN'S, MISSES' and CHILDREN'S SUITS and COATS**. All will be offered to the public at 35 per cent. less than the regular price.

We have an enormous stock on hand and we decided not to wait until late in the season but will give you the benefit of low prices while the winter season is just beginning. And we are sure that you will be glad for the chance to buy at our low cut prices.

We advise you to come at once to select your garment—while the stock is large.

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