

# The Centre Reporter.

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## Jurors for February Court.

February term of court convenes Monday, February 23rd. The jurors—grand and traverse—are as follows:

### TRAVERSE JURORS.

Calvin Auman, farmer, Miles  
Frank Brennen, laborer, Snow Shoe  
Oliver Bell, brickmaker, Philipsburg  
Mahlon Beck, farmer, Halfmoon  
David Burd, farmer, Haines  
Isaac Brown, laborer, Rush  
Wm. H. Baird, retired, State College  
C. W. Cairns, merchant, Bellefonte  
Charles Deal, farmer, Snow Shoe  
Jerry Donovan, retired, Spring.  
William Fryberger, laborer, Philipsburg  
George Fulton, painter, State College  
James Foreman, laborer, Bellefonte  
Harry Fisher, laborer, Snow Shoe

Geo. W. Gardner, laborer, Liberty  
Andrew Gummo, farmer, Benner  
John Hallis, flagman, Rush  
Charles Huzzard, farmer, Rush  
Holway Hoy, farmer, Walker  
Abner Hull, carpenter, Haines  
A. F. Heckman, gentleman, Centre Hall  
Fred Heckman, farmer, Benner  
C. C. Johnson, barber, Philipsburg  
Arthur Johnstonbaugh, farmer, Worth

Clarence Johnson, farmer, Howard  
Frank C. Kunes, laborer, Liberty  
H. M. Murtolf, clerk, Bellefonte  
William Martin, farmer, Spring  
W. D. Miller, farmer, Taylor  
James Moore, farmer, Halfmoon  
J. Curtin Meyer, farmer, College  
William McKinney, forest ranger, Potter

John McGinley, guard, Bellefonte  
Lynn Platt, merchant, State College  
W. B. Rumberger, farmer, Patton  
Alf. Rishel, agent, Bellefonte  
Ralph Smith, lumberer, Rush  
James Stahl, saddler, Centre Hall  
Samuel Shirk, laborer, Spring  
Wesley Tressler, farmer, Harris  
Walter Todd, laborer, Philipsburg  
R. E. Vonada, farmer, Haines  
Orvis William, laborer, Worth  
J. L. Woomey, mason, State College  
Willis Wyland, clerk, Bellefonte  
William Weber, merchant, Howard  
Harry Zimmerman, farmer, Spring  
Josiah Zeigler, janitor, Bellefonte

### GRAND JURORS.

Charles G. Avery, banker, Philipsburg  
John Beals, merchant, Philipsburg  
Lowell Bierly, farmer, Miles  
William Bigelow, farmer, Rush  
Earl M. Bartley, laborer, Gregg  
Edgar T. Bechol, farmer, Liberty  
J. H. Clark, laborer, Liberty  
Vernon Ethers, foreman, Snow Shoe  
Charles O. Frank, instructor, Philipsburg

P. D. Foster, merchant, State College  
Samuel Guisewite, laborer, Bellefonte  
Hugh Gillett, laborer, Snow Shoe  
John D. Horner, laborer, Gregg  
Otis Hile, bricklayer, Spring  
S. K. Hostetter, agent, State College  
A. P. Krape, farmer, Centre Hall  
Isaac Miller, retired, Bellefonte  
Howard B. Neff, laborer, Milesburg  
C. A. Russel, druggist, State College  
Harry Rockey, farmer, Walker  
George Showers, merchant, Miles  
J. L. Tressler, gentleman, Centre Hall  
Charles W. Wolfe, gentleman, Haines  
N. I. Wilson, farmer, Halfmoon

## Items from the Millheim Journal.

Paul Musser, the baseball pitcher, arrived in Millheim Tuesday morning from Des Moines, Ia., and will spend a week or ten days at his home here before going into spring training.

Grip is no respecter of persons, and two of Penns Valley's ministers of the gospel are afflicted. Rev. J. J. Weaver, the Lutheran pastor, has been bedfast since Sunday, and Rev. C. P. Catherman, the Methodist preacher, took his bed on Monday.

Relatives in Millheim have been informed of the serious illness of Mrs. Jacob Alter at Cleveland, O. The aged lady, since leaving Millheim a number of years ago, has made her home with her grandson, George F. Tobias, who writes that she is failing rapidly.

One day during the recent hunting season five of S. G. Walker's turkeys were shot and carried away by five hunters, while Mr. Walker was away from home helping at a neighbor's butchering. Mr. Walker did not say much about the occurrence at the time but at the same time kept his eyes and ears open for developments. Recently he got a clue leading to the identity of three hunters from the vicinity of Spring Mills and two from nearby Millheim. He has his claim against the men with Squire A. J. Shook, of Spring Mills, and unless a settlement can be brought about within a short time the men in question will be arrested. It is claimed that Mr. Walker has positive evidence as to where the turkeys were eaten.

If you were one of the victims you know whether the influenza epidemic was serious or not.

## AUTOISTS KICK.

### Department Says Information Asked on Auto License Application Necessary.

In reply to the inquiries made at the State Highway Department concerning the mandamus action brought by the Secretary of State Motor Federation in the Dauphin County Court to test the right of the State Highway Department to require all applicants for registration of motor vehicles to furnish detailed information relating to lights, violation of traffic laws, etc., Commissioner Sadler said that most careful consideration was given in preparation of the application blanks under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Law, approved June 30, 1919, which clearly sets forth certain duties of the Commissioner of Highways one of the principal of which is safeguarding the public against careless and reckless operation of motor vehicles.

The tendency of legislative action in recent years has been toward a more stringent regulation of this class of traffic and the conclusion as embodied in the application blank represent the best judgement of those interested in the reasonable and sane enforcement of the law.

### Reformed Church Members, Attention.

In view of the fact that the weather for the last two Sundays has been very inclement, and therefore many of our members were unable to be present at our services, the pastor desires to call your attention to NEEDS presented at these services.

1. Our Foreign Mission service called our attention to the immediate need for \$75,000. Considering the number present, the offering was good. We ask you who were not present, please send your envelope with your contribution to the Pastor at your earliest convenience, not later than March 1st.

2. The "Near East Relief" appeal was presented on Sunday (Feb. 15th). This is a cause worthy of everybody's support. An appeal is made to all organizations in the county—churches, schools, and lodges. This is likely the last appeal that will come for the relief of the Armenians and Syrians. Centre Hall and Potter township are requested to raise \$350.00. Send your contribution to your Pastor, at your earliest convenience, that your church may receive proper credit.

R. R. JONES, Pastor.

### Boy Killed When Roof Falls.

A very sad accident occurred at Warriors Mark, Huntingdon county, late on Friday afternoon, when Elwood Hawn was instantly killed while doing work at the barn. He had gone to the upper story of the barn and was throwing down corn fodder for the cattle when the roof which was overtaxed with the heavy fall of snow of the day previous caved in, wreckage. The frantic parents rushed to the scene and as quickly as possible removed the timber and heavy snow, only to find that death had been instantaneous and that the boy had sustained a broken neck. The body was badly bruised and cut as a result of the falling timber.

### Red Cross Members.

The following persons contributed to the Red Cross recently: Mrs. Anna Stiver, Floyd Jordan, Anne M. Harter, Florence Geary, Hoy Neff, Richard Tate, Rufus Ripka, and pupils of the Pine Grove school.

### Deaths of Centre Counties.

Oliver Witmer, a native of Bellefonte, died in a Detroit hospital Wednesday of last week, of pneumonia. (Only two days previous to his death he entered an automobile school in Detroit. He was aged about thirty-five years, and was a brother of Roy Witmer, the electrician at Bellefonte.)

Charles H. Moerschbacher, restaurateur at Bellefonte, passed away Wednesday of last week, aged sixty-two years. Bertha E. Weaver, infant daughter of David and Mary Houtz Weaver, at Pleasant Gap.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

Alfred Durst to Charles W. Slack, tract in Centre Hall; \$1,400.  
W. W. Meyers, et ux, to Roy S. Meyers, tract in Ferguson twp.; \$350.  
Newton O. Dreibelbis, et ux, to C. O. Broome, tract in Ferguson twp.; \$6000.  
Minnie K. Hunter to William M. Garner, tract in State College; \$4000.  
Lizzie Yarger, exorz., to T. Clayton Bower, tract in Haines twp.; \$400.  
George A. Weaver, et ux, to C. W. Bower, tract in Haines twp.; \$185.  
Andrew S. Musser, et ux, to T. C. Bower, tract in Haines twp.; \$700.

Philpsburg boro favors daylight saving, according to the result of a voting contest recently conducted in that town. 537 votes were cast for daylight saving as against 427 opposed to the measure.

The first day of spring is only a little more than a month distant.

## WILLIAM T. CREASY DEAD.

### Leader in Democratic State and National Politics Was Bedfast 15 Weeks.

Rheumatism following an illness that kept him bedfast for fifteen weeks caused the death Sunday of William T. Creasy, sixty-four years old, of Catawissa township, Columbia county. He was a prominent figure in state and national politics for years and a leader in the state and national grange, and was well known locally, having frequently attended the Grange Encampment and Fair at Centre Hall. He was a member of the State Legislature continuously from 1894 until 1910, for years the acknowledged Democratic leader in the House, party nominee for state treasurer in 1899, state chairman in 1901 and 1902 and in 1906 for the party nominee for auditor general. In 1910 he was defeated for state senator and later was the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

Mr. Creasy championed night and day reform movements. It is said more reform measures were placed on the statute books through his efforts and more vicious legislation killed through his voice and influence than by any member in years. From 1908 to 1914 he was master of the State Grange. For several years he had been secretary of the National Dairy Union and chairman of the executive committee of the National Board of Farm Organizations, his headquarters being at Washington, D. C. He leaves a widow and five children.

### Letter from Illinois.

Freeport, Ill., Feb. 14, 1920.

Editor Reporter: Please change the address on my paper from Freeport, Ill., to Orangeville, Ill., R. 1. I am making you a lot of trouble keeping after me, but I should miss my paper very much if it failed to come. We have been having soft weather here since the second of this month, but this morning the thermometer stands at the zero mark and you easily notice the change.

There are many cases of "flu" here and a good many deaths from the effects of it. Just now there is plenty of work and men are scarce. Wages are good but old H. C. L. manages to keep down the extra profits of the working man. I am going back to the farm again. As it is the safest place to be in unsettled times like these. One is always sure of a living on a farm.

Very truly,  
S. S. HORNER.

### Pomona Grange Passes Resolution.

The following resolution was passed by Centre County Pomona Grange, Jan. 29th, 1920:

Whereas: We have seen certain articles published in some of our daily papers condemning the administration of our Department of Forestry, and

Whereas: We, citizens of Centre County, which contains part of the largest continuous area of Forest Reserve in the state, have an excellent opportunity to critically observe the work of the Forestry administration, and

Whereas: By close contact with and personal observation of the work done by this department, we are convinced that it is such as to command our entire respect and confidence;

Therefore, be it resolved by this Centre County Pomona Grange that we condemn the above referred newspaper criticism as unwarranted and unjustifiable, and declare further that in our personal contact with State Foresters and other employees of the service, we have always found them to be civil, courteous, manly and moral.

Resolved further: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Governor of the Commonwealth with the statement that we would very much regret any action tending to bring about a change in the present head of the Department.

C. R. NEFF,  
D. K. KELLER,  
FLORENCE R. BAYARD,  
Committee.

Rev. Ernest L. Pee has been elected pastor of the Lutheran church in Philipsburg. He is a young man, although a widower, his wife having been one of the many influenza victims a year ago.

## Entertainment Feb. 26th.

The dramatic and musical entertainment to be given on Thursday eve., Feb. 26, in Grange hall, by members of the Rebekah and I. O. O. F. lodges, will provide a full evening of pleasure and entertainment. Two plays will be given, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, musical recitations, etc. The first play, "Farmer Larkin's Boarders" is a rural comedy, with a cast of nine characters and presents both humor and pathos. The second play, entitled "Twelve Old Maids" with a cast of sixteen characters, will provoke much merriment and laughter; and is quite out of the ordinary among "Old Maid" plays. The "Mystic Orann" is a new and novel feature and proves to be very amusing. The following is the cast of characters:

"Farmer Larkin's Boarders"—  
Jonas Larkin, a farmer.  
Jack Larkin, his son from town.  
Eliza Larkin, wife of Jonas.  
Lucy Larkin, an adopted daughter.  
Horace Wendell, a speculator.  
Harry Wendell, his son.  
Madge Wendell, daughter of Horace.  
Luella Wendell, an elderly spinster, sister of Horace.  
Anthony O'Houlihan, from the 14th ward.

"12 Old Maids"—  
Mrs. Beamer, a schemer who takes summer boarders.  
Liza Pearl, her hired girl.  
Madam Zikeller, a fortune teller.  
Miss Lizzie Lidy, awfully tidy.  
Selina Zook, an A. No. 1 cook.  
Matilda Finn, who's rather thin.  
Jennie Routt, a little stout.  
Ethel McWade, a practical maid.  
Mary Ann Fites, who wants her rights.

Maudy Menter, from Punkin Center.  
Miss Kate O'Foss, who loves to boss.  
Loveta McCann, who wants a man.  
Cerinty Fling, does nothing but sing.  
Lucindy Toots, who elocutes.  
Eliza Neff, just slightly deaf.  
The Mystic Orann, a wooden man who comes to life.

Admission 15, 25 cents; reserved seats 35 cents. On sale by T. L. Moore and V. A. Auman.

### Lock Haven Has \$40,000 Fire.

Thousands of dollars' worth of food-stuffs were destroyed by water and flames last Thursday morning when fire swept through the Simon block, one of the finest buildings in the Main street business section of Lock Haven, causing a loss estimated at \$40,000. The fire was discovered at 3:30 o'clock and gave the firemen a two-hour fight before it was extinguished.

The building is owned by A. Simon's Sons, wholesale and retail grocers, and they suffered the heaviest. Other first floor tenants are: Mrs. E. J. Dunn, a milliner, and George A. Huff, tobacconist, Dr. H. E. Brady, a dentist; the Prudential Insurance offices, second floor tenants, and the Fletcher business institute on the third floor, also suffered some loss. The rear portions of both upper floors were used as storage rooms by the Simon firm, as was also the basement.

The fire is attributed to crossed wires. It soon spread throughout the basement, broke into the Simon store room, and the rear of Mrs. Dunn's millinery, and swept up the elevator, breaking out about the shaft on the second and third floors.

The firemen did excellent work, and kept the fire damage down to a minimum, the heaviest loss being caused by smoke and water. The huge grocery stock was practically ruined. It is covered by insurance. Some water and smoke got into the Martin theatre and Clinton Trust company buildings, adjoining the Simon block on either side, and caused slight damage.

The Simon block can readily be repaired and it is understood that no time will be lost in again making it tenable.

### Flu Bacilli Discovered.

Prof. Deters of the Budapest University, an Austrian, states that he has discovered the flu bacillus and that the germ is so infinitesimal that it remains in the air and can be carried for thousands of miles, according to a Budapest dispatch to the London Daily Express. Prof. Deters believes that it cannot be checked by sanitary measures.

## THE DEATH RECORD.

WILKINSON.—Ill but three days, Harry A. Wilkinson passed away at his home in Bellefonte, Friday morning at 9 o'clock. He was employed by Hazel & Co., and became ill Tuesday morning of last week with grip, being unable to return to his work in the afternoon. Heart trouble aggravated his illness and hastened his end.

Deceased was a son of John and Ellen Wilkinson, of Pottery Mills, where he was born thirty-three years ago. He was formerly employed by his brother-in-law, F. A. Carson, who conducts a store at Pottery Mills, and about six years ago removed to Bellefonte, accepting a position with Hazel & Co. Five years ago his marriage to Miss Ruth McCool, of Spring Mills, took place. The widow is left with three small children,—Walter, Harry and John. Besides these, there remain to mourn his loss his parents and five sisters; namely, Mrs. Harry Spangler and Mrs. J. J. Cameron, both of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Frank A. Carson, of Pottery Mills; Mrs. A. L. Bubbs, of Reedsville, and Mrs. P. P. Henshall, of State College.

Short funeral services were held at his late home in Bellefonte, Saturday morning following which the remains were taken to the parental home at Pottery Mills where the services were continued on Monday at 10 a. m. Burial was made in the Sprucetown cemetery.

Mr. Wilkinson was a member of Centre Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Bellefonte, having but two weeks prior to his death transferred his membership from the Centre Hall lodge.

KLINFELTER.—Miss Lettie E. Klinfelter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Klinfelter, of near Tusseyville, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Della Hubler, at State College, on Monday morning at five o'clock, of pneumonia, which developed from "flu". Her illness extended over five days. Miss Klinfelter was formerly employed at "Candyland," at State College. For the past few months she had been employed at a fraternity house.

Besides her parents and the sister named above, she is survived by two step sisters and two step brothers: Mrs. John Bitner, of Milroy; Mrs. Wm. Wolfe, of Avis; Samuel Klinfelter, at home, and Foster Ripka, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Klinfelter was aged twenty-two years. Owing to the bad condition of the roads no time has been set for the funeral, which will be private. It is the desire of the parents to bring the body home and make burial at Tusseyville.

BLOOM.—George Miles Bloom, a robust young farmer, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bloom, was a victim of the dread pneumonia Friday night of last week, death coming at eight o'clock. Only the Saturday previous he took his bed. His death occurred one day after his nineteenth birthday anniversary, which was on February 12th. George was a healthy young man, muscular and of good physical proportions. He was a good help to his father in conducting the home farm, especially last year when he was the sole help of his father, his older brother, Daniel, being with the A. E. F. in France. His untimely death is much regretted by his friends and associates. Besides his parents he is survived by the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Mamie, wife of Emmett Brooks, of State College; Daniel, Luella and Donald Bloom, at home.

HEIM.—Mrs. Philip (Smith) Heim passed away at Spring Mills on Saturday night from the effects of "flu", aged forty-four years. Her husband preceded her to the grave two years ago. Burial was made at Georges Valley, in the Holy Cross cemetery, on Tuesday afternoon. Two step children survive: Mrs. W. F. Colyer, of Centre Hall, and Clarence Heim, of Harrisburg. Deceased was a native of Millin county.

SANKEY.—Funeral services over the body of J. H. Sankey, of Osceola Mills was held at the church, at that place Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Sankey died at the Cottage hospital, Philipsburg, Monday, Feb. 9th, after a very brief illness, death being due to pneumonia and leakage of the heart. The deceased was born at Snow Shoe August 4, 1867. His wife and five children survive; also five brothers and two sisters. J. W. Runkle, of this place, is an uncle of the deceased.

Mr. Sankey was a loyal husband and father, tireless in his endeavor to those whom he loved; a very active member of the Presbyterian church and Sunday School.

BARTHOLOMEW.—The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Walton Bartholomew, brief mention of whose death was made in these columns last week, were interred at Hubersburg, Thursday afternoon.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

February term of court opens at Bellefonte on Monday.

Rev. C. F. Catherman's evangelistic services in the local Methodist church have been postponed owing to the minister's illness.

The annual meeting of the Thresherman's Association announced for February 7 was postponed until Saturday, February 21st, at 10 a. m.

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crain, at Philipsburg, last Wednesday night. The twins are boys and are the first born children in the family.

A number of township schools were closed for several days beginning of the week owing to the impossibility for the teachers to reach their schools because of the drifted roads.

Mrs. Rebecca Scholl, mother of Mrs. S. S. Kreamer, was the recipient of a post card shower, at her home in Lewisburg, on Saturday, from her friends in Centre Hall. The day was her birthday anniversary.

The first inter-denominational State Pastor's Conference ever held in Pennsylvania is in session in Harrisburg and will continue until Friday. Every pastor in the State has been both invited and urged to be present.

The slogan of the Republican Congress is said to be "economy". Since neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives is passing any important legislation it would be a saving of time and money to adjourn sine die.

A number of ladies of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran church met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Coldron, last week, where a number of quilts were made, which will be sent to the church home at Loysville.

Senators Borah, Brandegee and Sherman threaten to leave the Republican party if Mr. Lodge doesn't insist on his destructive "reservations" to the treaty of peace. If there was any way to induce these gentlemen to leave the Senate also the people would forgive Mr. Lodge many past offenses if he forced that outcome.

The Highway Department employed 2643 men and used 243 horse-drawn machines and 35 automobile trucks with snow plows to keep the roads open the week of February 7, when the big snowfall occurred. In addition a number of wagons were in use. The mobilization of men was the greatest made by the department in years.

The Russell bank, in Lewisburg, is surely a leader in extending accommodations beyond regular banking business. Just a short time ago when the roads were almost impassable, a string of horses and sleighs were at the command of people in any section of the county to convey a physician to the sick home. In many instances one of the bank officials accompanied the physician on the difficult trips.

Thirty-seven young women students at Penn State are soon to be the proud wearers of their class numerals, awarded for walking 100 miles, or more, in a "hiking" contest that started soon after the opening of college last September. The contest was a part of the woman's physical education program, and was entered into by a large number of girls. The winners covered an average of eight miles every week-end. A contest for 150 miles of walking has been opened for the second semester, ending at commencement time.

Glenn W. McCloskey, a hustling young farmer of near Blanchard who lives on "Sunnyside Farm," the old McCloskey homestead, has tried out with success the new fad of making hens lay by artificial light. The McCloskey farm is equipped with a Delco lighting plant and every morning since the first of the year McCloskey switches on the light in the henry at 4 a. m. Immediately the hens get busy in the litter and an hour later are fed. By that time hens are found on the nests and some have laid an egg. From almost nothing the egg production has increased to 40 eggs per day and McCloskey considers the result highly satisfactory.

Characteristic of the man, W. Harrison Walker, Esq., chairman of twenty-four counties in Central Pennsylvania, under appointment in the Savings Society sections of the United States Treasury Department, held a decidedly enthusiastic thrift conference in Clearfield, one day last week. The conference was attended by the heads of the public schools, the County superintendent, county officials, school teachers and many others, all of whose interest was further awakened by the earnest appeal of chairman Walker for thrift not only by school children but by every individual. It developed that Prof. Clair Ross, principal of the Junior High school in Clearfield, has the distinction of having the only one hundred per cent record on Thrift Banking deposits in the United States.

## HAVE YOU BEEN ENUMERATED?

If not, or if you have any doubt, fill out this coupon and mail to

FRANK E. COSTELLO, Supervisor of Census,  
Bradford, Pennsylvania.

On January 1, 1920, I was living at address given below, but to the best of my knowledge I have not been enumerated there or anywhere else.

Name . . . . .  
Street and No. . . . .  
City . . . . .

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