

**SUICIDE AT STATE COLLEGE.****Will Royer, Charged With Various Crimes, Ends Life By Shooting Himself.**

Will Royer took his life by shooting himself Sunday while under guard at State College. He had been arrested by his wife for support, and while in the custody of the officers, it is said, confessed to having committed various depredations of serious character, among them being tampering with the U. S. mails, stealing meal tickets, robbing the cash box in a meat market, and other deeds of a rather trifling nature.

Royer was generally known as a model young man, and was a mechanical engineer, but out of work. He was a member of Troop L, but later was transferred to the 107th Field Artillery of the 28th Keystone Division and served overseas. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Royer, of Bloomsdorf, and was aged 26 years. He is survived by a wife, a son, his parents, four brothers and a sister.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.**Will Be Voted Upon at the November Election.**

Two proposed constitutional amendments will be voted upon at the November election, and if the Legislature of 1923 passes six others they will be submitted to the people in November, 1924. The \$65,000,000 loan for the soldiers' bonus, upon which the bonus system depends and the new \$50,000,000 road loan are among those which must be passed by the next Legislature before going to the voters.

The amendment proposed for final action in November, having passed two Legislatures, are the so-called city "home rule," and one for division of counties into eight classes, cities into seven, school districts into five, and boroughs into three, if the general assembly sees fit.

The six which have passed one session and which must be passed again are one permitting railroad passes to clergymen, soldiers' bonus, the new highway loan, authorizing sheriffs to be re-elected in counties of less than 50,000 population, permitting exemption from taxation of property of veterans' organizations and for graded taxation.

Dormitories for State.

Building plans on the basis of caring for a student body of 10,000 at Pennsylvania State College were viewed and accepted in principle by the college board of trustees in annual session at Harrisburg last week.

Ground will be broken soon for the first units of the program, consisting of a dormitory for men and a beef cattle barn for the college farm. The architect's plans for the completed program were referred to a special committee of trustees.

Judge H. Walton Mitchell, of Pittsburg, was re-elected president of the board of trustees. The executive committee, also re-elected, includes the following: Vasee C. McCormick, Harrisburg; E. S. Bayard, Pittsburg; M. L. Lowery, Scranton; Judge J. L. Orvis, Bellefonte; E. R. Pettebone, Scranton; J. F. Shields, Philadelphia, and Judge Mitchell.

Judge Miles I. Potter, the new president judge of the Union-Snyder district, announced emphatically that he was "bone dry." That means the finish of all beer, without regard to its near or distant relation, in his district.

With Rev. John T. Davis, of Indiana county, as Federal Prohibition Director for Pennsylvania, we may look for a more rigid enforcement of the dry laws. Rev. Davis was recommended by the Anti-Saloon League and that means that he is in full sympathy with prohibition.

When President Wilson brought back from Paris the peace treaty and the Covenant of the League of Nations a mighty howl went up from Republican partisans that approval of the treaty and membership in the League would entangle the United States hopelessly in European problems of all kinds. So they bamboozled the American voters into making a change at Washington which was to ignore Europe and interest itself exclusively in domestic concerns. But ever since President Harding was inaugurated we have had nothing but Europe's troubles on our hands, not to speak of those of China, Japan and other countries. One party follows another, to the intense boredom of the average person. How much better would the League of Nations, with the United States an active participant, have handled all these matters? We must join eventually. Why not now?

Mrs. Catherine Rosier, who shot and killed her husband, Oscar Rosier, and his stenographer, Mildred Reckitt, in Philadelphia, is a native of Lewisburg, and is remembered as an unusually pretty and attractive child.

Many Attend State Farm Products Show.

Many local farmers attended the State Farm Products Show at Harrisburg last week. The show was larger and of better quality than in previous years and the educational exhibits were of exceptional value to the Pennsylvania farmers. The following local farmers attended: Thomas Beaver, A. D. Smeltzer and E. J. Gentzel, of Bellefonte; J. D. Neldigh, John S. Dale, J. W. Miller and Homer Grubb, of State College; John G. Miller and A. C. Kepler and wife, of Pine Grove Mills; J. M. Campbell, Charles Myers and I. O. Campbell, of Penna. Furnace; W. V. Brungart and Randall Brungart, of Rebersburg; John B. Payne and J. N. Robinson attended the show and took charge of the educational and farm crop exhibits from Centre county. Some of the boys and girls who exhibited and won prizes at the Centre County Farm Products Show again came to the front and won prizes in the boys and girls exhibits at Harrisburg. Joseph Swabb, of Spring Mills, won third premium on White Cap Yellow Dent Corn. Charles Campbell, of Penna. Furnace, won fifth in the same class. Mary Bright, of Spring Mills, won fifth premium on Flint Corn. The farmers in Centre county who exhibited at Harrisburg failed to win premiums due to a stronger and more keen competition as was in the case of the boys' and girls' class.

The following boys represented Centre county in judging contests: Dairy cattle, David Hosterman, Spring Mills, and Fred Ross, Boalsburg; corn, Ward Hosterman, Aaronsburg, Eugene Lee, Spring Mills; poultry, Eugene Segal, Spring Mills, and Philip Musser, Centre Hall.

Extra \$5.00 for Commercial Purposes.

The five dollars extra fee asked for a commercial motor car is confusing only when one refuses to read plain English. The section of the motor vehicle law referred to is appended:

The term "commercial vehicle" as used in this act, shall include motor omnibuses, used for the transportation of passengers for pay or hire, and motor vehicles constructed or used for the transportation of goods, wares or merchandise.

The fact that a motor car is used but once, or twice, or occasionally, for commercial purposes does not enter into it. If a car is used for commercial purposes but once it is a violation and the owner is subject to prosecution. This law may be a silly piece of legislation, but that does not matter; it is the law. One of the good ways to have a bad law repealed is not to violate it but to strictly enforce it and thus make it unpopular.

The merchant pays a mercantile license only when he does business exceeding a certain sum during a year, but since the license you get for a pleasure car fails to mention any other purpose than pleasure for which you may use your car, the first time you haul a grist to the mill you make yourself liable to prosecution.

Now, again, the law referred to is a silly piece of legislation, but there are many other foolish and even wicked things done in the legislative halls at Harrisburg. Keep that in mind next November.

A Reply.

In last week's issue of the Reporter a merchant in a communication defends the indefensible 12-cent loaf of bread. Now let us just admit that the merchant is making two cents profit on a loaf of bread, which is the profit claimed. Did it ever occur to this merchant that it might be possible that while he is not making an excessive profit, he is probably a means of making his customers pay an excess price for a loaf of bread?

Let me ask the readers of the Reporter if they do not think it the duty of the local merchants to buy bread somewhere where the price is right so it can be resold at a profit and at the same time not look as though outright robbery was being practiced on his customers? When wheat sold for almost three times its present price, we paid but two cents more for a standard loaf of bread. Of course, Mr. Reporter, if you come to the conclusion that the only thing a merchant has to consider is profit for himself on whatever he buys and resells, a 12-cent loaf of bread today is not to be complained about, but if it is a merchant's duty to take care of the interests of his customers as well as to make a profit off sales to them, then a 12-cent loaf of bread is an out and out outrage.

T. & E.

The Republicans in Centre and Clearfield counties, which counties comprise this senatorial district, are laying the foundation for a good scrap. If the Democratic party has the sense to nominate a good candidate it ought to be able to elect him next November. A scrapping party is seldom successful at a general election.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF CENTRE COUNTY MET AT BELLEFONTE**Heard Timely Discussions on School Problems by Able Speakers.—Directors Criticise Department for Failure to Pay Appropriations.**

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the school directors' association of Centre county convened in the court house, Bellefonte, last Friday. Between seventy-five and eighty directors from various parts of the county were present. Centre Hall borough was represented by Messrs. H. G. Strohmeler, D. K. Keller, F. P. Geary and Edward E. Bailey. Potter township was without representation.

Rev. A. M. Schmidt opened the session at 10:15 a. m. with prayer. The address of the president of the association, Prof. Thomas I. Mairs, of State College, was excellent. Prof. Mairs' pleading for a more careful selection of textbooks, especially readers having a higher moral tone than the ones which in recent years have supplanted the good old books of old.

Supt. T. S. Davis, county superintendent of Blair county, was the last speaker of the morning session. He contrasted present day conditions, both as they applied to the work of the county superintendent and the schools themselves, as compared with conditions two or more decades ago. Supt. Davis favored the employing of a clerk for the county superintendent who could relieve him of much office work and permit his giving a greater amount of time for visiting the schools of the county, the good to be derived from more frequent visitations from the county superintendent being worth many times the small salary which would need be paid an office assistant.

The best address of the day was given immediately after the re-convening of the session in the afternoon, by Supt. M. S. Benz, county superintendent of Cambria county. Supt. Benz, along with other speakers of the day, emphasized the need of consolidated schools in Pennsylvania. The frequency with which this phase of the school problem was touched upon by the various speakers indicates a growing sentiment in favor of consolidated schools. In fact, no other problem is receiving greater consideration, and it is reasonable to presume that the death knell for the one-room district school will have been sounded in the very near future, except, perhaps, in the most remote sections where no better solution to the problem is possible.

Supt. D. W. Armstrong, of the Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, spoke for an hour, and was called upon to defend the department in the matter of appropriations not paid the districts. A number of directors complained about their respective districts' financial troubles, due to lack of money which was due from the state. Mr. Armstrong placed the blame on the state treasurer and auditor general, claiming that vouchers for all monies due districts had been drawn, and that from that point all responsibility insofar as the Department of Public Instruction was concerned, ceased. This, however, did not satisfy many of the directors. In an effort to remedy the matter, the association went on record as recommending that money intended for school purposes be set apart from all other monies in a separate fund, in the state treasury, and not to be part of what is now termed general fund.

The committee on reorganization nominated the following officers for the next year: President, Ralph Shook, of Long township; vice president, W. H. Gregg, of Howard borough; secretary, C. F. Cook, Bellefonte; treasurer, A. C. Minge, Bellefonte.

Trial List for February Term of Court.

Commencing February 27th, 1922.

Charles H. Donley vs. Catherine Flick.

Atlantic Fruit Co. vs. Frank Balistrer.

Ferdinand Hasson vs. Pool Hasson; ejectment.

Blair L. McKillip vs. Leslie P. Gifford and Josiah Pritchard, trading and doing business as Gifford & Pritchard.

Mrs. Emma Cooke and E. C. Cooke vs. Hugh J. Crumlish and Ruth Crumlish.

Oscar Johnson vs. Samuel W. Claster.

Ester Johnson vs. Samuel Claster, Elsie M. Hall, widow, for herself and in behalf of Ralph E. Hall, Mildred L. Hall and Lois G. Hall, minor children of Ellwood S. Hall, deceased, vs. State Centre Electric Co., a corporation.

J. Fred Herman vs. Thos. D. Boal.

Treasurer Orphans' Home, the Lutheran church institution at Loysville, will benefit to the extent of \$2000 by the will of Ida Kate Fite, of Waynesboro.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.**Dr. C. P. Leitzell Writes from Illinois**

Lena, Illinois, Jan. 21, 1922

Dear Editor:—

The time has more than elapsed in which I should have paid my subscription to your paper which either my father or myself have taken since we left Spring Mills in 1883—39 years ago. Almost two generations have come up on the stage of action, many of whom have acted their part and gone to their reward; others being superannuated, awaiting the final summons. As for myself, I am not in the latter class for I am still playing the part I took up forty years ago.

I realize the above more and more as the years go by, for many names of those with whom I was acquainted do not appear in your paper but are replaced by names which are of no special interest to me for the reason that they carry no past associations with them; yet I glean sufficient from the Reporter that I cannot get along without it.

What shall I write that shall be of interest to your readers, for they are no better acquainted with me than I am with them; but as I see some interesting letters from some of my former school mates and other friends which I certainly enjoy, possibly mine may touch some responsive chord in some of them which may induce them to write more frequently that we may be informed of their whereabouts and what they are doing.

During the past summer Mrs. Leitzell and myself had the great pleasure of entertaining in our home D. W. Duncan, now of Philadelphia, formerly of Spring Mills, where we were young men together, this being the first time we had met in thirty-four years, and we certainly did commue with the past, and every moment was of mutual enjoyment.

I notice in your paper of this week that you are snowbound—quite different here—we had but very little snow all winter, there being a very little on the ground now, and today is warm and thawing in places protected from a slightly chilly wind.

Owing to rains we had earlier in the season and freezing and thawing our roads have been considerably cut up and made rough, but now there is a beaten track and automobiles are very much in evidence. We now have hopes of getting better roads; the State-aid road from Chicago to Dubuque, Iowa, is under construction, the section of same from Freeport west passing about one mile south of Lena was graded last summer, and just as soon as weather and ground conditions are favorable surfacing with concrete will begin, which when completed will be an incentive to put the approaches in good condition and bring Stephenson county above the opprobrium of having the worst roads in Northern Illinois.

Times are fairly good here—much better than further west—but the farmers are feeling the effects of the falling off in prices for their products, an exception being the price of hogs which keeps up to about \$7.00 to \$8.00 per hundred weight, and considering that oats is selling for 30 cents per bushel and corn for 50 cents, leaves a good margin of profit.

Not to weary you will bring this to an abrupt end, wishing you success. Enclosed find check to advance date of my label.

Respectfully,

C. P. LEITZELL, M. D.

P. S.—Sunday, coldest day of season—7 below zero. A little snow during last night; 8 degrees below this a. m.

Letter from North Dakota.

Taylor, N. D., Jan. 14, 1922.

Editor Reporter:—

I see by my label that I am in arrears. I was planning to visit Centre county this winter but the times made such a bad change to the farmer's stock and products that I concluded to wait and see what 1922 crops will net the farmer. Just a few days ago I read in one of the daily papers the report of an interview with Mr. Hoover. According to the Reporter Mr. Hoover thinks we have passed the depression and are already on the up grade of business. I certainly hope so but I am afraid it is too soon. It seems to me that during the interval between January 1st and April 1st we will see some very trying times for business of all kinds. I very much fear that during that time a great deal of the fictitious values that still appear in the price to consumer of almost everything from money and freight rates to tools, bread, meat and the stove to cook the bread and meat, must be squeezed out; in other words the spread is too great between the price which most of the basic commodities are sold and the price at which the manufactured article is offered to the ultimate consumer. Omaha is as you know the center of the

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Kerlin House Sold—\$2125.

The Kerlin house and lot in Centre Hall, the property of the late Mrs. Sarah J. Kerlin, was sold at public sale Saturday afternoon to John W. Dashem, of Potter township, for the sum of \$2125. Mr. Dashem with three or four others engaged in spirited bidding, indicating that real estate in Centre Hall was in much demand and at fair prices. Mr. Dashem and his good wife will occupy the place as soon as it is vacated by the present tenants, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kerlin, who will move into the D. F. Luse house purchased by them from A. H. Spayd.

New Farm House.

As soon as the weather conditions become favorable the erection of a dwelling house will begin on the farm owned by Clyde Dutrow, west of Centre Hall, tenanted by his son-in-law, Raymond Walker. The present house on the farm will be completely razed and the new structure built on the same site. Mr. Dutrow had the lumber sawed on a mill near State College, the timber having been cut from a tract of timber he owns nearby, and during the past two weeks the bill stoff was hauled to the farm by a half dozen farmers in the Pine Stump district.

Boys' S. S. Organized.

The boys in the Lutheran Sunday School in Georges Valley have organized themselves into a B. Y. F. Sunday School class at a meeting held for that purpose at the home of S. C. Decker. The meeting was conducted by R. Gunsalus, and the election of officers was the first item of business taken up, and the result was the election of the following: President, Harry Decker; vice president, John Zettle; secretary-treasurer, Oren Barger. A class motto, dues, time and places of meeting, etc., were then decided.

The second part of the evening was devoted to recreation. Games, contests, music and various sports were engaged in, and later delicious refreshments were served by the host.

Cavalry Horses Arrive.

Thirty-two horses, well trained in the art of cavalry drill, arrived in Bellefonte on Wednesday morning of last week, consigned to Troop B, from San Antonio, Texas. Just where the drill field will be located has not yet been decided.

Capt. Robert T. George, detailed from the 13th Cavalry, U. S. A., is in Bellefonte and will have charge of instructing the three troops in the squadron, namely, Troop A, Boalsburg; Troop B, Bellefonte; Troop C, Lewisburg, and the Headquarters Detachment, which will be located at Bellefonte.

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greatest stock and grain producing territory in the world. Within a radius of one hundred miles of this city one can see piled up in cribs over hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn which the farmers are holding. One gentleman who owns a large ranch near Omaha said he was holding ninety thousand bushels of corn that he was going to feed during the winter and spring since the price was too low on corn itself. This corn and wheat and livestock, which represents the true wealth of the middle west, will have to pass through the feeding stage. People who visit this country say that we are better off up here than the people are in many other places. Our crops were better in 1920, when we had a fair crop, and the prices were good, but the farmers stored their wheat when it was \$2.50 a bushel. They thought it would go up to \$3.00, but instead of it going up it made a wheat, until it reached \$1.65. Wheat is our main crop up here this year. Lots of farmers only got their seed back; my wheat made six bushels per acre. The sun was too hot when wheat was in bloom; it was as hot as 116 in the shade. Most of the wheat is No. 2, 3 and 4; No. 1 is worth \$1.12. Rye is 65c; barley, 50c; oats, 35c; butter fat, 26c; eggs were 50c last week; this week they are only 35c—importing eggs brought them down. I was going to ship some cattle, but the farmers who did ship realized so little after expenses were paid that I decided to hold them over.

I read Henry Jordan's letter and how it made him wish for a piece of venison when he read of the deer killing in the Seven Mountains. I could have sent him a venison roast from up here; quite a few deer were killed north of my place, about fifty miles.

My brother Frank was delighted with our country, still he bought the Sankey farm. He wanted a farm where he could slide down hill in the winter.

With best wishes, I remain,
Yours very truly,
W. L. ROYER.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.**HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.**

A little early, perhaps, but the date set for the coming Grange Encampment and Fair at Centre Hall, is September 2 to 8.

If you are run down, discouraged and out of heart, get a bottle of Tannin and see how different it makes you feel.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

The Centre Hall Planing Mill Company will soon be prepared to do custom work at their saw mill. For particulars inquire of W. A. Henney, adv.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Roy Corman, of Cressona, were here last week, having come to attend the funeral of the former's grandfather, James Corman, at Rebersburg.

A movement is on foot to debar boys under seventeen years of age from hunting. This is to be done by making it illegal for a boy of that age to be in possession of a gun.

J. F. Reber, representing Reber & Co., Lewisburg, was in Centre Hall last week on business, and while here secured a contract to put hot water in the new dwelling house erected by A. H. Spayd.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings, of Rebersburg, were callers at the Reporter office last week. While they like Rebersburg and its people, they have a decidedly warm side for Centre Hall and Potter township.

Rev. R. B. M. Sheeder has become pastor of the Lutheran churches at Zion and Snydertown, with residence at the latter place. He came to Nittany Valley from Portage, and some years ago was pastor of the Aaronsburg charge.

The spirited bidding for a home in Centre Hall indicates that a dozen more dwelling houses are badly needed. When property goes on the block and competition becomes so keen it would certainly be a safe investment to build for the remainder of the bidders.

Mrs. Kathleen Ryan Wegman and little son David, arrived in Centre Hall from Philadelphia, last Thursday, and on the following day went to the G. F. Shook farm, tenanted by Charles Shook near Penn Hall, where Mrs. Wegman will be employed.

Walter Fetterolf, of Madisonburg, purchased three building lots from McClellan and Maize on South street, Millheim. Mr. Fetterolf will erect a planing mill and utilize two lots for planing mill work and lumber yards. A dwelling house for his own use will be erected on the third lot.

Married men with a net income of \$5,000 or less will be allowed a deduction of \$2,500 after all other items allowed by the new income tax law have been taken off. Single men will be allowed the former deduction of \$1,000. You will notice the new law allows a married man \$500 more deduction than the old.

The Misses Margaret and Clarabelle Horner, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie C. Horner, of Altoona, visited relatives in Bellefonte last week. Mr. and Mrs. Horner, with their daughter Miss Margaret and their son, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Buttorf, near Glen Iron, Mrs. Buttorf and Mr. Horner being sister and brother.

A communication from I. Clymer McClellan, who left Centre Hall for Eureka Springs, Arkansas, early in January, has this to say: "This is a hilly country; the town is built alongside of a mountain. We are having a cold snap here, but not below zero. I think I may go to New Mexico for a month or two, as it will be better for me."

Prof. L. O. Packer came to Centre Hall last week, and on Thursday attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Richard Barlett, who was killed in Williamsport by being struck by a fast train. The unfortunate man was a native of Bellefonte, having been a son of Jacob Barlett, of that place, but for many years lived in Williamsport where he was employed on the railroad. He was aged sixty years.

Her love for unfortunate children is what prompted Mrs. James W. Runkle, of Centre Hall, to work early and late on a bed quilt which she has ready to send to the Loysville orphan's home, the Lutheran institution. Mrs. Runkle for several years past has done a similar piece of work for the orphans, and although it entails a great amount of work, it is a labor of love with her and is undoubtedly much appreciated by those who are benefited.