

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Postmaster R. M. Smith spent several days in Williamsport last week.

W. E. Hosterman, the new local garage man, has a new ad, in this issue.

G. O. Benner returned from Florida the latter part of last week, greatly delighted with that country.

The present price of wheat—\$2.05—is the highest paid in more than sixty years except for a short time during the war.

William Snyder, of Potters Mills, contemplates beginning farming operations on the Confer farm, east of Potters Mills.

You can sell anything if you advertise it and you can sell it a whole lot quicker if you advertise it in the Centre Reporter.

Arden Mertz, of Thompsonstown, visited his father, Charles C. Mertz, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ebright, in Centre Hall. Mr. Mertz is employed by the State Highway Department.

Free dinners are not being served at public sales in Bucks county. Years ago the free dinner was thought to stimulate bidding but now sale posters fail to announce the free dinner feature.

Improvements are being made to the interior of the G. O. Benner store. The ceiling and counters are being repainted, the walls papered and the floor covered with linoleum. John M. Coldron is doing the work.

J. F. Oplinger and W. D. Robinson, of the Pittsburgh district, the former a carpenter and the other a general merchant, are spending the week at the Colyer hunting camp, near the Treaster farm. They are members of the club owning the camp.

The efforts and accomplishments of the State Highway department in opening the main arteries through the valley is having the good effect of inducing township supervisors to be more ready and prompt in making the roads they control passable.

Joseph Kelley and son, Morris, both of Reedsville, were in Centre Hall last week making preliminary arrangements for lumbering off a timber tract purchased by the former from Dr. A. G. Lieb. The tract lies on the mountain above his farm east of Centre Hall.

Luther M. Royer, of Spring Mills, is improving after having suffered from flu for ten days. Mrs. Robert Meeker, of near Tusseyville, the latter part of last week went to the bedside of her father to give assistance. His condition warranted her return home on Tuesday.

Lewistown's Old Home Week, June 28 to July 4, Pennsylvania's biggest event in 1925, is definitely under way with over 60 civic, social, religious, fraternal and military organizations of the city and Mifflin county backing the celebration which will be a county-wide affair.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Oberholtzer, of Millroy, aged about one year, was seriously burned when he pressed a celluloid comb against an oil heater where it ignited and set fire to the child's night clothes, it having just arisen from bed. The father heard the cries of the boy and went to his rescue.

A. C. Confer, one of the Georges Valley farm owners, is quitting the farm this spring, and instead of holding public sale has sold his farm stock and implements to his son, Austin Confer, who is farming near Beaver Dam. Mr. and Mrs. Confer contemplate making a trip to the west next summer.

Mrs. Frank C. Hennigh, who for two weeks or more has been in the Centre County Hospital, having been taken there for an operation, is improving and would have been removed to her home near Tusseyville, beginning of this week had she not contracted tonsillitis. She is still hopeful or reaching home before the close of the week.

After a long term of it, Alfred P. Krape will retire from active farm life, and some time during next month will make sale of his farm stock, implements and household goods. Harry C. Reish, his son-in-law, will occupy the Krape home in Centre Hall and conduct the farming operations. Mr. Krape will live with the Reish family. The house to be vacated by Mr. Reish will be occupied by George Stover, who is the right hand man at the McClenahan grain house.

The Tyrone Times continues to believe and gives expression to the belief that the landing station for through mail service will be changed from Bellefonte to Tyrone. The Times claims a better route over the state is being sought and that the Sunbury field recently leased will not become an air mail intermediate depot, but an emergency field with beacon lights. A direct line from Sunbury to Tyrone would bring the planes over the Seven Mountains at about the Mifflin-Centre county line, direct to Pine Grove Mills.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

KILLED BY COURT

Assistance Act Ruled Unconstitutional By the Highest State Tribunal—Lower Court Upheld.

The old-age pension act, officially known as the old-age assistance act, was knocked out by the Supreme Court on Monday as unconstitutional. The Court, in an opinion by Justice Kephart, sustains the Dauphin county Court and holds the act is in violation of Section 18, Article 3, of the Constitution, which provides that "No appropriations, except for pensions or gratuities for military services, shall be made for charitable, educational or benevolent purposes, to any person or community, nor to any denomination or sectarian institution, corporation or association."

The act was also held not to be a poor law, as contended, and the State Treasurer, Auditor General and the commission created by the act are enjoined from paying or approving for payment bills incurred thereunder.

The act was intended for the relief of persons of old age whose financial circumstances in property or income are below a fixed sum. The act mentions certain definite qualifications necessary to obtain relief, but the amount of the assistance, if any, was to be determined by the commission which the act created. Among the qualifications were: Minimum age, 70 years; citizenship and prior residence of 15 years, and where there was a residence of 40 years, five years of it must immediately precede the application.

Whether or not an attempt will be made to pass another act to carry out the purposes of the one knocked out by the Supreme Court, will be determined later. The commission has continued to function since the Dauphin county Court decision, under a supersedeas, but has not disbursed any money for assistance.

The Supreme Court of the State has invalidated the law on the ground that persons who have \$2000 in property, or an income of \$365, are not "poor" in a legal sense, and if the Legislature can appropriate money to make them more comfortable it can appropriate money for the relief of persons who have not more than \$10,000 in property or an income not to exceed \$1000.

Mrs. Brouse, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Tuten of Phillipsburg, and Mrs. Fisher, of Centre Hall, constitute the board acting in Centre county.

A large number of persons have already made application for assistance and a considerable number have been declared as worthy under the act.

GRAIN MARKET.

(Corrected Weekly by Bradford & Co.)

Wheat	.....	\$2.05
Corn	.....	1.40
Oats	.....	.50
Rye	.....	1.10
Baled Hay	.....	15.00
Straw	.....	12.00

EASY MARKS ARE PLENTIFUL

Business Man Known to Have Given Out Good Money for Something That Was His.

A friend of mine told me the other night about a small manufacturer who came to Washington from, well, say, Toledo. Back home he'd got stirred up about a bill that was somewhere in the mill at the capital. It hit his business and he wanted to be in the know. Thought he'd better come to Washington himself and get his information first-hand.

Some friend told him to look up a man in Washington, one of these "Sh-h-h! Leave-it-to-me" boys. So the Toledo manufacturer rings up this Mr. Fixit, who presently turns up at his hotel, very mysterious.

"Well," says Fixit, rubbing his chin in the most approved judicial manner, "well—of course, you understand there are ways of slipping out," with just a touch on the head pedal on the "are." "But, as you might say, you've got to know the ropes. Let me look around a bit. I'll meet you tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock."

Next day he's on deck again, very much pleased and still very mysterious.

"Come along with me," says the Sh-h-h artist, and the two of them buy a taxi for the bill. There the factory man is led into the senate office building, where Mr. Fixit pops into an office or two, leaving our friend and here, Mr. George W. Commons, out in the lobby. Pretty soon Fixit comes out looking wiser than ever and they hop over to the capitol. Once more the visitor is left to wait in the rotunda to admire the statues while his new friend slips into another room.

He comes back in a minute looking like seven Solomons, only a lot more mysterious, and says:

"Quick! Come on. 'Sail, right. But wait till we get in a cab."

Once in the cab, the business man is handed a copy of the bill and a committee report.

"Stick it in your pocket till you get back to the hotel," he is told. Which he does, of course; and in the end he pays \$250 for two documents which he could have had for nothing and a little patience, just by asking.—The Nation's Business.

Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

ALL FOOLS' DAY

Part of Folklore of Almost Every Country.

While Some Mystery Enshrouds Its Origin, One Theory Has Been Definitely Abandoned.

Although it has largely degenerated into a nuisance, the observance of All Fools' day is really one of the most interesting relics of old-time folklore. That is partly because of its antiquity, partly because of its widespread practice, but perhaps most of all because of the mystery which enshrouds its origin. Christmas, Easter, St. Valentine's day and other festivals are with entire assurance traced to their sources, but antiquarians have puzzled and searched in vain for an explanation of All Fools' day.

The irreverent and ridiculous theory that it relates to the trial of Jesus Christ, though once widely held, may be dismissed. That it was associated with the ancient celebration of the new year, beginning on March 25 and ending on April 1, seems plausible. So, but for one thing, might it seem plausible that, as some have said, it arose when, in 1564, Charles IX of France ordered the reformed calendar adopted, changing New Year's day from March 25 to January 1; wherefore New Year's gifts were then given on January 1 instead of at the culmination of the old festival on April 1, and sham and mock gifts were given as a joke to those who wanted to stick to the old calendar. The fatal flaw in that theory is that in other countries, notably in India, April 1 was a feast of fools long before the change of calendar, and continued to be so observed in some where there was no change of calendar.

It is interesting to note that the methods of observance and the names applied to victims of jokes vary in different lands. In America and England the aim is to delude the victim with a false story or statement, or with a bogus gift, and the victim is called an April fool. In Scotland the legend of Christ's trial led to the day being observed by sending the victim from person to person and from town to town on an idle errand, and the victim is called a gawk or cuckoo. In France, for some obscure reason, the victim of a delusive story or sham gift is called an April fish. In India the method of trickery is similar to that in Scotland, and as it is there of older date than the Christian era, that fact would seem sufficiently to dispose of the legend connecting it with Christ's trial.

WEEK-END

SPECIALS

—AT—

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25-lb. Sack, \$1.80, 100-lb. Bag	
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DAYTON'S S R PAN CAKE FLOUR	Per Sack	20c
DAYTON'S SR BUCKWHEAT FLOUR	Per Sack	20c
FANCY TABLE SYRUP	Gal. Light, 80c; Gal. Dark	75c
POST BRAN	2 Packages for	25c
PALMOLIVE TOILET SOAP	3 Cakes for	25c
SCRAP TOBACCO	All 10c Brands, 3 Pkgs. for	25c
CLARK'S O. N. T. THREAD	Spool for	5c
DAIRY AND TABLE SALT	25-lb. Sack for	39c
SHINOLA SHOE POLISH	Can	9c
2-IN-1 SHOE POLISH	Can	12c
I & S FANCY APPLE BUTTER	Large Jar for	30c
(A BIG VALUE)	.....
FANCY CALIFORNIA PINEAPPLES	Large Can for	30c
(Solar Brand)	.....
GOOD LOOSE COCOA	2 Pounds	19c
FANCY CHOCOLATE FRUIT BARS	Pound	25c
GRAPE FRUIT—Large July Florida	Four for	29c
QUAKER MACARONI	3 Packages for	25c

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WEEK-END PROGRAM OF PHOTO-PLAYS AT—

Scenic & Moose Theatre

AT "THE SCENIC"
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5—NAZIMOVA in "Redeeming Sin," with Lou Tellegen—a story of Paris underworld by Mary Roberts Rinehart. Also, 2-reel Sunshine COMEDY.
 FRIDAY FEB. 6—JACK HOXIE in "Flying Hoofs," a typical Western story. Also, Second Episode of "Into the Net."

AT MOOSE TEMPLE THEATRE
 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 and 7—Virginia Valli in "EVERY WOMAN'S LIFE," a spectacular dramatic story of society life in America. Also, 2-Reel Comedy.

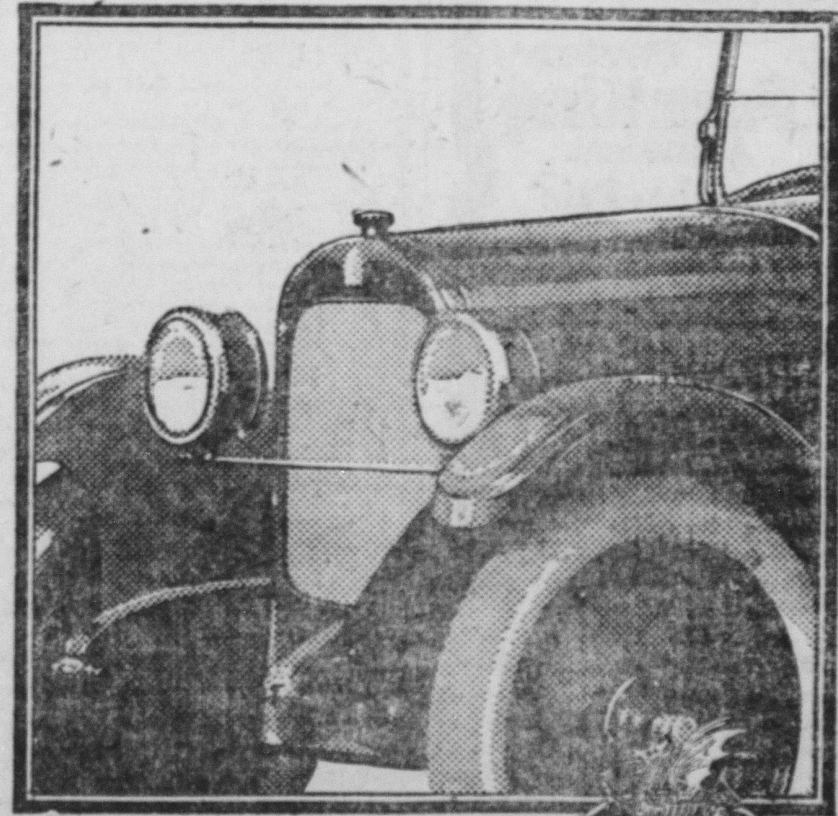
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