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### DEATHS.

**GENTZEL.**—Catharine Gentzel died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Cleveland Gentzel, at Spring Mills, Thursday morning of last week, from septicoemia. Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church Monday forenoon. She was aged sixteen years and six months. The mother and several brothers and sisters are surviving members of the family.

**KRUMRINE.**—Mrs. Fietta Krumrine, wife of Sidney Krumrine, died at her home in Rebersburg Thursday of last week and on Saturday the body was laid to rest in Rebersburg cemetery, Rev. W. A. McClellan of the Reformed church officiating. Death was due to uremia. There are no children. There survive the deceased beside her husband, Mrs. C. L. Gramley and Samuel Shaffer, both of Rebersburg.

**MCAUL.**—Mrs. Kate Eldred McNaull, wife of V. L. McNaull, died at her home in Lock Haven on Friday morning after a lingering illness as a result of which she had been bedfast fourteen weeks. She was born at Mackeyville and lived in Nittany Valley until 1891, when she moved to Lock Haven. She was a member of the Great Island Presbyterian church. Her husband and two sisters, Mrs. W. S. Meyer, of Lamar, and Mary F. Eldred, of Mackeyville, survive her. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday, with the Rev. Elliott D. Parkhill, pastor of the Great Island church, in charge.

**GARMAN.**—Mrs. Ellen B. Garman, wife of John Garman, died at her home at State College from pneumonia. She was born at Bellefonte sixty-six years ago, the daughter of Robert and Ellen Clark Brennan, both deceased. She is survived by her husband and these children: Mrs. Elizabeth Witter, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Ella Musser, Mrs. Violet Nichols and William Garman, State College; Miss Pearl, at home; Mrs. Florence Byers, State College, also these brothers and sisters: Robert Brennan, State College; William, Bellefonte; Mrs. Elizabeth Herkimer, Bellefonte. Funeral services were held last Friday morning at the late home, Rev. Mr. Mackey officiating. Interment in Meyers cemetery.

**NOLL.**—Mrs. Mary Waddell Hamilton, widow of the late John Noll, passed away at her home in Bellefonte, after a lingering illness from paralysis. She suffered her first stroke ten years ago, but for a number of years was not in a helpless condition. She was 74 years of age March 31st, last. Born at Pleasant Gap, she was the daughter of James and Hannah Waddell Hamilton. Her husband, the late Hon. John Noll, preceded her to the grave two years ago. She is survived by three children: Charles Noll, of Homestead; Mrs. George VandDyke, of Cheltenham; and Miss Roberta, at home. One sister, Mrs. Sarah Satterfield, of Bellefonte, also survives. Funeral services were held from the home Friday afternoon, Rev. Homer C. Knox officiating. Interment in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

(Other deaths on inside page)

### MITCHELL CONVICTED.

For informing the masses of the rank ignorance among naval officers, Col. William Mitchell was court-martialed, found guilty and sentenced to suspension for five years. The Colonel before the trial and during it caused many War Department officers to get "hot up." Representative Frank R. Reid, of Illinois, Mitchell's attorney, got many of the Government's witnesses into a stew before they left the witness stand.

The findings of the trial court will now be "reviewed" by the Board of Review, and then Secretary Davis passes on it, and finally the President.

### SIGN OF POWER.

The complaint is heard that these young women and girls are as a rule frivolous, and restless in their pursuit of thrills and excitement. This is true of a large class of them. It has always been true of many girls, and perhaps it may be true of more now than ever before.

Yet there are more of them studying in schools and colleges than ever before. Perhaps these girls are not worse off chasing around in search of excitement and activity, than the girls of a former generation were in sitting around in their homes in an idle way. Anyway, the modern girls are in most cases working, and work is a wonderful cure for frivolity.

The mere fact that these girls are tremendously active is not alarming. Where they tolerate loose conduct, then their point of view becomes a menace. But let not the old timers be discouraged merely because these youngsters want to keep going most of the time. That is one sign of power.

### Five Refused Pardons.

Five men, convicted of murder in the first degree and under sentence to be electrocuted, were refused commutation of sentences by the State Board of Pardons at a meeting of the board last week.

They are Alvin Case and George N. Leonard, Crocker and Irvin Grinage, Prescott, Allegheny, and Robert Brue, of Berks.

Dollar Broom at the Star Store, 60c.

### BREWING COMPANY PRESIDENT CONVICTED

**Other Officers of Company Found Not Guilty—Court Closes Business Saturday Morning—No Court This Week.**

[By S. D. Gettig, Esq.]  
Comm. vs. Jess Taylor; indicted for larceny as bailee. Prosecutor William Grosman. The defendant is from Lytle's Addition, and in the spring of 1925 rented a farm from the prosecutor in Potter township; and at corn-cutting off time topped the corn and hauled the fodder away without rendering a verdict of not guilty was returned, and costs divided equally between prosecutor and defendant.

Comm. vs. Laura Miller; indicted for adultery; prosecutor, W. C. Armstrong. This case is from State College and the defendant has a husband and four children. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, one dollar fine and six months in the county jail.

Comm. vs. Leslie Wanda. Indicted on a District Attorney's bill for adultery. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, one dollar fine and six months in the county jail.

Comm. vs. Edward Gill; indicted for violation of the liquor laws. Prosecutor, Sidney C. Willard, State Police. Sentence suspended, as the defendant is now serving time in the county jail for the same offense.

Comm. vs. Joseph Grafmeyer; indicted for violation of the motor laws. Prosecutor, Millard Solt, State Highway Patrolman. This case grows out of using the license of another man's automobile and an accident nearby. Verdict, guilty as charged.

Comm. vs. Elwood T. Harpster; prosecutor, Dorothy Hoy. Indicted for seduction. This case is from State College and the testimony not for publication. The defendant, however, made a motion for a new trial and was ordered to enter into a recognizance of \$5,000.00 until final disposition of the case.

Comm. vs. Clair Hudson. Indicted for larceny. Prosecutor, Robert Vaux. This case is from Philadelphia and is brought for the taking of the rear end of a Ford automobile.

The grand jury made its final return on Wednesday afternoon, setting forth that they had passed upon 29 bills of indictment, seventeen of which were found true bills and three ignored. Various minor improvements to the jail were recommended.

The jury further recommended that more room be made in the prothonotary's office and more filing cases purchased, and that the county superintendent's room be used to furnish the necessary enlargement of the prothonotary's office; that the roof be repaired and ceilings of the various corridors cleaned and repainted.

Commonwealth vs. Edward C. Beizer; indicted for illegally possessing beer. Prosecutor, Sergeant Thomas F. Martin, of the State Police. This case grows out of the raiding of the Philadelphia Brewing Company on October 12, 1925, when the police appeared at the plant of the brewing company and found the defendant, with others, present on the premises and on examination of the brewery found five vats containing beer, one of them near beer and four vats containing beer of more than one-half of one per cent alcohol. The police some time during that day allowed the beer to run out and the defendant was arrested. The defense to this case being that the beer found by the State police was manufactured under a legal permit from the United States Government, and that the Brewing company had manufactured no beer after the 21st day of October, 1924, and that the beer containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol in volume was kept in the vats until the same could not be de-alcoholized, and that the Brewing company had a legal permit for the manufacture of beer at the time of the last brew. That in 1925 the Brewing company had obtained a permit to de-alcoholize the beer and that the Federal Government had sent two men to the Brewing company and after being there for a few days were recalled by the Prohibition Department of the Federal Government and that the permit to de-alcoholize the beer expired on the 17th day of September, 1925, but that before the last day of August, 1925, the Brewing company had made application to the Federal Government for a permit to de-alcoholize beer for the year 1925 and had been notified that the record was clear, and making further defense that they had been informed by the prohibition officers who had been at Philadelphia for the purpose of de-alcoholizing, informed the defendant as President and Manager of the Philadelphia Brewing Company, that he would not dare destroy the beer without an order of Court, and would have to allow the same to remain intact. The Federal officer who gave these instructions to the president and manager testified to the same effect and that the Brewing officials were not allowed to destroy the beer without an order of the Federal Court, but that when the State police appeared, on October 12th, there was no permit in force but the application was pending before the Federal authorities and the defendant informed the State police of the defendant's instructions, but that the State police did run out the beer and arrested the defendant. The case was on trial all of Thursday and on Friday evening a verdict by the jury of guilty. Defendant at once made a motion for a new trial and a rule was granted.

### "FOREST ACRES."

**Seniors in High School Excel on Stage—Capacity House Gives Hearty Applause.**

Youth had its night on the stage in rendering "Forest Acres" in Grange Arcadia, Friday night. The youngsters were in a class of their own, for they easily outclassed the stage performance of those before them. And so it should be. We expect that next year's work will exceed in many respects, the efforts of the 1925 class, for so long as youth advances we can have no fear for the future.

Each of the thirteen characters acquitted himself or herself in a most admirable way. They put feeling into their parts and gave the audience repeated thrills.

Between the three acts a chorus of boys and one of girls sang several numbers that were roundly applauded for their good performance. The choruses were made up from under-classes, thus: Girls' chorus—Aigle Emery, Louise Smith, Dorothy Odenkir, Elizabeth Gross, Sarah Runkle, Fay Bradford, Esther Martz, Lenora Foust, Bertha Sharer, Kathryn Goodhart, Margaret Luse, Myla Spzyker, Elizabeth Bartholomew, pianist, Miriam Moore. Boys' chorus—Franklin McClellan, Frank Gross, George Lutz, George Luse, Elwood Smith, Wilbur McClellan, William McCormick, Emory Flory; pianist, Louise Smith.

Comm. vs. William E. Beizer and George Nutska; being two cases; the defendants being employees, day and night engineers at the plant of the Philadelphia Brewing Company, and the Court granted a nol. proa. in each of these cases.

In the case of Comm. vs. Clair Hudson the jury returned a verdict on Thursday morning of guilty and the Court sentenced the defendant to the Reformatory at Huntingdon.

Court adjourned on Saturday at 10.30 A. M.

The following civil cases were continued on Friday by the Court as none of them could be disposed of during the present week. This week being Christmas week, no Court is being held.

Bald Eagle, Nittany and Brush Valley Turnpike Company vs. Centre County; being a feigned issue and appeal by the plaintiff from the award of the viewers. Continued.

Millheim Turnpike Company vs. Centre County. Being a feigned issue and appeal by the plaintiff from the award of the viewers. Continued.

H. H. Fye vs. David Chambers; being an action in assumpsit. Continued.

Robert Myers Walker, by his next friend Robert Myers, vs. Charles N. Decker; being an action in trespass; continued.

Robert Myers vs. Charles N. Decker. An action in trespass; continued.

Two cases heard at a special term of court are of particular interest to readers of the Reporter in that the cases come from Gregg township and Millheim borough.

The first case was that of the Comm. vs. Carl Lingle of Spring Mills, who pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking and entering and larceny of \$20 from the home of S. L. Condo, of Spring Mills. Prosecutor Mr. Condo was inclined to be lenient in the matter and sentence upon Lingle was suspended for a period of one year. He will be required to pay the costs and make restitution to Mr. Condo during his parole.

The second case was that of the Comm. vs. Carl Stamm, of Millheim, who pleaded guilty to an attempt to pass a bogus check at the Oriole store at Millheim; prosecutor, Bond O. Musser. Stamm lost his nerve when he tendered the check in payment for several articles purchased and walked out of the store without the goods and check. Sentence was suspended for a period of one year upon payment of costs.

### College Students Give Xmas Cheer.

Generous portions of Christmas cheer were absorbed by students at the Pennsylvania State College before they left the campus to spend the holidays at home. Over 200 country children for whom the student Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s conduct Sunday school classes through the college year in little one-room school houses, were entertained at a Christmas party in the college armory. It has long been the custom for a number of fraternities to entertain children of the town at special Christmas tree parties, and every fraternity has its own tree and party on the night before vacation starts. A ten cent limit is set on gifts, and a great deal of genuine fun is derived from the custom.

### Low Grade Fertilizer Ban Effective January 1st.

The amendment to the state fertilizer law, passed at the last session of the legislature, which prohibits the sale of extremely low grade fertilizer, will become effective January 1.

The law as it now reads prohibits the sale in Pennsylvania of any mixed fertilizer or mixture composed of two or more ingredients containing less than 14 per cent of total plant food. It likewise provides that no commercial fertilizer shall be sold which contains less than one per cent of ammonia, one per cent of available phosphoric acid or one per cent of water soluble potash.

Another feature of the amendment is the fact that the number of brands of mixed fertilizer will be greatly reduced and farmers will find it less confusing to make purchases. Still another feature is the fact that the law as amended will enable farmers desiring to purchase fertilizer for tobacco to have the assurance that such special brands will not include potash in the form of chlorides. This is extremely important since it has been demonstrated that potash in the form of chlorides in fertilizer injures the burning quality of tobacco.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The day of days tomorrow (Christmas).

Auction sale, Saturday evening, at Ennis & Hanna Store, Potters Mills. All kinds of goods will be offered.

Home made ice cream for Christmas—fruit salad and caramel.—D. C. Mitterling.

Miss Flora Love, Intertype operator on the Democratic Watchman, Bellefonte, is spending her vacation among friends in Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore and son and daughter, expect to motor to Elysburg today (Thursday) to spend Christmas with relatives.

The school Christmas vacation starts with the class of this (Thursday) afternoon's session. The school doors will not re-open until Monday morning, January 4, 1926.

The bunk congressmen are putting up now is a bill for an appropriation for a post office building in every town of importance in his congressional district. It's a fine play; no harm done.

George W. Rowe, of Boalsburg, was in town on Monday on a bit of business. He has closed his home for a few weeks and will spend the time with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Kuhn, in Williamsport.

The somnambulist walk engaged in by J. H. Hilkert, of near Lewisburg, ended in a fall from a second story window to the frozen ground one night recently. A broken wrist and numerous bruises resulted.

Harry W. Lane, who is chief man at the Sheffer milk plant here, is spending his vacation with a sister in the central part of the state. During his absence Russell Goodhart has charge of the milk plant.

A car driven by Clyde A. Smith and a sedan in which Penn State students were traveling, on Friday evening, collided on the street in front of Hosterman's Garage. The sedan was damaged to a considerable extent while Mr. Smith's damage was slight. No one was hurt.

George Michael, who worked for Jacob Sharer as a farm hand during the past year, left on Monday for Union taking a course in his brother-in-law, Calvin Haines, to conduct a four-horse farm, near Millheim.

On Saturday he left Centre Hall for Woodward, where he spent a day with another brother-in-law, C. P. Sheasley.

Rodney McClellan is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McClellan, at Linden Hall, and will remain until about the first of the new year. The young man, formerly a Centre Hall High school student, is taking a course in the American School of Trades, in Detroit, Michigan, and is now doing actual work. He took up plastering, and plasterers are one of the highest paid mechanics in operations.

January 5, 6 and 7, Walter R. Hosterman, the local Dodge dealer, together with all dealers of Dodge cars, will be in Detroit, Michigan, at the headquarters of the Dodge Bros., Inc. The representatives of the great corporation have been called to Detroit largely on account of the radical reduction in prices on Dodge cars to be announced January 7th. From Pittsburgh the Dodge agents from this section will travel in a special train.

A car load of cinder was shipped to Centre Hall and is being distributed along the concrete and brick sections of the State highway over Nittany Mountain at Centre Hall. The cinder is placed on small conical heaps and when the road becomes icy it will be distributed by hand over the road. Heretofore crushed stones were used for the purpose of an anti-slip; cinder being cheaper an experiment is being made with them.

Leo J. Toner, manager of the Moose Temple Theatre, Bellefonte, was pleased with the increased patronage Saturday evening, when the opening of the Nittany Mountain road gave Penns Valley people their first opportunity to spend a Saturday night; the county seat for some months—unless they took the undesirable detour. Mr. Toner had a first-class picture that night, and during the entire winter season will show a class of photoplays that need no apology on the part of the management.

**REUBEN REFORMS.**  
Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking. Our old scrub stock is no good. Why not get some purebred bossies, As our neighbors say we should?  
Rachel, Rachel, you said something; Our darned cows don't pay their keep; Eat up our surplus money. All the crops that I can reap.  
Reuben, Reuben, there's our neighbor; Got a brand new Henry Ford; Used to ride to town as we do, Settin' on a hard, old board.  
Rachel, Rachel, he was telling How he raked the money in; Sellin' purebred bulls and heifers; Says it almost is a sin.  
Reuben, Reuben, take the check book; Buy the best that you can find; When it comes to purebred Guerneys, They will find we're not behind.  
Rachel, Rachel, let me hug you; I will buy some cows today; Sell the darned old good for nothings; Get some stock that's sure to pay.  
—R. H. Hewitt, Chemung County, New York, Farm Bureau Manager.

**THE STAR STORE**  
Established 1888. G. O. Benner, Prop.  
Specials for THURSDAY ONLY:  
Peanuts, lb., 15c; Raisins, lb., 10c; Oyster Crackers, lb., 15c; Ritter's Beans, Can, 10c; Dates, lb., 10c; Shredded Wheat, 10c; P. & G. Napha Soap, 5c; I. X. L. Milk, can, 10c; Choculite Creams, lb., 20c; Genuine Hill Moolan, yd., 15c; Lancaster Gingham, yd., 15c; Loose Cocoa (good quality) pound, 5c.; Extra Heavy Outing, yd., 20c; French Percale, yd. wide, per yd., 20c; Men's Heavy Canvas Gloves, knit wrist, 15c pair; \$1.00 Broom, 60c.

**YOU GET IT AT THE STAR.**  
Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Grape Fruit, Cranberries, Nuts of all kinds. Candles of all kinds; Candles in Fancy Boxes a Specialty.  
Santa Claus has decided to be with us all day and evening and distribute gifts to every boy and girl. Don't fail to see him.  
SUGAR, 6c lb.

**THE STAR STORE**

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

**Dollar Broom at the Star Store, 60c.**

John H. Knarr is sporting a new Ford sedan purchased from the State College Motor company.

Dr. John A. Hardenberg, of St. Petersburg, Florida, came to Millheim last week to attend the funeral of his uncle, N. A. Auman.

Another Haines township farmer to give up farming next spring is W. J. Smith, who recently purchased the Rev. J. M. Stover home in Aaronsburg.

With a view of entering upon evangelistic work, Rev. Dr. E. E. Hawes, formerly a pastor in Bellefonte, expects to terminate pastoral work in Harrisburg.

J. K. Johnston, Esq., and Mrs. Johnson, of Bellefonte, have two sons studying law in Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, who are now at the parental home to do their share in bringing good cheer at Christmas time.

"The Phantom of the Opera," starring Lon Chaney, at the Municipal theatre, Millheim, Friday and Saturday evenings, Jan. 1 and 2. Two shows each night, beginning at 6:45. Admission, 25 and 50 cents.

Walter Wilkinson, of Linden Hall, one of a number of duck hunters from that place, killed a fine buck the latter part of the hunting season. His first hunting license was just two days old when he brought down the coveted game.

The enlargement of the Millheim knitting mill, now known as the Penns Valley Hosiery Mills, Incorporated, will give employment to about seventy-five additional persons, bringing the payroll up to 225. Buses will be run to neighboring towns for the accommodation of the out-of-town help.

Hosterman & Stover, the very much alive Millheim hardware firm, are having their store room improved and are putting in new show windows very similar to those in the Reporter building. The lower glass is plate and the upper prismed, so constructed to shed the light to better advantage.

Last week mention was made in these columns of the manufacture of the quarries located near Woodward and in Brush Valley. The former plant, under the management of Harris Stover, has attained an output of from 60 to 100 tons of stone per day. H. H. Royer has charge of the Brush Valley plant.

R. M. Smith was reappointed postmaster by President Coolidge, and the appointment was confirmed by the Senate last week, together with appointments to various parts of the State, among them being Bellefonte, where John L. Knisely was also appointed for the second time. Both the Centre Hall and Bellefonte post offices are in the same (second) class, and are under civil service regulation. The local office has more than doubled its business since Mr. Smith has been in charge.

"Snow" fences, heretofore a rare sight along highways in this section, will become common. Although none have yet been placed heretofore, it is said the section between Old Fort and Centre Hill is to have such protection against snow drifts. Along the Fort woods, between the borough and Old Fort, is also scheduled for such winter improvement. Drifts at the latter place usually pile up when the first snow of consequence comes in early winter and remains until long after drifts at other points have disappeared.

The kiddies are happy because the ice pond is again opened for their sport. Mischief on the part of some one almost resulted in pleasure of skating there being denied, but when the youngsters put up their plea to D. A. Boozer, the owner, and showed the wrongs had been committed by others, he relented. The use of the pond should be appreciated not only to the extent that those using it do no harm, but each one ought to give the pond and property their protection. He or she will not be a snitcher who informs against one who is destructive of property.

A number of farmers in this section convinced of the real need and benefits accruing, are either now putting their barns in sanitary condition or are preparing to do so. The establishing here of the Sheffield Farms Company, who are making an extensive investment in the construction of a building which will be equipped with the most modern machinery for preparing milk to be shipped as "raw" milk to New York City, are responsible for this move on the part of local dairymen. The Sheffield people induce their patron dairymen to produce a better grade of milk not only as to butter fat content, but as to cleanliness. In other words, they want milk showing the least number of bacteria. To produce this, the old bank barn with its dark, unventilated stables, having a festoon of cowbells, the foundation of which are as old as the structure itself, is impossible. Money talks, so it is the price paid for milk produced under better conditions that is the lever lifting the farmer dairyman out of the old rut. We are here in Penns Valley under way to become a leading dairy section, and dairying is the foundation of the best agriculture.