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## A. M. Reigel Severely Injured in Fall Off Truck

SWITCHED FROM LOAD OF CORN FODDER, BREAKING PELVIS BONE TAKEN TO LOCK HAVEN HOSPITAL—PLACED IN PLASTER PARIS CAST.

Arthur M. Reigel is in the Lock Haven hospital resting fairly well in a plaster paris cast, due to a broken and shattered pelvis bone sustained Thanksgiving morning. Early that morning Mr. Reigel and his son, Sidney Reigel, drove a truck to the W. F. Rocky corn field, near Tusseyville, for a load of fodder. When the fodder was loaded, the elder Reigel sat on the load while the son drove the truck. On entering the road from the field a limb of a tree switched Mr. Reigel and a number of sheaves of fodder to the ground. What had happened was unknown to the son until he was halted by William McClennahan, who was coming toward the road through the Raymond lane, to tell him he had lost a portion of his load. Stopping the truck, the son at once saw what had happened, that not only a portion of

the load was missing, but his father also. Hurling back the short distance to where the fodder lay, the son dug his father from it. He was unconscious, and in that condition he remained for some time after being brought to his home by Mr. McClennahan.

Dr. Hugh Morrow administered and gave temporary relief. In the evening Mr. Reigel was sent to the Lock Haven hospital in the ambulance from that institution.

His condition is reported as being very fair. The character of the injury will require the use of the cast for five or more weeks. Mr. Reigel is 68 years of age, but his good physical condition, which will no doubt now serve him well, makes him appear much younger.

## NEWS NOTES FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN MANSE

On Thanksgiving Day the Presbyterian Manse was the scene of a wedding ceremony. The contracting parties were William Harold Callahan and Miss Virginia Etisher Bailey, of Boalsburg. The young folks were accompanied by the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey. They were joined in marriage by the use of the ring ceremony while standing among the ferns. The young couple immediately betook themselves to the home of the bride's aunt where they were served with the wedding dinner and then they started on their wedding trip, the farthest point of which was to Southern Wisconsin.

The bride is a graduate of Boalsburg High school and the bridegroom is an employe of the Penn State Electric Shop at State College. The bride was dressed in a beautiful white garment. The friends of this young couple wish them all the happiness that the world can give them through the Providence of God.

Mrs. Haller, wife of Prof. Haller, of State College, will give a lecture in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath evening, at 7:30. She will bring her views and instruction upon the Passover Play, which she saw while abroad. Please remember the date, Dec. 6th.

We would be pleased to have everybody see and hear this interesting account as it is portrayed both to the eye and to the ear. Be sure to bring your friends with you; they will want to be present also.

Miss Grace Wible of Beaver Springs, was a Thanksgiving guest with her uncle's family.

In short, Dr. Surface was forced to resign as a member of the Susquehanna University faculty because he believed and practiced TOLERANCE.

The Pennsylvania vehicle code makes a parent liable to damages who permits a child under 15 years of age to operate a motor vehicle and injures to another person result from an accident when the child is driving. The same liability also applies to a person not a parent who allows a child less than sixteen to operate an automobile.

Here we are in the deer season again. And this promises to be the most dangerous season for the hunter since the doe law was framed. At that time, the passage of the doe law was considered a boon to the hunter—it meant his protection. Even the most careless hunter would look closely before firing for fear it was a doe he would shoot instead of a buck deer, and the \$100.00 fine for his carelessness was something to think about. But now, we're right back to the "good old days" when many shot first and then went to see what it was they were shooting at. Let's hope that kind of a hunter is a rare bird in these days.

The complaint of the possibility that Democrats may make unemployment one of the issues in the coming presidential campaign comes with poor grace from Republican newspapers that used the word "soup-house" so often in their political columns that soup was spelled with two o's because there were not enough u's. That, of course, was before the lino type age in country newspaper offices. If the present were a Democratic administration the s-o-u-p mats would have pronounced hair lines.

Phillipsburg Home Burned. Fire of unknown origin last week destroyed the home of William Rothrock, of South Phillipsburg. The contents of the house were also lost. The Rothrock family were visiting in Johnstown when the fire occurred. A neighbor discovered the fire and called the Phillipsburg Fire company but the blaze was beyond control when the firemen arrived. The loss, estimated at \$3,000, is partly covered by insurance.

## EAST PENNS VALLEY HIGH WINS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

East Penns Valley High proved their claim for the County Soccer Championship when they defeated the local High school team by a 2-1 score. The game was played on New Beaver Field, at State College, and was refereed by Wm. Jeffrey, varsity soccer coach at Penn State.

E. P. V. H. S. scored in the first quarter, during which time they were constantly hammering Centre Hall's goal. Only the excellent defense of the locals prevented more scoring. The local boys evened the count in the second period, when Rickert scored on a short pass in front of the goal and tallied the only goal of the game for Centre Hall. East Penns Valley came back in the third quarter and scored their second and winning goal. After that their defense was airtight and Centre Hall was forced to take the short end of the score.

The game was very interesting to watch as both teams were evenly matched. The game was marked by its clean sportsmanship throughout. E. P. V. H. S. proved themselves real champions and sports in winning, and Centre Hall took their defeat as sportsmen too.

Centre Hall is playing in the Central Penn's championship tournament. They met Middleburg on Tuesday, and were defeated 3-1, consequently Middleburg will play East Penns Valley High School on Friday for the championship.

## ORVIS WEAVER INJURED AT WHITE ROCK

Orvis Weaver, of town, received a painful injury to one of his ankles when a large stone fell in such a manner as to hit it while working in the White Rock Quarries, Pleasant Gap, on Friday afternoon. He was brought to his home by Ted Wyland, a fellow worker. Next day, Saturday, he was taken to the Centre County hospital by Edward Lair for an X-ray examination. The picture indicates the injury confined to bruises, no bones having been broken. The injury is causing Mr. Weaver to suffer considerable pain.

## Bridge and "Shower."

Last Tuesday evening Miss Elizabeth Bartholomew entertained the Junior Bridge Club, of which she is a member, in her home; and at the same time, the Club, with a few additions, gave a shower for Dr. H. R. White's bride. The gifts received by Mrs. White were lovely and useful, and greatly appreciated.

Those who were present were Mrs. White, Mrs. J. S. Booser, Miss Yerna Rowe, Mrs. J. W. Bradford, Mrs. W. A. Homan, Mrs. George Stover, Mrs. Daniel Daup, Mrs. Albert Emery, Miss Ida Frazier, Miss Agnes Geary, Miss Louise Smith, Miss Myla Spyer, Miss Martha Yearick, and also the Bartholomew family.

The decorations and the refreshments were appropriate to the Thanksgiving season.

## NO RELIEF FROM PINCHOT ROAD PROGRAM

The execution of the Pinchot road program has brought little, or no relief locally to the unemployed. The Brush Valley road west from Centre Hall to Linden Hall, the Boalsburg road from Old Fort to Boalsburg, have been graded, and the Tusseyville road has been graded, oiled and chipped. The only work done on Representative Shaffer's road down Sinking creek and by his farm, was confined to "brushing out." The net employment furnished, aside from the men regularly employed on State highways for a half dozen or more years, was eleven days' work divided among two laborers. So, we see, that if the same policy was carried out throughout the State this fall, the Pinchot program to date has afforded no relief whatever.

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## ROAD BANDITS SLUG ASHLAND SALESMAN

Take \$1000 from William Rossman, Son of H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills—Victim in Serious Condition in Reading Hospital.

The following dispatch, dated Reading, November 28th, referring to a son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Rossman, of Spring Mills, appeared in Sunday's Philadelphia Record:

Bandits who forced his car to the side of the road near Berkeley, on the Pottsville pike a few miles north of Reading, this morning, attacked William Rossman, Ashland, salesman for a Reading abattoir company, and robbed him of \$1000.

Rossman is in a serious condition in Reading Hospital. City and State police are scouring Berks and Schuylkill counties for his assailants.

The attack occurred about 10:45 A. M. on a heavily traveled road. Police say Rossman was followed from Pottsville by two men who forced him to the side of the road, struck him with a blunt instrument, tried to strangle him, and left him semi-conscious by the roadside.

Police watched all entrances to the city for a light sedan, dark in color, with yellow wire wheels. Meager information which Rossman was able to give indicated one of the bandits was tall, the other short and wearing a brown coat and brown cap.

## PROFITABLE HOG FEEDING.

Harry E. Fye, a resident of town, shows conclusive evidence that hogs can be grown for considerable less than the present market price. He purchased four sucklings for \$20.00, kept them 211 days on feed that cost \$47.35. The four hogs dressed exactly 1290 pounds, the individual weights being 271, 283, 302 and 344 pounds. Reducing the weight of the "piglets" to dressed pork, 35 lbs. are deducted from the weight at maturity leaving the increase of dressed pork at 1165 pounds. This was produced at a cost of \$47.35 or at \$4.06 per hundred lbs. Including the first cost of the sucklings, the cost of dressed meat to Mr. Fye was \$5.70 per hundred pounds.

Middlings was almost the exclusive feed used.

## FIRE AT BELLEFONTE ACADEMY

Early Tuesday morning the residence section of the Bellefonte Academy was set on fire, presumably from sparks from a stove fire, nearby. The damage was not great, owing to the prompt action of the fire companies.

## Additional Red Cross Member.

Additions to the Red Cross Roll, Call during the past week were as follows: Mrs. W. F. Bradford, Clover Club, D. K. Keller, Dr. H. R. White, Mrs. W. F. Keller, Miss Rebecca Derstine.

## Illustrated Lecture in Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. F. W. Haller, of State College, will give an illustrated talk on "The Passion Play," in the local Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, December 6th, at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## COUNTY ON TEAM; WINS IN JUDGING

The Pennsylvania Livestock Judging Team under the direction of V. A. Martin, Assistant Director of Vocational Agriculture, made one of the best records of any Pennsylvania team.

The contest at Kansas City, where the team won, is of National importance, there being 35 States represented by teams.

The Pennsylvania boys as a team not only placed sixth, but also placed fourth in horses and fifth in cattle.

The team was composed of Dan Mothersbaugh, of the Harris Township Vocational school, Boalsburg; William Fretz, of the Cochrane Vocational school, Oxford; and Harry Detweiler, of the Morrison Cove Vocational school, at Martinsburg.

E. M. Dale, teacher of agriculture at Boalsburg, has been very successful in coaching judging teams and has had a boy on each of the last two Pennsylvania teams.

Honors, such as those won by this year's Pennsylvania team, are the best expression of the type of work being done in the vocational schools.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT PENN STATE

Of the sixteen scholarships offered at Penn State, but one was won by a student from Centre county. Mary McFarlane, a sophomore at State College, was one of five co-eds to gather a prize. The scholarships range from \$100 to \$200—two offered by John W. White and fourteen are Louise Carnegie scholarships.

The Methodist Sunday school will render its Christmas program Wednesday evening, December 22.

## SUSQUEHANNA UNIV. PROF. FORCED TO QUIT

Snyder County House Member, Who Voted for Home Rule, Reviled—County Grange Censures Him.

Professor Harvey A. Surface has resigned from Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove.

As the affairs of men and colleges go, there is not much news in the announcement that an instructor has stepped out of the classroom. It's a different story with Dr. Surface, for he is the member of the Pennsylvania Legislature who voted "Aye" on the American proposition for home rule on Sunday sports. The vote struck a signal in the State. For the first time in the entire history of the Commonwealth the House of Representatives had passed a bill upsetting the Blue Laws.

Then intolerance struck back at Professor Surface—sought to punish him for his courage and his manliness. He has been reviled and bedeviled ever since those exciting days of last May.

Foes who traveled through Snyder county pointing him out as a most dangerous foe of good morals and religious rectitude tried to have him ousted from Susquehanna University. They did not question his great ability; they could not find fault with his services in legislative halls.

Surface had committed the enormity of voting with those wicked men from Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Erie, Reading and other districts where there is conviction that the people of each community should be allowed to determine for themselves whether Sunday sports are sinful or helpful.

"Fire Dr. Surface," was the cry that went up from the militant followers of the Sabbath Observance Association and kindred groups. It reached the farms where it always is easy to stir up hatreds against the cities.

Not long ago there was a meeting of the county pomona. That is the local grange. For many years Dr. Surface, as State Zoologist and as a student of animal, bird and insect life, had given his best that farmers might benefit. He was one of them. He had been born on a farm, owned and lived on a farm.

In the Legislature he had battled for reduction of taxes on farm lands and had stood for other measures to help the man who tills the soil. He voted for every bill Governor Pinchot urged, but he refused to accept the Governor's stand on the Sunday baseball local option question.

At a scantily attended meeting of the county grange a resolution was presented censuring Dr. Surface for his action. Fewer than a dozen voted in favor of the condemnation, built upon intolerance, but it was adopted.

Before voting "aye" on the bill, Dr. Surface made these remarks:

"I vote 'aye' on House bill No. 149 because it is nothing more or less than a bill enabling my constituents to vote on the subject involved, and

"Because it plainly is neither religious nor anti-religious; neither ethical nor unethical; but politic and in accord with the statements made in my platform, in which I promised to let the people vote for themselves as far as is possible."

## Missionary Service.

The annual Thank-offering service by the three divisions—Woman's Missionary Society, Young People's Branch and Light Brigade—of the Lutheran Missionary Society, was held Sunday evening. The offering footed up to \$152.53, divided as follows: Woman's society, \$57.94; Young People's Branch, \$76.49; Light Brigade, \$25.00. Unreported funds will bring the amount up to or over \$165.00.

After the regular church service opening by Rev. Greenhoe, The Light Brigade, boys and girls sang "All the Children of the World."

A missionary sketch entitled "Tired of Missions," by the Young People's Branch, gave the tired mission girls a view of the dire need of their funds to keep up the work in foreign lands, and easily persuaded them to re-enter mission work with increased vigor. "O Zion, Hasten!" was the title of a well-executed pantomime, the participants having been in costume, colored lights shedding on them. Mrs. Paul Fetterolf sang while the young people told their story in motions.

The snow of last week, followed by rains filled many cisterns on farms that had been empty. Wells also to some extent have raised their water levels. Driving cattle to watering places and hauling water for domestic uses have been dispensed with for the present by many farmers.

## ELIMINATION CONTESTS IN GRANGE DRAMATICS

Several Groups to Contest at Centre Hall Monday Evening, 14th, to Determine Winner for Rural Tournament at Harrisburg.

Centre county will again be represented at the State Farm Products Show in Harrisburg next month in the rural dramatic tournament. At the tournament rural organizations from all parts of Pennsylvania will compete.

The local Centre county elimination contest has been arranged for Monday evening, December 14, in Progress Grange hall, Centre Hall, at eight o'clock. Three groups will present 45-minute one-act plays for the contest. The winner will present their play in the State contest. Groups presenting plays are as follows:

Rebekah Lodge, Pine Grove Mills; Penn State Grange, State College; Halfmoon Grange, Stormstown.

The local elimination contest will be an excellent evening's entertainment and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## HIGH SCHOOL RATINGS FIGURED BY COLLEGE

Academic standings of the High schools of Pennsylvania as indicated by records made by their graduates at the Pennsylvania State College have been placed in the hands of principals of all High schools which sent students to Penn State in 1930, by Register Wm. S. Hoffman. Principals asked for the information when Mr. Hoffman informed them of the study under way at the second annual Personnel and Guidance Conference of Secondary Schools and Colleges at State College in October.

High school ratings have all been reduced to a comparable index number of five digits, one for each fifth of the High school class, by the Penn State registrar. By reading the index from left to right, each one of the five figures shows in which tenth of the freshman class at Penn State graduates from the each fifth of the High school stand. Where no students came to Penn State from a certain fifth, a "0" is used, and where the rank falls in the tenth tenth of the freshman class an "x" is used.

"Based on these records of performance," Registrar Hoffman said, "admissions to Penn State will be adjusted in accordance with the standings of the High schools, and more or less of their graduates will be required to take the college aptitude test as the rating advances or decreases."

## McCOOL—NOLL

On Thanksgiving evening at 8:00 o'clock, at the Reformed parsonage of town, Bruce F. McCool, son of Mrs. James Fromm, and Miss Ruth M. Noll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Noll, of near Spruce town, were married by Rev. D. R. Keener. The bridal couple is now on a wedding trip to Harrisburg and other eastern points of the State. In the near future they will set up housekeeping in Spring Mills. Their friends felicitate them at this happy moment.

## Baked Ham Supper.

The Centre Hall High School Athletic Association will serve a baked ham supper, Saturday, December 12th, from 5 to 8 o'clock p. m., at 50 cents per plate.

In the afternoon of the same day the seniors will sell baked goods from 1:00 o'clock to 5:00 o'clock p. m.

## Four Are Granted Driver's License.

Four of the seven applicants who appeared Wednesday of last week in Bellefonte for the learner's examination to operate a motor vehicle were successful. Those who received their permits were: Robert W. Ishler, Bellefonte; Albert Y. Kachick, Clarence; Bernice E. Wagner, Tusseyville; John Whippo, Jr., Bellefonte.

## CHRISTMAS SAVINGS WILL BE PAID NEXT WEEK

Centre county banks will pay out in Christmas savings funds, this week, a total of \$55,600, which is about \$1,500 more than was paid out last year. This amount is exclusive of the First National Bank of Phillipsburg, the Peoples National Bank at State College, the Farmers National of Millheim, and the First National of Rebersburg, and includes the following:

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| First National, Bellefonte    | \$15,000 |
| Bellefonte Trust Co.          | 19,000   |
| Farmer's National, Bellefonte | 2,500    |
| First National, Spring Mills  | 2,000    |
| First National, State College | 12,000   |
| First National, Centre Hall   | 1,200    |
| First National, Howard        | 2,000    |
| Community Bank, Port Matilda  | 1,400    |

Delaware was the first State to ratify the Federal Constitution. The date of the act was December 7, 1787.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The Swedish Match Company will take over the Federal Match Corporation. One of the latter's plants is located in Bellefonte.

Due to the limited patronage extended the movies in Millheim, the present sponsors of the entertainment will discontinue the screen shows until conditions improve.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Centre County Motor Club will be held at the State College hotel (2nd floor), State College, on Friday December 4th, at 6:15 p. m.—P. A. Frost, secretary.

Elmer Runkig is challenging Merchant Emery for the crown for having grown the heaviest hogs this season. The two hogs killed by him last week weighed 873 pounds, the individual weights having been 458 and 420 lbs.

Both Blain and Blair Kratzer, of Lewistown flew to Florida last week, where they will remain for the winter. This is the second winter for the first named in Florida. Blain flew in his Challenge plane and Blair in his Waco.

A monument was erected in the Bellefonte cemetery recently to the memory of Adam Specht, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. One of the descendants who attended the ceremony was Rev. Charles A. Lantz, a great-grandson of the soldier.

Miss Anna E. Wilt and Mrs. A. E. Wilt, of Franklin, for a few days the latter part of last week were guests of their cousins, the Bartholomew family. From here they went to Aaronsburg to visit with the Guisewite family.

A new "Majestic" radio in an electric "grandfather" clock, is attracting favorable attention in the local radio store of W. A. Homan, managed by Floyd E. Snyder. To all appearances the article is an elegant old-fashioned clock, but in reality it represents the latest word in modernity.

The Hassinger brothers—Charles G. and Harry C.—of Millheim, expect to open a hosiery mill in Millroy to knit only the first and top band of ladies' hosiery. Considerable machinery has already been set up, fifty machines being the objective number to perform the work.

The Fish Commission stocked over 11,000 brook trout in Centre county streams during the month of September. These trout planted from the Bellefonte hatchery measured 8 inches or over. Streams stocked included Walkers Branch, Bald Eagle Creek and Spring Creek.

Miss Margaret Swann, daughter of Postmaster Swann in Millheim, is now a dental hygienist and attendant in the dental parlors of Dr. G. A. Robinson in Bellefonte. Miss Swann studied her profession at Temple University and later served the required practice period at Norristown State Hospital, Norristown.

Miss Evelyn Bradford, student in Juniata College, was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradford, over Thanksgiving vacation period. Miss Gladys White, a student in the Williamsport Business College, was also at her home here from Wednesday to Sunday. Both the girls are making good in their respective classes of work.

On passing through Centre Hall at noon on Thanksgiving Day, travelers declared they actually heard the groaning of tables caused by the heavy loads or provisions being carried by them, and brought forth the expression that after all it is in the small towns and country districts the people are the happiest and best provided for throughout the year.

Two Penn township citizens were brought before Justice of the Peace Z. A. Weaver at Coburn, for failure to comply with the compulsory school law as it is in force this year. The Board has been lenient in the matter because of the circumstances of the parents of the delinquent children, but failure to comply with the board's request to send the children to school as provided by law, after repeated warnings, brought the action that it is hoped will settle the status of similar cases. The parents who were found at fault, the Journal states, were E. E. Styers and Clyde Bressler. Justice Weaver imposed a fine and costs, but upon consulting the board the fines were remitted.