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POOR BOARDS ARE BAD ENOUGH FOR THE G. O. P.

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Bad reputations sometimes are attractive to some people.

That seems to be the case with the reputation of the local poor relief system of Pennsylvania.

The Republican State Senators are suddenly crowding around the local poor boards eager to heap new honors upon them.

What's the reason? Is it because an exhaustive survey, completed last year by a Republican Department of Welfare, proved the local poor boards, in general, to be hopelessly inefficient, inadequate and corrupt?

The poor boards, according to the survey, have been playing politics with human misery for years. Ergo, the Republican Senators reason, they are just the agencies to carry out the current program of making a political football of unemployment relief.

The Republican majority has passed a bill under which all relief, State, Federal and local, would be administered by these poor boards.

Have the poor boards given such a good account of their stewardship of the "permanent poor" that their jurisdiction should be extended to the unemployed?

Let's look at the record, as outlined in the survey.

Of all the 957 persons charged with relief in 425 poor districts of the State, NOT ONE was a trained social service worker at the time the survey was made.

Says the report: "Instances of illegal and unethical practices among poor directors are numerous."

"Court action in Elk county in 1933 showed the poor directors had been guilty of fraudulent conversion of property and use of relief funds for purchase of goods or personal use."

"It is a fairly common practice to refuse relief to political opponents and to use relief orders for securing votes."

"Before a recent election, a poor director in one county district placed notes in relief baskets warning recipients that they were supposed to vote for her."

"Nepotism probably stands next in the list of malpractices. Directors' sons, nephews, wives and brothers are given preference in filling all sorts of jobs with little thought of fitness."

"In certain townships, rents are paid for relatives out of public funds, and in others relief orders are given to relatives needy or not, as a matter of course."

As a result of these wholesale revelations of graft, the Welfare Department recommended that the existing poor laws be repealed and an entirely different system, with centralized State control, be established to take care of the "permanent poor."

In 22 of the 50 counties where the relief would be turned over to the poor boards, there are no poor boards in the strict sense. The County Commissioners have jurisdiction over care of the poor—and the County Commissioners are, of course, up to their ears in politics.

Do you want to know the immediate cause of this G. O. P. move? Look at your calendar. The county elections are to be held next fall.

The G. O. P. leaders are willing to fight desperately to retain their county control and the patronage that goes with it.

To this end, they are willing to bribe voters with relief funds, to submit the unemployed to the choice—**VOTE FOR US—OR STARVE!**

Are business conditions growing better? Listen: The Gray Iron foundry of the Chevrolet Motor Company set a new all-time record for a single day's pouring on April 19 with a total of 2395 tons. The previous high record was 2152 tons, set one year ago. The new record was made with twelve cupolas in operation.

"MISSING LINK" ON SEVEN MTS OPENS TO TRAFFIC TODAY

Although not completed, the "Missing Link" on Route 322 over Seven Mountains, was thrown open to traffic at the traveler's risk today, Thursday. The steam shovel work was completed yesterday, Wednesday, and the drain ditches at either side of the road are now under construction. The erection of the posts and placing of cables for protection over the fifty-foot hill will be started at once, some of the material being on the ground already.

The "Missing Link" is a section a trifle over a half-mile in length, and comprises deep cuts through two mountains and a correspondingly deep fill between them.

A major project was the construction of a heavily reinforced concrete archway, 210 feet over all in length, 10 feet high and 14 ft wide, for a waterway under the deep fill. The first work done was the excavating for the archway, the latter part of December. F. D. Kessler, Inc. is the contractor, whose contract included only grading and draining.

CHANGES OF PASTORS BY M. E. CONFERENCE, LOCAL, AND FORMER PASTORS IN COUNTY

Among the appointments made by Bishop Hughes, at Shamokin, Monday, changes affected two former Penna Valley ministers. The Rev. C. E. Catherman succeeds the Rev. E. W. Whitman, at Everett, Bedford county, and the Rev. C. E. Hazen moves to Muncy, succeeding Rev. Catherman.

In Centre county the following changes were made:

R. C. Dershen from Pleasant Gap to Snow Shoe;

H. B. Simons, from Port Matilda to Dubois town;

H. C. Sherman, from Snow Shoe to Sinnemahoning;

D. A. Sower, from Sinnemahoning to Port Matilda;

R. L. Morris, from Millville to Howard;

E. N. Rowe, from Pine Grove Mills to Vira;

Burton Bostuschek, from Halfmoon to Picture Rocks Circuit;

R. N. Naylor, from Cogan Valley to Halfmoon;

R. O. Bodorf, from Dubois town to Pleasant Gap;

H. F. Babcock to State College from Bloomsburg;

G. H. Ketterer, of State College becomes District Supt. of the Altoona District.

Dr. J. E. Shillington, having completed his term as District Supt. of the Altoona District, goes to Bloomsburg.

W. C. MARTIN, 78, HIT-RUN DRIVER, IN COUNTY JAIL

Thomas Otto Henderson, 52, a night watchman at the Titan Metal works, near Bellefonte, is in the Centre County hospital suffering from injuries received by being struck by a coupe driven by W. C. Martin, 78, Saturday evening. His condition is serious.

Martin was on his way home when he struck Henderson, who was walking along the road. Martin claims he stopped his car and looked carefully, but was unable to see that he had struck anything. It was raining at the time. Highway patrolmen scoured the whole country Saturday night and Sunday to find a car showing signs of having had a front-end collision. Sunday afternoon following slight evidence, Martin made confession.

At a hearing on Monday before a Spring township justice, Mr. Martin was released on furnishing bail in the sum of \$1500.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RELIEF TO BE DISCUSSED, FRIDAY

Doctors, dentists, and druggists of Centre and Clearfield counties will meet in the ball room of the Hotel Phillips, Philipsburg, on Friday, May 3, at one o'clock, to discuss the program of the Emergency Medical Relief, carried on in both counties.

Doctor Harold A. Miller, State Director from Harrisburg, will be the guest speaker.

Following the address, Dr. Miller and George L. Boyd, Administrator of Relief in Area 7, will lead a "round table" conference on all phases of the medical program, together with the particular problems that have been encountered throughout this Area.

NEARLY \$19,000 SAVING IS POSSIBLE IN CENTRE COUNTY UNDER MOOMAW-MORAN BILL

The Moomaw-Moran bill, No. 1372, is backed by the Taxpayers' Forum of Pennsylvania and appears to meet with much favor by legislators in both major political parties in the State. It is based on the modern systems of tax collection now in force in such states as Ohio and Indiana where the unit system is saving taxpayers millions of dollars each year. The savings in cost of collection in Pennsylvania would amount to more than \$3,000,000 a year, of which Centre county's saving would be \$18,651.

The following table gives the taxes collected, commissions paid and the estimated cost under the Forum-sponsored bill, based in the 1932 figures:

| | Estimate of Cost | Commissions Under Moomaw Bill |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Centre County | \$103,110 | \$ 5,243 |
| Borough | 109,162 | 2,493 |
| Township | 40,792 | 1,425 |
| School | 323,636 | 10,635 |
| Poor | 46,531 | 1,709 |
| Total | \$655,231 | \$21,010 |

The figures above are based on study of Ohio system under which collection costs amounted to approximately 36 of one per cent.

General business volume is now 41 percent higher than at the low point of the depression and would be even better if business men devoted more time to their affairs and less to deploping the state of the world and Nation. If business men would let others use up time telling the world what dire things are going to happen and devote themselves to business entirely, the first result would be a remarkable recovery in business.

The one thing most wanted by Governor Earle is a group of citizens, corporations or firms who will accept a tax without a protest. There doesn't just seem to be such an "animal."

39 PUPILS ASK ADMISSION TO CENTRE HALL HIGH SCHOOL

At the examination for entrance to the Centre Hall high school, held here on Saturday, there were thirty-nine applicants, with one other ill and unable to be present.

Of this number twenty-six come from Potter township grade schools; five others come from the township but attended the eighth grade in the borough schools during the last school year or longer, and eight borough resident pupils.

All of the eight grade schools are represented by applicants. The name of the schools, the teachers and pupils applying, together with the respective ages of the applicants follow:

Potters Mills school, Bertha M. Haskell, teacher; Paul Sweetwood, 14; Helen Neff, 14; Mary Ellen Haskell, 12; John Treaster, 13; Frances Runkle, 14.

Tusseyville school, Marian V. Isenber, teacher; Kenneth Runkle, 12; Mary Swartz, 12; Mary Stoner, 13.

Tusseyville school, Lillian Brooks, teacher; Martha McClellan, 13; Mary Rimmey, 12.

Pine Stump school, Harvey Flink, teacher; Betty Brooks, 14; Rosella Homan, 12.

Plum Grove school, J. Ernest Wagner, teacher; Goldie Rimmey, 13; Anna Smith, 13.

Centre Hill school, Marian Auman, teacher; Sara Hackett, 13; Betty Allen, 13; Donald Smith, 12; Robert Allen, 15; Roy Gentzel, 14.

Colyer school, Geo. H. Sweeney, teacher; James Meeker, 14; Frank Venrick, 16; Leona Fye, 12; William Fohringer, 14; Helen Horner, 13.

Earlstown school, Dorothy E. Brown, teacher; Lynn Blazer, 15; Dorothy Glasgow, 14.

Pupils from Potter township but attending the grades, R. W. Bohn, teacher; Harold Bradford, 13; Reeder Sharer, 14; Lillian Hickert, 15; Gerald Fetters, 14; Inez Luse, 13.

Centre Hall borough pupils taking the examination, R. W. Bohn teacher; Darline Foust, 13; Marjorie Morrow, 14; Russell Reish, 13; Miriam Homan, 13; William Kerlin, 12; Chalmers Weaver, 15; Francis Snyder, 15; Edna Meyer, 15.

W. S. KRISKE NAMED REGISTRAR IN JOHNSTOWN AND SUBURBS

Warren S. Kriske, former Alderman of the Eighth Ward, in Johnstown, was notified of his appointment as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the City of Johnstown and for a number of other districts in that section.

Mr. Kriske received the appointment from Mrs. Edith McBride-Dexter, State Secretary of Health, and was notified that his appointment will be effective May 5.

The office of registrar pays no salary, but fees are collected by the registrar for recording vital statistics. The compensation for the office last year amounted to approximately \$1,600.

The Reporter is highly gratified to announce the appointment of Mr. Kriske, who was reared in Centre Hall and has been a Democrat from youth and consistently voiced Democratic principles in good and bad years.

IS 42 CENTS PER DAY PER PERSON EXTRAVAGANT AID?

Regardless of the charge by Republicans in Pennsylvania that there is reckless abuse of public moneys, the present Direct and Work Relief in the State is costing but thirty-nine cents per person per day.

It should be pointed out that the figure of 39 cents per person per day represents the average cost of unemployment relief. Some persons have a small income from private employment and are receiving limited relief as a supplement to their meager income. The average income other than relief of persons receiving unemployment relief, amounts to 3 cents per person per day. Adding these few cents to the amount of relief that is being granted these persons brings the total, which is available for supporting these persons to 42 cents per person per day.

Would the Republican Senators reduce this amount when Old Age and Blind pensions are granted on the basis of \$1.00 per person per day.

128 CHANGES ON STATE PAYROLL—42 APPOINTMENTS

Forty-two appointments, 55 demissions and 31 resignations are among 128 changes on the State payroll disclosed on Friday on the employees' lists in the State Treasury Department. None of the Pinchot appointees in this section were disturbed; they must be fetish.

The largest number of changes were in the Highway, Labor and Industry, and Property and Supplies Departments and in the State liquor system.

I. Paul Linn, of Philadelphia, was appointed director of publications, Department of Property and Supplies, at \$5000.

Twelve hundred pounds of ammonia from the KaVee ice cream plant at Belleville, found its way into Kishacoquillas creek, on Thursday morning, destroying all fish for several miles down stream. The stuff escaped from a broken pipe. Many of the fish were gathered and used for food. It will require several years before that portion of the stream is restocked in any degree comparable to that prior to Thursday.

CELEBRATED 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT MILROY

The celebration of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fultz, at Milroy, during last month, was unusual because of the fact that Mr. Fultz, throughout all of that time except the first six months of his married life, was an invalid, and for that entire time was confined to bed. A fall from a tree resulted in injury to his spine and paralysis to both his lower limbs.

The celebration of the anniversary was a surprise, arranged by a brother, and was attended by relatives and friends, among whom from Penna Valley were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Burkholder, Centre Hall; John Condo, of Spring Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner, Millheim. Other close relatives were Mrs. Jane Treaster, Lewisport; C. C. Condo, Milroy; also, Miss Bertha Fultz, a sister of Mr. Fultz, of Milroy. In most instances the heads of families, were accompanied by their children.

The evening was delightfully spent in rehearsing events of the past, and present, playing games, etc., lastly disposing of choice refreshments.

Mrs. Fultz, who is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lott Condo, has been employed almost continuously in the Milroy hosiery mills, while Mr. Fultz, notwithstanding his handicap, contributes to the earnings for support by engaging in handicraft work.

300, COUNTY H. S. STUDENTS TOUR PENN STATE COLLEGE

Centre Hall high school sent fifteen representatives to the Pennsylvania State College Wednesday afternoon where they were taken on a tour of the College, which would assist them in selecting a vocation to follow after graduation. Plans were under the supervision of William S. Hoffman, College Registrar; Hugh R. Rife, Jr. of the department of public information and Charles A. Myers, of the Student Union.

The idea for the tour was suggested to various high school principals by W. S. Jeffries, county vocational supervisor. The plan was not to much tell the student of what Penn State has to offer them as in providing the student with an opportunity to think along the lines of selecting a career.

Among the schools represented and the number of delegates attending from each were Snow Shoe, 21; Port Matilda, 26; Rebersburg, 12; Hubersburg, 12; Blanchard, 13; Spring Mills, 15; Centre Hall, 15; Pleasant Gap, 16; Howard, 25; Millheim 24; Boalsburg, 9; Bellefonte, 40; State College, 75.

DEATH OF DEER IN UNION AND CENTRE DUE TO PARALYSIS

Dr. Norman H. Stewart, Bucknell University zoologist, announces that a disease resembling infantile paralysis was responsible for the death of most of the 80 deer last week near Cammal.

He described the disease as myastasia and said it is spread by a fly known as a cephenomyia proflifer.

He said hundreds of deer have died in the last seven years apparently from the same cause.

The fly, which lays its eggs in the nostrils of the deer in late summer, first was discovered in Pennsylvania by Dr. Stewart in 1928 in Union county, and epidemics since have been reported in Union, Centre, Pike and Clearfield counties.

Attended Gonsallus Funeral

Persons from a distance who attended the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Jane Gonsallus, held Wednesday of last week from the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Delaney, east of Centre Hall, were Mrs. Gertrude Brydall, Mrs. Guy Stover, of St. Marys; Ben Staid Henry Homal, of Wilkesburg; Mrs. Annie Hoffman, of Tyrone; Miss Delphia Wessel, Mrs. Wm. Munch, Junior and Milton Gray, of State College; Thomas Gonsallus and family, of Dearborn, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Larkins, of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCauley, of Mill Hall; Oscar Magee and daughter, of Beech Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Confer, of Renovo; James Gonsallus and mother; Mrs. Cora Baney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fletcher, Mrs. Broth, Mrs. Olive Shank and daughter, of Howard.

The Delaney family take this method of thanking friends who so generously lent assistance during the last illness and subsequent death of the aged mother.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dasher, Centre Hall, in honor of Mrs. Dasher's 76th birthday, on Saturday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dasher, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dasher, Floyd, Margaret, Dorothy, Bruce, Beatrice, Dean and Joanne Dasher; Mrs. Mervina Foreman, Willard Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ilgen, Sara Ilgen, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rachau, Guy Rachau, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mersinger, Mary, Kathryn and Leroy Mersinger; Mr. and Mrs. John Mersinger, Elizabeth Mersinger, Miss Velma Dressa Charles Dressa. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, pickles, olives, cake and ice cream.

At the same time Bruce Dasher celebrated his eleventh birthday. Both received many useful gifts.

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS FOR 1935-1936 TERM

Teachers for the 1935-1936 school term for Centre Hall borough were elected at a regular meeting of the school board, Monday evening. All former teachers were re-elected with the exception of the music teacher, which election is in the hands of a special committee representing the four school districts employing that individual.

Teachers elected were: Primary, Miss Helen White; 2nd and 4th grades, Thos. L. Moore; 7th and 8th grades, Russell W. Bohn; high school, principal, J. F. Wetzel; English teacher, Miss Agnes Geary; social studies, R. S. Jamison; mathematics and science, Wm. E. McCormick. Mrs. Malcolm Smith has been the music teacher for several years past, and is an applicant again.

The salaries of the teachers were not determined, but are contingent upon the action of the State legislature.

Miss Fisher Elected Music Teacher.

At a meeting held at Centre Hall on Tuesday evening, Miss Marjorie Fisher, State College, was elected to instruct in music in the public schools in Centre Hall borough. Potter, Harris and Miles townships, succeeding Mrs. Malcolm Smith, who has occupied the position for several years.

Miss Fisher is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher, State College, and is a graduate of Penn State, class of '32. Her experience in teaching has been at Beaverdale, Cambria county.

The selection was made through a committee of four, the president of each board; namely, Harris township, Rev. H. L. Wink; Potter township, M. A. Burkholder; Miles township, Charles Meyer, and Centre Hall borough, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick. The committee had the opportunity to choose from a number of capable applicants.

SOUTHSIDE YOUNG DEMOCRATS MET FRIDAY NIGHT

A very fair representation of the members of the Southside Democratic club met Friday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall, their regular place of meeting.

The only business transacted was the appointment of an executive committee, and a second committee to revamp the constitution of the club and make it fit into the needs of the local organization. A third committee appointed is to contact other similar clubs with a view of putting on some social function some time during the coming summer.

The members of the executive committee appointed by the president, William E. McCormick, are Daniel S. Daup, E. W. Burkholder, J. Ernest Wagner, F. V. Goodhart, J. Fred Slack, while the committee to revise the rules of the club are S. W. Smith, D. M. Bradford, Fred Slack, George McCormick, Harold Durst.

John W. Decker, Centre's representative in the lower house at Harrisburg, gave an interesting talk on the milk control bill, which subject was suggested by a member.

NINE NURSES TO GRADUATE FROM CENTRE CO. HOSPITAL

During the latter part of May nine student nurses in the Centre County hospital will graduate. Their names are appended:

Margaret E. Bradford, Centre Hall; Martha E. Walker, Milesburg; Sarah R. Watson, Boggs township; Helen Marie Barton, Unionville; Ethel B. Beaver, Lemont; Mabel Viola Heltman, Mill Hall; Iva Marie Burkholder, Jersey Shore; Gladys E. Williams, Clearfield; Thelma E. Lesh, Lock Haven.

"JUNGLE GOLD."

"Jungle Gold," a new story by Rex Beach—a story of love, thrills, adventure and empire building against odds—is running daily in the New York American. You can start it now. Don't miss a single installment.

At a meeting of the Emergency Child Health Committee of Centre County to be held in the Court House this (Thursday) evening, Mrs. Bertha Strauss, a vice-chairman of the State committee, will be present and speak on the aims and accomplishments of the work.

LOCAL FISH COMMITTEE TO WAGE WAR ON COMMON WATER SNAKE

The Fish Committee of the Spring Mills Fish and Game Association among other items of its program for the year 1935 has planned a declamation campaign directed against the common water snake. On good scientific evidence, it is known that the common water snake is very destructive to fish life and other aquatic life in our streams. This is particularly true during the summer months. Hence it is desired that the number of reptiles be decreased. The fish committee hereby calls upon all members and friends of the association to wage war on the common water snake during the coming months and report the number of snakes killed to the fish committee at the end of the fishing season. The cooperation of all interested persons is greatly desired.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

State College is conducting a speed trap. Watch your gait, Mr. Motor-man, or the cops will get you.

David L. Geary, at 84 years, is one of Potter township's most aged citizens. He is not in good health however.

This dance held in the store building being prepared for a Ford show room, on Friday evening, was well attended.

During the first three weeks in April, the number of forest fires in the State were much below the average in number and were also light in damage.

Miss Mary Garver, R. N., a graduate from the Centre County hospital and employed there regularly as a nurse, was in Centre Hall on a brief visit among friends during last week.

Unlike during the past few years, farmers marketed considerable corn, which is being shelled and put on the market. The price for corn locally is 75 cents for 70 lbs. The quality of the grain is first-class.

Mrs. R. A. Harter purchased the home of the late W. E. Keen in Millheim, at public sale for the sum of \$800. The property was purchased as an investment, it being the intention of the new owner to improve it for renting.

Mrs. Sadie Lingle, of Georges Valley, came to the home of her sister, Mrs. V. A. Auman on Friday, for a visit of a few days. Mrs. Lingle, it will be recalled, suffered a paralytic stroke a few weeks ago, from the effects of which she is gradually recovering as time moves on.

Among the 150 Maytag electric washing machine dealers who assembled at the Penn Alto hotel on Monday afternoon and evening for instruction was Clymer McClenahan, a local dealer. At 6:00 o'clock a banquet was served at the well-known hotel. Jack McClenahan accompanied the dealer.

No wonder Cumberland Valley is a bouquet of apple blossoms at this season of the year, when one recalls that four counties produced three and one-half million bushel apples last year. Adams county produced 2,600,000 bushels; Franklin, 868,000 bushels; Cumberland, 197,000 bushels; and York, 440,000. The value of the apples grown in Pennsylvania last year is estimated to have been \$7,790,000.

The weather during last week was unusual for this season. Every one of the six workdays was an ideal April day—warm, with plenty of sunshine. Vegetation of all kinds made leaps and bounds in growth. Trees carrying only buds on Monday were able to make shade on Saturday. Grasses, clovers and wheat plants also grew sufficiently to be easily observed.

Are we going back to the Seventies? It was then our "wimmen" folks wore steel hoops, graduated in size from the waist down, and now bands of horse hair three inches wide are sewed inside the hems of full-skirted evening gowns to give a swirling and billowing effect as the wearer walks. Of course, the hair hem is now worn only in Paris, but the French city is also now our next-door neighbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tressler, during last week, entertained seven couples at a six o'clock dinner at their home. Much of the time before and after the spread was spent at bridge tables. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Goodhart, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seaton, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Reiber, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Bohn, Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Coldron.

The hotel stable has been repainted red with white trim, by Edward Durst, the power paint spraying machine used having been operated by Blaine Leister. The building, one of the oldest in the town, built by the late Henry Witmer, had not been painted in many years. Last summer Miss Laura Runkle, the owner, had the hotel painted white and now both structures are very presentable in appearance.

At the toxoid clinic held at the grade school building, on Thursday, the serum was administered to forty-five children. The physician was assisted by Miss Gunbery Erickson, Red Cross nurse, and Miss Ruth Hartley, a member of the local group taking the home nursing course under Miss Erickson. Another to assist was Miss Grace Smith, who was in charge of the movement here and to whom application should be made by any who desire treatment for their children.

After purchasing a pair of veal calves from a farmer in Bald Eagle Valley recently, A. M. Riegel placed them in his truck, but thoughtlessly motored toward his home here without closing the slatted door. After driving several miles he casually glanced back to discover only an empty crate. Of course, he back-tracked to the farm where the frisky little animals had been recaptured by their former owner, who had noticed their plunge from the truck. The second time the trip homeward was begun after the door was securely fastened.