

MOST NEWS..... LEAST MONEY

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FOUND IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Death of Henry Fry by his Own Hand.

BODY FOUND BY HUNTERS.

On Monday, About Five Miles From Pottery Mills—Shot in the Heart—Death was Instantaneous—He was Mentally Affected.

About two weeks ago Henry Fry, of Pottery Mills, took his departure from home in such a peculiar manner as to cause some fear of his whereabouts.

Searching parties for several days were out, but could find no trace of him. On Tuesday two hunters found his lifeless body about five miles south of Pottery Mills.

The body was found in the ravine, leading down to Miller's old saw mill. Most of the clothes were burned off of him except where saturated with blood.

The interment occurred at Spruce-town on Wednesday. A widow and two married daughters survive him.

Mr. Fry was an elderly man, by trade he was a tinner and conducted his business at Centre Hill and other points in that valley.

An Important Decision.

Judge Love, has just handed down a decision of interest. It was on the verdict rendered in the case of the Poor District of Rush township vs. Austin Linn, poor overseer.

The plaintiffs maintained that, according to the act of March 27, 1880, the overseer had no right to furnish supplies or a house to paupers with the expectation to get pay for the same.

This has been a mooted question in many parts of the state for years, and this is the first decision that has been rendered thereon.



The Poor "Gazette."

Decision on Peddlers.

Judge Metzger at Williamsport handed down an opinion in which he decides that a man who peddles goods shipped from another state, cannot claim protection under the interstate commerce law.

THERE were no bon-fires on Tuesday night, as both sides were slightly indisposed. Honors were about divided.

RETURNS FOR CENTRE COUNTY, ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1895.

Table with columns for State Treasurer 1896, State Treasurer 1895, Superior Court Judges, Prothonotary, and District Attorney. Rows list various townships and candidates.

NOTE—In the above table the vote of 1893, for State Treasurer, in Centre county, is given for comparison. In the returns for Superior Court the vote only for the first two candidates on each ticket is given.

IN CENTRE COUNTY.



I Crow for Billy Singer.

Over all disappointments of Tuesday's election, Centre County still remains true to her cherished convictions. It stands forth as a bright diadem in the night.

The election on Tuesday gave the democrats, in Centre county, a small majority, almost too small for satisfaction. A light vote was polled, which may be the principal cause, as in many democratic strongholds voters were indifferent.

Cussing Hastings.

The Tyrone Times, republican, complains in the following style: "Miss Mary L. Rhone, of Centre county, has been appointed clerk to Dr. Warren, state ornithologist."

Miss Rhone's salary amounts to about \$1,500 per year.

Help Wanted.

250 ladies to assist in taking home the great stock of coats, capes and wraps, now in the ladies department of the music store.

Hurry up! such beauties in coats—short and sweet. Capes, too pretty to leave here. Come and try them on—trial free. Prices to suit the times. All are invited to call.

11-14 AIKENS MUSIC STORE.

TUESDAY was too much for some of our Winter Christians. Some of them took a relapse.



It is Quigley.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation. As a people, we have occasion to rejoice.



I Crow for Billy Smith.

Altoona, Clearfield & Northern Fined.

Secretary of Internal Affairs Tatta has imposed a penalty of \$5.00 on the Altoona, Clearfield and Northern Railway company for neglect to make annual report to the department for the year ended June 30, 1895.

Auction.

At Henry Brown's store, Hubersburg, Pa. Commencing on Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, November 19th, 1895, the entire stock of goods in the store of the late Henry Brown, dec'd., at Hubersburg, Pa., will be sold at public auction.

This stock comprises a complete line of Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Rubber Goods, Groceries, Stationery and a large assortment of Hardware, Drugs, Patent Medicines, Tobaccos, lot of good cigars, two safes and many other goods such as are kept in a general store.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.—The following list of household goods will be sold Tuesday afternoon, November 19th: Book case, 2 sewing machines, corner cupboards, apple butter by the gallon, washing-machines, 2 oil tanks, 200 and a 60 gallon capacity.

S. PECK, Executor.

Died at Oak Hall.

On Wednesday morning Hon. Samuel Gilliland, died at his home, on his farm at Oak Hall, after an illness of about four weeks with dyspepsia.

Mr. Gilliland would have been 82 years old, in March. He was one of the leading citizens of that valley, and for a number of years was in the legislature, being a man of more than the ordinary intelligence.

There survive him his son James Gilliland, at Oak Hall, and Mrs. Hammond Sechler, of Bellefonte. The interment will take place on Saturday, at the Branch cemetery. Services will be held at the late residence.

THE political bums, who spent the past few weeks hovering about headquarters button-holing candidates for money, even enough to buy a drink, are now out of a job.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE.

The Valentine Furnace Company Affected.

J. W. GEPHART RESIGNS.

John P. Harris, of Bellefonte, to Succeed Mr. Gephart as President—The Penna. R. R. Secures a Verdict that Compels Shipments Over that Road—Other Officials Elected.

For some time there has been a contention in our local courts, and then carried to the Supreme Court, by the Penna. R. R. company to compel the Valentine Furnace company to make all shipments over that road, instead of over the Central R. R. of Pa. and other connecting lines.

The Penna. R. R. company lost the case in our courts, but recently won in the Supreme Court, and this made some changes necessary. As J. W. Gephart is president of the Valentine Furnace company and General Superintendent of the Central R. R. of Pa., under the new order of things, as decreed by the Supreme Court, he concluded to sever his connection with the furnace company.

Last week a meeting of the directors was held and Mr. Gephart's resignation was accepted. John P. Harris was elected to fill the vacancy. Mortimer Donoghue was elected Superintendent of the Nittany Valley Railroad. Harry C. Valentine became a member of the directors of the furnace company and Robert Valentine remains secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

Under the new arrangements, as far as practicable, all the product of the furnace will be shipped over the P. R. R. This shipping has a freight value of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually.

The change in offices was made so as to enable Mr. Gephart to devote his entire attention to the C. R. R. of Pa. In 1890 the Centre Iron Co. was sold by the sheriff and was subsequently purchased by J. W. Gephart for the mortgage trustee and organized.

On Tuesday J. W. Gephart gave to the public a complete statement of the difficulty that arose with them and P. R. R. Co. which resulted in the construction of the Central R. R. of Pa. The legal proceedings by the Pa. R. R. are reviewed at length and the final decision of the Supreme Court, by Justice Dean, is severely criticised. In one paragraph he says:

"The Pennsylvania railroad interests, would have throttled the plant in the spring of 1893 had not the Central been built and come to our relief. Now the supreme court has arbitrarily wrested the plant from our control and turned it over to the Pennsylvania railroad interests. We abide their decision, and voluntarily hand over the key and control. Whatever success or failure the industry attains in the future is theirs and not ours."

In his concluding paragraph he displays his customary pluck in the following words:

"To my friends and neighbors and the business interests of Bellefonte, I wish to say my battle has been yours. You have stood by me in the past, and I have no fear that you will desert me in the future. I never felt a greater interest in Bellefonte than to-day; and if you will come to my support we can soon rejuvenate every idle industry, the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to the contrary notwithstanding. I believe I can safely say you need have no fears, as to the future of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. So far she has been equal to every emergency. She has done more for Bellefonte in two years than the Penna. R. R. Co. in thirty. And if you will stand in with her, you will find that what she has done is but a tithe of what she will yet do for you. I have no intention of resigning as Gen. Supt. of the Central; but from this time forward I expect to devote all my undivided perseverance, pluck and energy to making the Central not only a pecuniary success to her stockholders, but the benefactor of every Bellefonte interest and industry. Very Truly Yours, J. W. GEPHART.

This termination of affairs is a surprise to our community, and many are of the opinion that it may not be the most flattering in results. To Mr. Gephart much credit is due for the re-organization of this important industry and its successful operation during a critical financial disturbance that spread over the entire country.

The organization, construction and successful operation of the Central Railroad of Penna. was another masterly effort by Mr. Gephart, and which the community can not under-value.

This road has brought many advantages and benefits in the way of reduced passenger and freight rates, and brought us in touch with entirely new lines of travel, and commercial dealings.

We hope the Valentine Furnace Company will be equally successful in the future, as it means much for this community. We have confidence in the Central R. R. of Pa., under Mr. Gephart's direction, and that the community will duly appreciate his efforts.



"After the Ball"—Scene in the Republican Barnyard.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following have paid their subscriptions during the past month of October. The date after the name indicates the time the subscription expires:

- List of names and subscription amounts: E. Eboch, Phillipsburg, Oct 95; James Moyer, Tusseyville, Dec 95; Hon. J. P. Gephart, Bellefonte, Oct 95; O. D. Eberts, Aug 95; George Bush, May 95; Geo. W. Miller, Oct 95; Andrew Breon, Nov 95; Wm. Stamm, Nov 95; J. A. Henderson, Nov 95; Alvin Breon, Nov 95; Geo. Eberhart, Aug 95; Robert Hartle, Nov 95; F. Wian, Feb 96; Wm. Carson, Nov 95; B. F. Royer, Feb 96; Robert Wells, Zion, Dec 95; Henry Weaver, Blanchard, Oct 95; Michael Snyder, Sober, Sept 95; Z. W. Hoy, Walker, Jan 96; Samuel Noll, Pleasant Gap, Oct 95; J. L. Metzgar, Beek Creek, May 95; J. W. Bitner, Blanchard, Oct 95; L. H. Clevenstine, Hubersburg, Jan 96; J. H. Gentzel, Hubersburg, Aug 95; Mrs. W. R. Snyder, Pine Grove, Oct 95; John Brown, Axeman, Aug 95; S. B. Moore, State College, Aug 95; Henry Garner, Gatesburg, Aug 95; Wm. R. Hemphill, Erie, Sept 95; F. M. Ream, Penn Hall, Oct 95; Jas. H. Hubbard, Patton, Oct 95; J. H. Cori, Pleasant Gap, Nov 95; J. K. Page, Linden Hall, Nov 95; Jacob M. Garbrick, Zion, Nov 95; Daniel Kratler, Spring Mills, Nov 95; Andrew Dunkle, Zion, Nov 95; Sam. Markle, Jr., Pleasant Gap, May 95; David Gussallius, Beek Creek, Sept 95; L. P. Bronell, Bristol, Ill., Jan 97; E. A. Hampton, Pine Glenn, Nov 95; John A. Hosterman, Woodward, Nov 95; M. N. Zeigler, Walker, March 96; Mrs. M. R. Ogden, Osceola Mills, Jan 96; Dan Doup, Centre Hill, Oct 95; Geo. Stinkeicher, Peale, Oct 95; Joseph Tressler, Pleasant Gap, Nov 95; W. H. Flory, Nov 95; L. H. Gettig, Nov 95; H. V. Hill, Nov 95; Mrs. Kate Craig, Philadelphia, May 95; Luke Styers, Coburn, Jan 95; S. F. Ishler estate, Boalsburg, Nov 95; Philip Zong, Hubersburg, Nov 95; John A. Showers, Madisonburg, Aug 95; Wm. Gfrerer, Centre Hill, Nov 95; John Packer, Howard, Nov 95; Fred Yocum, Hubersburg, Nov 95; John Long, Zion, Nov 95; W. A. Hartscock, Martha, May 95; Nevin Krider, Zion, Nov 95; John P. Rocky, Zion, Nov 95; Jerry Erie, Madisonburg, Aug 95.

NOTE.—No campaign subscriptions are included in the above list.



Willie Gray.

The Price of Coal.

The big anthracite coal companies have within the last two days put another advance of from twenty five to thirty five cents on the wholesale price of coal. Within a short time they have added from sixty to eighty five cents to the wholesale price. Egg coal will go up about thirty five cents per ton retail and other grades not so much.