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AN ORPHANS' HOME

Likely to be Established in Bellefonte Soon

BY E. J. PRUNER'S ESTATE

To Provide a Home for Children Between Ages of 5 and 12 Years—The Will of 1896 to be Probated if no Later One is Found

In our notice of the death of E. J. Pruner last week, mention was made of three wills left by him. One executed in 1892, another in 1896, and a third one that was drawn up which he had intended to sign at about the time of his sudden illness. It was thought that there might be a later will in existence than the one of 1896, but diligent search among his personal effects here, at Tyrone, and with the Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia, who held the will of 1896 failed to reveal any such document and we understand that the will of 1896 will be probated.

It is estimated, by persons who were close to Mr. Pruner, that his estate will reach about \$200,000. The will of 1896 makes only partial disposition of his property and a considerable sum will therefore be divided among the heirs according to the intestate laws of the state. As the will of 1896 has not been probated, we can not give its exact provisions, but from various sources we gather the following:

Mrs. John Hoffer, his only surviving sister, is liberally provided for. Mrs. Clara Moyer of Tyrone, daughter of a deceased brother, received \$25,000. The Shrom girls, nieces, receive from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each. Mrs. Dr. Hayes, niece, will receive a liberal amount.

AN ORPHANS' HOME.

The principal part of this will is the wish of Mr. Pruner to establish an orphan's home in Bellefonte. In it he has set aside what is known as the Pruner homestead, on Pine street, Bellefonte, for some years occupied by his sister, Mrs. John Hoffer, to be used for such purpose. To maintain its valuable properties in Bellefonte and Tyrone, unsented lands in this county and some western lands, all aggregating in value about \$40,000, are set aside, the income from which it is estimated would be about \$2,500 per annum.

This orphanage is established for the benefit of children of Bellefonte and Tyrone between the ages of 5 and 12 years, who are without parents or friends to care for them. The institution will be under the control of authorities of the two boroughs.

The Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia, is named as executor. The will is written in Mr. Pruner's hand, and in some ways is considered loosely drawn. The unsigned will had no provision whatever in it for the establishing of an orphanage and there was considerable difference in the various bequests named.

Discovers His Grave in Virginia.

From the Middleburg Post, May 12: Capt. Wm. F. Campbell, of Allenwood, Union county, was among the veterans here Wednesday, of last week. He had the most peculiar experience that falls to mankind. Several years ago the Captain and some friends were visiting the National Cemetery at Fredericksburg, Va., and they discovered a grave with a marker bearing Captain Campbell's epithaph, with information that he was killed in the battle of Spottsylvania. This can be explained thus: At the battle of Spottsylvania Capt. Campbell was taken prisoner and moved to Macon, Ga., and later to Charleston. On the battle field a body resembling that of Capt. Campbell was identified as Campbell's and buried with his epithaph and the error was not discovered until several years ago when the Captain, a real live corpse, read his own epithaph.

Capt. Campbell was commissioned as first Lieut. of Co. H, of the gallant 51st Regiment of Penna., but at this time was in command of his company.

Attempted Suicide.

This morning about five o'clock Eugene Welsh, lying on Logan street, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He made several gashes across the throat and did the act under an attack of dementia. He was discovered in time to prevent his bleeding to death and was at once taken to the hospital. He was a man of sober and industrious habits, and fearing there was possibility of his being thrown out of work unbalanced his mind. He did the deed standing in front of the mirror and was discovered by his wife who at once gave an alarm, and neighbors rushing in and police soon after, he was prevented from doing himself further harm. There being a partial severance of the windpipe, the deed may prove fatal. He has a wife and three children, the one being a babe of about six months.

FISH LAW FINES EXCESSIVE.

The fish laws of the state in some particulars are not free from criticism. We desire here to refer to some provisions that do not seem constitutional. In regard to catching trout under six inches, the law imposes a fine of ten dollars for every such trout caught, and this has subjected violators of that clause to fines in as much as \$300 and under, according to the number of trout found in the possession of any one, the length of which is under six inches. The Centre Democrat is as much in favor of protecting trout as any one can be, but we consider the fine for taking a trout under six inches, excessive for such a trifling offence. The constitution, Article I, Sec. 13, says:

"Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel punishments inflicted."

A fine of ten dollars for catching a trout under six inches certainly is excessive, under this section of the constitution. It may be right to impose a fine but not one that is "excessive." The number of trout taken under six inches is not the real cause of depletion of the streams—there are a dozen other causes, each one of which does as much, if not more, than the angler, but we will not advert to those other causes here. The law provides that trout caught under the limit shall be returned alive to the stream. Now we know it to be a fact that over one half such fish, caught on a bait hook and thrown back into the brook, die from the wound inflicted by the hook. In many cases the hook penetrates the eye, or goes down into the throat and gills and the flesh of the fish is torn fatally to the fish in order to remove the hook. Hence the angler might as well be permitted to keep the fish thus badly wounded. But if he does so, under the law, he is subject to an excessive fine of ten dollars for every trout thus taken by him, if under the limit. We are as much in favor of fish protection as any one but these clauses of the law do not reach the evil of stream depletion.

DR. YOUNG ARRESTED.

Our readers will recall the excitement occasioned about a month ago over the arrest of Father Victor Zarek, a Polish priest, at Clarence, charged with beating and kicking Andrew Sofka, a boy of 16 years, causing his death. The examination by the Coroner revealed the fact that death was due to peritonitis, superinduced by appendicitis and the priest was discharged after being in jail several days.

The information was made by Dr. R. Young, who gave the dying boy's statement as his basis for an action.

On Monday officer Joseph Rightmour served a notice on Dr. Young, for an appearance before Justice Keichline, in Bellefonte, Saturday forenoon, to answer the charge of "False imprisonment and perjury," preferred against him by Father Victor Zarek. In the information, it is declared that the statement Dr. Young made as to what the boy said on his death bed, was false.

It is asserted that there were others present when the boy told the story and that Dr. Young's statement before Justice Smith was far different, and unjustly caused the priest's arrest and imprisonment.

This new development in this case has caused much excitement in that community and no doubt the hearing on Saturday will be largely attended. Dr. Young insists that he will face every charge and be vindicated. Father Zarek has retained A. O. Furst in the case.

Brought Suit Against the County.

Mrs. Cornelia Abernethy, of Houzdale, by her attorney, Hon. J. D. Hicks, is suing the county of Blair to recover \$50,000 damages for the death of her husband, Robert Abernethy, who was killed about two years ago in a fall over the balustrade of the front staircase in the court house. Abernethy was a witness in the suit of A. B. Condon vs. Louis Plack. After giving his testimony he left the court house at dusk and missing his hold on the balustrade, pitched over to the tiled floor below, death resulting from a fractured skull. The county is charged with negligence in not providing a proper guard rail for the staircase.

Engine Runs Wild.

One man was killed and four others were injured by the bursting of a fly wheel in Laurelton Lumber Company's mill at Laurelton, Union county, Tuesday afternoon. The dead man is Isaac Smith, of Laurelton. The injured: Benjamin Boop, compound fracture of one leg, arm broken; Samuel Harter, head badly cut; David Krebs, skull crushed; Frank Reeder, cut about body and legs. The accident was the result of the belt slipping off the fly wheel, which severed the governor belt and permitted the engine to run away.

JAPANESE REVERSES

Lost a Large Battleship and Fine Cruiser

FIGHTING AT PORT ARTHUR

Conflicting Reports Received of Heavy Losses—Numerous Engagements in Manchuria—Armies are Shifting for a Decisive Engagement

In the last week the fortunes of war have not been so favorable with the Japanese, as they lost on sea and land, and throughout the Czar's domain there has been a season of rejoicing. On pages 2 and 3 will be found an account of the destruction of a part of their navy which means a material weakening of their control of the sea. As a result, they find it almost imperative to capture the Russian stronghold, Fort Arthur, which is a constant menace to their plan of campaign. In the last few days dispatches came from St. Petersburg of numerous engagements at Port Arthur in which the Japanese suffered great loss. The number killed was as high as 18,000 and 3,000 Russians.

This information comes from indirect sources and up to this time has not been confirmed, but it is generally conceded that some heavy fighting has been going on there. The Japanese have cut off all communication between Port Arthur and the balance of the Russian army. An immense army, with heavy artillery, is ready to engage the fortifications which are of the most formidable character. There is no doubt that the capture of Port Arthur can only be made at a great sacrifice, but the Japs are willing to take their chances.

The Russians lost a large cruiser, the Bogatyr, a part of the Vladivostok fleet, which is stationed far north of Port Arthur. The vessel ran on rocks in a heavy fog and could not be saved. An explosion on the Russian battleship Orie did some damage. These reports are contradicted by the Russians.

The movements of the opposing armies in the interior are variously reported. In several encounters the Japanese were driven back with heavy loss. Numerous skirmishes have taken place and both sides claim victories.

Summing it all up, there is little information from the campaign in the interior and no decisive engagements have taken place since the Japs were victorious in driving the enemy from the Yalu river.

Horse Drowned.

While hauling a large boiler from Poe valley last Friday 13. W. B. Boob, of Gregg township, was unfortunate as he was crossing Penns creek, near Richard Dunlap's the bridge gave way and four horses and the wagon and boiler were precipitated into the creek. Mr. Boob was riding one of the horses when the accident occurred, and was thrown into the water and slightly injured. The water was about four feet deep under the bridge and before the horses could be loosened from the wagon and taken out of the water one of them was drowned.

Mr. Boob had unhooked the two front horses from the team before the bridge collapsed or he might have lost more of them.

The bridge was known to be in a bad condition and the supervisors of Gregg township had been notified to repair it but had neglected to do so, and on account of their neglect the township will have the pleasure of paying for Mr. Boob's horse.

McAfee-McKelvy.

On Thursday, May 19th 1904, Edith McKelvy, daughter of E. R. Jones, of Port Matilda, was united in matrimony to Emery McAfee, of Stormstown. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's father, in the presence of twenty-five invited guests. Promptly at 5 p.m. Mrs. Calvin Jones of Philipsburg, played the wedding march, the bride, dressed in lovely tan tulle, and groom preceded by two flower boys, Carl McKelvy and Berton Jones, groomsmen Hugh McAfee and bride's maid Lenora Miles, presented themselves and were united in marriage by the bride's pastor, Rev. S. S. Bergen, of Petersburg, Pa. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a bountiful repast. The bride received a number of very handsome presents. The happy bride and groom left on the 7:30 train for Williamsport followed by the best wishes of the guests and a host of friends. All left feeling that it had been a delightful occasion and that everything was in keeping with the occasion.

What Fools There Be.

Very queer people, by the score, are plucking twigs from the great old maple tree in front of Col. Morrell's gate, at Torredale, Pa., as mementos of Miss Alice Roosevelt's drive around the race track last Sunday.

COW LAW.

A case was heard before Justice Keichline Monday the outcome of which will be of special interest to farmers and cattle dealers. On Saturday, May 14, Henry Swank, a cattle dealer of Philadelphia, accompanied by Geo. Bradford, of Centre Hall, called at Arthur Norris' farm in Benner twp. They struck a bargain on a milch cow, for \$45. At the same time \$1 cash was paid to close the deal. The cow was to be delivered to the station at Lemont on the 18th for shipment, when the balance, \$44, was to be paid by Swank. The next day the cow became sick and on the 18th Mr. Norris went over to Lemont and notified the dealer that it would be impossible to move the cow, it would be cruelty to animals, and asked what he should do, also demanded the balance \$44. Swank refused payment, telling Norris he could do as he pleased, as he, Swank, did not own the cow. Norris held that the cow belonged to Swank, but went home and employed veterinarian Fry, who found that she suffered from apoplexy. The animal died on the 21st despite the best possible care, and on Monday suit was brought by Norris for the balance, \$44. H. C. Quigley, attorney for Norris, contended that it was Swank's cow when the \$1 was paid. J. A. B. Miller, Esq., insisted that it was Norris' animal until delivered at Lemont, on the date specified. There was no dispute of the facts in the case, only on the question of who owned the animal when she died.

Justice Keichline scanned over all the cow law—ancient and modern—in his extensive library, but could find no precedent or parallel cases. Under the circumstances he postponed his decision in order to deliberate over the points of law raised.

Justice Keichline gave judgment in favor of Mr. Norris. The case likely will be carried into court for further consideration.

ABOUT 11,000 MEN.

About 11,000 men will be laid off by the Pennsylvania railroad company, the aim being to get down to the 1902 basis. Continued shrinkage in business and expectation of early improvement are the reasons for this big reduction in the force just decided upon as unavoidable. This reduction in the number of employes, including those notified this week applies in all departments—transportation, maintenance of way, shops—but only on the lines east of Pittsburg and Erie. On the Pennsylvania system west men will also be laid off in like proportion.

In the Altoona shops, the Tribune of that city, speaking of suspensions, says: The Pennsylvania railroad company on the 18, made another sweeping reduction in the number of employes in the shops in this city. Four hundred men were suspended, bringing the number laid off for an indefinite period to almost fifteen hundred men. The end is evidently not yet in sight and before the week is over several hundred more employes may receive notice that their services are not required for a time to come. The orders from the general offices, it is understood, call for thirty-three and one-third per cent. reduction in the working force of the shops.

Four hundred men were suspended from the Juniata car and Altoona machine shops. One hundred and seventy-two men were laid off in the Juniata shops. They were notified shortly before quitting time. This brings the number suspended in these shops up to 672 men. One hundred men received notice of suspension in the Altoona machine shops.

Prizes Awarded.

At the conclusion of the commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High school last Thursday evening, A. C. Mingle, President of the School Board announced the following prizes:

The Reynolds General Excellence prize of \$10—Miss Alpha G. Hafer.

J. C. Meyer Biographical prize, \$10—Miss Florence E. Lowery.

Harry Keller Mathematical prize, \$10—Harry Wiaz.

Reynolds Junior declamatory, first prize, \$10—Miss Edna E. Meyer; second prize, \$5—Chapman E. Underwood; judges' consolation prize, \$5—Miss Myrtle E. Barnhart.

H. R. Heylman prize to the boys of C class, \$10—Charles D. Barnes.

The D. A. R. prizes to students in senior grammar school for best historical essay, \$5—Marion Spangler; \$5—David B. Eiters.

Dog Dregs Boy From Track.

Accompanied by his faithful dog, Dewey, John Skelly, a 6-year-old Altoona boy, trudged 20 miles from that city to Portage through the snowstorm which was raging on the Alleghenies, going "to see grandma." The lad and the dog covered the distance between 9 a.m., and sunset. Just east of Portage the weary boy walked on the railroad in front of an approaching Pennsylvania express. Faithful Dewey saw the danger and literally dragged him to safety.

CENTRE COUNTY SOLDIERS

List of Those Buried in the Various Cemeteries

A SPECIALLY COMPILED LIST

Only a few Cemeteries remain Unreported—Additional Lists to Appear in Our Next Issue—Will be Decorated Next Monday

It has been the aim of the Centre Democrat to compile a list of all soldiers buried in the various cemeteries of the county. Last year letters were written to our G. A. R. Posts asking them to cooperate in this direction and the result is given below. In some places considerable pains was taken to gather the desired information; in others there was the customary delay and unsatisfactory returns.

Our list of honored dead does not embrace every cemetery in the county, and we specially request that in such instances a veteran supply us with such list, for our next issue to make the record as near complete as possible, as it will prove of great interest to the surviving veterans and their friends.

In this compilation where the company, regiment, etc., were given, for brevity sake, we use the following form. After a name "c 148" means: was a member of Company E, 148 Regiment Penna Volunteers, Infantry, in the Civil War 1862-64, in which the larger majority were engaged.

Many lists were sent in with nothing more than the name, and is reported accordingly. No doubt some names are incorrectly spelled, but that is due to bad penmanship. Some graves may be omitted, in which case we invite any corrections that can be made.

Any old soldier desiring an extra copy of this issue can have it for the asking, as we will retain about 100 copies in the office for distribution.

Bellefonte.

UNION CEMETERY—

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Israel Corrien, g 51
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Wm Kellerman, 149
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Joe Murry, e 5 res
Henry Ertler,
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Geo Austin, d 1 art
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John Mills, 148
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Jacob Miller, g 51
William Somers,
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Theodore Lipton,
R C Hollibaugh,
Christian Snyder,
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Robert Fleming, rev,
Samuel Howe, rev,
Joseph White, rev,
Henry Eckley, Mex
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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

The jail bird is often a robin.
Two heads are better than one, even in cabbages.
The shabbiest lawyer may really have the most suits.
The poker player never objects to having his hands full.
The wedding ring doesn't always result in a family circle.
Fish are found in schools, and yet they often play hooky.

When a fellow is too strong to work he usually drifts into politics.
The dyspeptic says that imported sausages are his worst enemy.
When a man marries his stenographer he can at least dictate to her.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

On Monday a large powder factory was destroyed at Emporium. The explosion was felt for many miles.

Reynoldsville is all agog because a man of that place has married his mother-in-law. The fact that the couple eloped has added further spice to the affair.

After the middle of next month there will not be a saloon in Potter county, the supreme court having decided that the repeal of the prohibitory law for that county is unconstitutional.

Albert Miller died Saturday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Miller, at Salona, after a lingering illness of consumption. Deceased was about 33 years of age and is survived by his parents and brothers and sisters.

Al. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller, died at the home of his parents in East Salona, last Saturday forenoon at about 9 o'clock of grinder's consumption, aged 37 years. Mr. Miller was a grinder and polisher at Mann's ax factory for 15 years.

While fishing for trout in Treaster Valley Dr. Amig ran on to a black bear. Having nothing along but his revolver Doc took a few shots at brain with it, and chosed him off into the bush. Doc says he shot the one paw off his bearship and otherwise mutilated and perforated his hide.

James H. Mann, the well known axe manufacturer, of Reedsville, died very suddenly Friday morning while sitting at the breakfast table, aged 70 years. He is survived by three sons and two daughters. Mr. Mann was at the head of the large axe works at Reedsville. He is a cousin of the Mann family at Mill Hall.

While Samuel Neece of Milroy was treating a sick horse Monday afternoon at McParlane Kyle's, near Woodland, the horse dropped dead, and in falling fell on the leg of Mr. Neece, breaking it below the knee. Several men from Milroy went to the scene of the accident and carried Mr. Neece to his home in Milroy, some three miles or more.

The Pennsylvania State Editorial association has accepted the invitation of the city of Williamsport and will hold their summer outing there and at Eagles Mere, June 29, 30 and July 1. The Williamsport newspaper men as well as the board of trade have assured the association of their hearty co-operation in the plans to make the outing a success.

Senator Quay was taken to his home at Beaver Falls the past week and is considered a very sick man with a number of complications, but chronic gastritis is the real trouble. He has reached an age when his ailment may prove serious. This fact has aroused much activity among prominent republican politicians who are anxious to be his successor in the United States Senate.

Lightning Flashes.

A severe electric storm passed over this section yesterday. Wm. Adams' house near Milesburg was struck and Mrs. Adams was unconscious for a time from the effects. While Wm. Fishburn was driving from Bellefonte to his farm, about two miles west of Bellefonte, he took shelter from the storm by driving under the overshoot of his father's barn, Henry Fishburn's. A flash of lightning struck the building and killed one of the horses in the team driven by Wm. Fishburn.

CROP REPORT.

At this season of the year a report from our numerous correspondents as to the condition of the crops over the county would prove interesting. By this we want to know the outlook for wheat especially, and whether any of the fruit suffered from the severe winter. Make it brief, to the point, and as accurate as possible.

—The adamant working shoes for men, the best made, \$1.50 a pair—Yeager & Davis.