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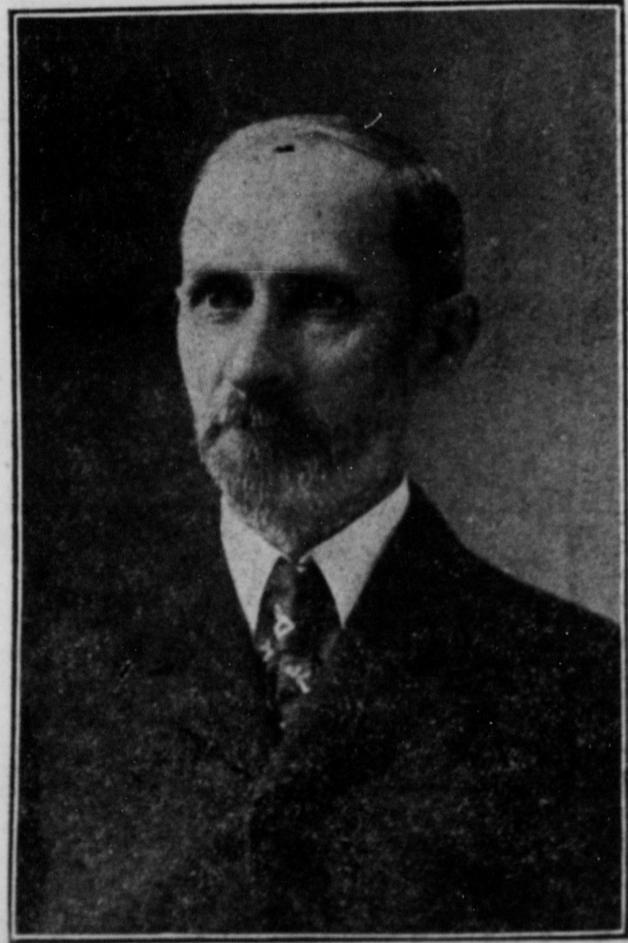
SUDDEN DEATH OF J. W. GEPHART

One of Bellefonte's Foremost Business Men Passes Away.

WAS STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY

At His Home on Tuesday Morning--Death Followed Quickly--Was Supt. of the Central R. R. of Pa., also of the Bellefonte Furnace.

With a strange fatality another of Bellefonte's foremost citizens was suddenly stricken with apoplexy on Tues-



J. W. GEPHART.

day morning, and in a few moments was in the embrace of death. This time the summons came to J. W. Gephart, who was in the prime of life, with a reasonable assurance of rounding out many years more of usefulness in our community, and enjoying the results of his years of arduous labors in various interests in this section.

Mr. Gephart never enjoyed a robust physique, but was a man who possessed energy and pluck far beyond his endurance. His railroad operations and iron industries seemed to overtax his health and at times he was overcome by overwork. He recently returned from a trip to the eastern cities and on Sunday and Monday had a slight bilious attack. Tuesday morning at about 6 o'clock Mrs. Gephart heard him going to the bathroom, she met him in the hallway and noticed that he was breathing heavily. As he lay down in his room in reply to the query as to whether he was ill, he nodded his head. Mrs. Gephart called her son Wallace and a physician was summoned, but death came in a few moments from apoplexy.

It is unnecessary to say that the news of this sudden, fatal visitation came as a shock to our people; there was no thought of this busy man being stricken down in the midst of his usefulness and in the best years of his life. It was a sad blow not alone to the family but to our people as well, for they fully realize that in the past few years he has done more for the business interests of Bellefonte than any other one in the community. In addition to the material benefit of his labors, he was a useful citizen in other walks of life as an attorney he stood in the forefront. In his church, the Sabbath school, the Y. M. C. A. he always was an active influence; other religious, moral or charitable movements always enlisted his co-operation and generous support. He was a gentleman among men, and one who always commanded the highest respect in our community where he spent the mature years of a busy life.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., the body will be taken from the residence on Linn street to the Presbyterian church, of which he had been a member. After the services interment will be made in the Union cemetery. The following are the honorary pallbearers: Col. C. M. Clement, Sunbury; Hon. Cyrus Gordon, Clearfield; Hon. Ellis L. Orvis, Col. Jas. P. Coburn, Jas. P. Harris, Frank McCoy, Thos. A. Shoemaker, Frank Warfield, Wm. Kelley, Geo. Grimm, Isaac Mitchell, Chas. McCurdy and Jas. H. Potter.

J. WESLEY GEPHART, general superintendent of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, and for a decade one of the foremost lawyers at the Centre County

Bar, is the son of Hon. John P. and Mary M. (Swartz) Gephart. J. Wesley Gephart was born at Millheim, May 25, 1853. The foundation for his education was laid in his native town, and in the schools of Bellefonte; he was prepared for college at the Bellefonte Academy, and was graduated from Princeton in 1874. He read law in the office and under the direction of Gen. James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte, since Governor of Pennsylvania, and now one of the judges of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth, and was admitted to the Bar December 13, 1876. After his admission to the Bar, Mr. Gephart became a partner of his preceptor, Gen. Beaver, which partnership continued until in November, 1883, when he retired in order to give his entire time to the Valentine Iron Company, with which he was connected from January 1, 1891, to November 1, 1895, and the new Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, of which he had been made the general superintendent. The promotion of this

PARDON BOARD GRANTS RE-HEARING

Kate Edwards and Samuel Greason's Hanging to-day

DOUBLE EXECUTION POSTPONED

An Interesting Case that has Attracted Much Attention--Woman's Confession Clears Negro--A Long Petition from Ohio.

Today was the time set for a double execution at Reading, Pa., in the Berks county jail--that of Samuel Greason, colored, and Mrs. Kate Edwards, convicted of killing her husband John Edwards three years ago. A short time after the woman's arrest she gave birth to a little girl, in prison, which has been her constant cell companion the past three years. On Monday the little girl was taken from her mother and sent to an unknown home so that she may never know of her mother's crime or the world know the unfortunate circumstances of her birth. The separation of the mother from her child was pitiable, and since she has been in a delirious condition mourning for the little one and bewailing the close approach of her doom. Several days ago the woman made a full confession, admitting that she alone killed her husband and that Greason was innocent. She claims the deed was an act of self defense. The execution of a woman is such a repulsive thought that thousands of names were appended to petitions praying the Governor to save the woman from the gallows by life imprisonment. One petition two miles long, with many thousand names, weighing fifty pounds, from women of Ohio, was presented to the Pardon Board asking that the woman's sentence be commuted. Others plead for the negro's life, as the woman's confession completely vindicates him.

A dispatch reached here last evening saying that the pardon board has granted a rehearing in the Mrs. Kate Edwards and Samuel Greason cases and their execution at Reading, which was to occur today, has been postponed.

Golden Eagles Meet.

Tuesday evening our town was overrun with Golden Eagles. The Knights came swarming from all parts of the county to attend a session of the local Castle in their spacious hall, in Eagle block, which seemed over-crowded. The following dignitaries of the order were present: F. W. Anton, Grand Chief, of Philadelphia; George C. Stahl, representative of the Supreme Castle, of Milton; John A. Duncan, Past Chief of Philadelphia; delegations from the following lodges were here also from Madisonburg, Millheim, Spring Mills, Milesburg, Port Matilda and Nittany. Interesting addresses were made by the representatives, after which there was a feast that all enjoyed. It was a great time for the Knights and all appreciated the hospitality extended by Bellefonte Castle.

Dug up Cannon Balls.

While workmen were digging a cellar for a back building connected with the Fort Augusta residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gross, near Sunbury, they dug up five cannon balls that had lain embedded there since the period when Fort Augusta was a military outpost and the principal defense of the frontier in the Colonial and Indian wars. The caliber of these balls is about five pounds and they were a part of the ammunition of the old fortress.

Fort Augusta is where the Centre county early settlers found a place of safety when there was greatest danger from Indian incursions, accounts of which were printed in the Democrat's Historical Review.

Crushed To Death.

Harry Mapin was killed on Saturday noon 4th, on the Kulp lumber tract up in the mountains a short distance south of Loganton. Mabin was engaged in cutting down trees and one fell and lodged against another tree. While the workmen were attempting to throw the tree to the ground it broke away and came down and caught the unfortunate man beneath it. The trunk of the tree fell upon him crushing his hips and otherwise injuring him internally. He was taken from beneath the tree in an unconscious condition. Mr. Mabin was aged about twenty-one years and had been working on the Kulp lumber tract since last fall.

Funeral of Col. D. S. Dunham.

The remains of Col. David S. Dunham, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Dutton, at Pasadena, California, (about a month ago) arrived in Howard, and were taken to the home of his son, Fred S. Dunham. The services were held on Saturday morning, Feb. 11, in the United Evangelical church.

GATHERED OVER THE COUNTY.

Wilbur Leathers, of Mt. Eagle, is now teaching the Star school, at Pine Glenn. Mrs. James Bechdel, of Blanchard, departed Tuesday for New Mexico, to visit her sick sister.

There are at present 23 prisoners confined in the Lock Haven jail, the larger part being foreigners.

C. M. Sheats, of Madisonburg, will carry the mail from that place to Millheim in place of John F. Miller.

Lumberman A. N. Finkle, of Spring Mills, sold a tract of land at Farmers Mills to William F. Smith, of Millheim, for \$300.

Theodore Wingard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wingard, of Penn township, died on Friday 31, aged 1 year, 1 month and 23 days.

A. W. Yearick, who has been carrying the mail from Woodward to Coburn will be succeeded by C. W. Hosterman, of Woodward.

Waldron, the horse dealer, will sell a car load at Centre Hall, on Friday. He will announce another sale for Bellefonte in a short time.

E. M. Krug has resigned his position on the State College Times and gone to Huntingdon to accept a similar one on the evening Journal.

Ed. G. Foreman, of Potter twp., is making preparation to move to Youngstown, Ohio, where he has employment with Heller Brothers, as draughtsman.

Mrs. Green, wife of Ira Green, the condemned murderer in the Centre county jail, recently gave birth to a twenty-pound baby boy at her home in Tyrone.

The fourth Quarterly meeting will be held in the M. E. church at Howard, February 18 and 19, 1905. The Quarterly conference will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2:30 p. m.

Charles Smull, who for a number of years was the driver of the mail wagon from Rebersburg to Coburn, will retire and M. C. Haines, of Rebersburg, will take his place.

W. P. Alexander, of Spring Mills, who for a number of years has been miller in the Allison flouring mills, will move to Westtown in the spring. He will be employed in the Graybill flouring mills.

Saturday morning while Charles Burd was driving one of J. Spigelmyer's horses through the Millheim narrows, the horse fell and in a short time died. There was no apparent cause for the horse's sudden death.

Tuesday morning, 7, while Thomas Brungart, who resides two miles east of Wolf's Store, was on his way to his stable to feed, he stepped on a short board which caused him to trip and fall, thereby breaking his leg between the knee and ankle.

Tuesday noon the smoke house belonging to William Swartz, who lives a short distance east of Millheim, says the Journal caught fire and was burned, together with all of Mr. Swartz's meat. F. M. Stevenson's meat was also in the smoke house and it was burned.

The public are cordially invited to attend a "Farmers' Meeting" Feb. 18, 1:30 pm., to be held in the Grange Hall, near Myers cemetery, Fillmore. The entertainment will consist of addresses by Prof. Watson and Meiss of State College, recitations and music.

Harry Walker, a lumberman of Miles twp., bought two tracts of timberland, one from Z. D. Thomas, of Aaronsburg, and the other from Newton Brungart. The two tracts are close together. Mr. Walker placed his sawmill on one of these tracts on last Thursday and will soon commence to operate.

The Reformed Missionary society of the Millheim congregation met at Rev. F. W. Lauffer's last Tuesday evening, and rendered a fine missionary program after which the president, Mrs. McMullen, asked all who were present to solve a missionary problem. Lewis Tobias was the only one that seemed to have the right answer. After the close of the meeting a very pleasant social time was had, and the lady members of the society had brought refreshments along to which all did justice. The sister society surely enjoyed being there; although it was impossible to have all present, the following were there on invitation: Prof. Stover and family, Mrs. Geo. Weaver, Mrs. W. H. Philips, Misses Mary Stahl, Tamme and Mazie Haffley and Maggie Weaver.

At Selinsgrove.

The following items are of Centre county students who are attending Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.: O. E. Sunday, of Pine Grove Mills, who so successfully managed the basket ball team last year, has been elected to the staff of the annual.

William Sunday is playing a good game as guard on the basket ball team, and is a candidate for his old place as catcher on the base ball team.

Prof. E. M. Brungart, of Rebersburg, has been elected a member of the athletic board.

RESULT OF THE FOURTH COUNT

For the Award of Books to Teachers in Centre County.

SOME DECIDED GAINS MADE

School Teachers in all Parts of the County Approve of the Award--Large Number of Votes Cast--Some are Holding Premium Ballots.

Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 15, 1904
The following is the total number of votes cast in the Teachers' Book Award in the various Institute Districts in Centre county to this date:

First District:
1--Miles, Penn, Haines and Gregg townships and Millheim boros--46 teachers.
T. A. Hosterman, Penn..... 1320
Samuel Gephart, Haines..... 1245
E. R. Wolfe, Haines..... 435
L. A. Miller, Haines..... 404
Chas. Royer, Gregg..... 170
Wm. Limbert, Miles..... 87
W. E. Keen, Penn..... 77
Theresa Rachau, Gregg..... 56
Mary Foreman, Gregg..... 46
Mary Guise, Gregg..... 42
Annie Grove, Gregg..... 37
Anna Smith, Penn..... 6
Charles Bowes, Gregg..... 3
Elka Duck, Gregg..... 2

Second District:
2--Potter, Harris, Ferguson and College townships and Centre Hall and State College boros--56 teachers.
Samuel M. Goodhart, Potter..... 856
Thomas L. Moore, Potter..... 738
John H. Bitner, Potter..... 507
G. W. R. Williams, College..... 365
Ella Livingstone, State Col'ge..... 337
John Fortney, Potter..... 62
Frank Young, Harris..... 58
Maud Irvin, Ferguson..... 53
Margot's Mothershead's, Col'g..... 50
Elizabeth Lechin, College..... 50
Harry N. Walker, Ferguson..... 34
Gertrude Keichline, Ferguson..... 2
M. E. Heberling, Ferguson..... 2

Third District:
3--Spring, Benner and Walker townships and Bellefonte boros--51 teachers.
Ralph Noll, Spring..... 888
Cyrus Hoy, Walker..... 791
Bella Barnhart, Spring..... 561
Harry Breen, Spring..... 541
Bertha Johnston, Benner..... 452
Carrie Weaver, Bellefonte..... 324
Eva C. Bathgate, Benner..... 287
Gertrude Taylor, Bellefonte..... 135
Mayne Wolf, Benner..... 125
Annie McCafferty, Bellefonte..... 82
Mary Woods, Spring..... 71
Verna Allison, Walker..... 70
W. H. Markie, Walker..... 60
Willis E. Wion, Spring..... 50
Alice Robinson, Walker..... 42
Bessie Dorworth, Bellefonte..... 18
Jennie Longacre, Bellefonte..... 8
Lillian Rearick, Spring..... 8
Laura Faxson, Benner..... 7
Mabel Brungart, Benner..... 2

Fourth District:
4--Boggs, Howard, Marion, Liberty and Curtis townships and Altesburg and Unionville boros--46 teachers.
Alma Pletcher, Howard..... 996
Blanche Irwin, Marion..... 592
Alice Neff, Boggs..... 509
Mary Johnson, Liberty..... 507
W. H. Minnich, Marion..... 394
Susan Pletcher, Boggs..... 393
M. F. Gardner, Liberty..... 173
Alma Holter, Howard..... 138
Harvey Robb, Howard..... 68
Elizabeth Hoover, Taylor..... 50
Fred Weaver, Boggs..... 17
Carrie Bowes, Liberty..... 14
Pearl Gates, Howard..... 4
Nannie Delaney, Boggs..... 3

Fifth District:
5--Union, Huston, Worth, Taylor, Half Moon and Patton townships and Unionville boros--37 teachers.
W. R. Heaton Patton..... 1150
Alice Buck, Unionville..... 1049
Margaret Williams, Union..... 772
F. W. Dillen, Huston..... 468
Walter R. Williams, Worth..... 423
Henry Cronister, Huston..... 275
Elizabeth Hoover, Taylor..... 239
James Pratt, Unionville..... 201
Mabel A. Norris, Patton..... 128
Mary E. Erhard, Union..... 105
Lizzie R. Crum, Worth..... 55
Mabel Garbrick, Union..... 54

Sixth District:
6--Rush, Snow Shoe and Burnside townships, and Phillipsburg and South Phillipsburg boros--59 teachers.
Grace Vallimont, Snow Shoe..... 231
Jennie Graham, Snow Shoe..... 103
Mary Penny, Snow Shoe..... 56
Jennie Lucas, Snow Shoe..... 51
H. E. Leathers, Snow Shoe..... 6
Nettie Pennypacker, Phgh..... 4
Susanna Ward, Phgh..... 3
Jennie Parks, Snow Shoe..... 2
Harry Hoover, Burnside..... 2
Susanna Pennypacker, Phgh..... 1

JAMES CORL,
JOHN D. MEYER.

Warning for Others.

At the recent term of court in Clarion county a young man who plead guilty to the charge of buying liquor for men of intemperate habits was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and undergo imprisonment for 60 days. The law imposes severe penalties on those convicted of procuring liquor for men unable to buy it themselves.

George S. Smith, a trustee of one of the churches at Huntingdon, was convicted of furnishing liquor to men of intemperate habits at Huntingdon and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and undergo imprisonment in jail for one year. In giving sentence Judge Woods declared that he proposed to break up the practice of respectable men, acting as go-between for intemperate persons.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

WOMAN'S WEAK POINT.

She can fool the men about her age
And fool 'em about her wealth;
Their doubts as to her past assuage
And those about her health.
She fools 'em 'bout her temper, gee!
Of that there's little doubt;
But there is no chance for trickery
When she's growing stout.

In case the chap likes tresses light
While hers are dark in hue,
The change is safe and simple quite
And she knows what to do.
The tailor man, though thin as he
Can always help things out;
But there is no chance for trickery
When she's growing stout.

An alarm clock can go off and still remain just where it is.
A bank cashier has no business studying maps and time tables.
A clergyman at Hiawatha, Kansas, preached a sermon on "Giving" recently. He said that he did not want a single member of his congregation to give a cent to any missionary cause as long as he owed a cent to any man at home. He further stated that it was necessary to pay one's debts with one's business associates before paying them to the heathen.

Dr. L. E. Wilson, a wealthy young Baltimore physician, was awakened one stormy night by a man who declared the Doctor's services were wanted three miles out in the country. Just before the Doctor called up the stable for his horse, the visitor asked what the charge would be. "Three dollars," was the reply. When the house containing the supposed patient was reached, the man alighted first, and, handing the Doctor \$3, remarked: "That will be all, Doctor. I couldn't find a hackman who would do it for less than \$6."

Bellefonte Boy Injured.

On Saturday, shortly before noon, A. J. Darrah, superintendent of the electric light plant, climbed a pole at Bellwood to examine the transformers. After he had been working for a time he discovered the trouble, but at the same time received a shock that blinded him for a moment. Going on with his work, he saw that the second shock was coming, tried to protect himself against it, but received enough of the current to make him fall from the pole, a distance of about ten feet, and strike his head and shoulders on a large stone nearby. He was picked up unconscious. He was taken to the Altoona hospital by the next car. Mr. Darrah came to Bellwood about three months ago from Bellefonte, and has been doing splendid work at the light plant. Reports from the hospital indicate that besides having one hand badly burned, he is not dangerously injured. His narrow escape from instant death is considered almost miraculous.

Smallpox at Portage.

There are fifty-five cases of smallpox in the small town of Portage near Altoona, and the State Board of Health has threatened that, unless the local authorities will provide a pesthouse and institute rigid sanitary measures, an officer will be sent from Philadelphia to take charge of quarantine regulations, and, if necessary, the militia will be called upon to assist in enforcing the law.

The local watchmen have been instructed to shoot all dogs running at large in the borough to prevent them from spreading the disease.
The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has closed its telegraph tower at Portage, and it has been suggested that passenger trains should not stop there. One case of smallpox discovered at Altoona has been traced to Portage.

Announcement.

At the request of the ministers of Bellefonte, the chairmen of the County Committees, Messrs. Phil D. Foster and H. S. Taylor, have agreed to join hand in preventing the use of money at the election next Tuesday. They request the candidates of each party to refrain from the use of any money, except for necessary and legitimate purposes. Parties who are accustomed to watch and wait for their dose will please take notice of this action and avoid arrest and prosecution.

Valuable Timber Sold.

On January 25, 1905, at Rebersburg, timber belonging to Newton Brungart, of Smullton, and Z. D. Thomas, of Aaronsburg, was sold to Harry M. Walker, of Wolf's Store. This timber is located about two miles east of Wolf's Store in Brushvalley and it is claimed the tracts contain no less than 700,000 feet of the finest quality of white pine and white oak timber.

Hon. A. C. Hopkins, who has been confined to his home in Lock Haven for several weeks with stomach trouble and not improving to the satisfaction of his relatives and friends, was removed Sunday night by a special car to Philadelphia, where he will place himself under the treatment of a specialist.--Democrat.