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PRUNER BEQUEST MAY BE SOLD

\$20,000 Offered The Two Boroughs To Refuse.

COUNCIL SHOULD RESENT IT

The Orphanage Can Be Maintained on \$2500 Per Annum--An Alluring Temptation--Public Sentiment May Direct Council In This Matter.

The joint committees of the Bellefonte and Tyrone borough councils met at Bellefonte on Friday, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinances passed recently by both bodies accepting the bequest of the late E. J. Pruner who devised property of the value of approximately \$45,000 for the establishing of a Home for Friendless Children of Tyrone and Bellefonte. As is generally known, in case the boroughs should not accept this bequest the property in question would pass to Mr. Pruner's niece, Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes, of Bellefonte.

The joint committee met to prepare a proper ordinance for the formal establishment, conduct and management of the proposed Home. While the session was in progress Harry Keller, Esq., attorney for Mrs. Hayes, appeared before the committee and made the offer on behalf of his client, that if the boroughs of Bellefonte and Tyrone would release their claims upon the E. J. Pruner estate for the properties devised for the Children's Home, she would agree to pay each borough the sum of \$10,000 cash, or \$20,000 in all. The joint committee took the matter under consideration. In the meantime they went forward with the work of preparing the ordinance, and completed it so that it would be ready for introduction at the meetings of the councils in April. The offer for compromise, will be carefully considered by the boroughs' representatives.

The above proposition may defeat the establishment of this worthy institution. A municipality that is greatly burdened with a debt is inclined to look favorably upon a proposition that will put \$10,000 cash into a hard pressed treasury. It is especially tempting to our borough fathers after they have been pouring thousands of dollars into costly expenditures about the water works, buying unnecessary quantities of water meters, and such like; and more so when several thousand more are to be put in an expensive steam street-roller where possibilities of a large graft loom up. Yes, \$10,000 is a tempting thing to our present council.

In his lifetime E. J. Pruner was known as a prudent business man, who accumulated a snug fortune by his industry and careful investments. He could drive a good bargain and would insist upon receiving that which was due him. To the countless demands made upon him by every form of charity that generally breed in the brain of those who have nothing to give, this man was not as responsive as desired and frequently was censured as being what is commonly termed "close." He acquired his own fortune, lived modestly but comfortably, and it was strictly his own privilege to do as he saw proper with what was his own. The value of the property set aside in his will for establishing an orphanage, \$50,000, had he been selfish, he could have spent in his lifetime in self gratification, such as extensive traveling, gorgeous surroundings, costly raiment, and lavish entertainment. Instead, up to the time of his death, he was prudent and reasonably economical.

For this, there was a motive; and that we believe was to accumulate a fortune, and the terms of his will indicate a most laudible purpose. He wanted to dispense his own charity in his own way; the thought of caring for the little orphans, who were left friendless, homeless and penniless, must have been the aim of his life labors. He has so indicated by his generous bequest, yet his own kin were not overlooked. It required, no doubt, over half of his life in active business to accumulate the sum set aside for this orphanage, an institution that can bring untold comforts and blessings to the unfortunate of our community during succeeding generations.

For our people to sell out this bequest, betray the wishes of a noble minded benefactor, at the sight of \$10,000, is on a par with parting with a birthright for a meagre mess of porridge. It would be a lack of consideration for the orphans and disrespect to the memory of the dead. If E. J. Pruner, in his lifetime, when framing this bequest, had surmised that \$20,000 of his property would be tendered to pay the debts of two mismanaged boroughs in order to defeat the purpose of his generous bequest, he would have most certainly taken more precaution.

On the other hand, some contend that \$2500 annually is not sufficient to maintain an orphanage. It may not maintain an institution like that of Girard in Phil-

adelphia, but \$2500 certainly, if judiciously expended, would bring comfort and cheer to many homeless waifs of Tyrone and Bellefonte, and we believe an honest management could be secured. Knowing ones declare it would be a future burden. That is mere speculation; but grant it should be so. The provisions of the bequest are such that should at any time for any reason the bequest prove insufficient, or undesirable, then the bequest would revert entire to the heirs mentioned in his will.

The Centre Democrat believes the acceptance of such a tender by our council, as above mentioned, a grievous error--almost a bribe. Let us accept Col. Pruner's gift, and if after a term of five or more years such an institution proves a failure, then there would be some excuse for surrendering it at half price to his heirs. On this point we solicit an expression of sentiment, thereby hoping to guide our council in its action.

NOT GUILTY.

Tuesday afternoon a hearing was given David Chambers, Dr. John Haag, James and George Uzzle, before Justice Keichline, on the charge of hunting deer last November with dogs. The prosecution was brought by Joseph Berries, state game warden, of Harrisburg, assisted by H. E. Hummelsbaugh, of Clearfield county, and E. B. Farrell, of Clinton county, who are local game wardens.

The testimony was from a party of hunters of Cambria county who while in the vicinity of Moose Run, Nov. 7th, heard several dogs bark as if on a chase, shots were fired and later came upon a party of hunters who were cleaning a deer just killed. Three of them identified David Chambers as being there with a dog. There was no proof that he was hunting deer, or chased deer with his dog.

Mr. Chambers took the stand and testified that he had been there, came upon a strange party whom he did not know, saw the deer, and went on. He was hunting pheasants at the time and had a trained bird dog with him that would not follow a deer.

At this point the testimony closed and N. B. Spangler, attorney for prosecution, after a brief consultation with the wardens, declared that the evidence was insufficient and withdrew the charge, which to our mind was based on very flimsy and insufficient evidence.

The United Evangelicals.

The statistical report of the late session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church, held at Hagerstown, March 2nd, revealed the past year as being of unusual interest and success along lines of church work, as the following figures will show: Conversions, 2,855; accessions, 2,783; total loss by death and withdrawing, 1,942; net gain in membership, 841; total membership, 19,313; Sunday schools, 252; officers and teachers, 3,244 scholars, 25,207; Sunday school offerings, \$17,308.72; building and repairing churches, \$38,000.85; contributions for benevolent purposes, \$3,913.46; contributions for missions, \$19,538.73.

The conference is composed of 123 ministers and 107 lay delegates. The next session will convene March 1, 1906, at Milton. It will be a session of special interest, as there will be one new presiding elder to elect and also eighteen delegates to general conference, which will convene the following October in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Many Cards of Thanks.

During the past week nearly all of the twenty-four set of books have been delivered to the fortunate teachers. In return there come expressions of grateful feeling from them to friends and the public who contributed to their success; as well as praise for the character of the books awarded. Space alone prevents us from publishing the many letters received, and in behalf of all we bespeak to our patrons the sincere, heartfelt thanks of the many teachers who received the valuable prizes through their ballots.

It is a source of pleasure to the publisher that the book award was so satisfactorily conducted and concludes with hearty approval of our patrons and especially the teachers who were directly interested and truly benefited.

Sawmill Burned at Pine Grove.

On Tuesday noon the sawmill of Reed Bros. at Pine Grove Mills was totally destroyed by fire while the hands were away to dinner. The fire was caused by a spark which set fire to the shavings at the planer. The mill and all machinery went up in smoke, including a planer and shingle mill. Loss about \$2,000; no insurance.

Have Smallpox in Mt. Union.

Mt. Union, a town of 1000 inhabitants in Huntingdon county, has nearly one hundred cases of smallpox under quarantine. When the epidemic started the disease was diagnosed as chickenpox.

JUDGE ORVIS ACTS ON LICENSES

A Large Number Were Granted On Tuesday.

SEVERAL HOTELS ARE REFUSED

Others Held Over For Further Consideration--Cut Made At Phillipsburg--Course Of The Court Meets General Approval.

On Tuesday Judge Orvis disposed of the greater portion of the Centre county liquor license applications. In the table we give the applications as filed, and the marks after each name indicate the result, to wit: (R) refused, (H) held over for further consideration, and all the others granted.

TAVERN LICENSE.	
C. M. & C. B. Garman, H. Bellefonte, S. W.	Horton S. Ray
James A. Noonan	" "
Frederick Moselbarger	" "
W. L. Dagget	W. W. W.
J. W. Runkle	Centre Hall Boro
Jacob L. DeHaas	Howard "
G. B. M. Brungart	H. Millheim "
Isaac A. Shawver	" "
W. B. Price	H. Phillipsburg F. W.
Rapey & Crebe	2nd W.
James Black	" "
Frank Test	" "
Dorsey Meyer	" "
Christ North	" "
James Passmore	" "
Samuel Rogers	" "
Tempest Slinger	" "
Enoch Hagg	H. "
Alois Kollbecker	Boggs Township
Philip Drumm	Glegg "
Samuel B. Shaffer	Miles "
Edward Royer	Potter "
James S. Reish	" "
James D. Hater	Penn "
J. Edward Miller	Rush "
Andrew Somerville	" "
P. R. Gorman	R. "
John G. Uzzell	Snow Shoe "
Geo. B. Uzzell	" "
Lawrence Redding	" "
Henry C. Custor	Worth "

WHOLESALE LIQUOR.	
Philip Garbrick	H. Bellefonte W. W.
James Black	H. Phillipsburg 2nd W.
W. Walter Jones	" "
Orin Vale	" "
George Parks	H. "
Lawrence Nugent	Rush Township
Harry Washburn	R. "
Andrew N. Reaser	Snow Shoe "
John Boyce	" "
George J. Kachik	H. "
David Chambers	H. "

WHOLESALE BEER.	
Charles M. Heisler	H. Bellefonte W. W.
Chas. Moersbacher	H. "

DISTILLERY LICENSE.	
Noah W. Eby	Haines Township

BREWERS LICENSE.	
Weist & Baldehoffer	Phillipsburg 2nd W.

No date has been announced for disposing of the few licenses held over for further consideration. If not disposed of before April 1st, Saturday, the privilege will expire on that date.

By consulting the above list it will be seen that the number of liquor licenses in the county will be slightly reduced and those are in the vicinity of Phillipsburg, where there seemed to be entirely too many for the needs of that community.

The attitude of Judge Orvis in this matter attracted much interest and especially so since the above was announced. Those refused naturally feel sore, but on the other hand the public most heartily commend the court for cutting out places that either are not necessary or have been in bad repute for some time. The court has given much time and personal investigation to these numerous applications, has moved carefully, which some may term delay, but the sentiment of the community heartily approves the course pursued.

Echo of the War.

Dentist J. D. Hubler, of Tylersville, for some weeks had trouble from a sore hand. On Friday the sore broke open at the old bullet wound he received at the battle of Gettysburg 42 years ago, a number of small shattered bones working their way to the surface. The wound has been healed over ever since the war and it seems remarkable that it should cause trouble now, but there is no doubt that is the cause of Dr. Hubler's affliction and not an injury as he thought at first. The entire hand will now have to be treated and an early recovery is looked for. Dr. Hubler is a native of Haines township, a son of Thomas Hubler, an early settler, and whose family years ago was quite prominent in that section of our county.

Mokle-Mayes.

At noon Wednesday, 22nd, a very pretty wedding ceremony was celebrated at the home of Jared Mayes at Lemont. The contracting parties were his daughter, Miss Belle Mayes, and John Mokle, of Howard. The groom is an industrious young man of Howard and is a marble cutter by trade.

Goheen-Seibert.

Robert Hamill Goheen, of Baileyville, and Miss Martha C. daughter of John Seibert, of Fillmore, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the Seibert home on Wednesday, 22nd, in the presence of a number of invited guests.

TRIAL LIST.

List of cases for trial at April Term of Court, commencing Monday, April 24 and continuing for three weeks:

TRIAL LIST:	
Jacob Test vs Geo. R. Mock, admr.	J. H. Weber vs George Gentzle.
Thos. E. Ricketts & Son vs T. M. Meyers.	Arthur C. Norris vs Henry Swank.
L. W. Kimport vs Linden Hall Lumber Co.	Morris Frank, John Harper, Peter Stoot, Hugh Best, Charles Stover, Isaac Brown and Frank Stover (7 separate cases) vs John G. Platt, trading, etc.

SECOND WEEK.	
Peter Smith vs Mary Slacks admr et al.	Nellie Ziegler vs Barney Mendleman.
Mary J. Gates et al vs Minnie G. Rowan et al.	Mary J. Gates et al vs Daniel Meyers.
College Hardware Co. vs T. D. Boal.	B. F. Harris vs Huston twp.
David Moore vs Nora Moore.	Mary A. Davidson et al vs Orvis Peters.
Emma Swart vs Annie K. Riddle admr.	Dr. G. H. Woods vs B. F. Harris, admr.
Wilson Houtz vs B. F. Harris.	Jonathan Harter vs A. F. Harter.
Jonathan Harter vs A. F. Harter.	Oscola Lumber Co. limited vs Mary Barrett.
F. Hersch vs Rush twp.	Christian Reese vs Wm. and Henry Wooster.
Jas. C. Gilliland vs J. H. Ross et al.	

THIRD WEEK.	
Jane Herron, et al vs C. C. Loose et al.	Farmers Nursery Co. vs H. H. Harshbarger.
Charles F. Schad vs Boro of Milesburg.	Wm. E. Shope admr vs James N. Shope.
Cyrus Brungart, sheriff vs Mary Thomas, et al.	Clyde E. Shuey vs Bellefonte Furnace Co.
Martin Daley, Sr. vs German Ins Co.	Geo. T. Brew vs W. H. Marcy et al.
E. S. Bennet vs Frank M. McCoy.	N. H. Yearick vs McNitt Bros. & Co.
Wm. D. Rider vs Bellefonte Window Glass Co.	Charles Guisewite vs Bellefonte Window Glass Co.
J. D. Hunter, admr vs Bellefonte Window Glass Co.	Wm. G. Frantz vs Rush twp.
H. B. Wright vs Joseph Diehl.	Kemp & Burpee Mfg Co. vs James I. Thompson.
Wilson G. Frant vs Robert Kelley.	Com. of Pa. ex rel. Wm. W. Rachau vs Ellen E. Bower et al, admr.
Com. of Pa. ex rel. Wm. W. Rachau vs Ellen E. Bower et al, admr.	W. H. Williams, admr vs Ellen E. Bower et al, admr.
Christian Dales Ex vs Clement Dale et al, admr.	W. Harrison Walker, Gud. vs Ellen E. Bower, et al admr.
A. Blanche Hoy's use vs Clement Dale et al, Ex.	

CAN'T SELL OR GIVE.

Cigarettes to Minors in This State in the Future.

Hereafter, it will not only be unlawful to sell cigarettes to minors in Pennsylvania, but even to give them cigarettes or cigarette paper.

The Ware bill, providing for this new prohibitive act was signed Friday by Gov. Pennypacker, after passing the Legislature.

The present law prohibits simply the selling of cigarettes but the new act provides that "if any person or persons shall furnish cigarettes or cigarette paper, by gift, sale or otherwise, to any person or persons under 21 years of age, he or she, so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300 or not less than \$100.

Musical Publications.

The largest musical publication house in Chicago is that of Dr. Alfred Bierly, whose variety of musical publications is equal, may even exceed, that of any house in the country, for church, Sabbath school, missionary, funerals, and societies. The Emanuel, Song Monarch, Little Choir, and a score of other publications, will fill the wants of any organization. Having examined samples of Dr. Bierly's publications we know whereof we speak.

A Large Bridge.

Boyd S. Musser has about promoted a scheme to build a toll bridge across the Susquehanna from Shamokin Dam, on the Snyder county side, to Sunbury, Northumberland county. The capitalization of the company is \$275,000, and one third of the stock is to be purchased by the people of Snyder and Northumberland counties.

CASSIE CHADWICK got ten years. Pool, that's nothing, Cassie got hundreds of thousands from banks and other dupes.

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENTRE COUNTY

The Style of Campaigns in Earlier Days.

SALOONS PROMINENT FACTORS

An Account of The Accident That Caused Judge Burnside's Death--An Effective Cure For "Long-fingers"

THE OLD SALOON DAYS.

There was a period when saloons were numerous in Centre county which were licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors. Bellefonte and Phillipsburg had many of these basements--some institutions were in the smaller towns--which were far more harmful than the ordinary hotel bars in leading young men to intemperate habits as well as to have the basement serve as a screen to the intemperate of maturer years. These saloons were a potent factor in local politics, and a certain class of politicians were well aware of it and the support and influence of the man behind the bar were courted by unscrupulous office seekers that the voters might be bagged through the pull the proprietor had upon his patrons "setting 'em up"--the drinks--paid for in advance by a certain class of candidates. This work, in those days, went far to secure nominations over those who would not employ such reprehensible methods. But the saloon was blotted out a quarter of a century ago, by the Courts refusing to license them and for many years there has not been a saloon in Centre county. The number of applications then was as high as eighty--for hotel and saloon license--now there are only applications for hotel licenses to number of thirty-two at February term, 1905. The unscrupulous politician's influence has fallen off, happily, to about the same ratio.

CAMPAIGN IN EARLIER DAYS.

In the earlier days down to about 1860, campaigns in Centre county were not down to the present system of organized party government through a Chairman and Executive Committee of the several parties, who now plan and direct what shall be done and how the campaign shall be run. Things were then run locally by the party in each township calling a caucus to lay plans, issue calls for mass meetings, organize local clubs, and fix dates for local meetings in the school houses, appointing committees for these specific duties, also a local committee to invite such speakers as were deemed the proper orators and as would please the people best to hear. In short, each township ran its own campaign--under local control, with no county or state chairman to consult and who are now empowered by party rules to map out the work for the campaign--fix dates, say where mass meetings shall be held, what speakers shall be sent out, etc. Campaigns in those earlier days and the practices in vogue were not as expensive as in these days. A candidate could get through with less than a hundred dollars; as a rule assessments were easy, and the numbers of "suckers" seventy-five per cent less than in these days when it is "money that makes the mare go."

Many of the Democrat's readers can yet picture in their minds these facts, as well as the great mass meetings held in three or four central places of the county, when there were miles of delegations, from the townships, with decorated wagons, carriages, and horsemen, with brass bands, flags and banners, to attend a mass meeting. Don't have 'em now any more.

On Friday evening, July 1st, 1859, Hon. James Burnside, president judge of this judicial district, was thrown from a buggy and instantly killed. Only a few minutes before the occurrence he had been on the streets full of life, health, and vigor. He had been engaged during the day in making arrangements for the Fourth of July.

Judge Burnside was standing in front of his residence with his wife and children, when his nephew, Harvey Mann, Jr., with his mother, (a sister of Judge Burnside's) drove to and stepped out at the door. Mrs. Mann alighted, when an invitation was extended the judge by his nephew to take a seat in the buggy for an evening ride. Judge Burnside seemed to hesitate, and being assured there was no danger, he seated himself in the buggy, and before his nephew could seat himself by his side, and while in the act of stepping in the horse became frightened and started to run. Mr. Mann threw the lines to the judge, and the horse dashed off at a furious rate. At the corner, opposite Rev. James Linn, where (1882) D. M. Wagner's residence now is, in full view of the residence of Judge Burnside, where his wife and children and sister, Mrs. Mann, were standing, as the horse attempted to turn the corner one of the front wheels broke, upsetting

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

It is a wise girl who knows just how often she can reject a fellow without losing him.

This item is from a Mississippi weekly exchange: "Sister Jane Gremley, an aunt of my wife, got happy at a revival and died praising God. She made good bread and left many friends." The latter words are worthy the attention of a good many Misses.

"Will somebody please chase the cow down this way?" asked a Hannibal funny boarder who wanted some milk for his oatmeal Sunday morning. Seizing the cream pitcher and starting it down the line, the landlady crushingly replied: "Please hurry the cow to where that calf is bawling." The funny boarder now takes his meals at the restaurant.--Oil City Derrick.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The Clearfield county home farm produced \$6,495.62 worth of produce last year.

The Baptist congregation of Clearfield will build a new house of worship this summer.

In a storage vault on J. S. Becker's farm in Alsace, Berks county, there are apples picked from the trees in 1903 that are in excellent condition.

The Lock Haven jail now has 21 prisoners in it, including one murderer, a majority of whom are awaiting trial at the coming May term of court. Some time ago the sheriff's boarders numbered twenty-six.

The construction of the Franklin and Clearfield railroad is now an assured thing. It is a branch of the Vanderbilt lines. Headquarters have been arranged for at Falls Creek for the engineering corps. They will begin work April 1st.

Following the opening of Monday's session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference, Rev. John Dougherty, of Tyrone, extended an invitation to the conference to hold its next session there, which was adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

On Wednesday evening, 22d, the barn of Charles Mench, near Cowan, Union county, caught fire from some unknown source, and was quickly consumed by the fierce flames. With the barn six head of cattle, eight hogs, all of his farming implements, hay and grain were burned.

The dwelling house opposite the school house, on the old turnpike, near Furst Bros.' store in Lamar township, owned by Furst brothers and occupied by Chas. Shearer, the blacksmith, caught fire from some unknown cause, last Saturday night about midnight and burned to the ground, including all its contents. The family barely escaped with their clothing only.

Tired of caring for three small children, 16-year-old Blanche Dinger, of Pine Run, near Ridgway, whose mother died five week ago, committed suicide Saturday night by going into the barn and setting it on fire, causing it to burn to the ground with herself in it. Fifteen cows, two sheep, three horses and twelve hundred bushels of grain were also burned.

Monday evening as the train was coming to Tyrone on the Lewisburg railroad the coach attached to the rear end of the mixed train left the track and toppled over on its side and down the bank at the side of the track, between the Stover and Eyer places, about three miles from Tyrone. There were about twenty passengers in the car, all of whom got a shaking up, but none were seriously injured.

With the condemnation of the Lewisburg and Mifflinburg turnpike and the agreement of the commissioners of Union county to pay the company \$4,000 for the pike at the court last week an effort will now be made to improve the pike and put it in first-class condition. Few or no repairs have been made to the road for the past couple years and in consequence it is in any but good condition.--Journal.

The Lock Haven Democrat says: Irvin W. Gleason, of Gleasonton, came to town yesterday and purchased the fast pacer, Ada D, the consideration being \$1,500, according to G. B. M. Welliver, the well known horseman, in whose training stable the pacer will remain until about June 1, when the horse will be shipped to Trainer Wilson and will be placed in his string of fast ones to be campaigned this season.

Firemen Will Meet at Phillipsburg.

The executive committee at a recent meeting held in the chosen town, fixed upon August 24th and 25th as the time and Phillipsburg as the place for holding the thirteenth annual convention of the Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania.