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OLD TURNPIKE ABANDONED

Famous Highway in Pennsylvally Condemned

WILL COST COUNTY OVER \$5000

While Several Expensive Bridges Will Have to be Built at Once, and Maintained--Railroad Absorbs the Traffic--Some Historical Points

Another famous turnpike in Centre county has been condemned and thrown open to the public, by the settlement of this week of the issue between "The Bellefonte, Aaronsburg and Youngmans-town Turnpike Road Company vs Centre county."

In January 1903 a petition was framed by citizens living along the road asking that the turnpike be abandoned and made a public highway.

The costs in these condemnation proceedings will aggregate over \$1,500, which with the \$3,500 for the road, makes a total of over \$5,000 to be paid out of county funds for this turnpike.

It also makes it necessary for the county to erect and maintain four additional bridges: two across the dam at Spring Mills, one over Elk creek in Millheim, and another at Woodward, and several of them will be expensive structures.

At one time this was a noted highway to the Eastern markets. In the early days when railroads were unknown, all traffic was conveyed either by canals to the river and then rafted to Philadelphia or by wagons.

Before the railway locomotive penetrated Pennsylvally that turnpike was a valuable property, and the stockholders considered it a gilt-edged security. The price accepted for the 23 miles, \$3,500, would scarcely build a single mile.

COURT NOTES.

Court convened on Monday at two o'clock in special session, with the Hon. Ellis L. Orvis on the bench, sitting with him Samuel J. Telford, President Judge of the Courts of Indiana county.

The first case called for trial was that of Bellefonte, Aaronsburg and Youngmans-town Turnpike Road Company vs. Centre county. Jury called and after the case was opened by ex-Judge Furst on behalf of the plaintiff, court adjourned until Tuesday morning.

In the case of George T. Brew vs. Christian Sharer, Eve Sharer, W. H. Marcey, A. A. Bertels, Thomas Pence, being an action for ejectment for lands in Rush township. This case was continued by agreement of counsel.

The next case called was that of Hugh Ward, Jr. vs. J. T. Lucas, being an action in assumpsit. This case is from Snow Shoe township, and grows out of the dispute as to book accounts, etc., existing between these parties from sometime in 1886 till along about the beginning of 1893, plaintiff claiming a large balance due him while, on the other hand, the defendant claims a balance due him.

KILLED BY A FALL.

On Friday evening the community of Centre Hall was shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. J. D. Murray, resulting from a fall down stairs at her home by which her neck was broken. It appears that Mr. Murray and daughter Miss Aggie, were at their drug store two squares up town, Mrs. Murray being alone at home, and in frail health for several years.

Hog Cholera.

The west end of Harris township, between Boalsburg and the Ferguson township line, is having a scourge of hog cholera which broke out in the early part of the summer and is quite serious at this time.

Amos Koch 18 hogs and has only two left, Geise Thomas 5, Adam Smith 5, Earnest Hess 5, Samuel Bailey 5. There are quite a number of others who have lost hogs by the disease, whose names we do not have.

All remedies used to check the disease have proved unavailing, and considerable alarm exists among farmers up there.

Struck by Lightning.

When J. P. Bressler and party were on their way to the Scootac region on their deer hunting expedition, they were attracted to a large gum tree near the road. Upon investigation they found the carcasses of nine head of cattle that had been struck by lightning during the summer.

Trees in this region are scarce and the cattle had evidently sought shelter under the old gum tree, left standing by the lumberman, and perished in one of the electrical storms of last season.

R. R. Rambo, who was formerly a resident of Tyrone, has assumed charge as managing editor of the Lewistown Free Press.

TRAMP'S HEROISM SAVES A LIFE

But the Poor Fellow Lost His Leg as a Result

MRS. W. T. LAIRD RESCUED

Came Near Being Run Over by an Engine at Williamsport--Was Picked up and Pushed Aside--Accident Witnessed by a Crowd

A few days ago Mrs. John Gowland, wife of the postmaster, at Phillipsburg, and daughter Jennie, now the wife of W. T. Laird, went to Williamsport to attend the celebration of Thomas Dawson's 92nd birthday anniversary. On Saturday night, Mrs. Laird had a narrow escape from death, and in the attempt to save her life, Frank Singer, of Easton, generally recognized as a tramp or vagabond, lost his right leg. About 9 o'clock Mrs. Laird and her mother, as well as several others, were standing at the Hepburn street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad awaiting an opportunity to pass over.

A shifting engine had drawn a string of about eight freight cars over the crossing just far enough to allow the numerous pedestrians waiting on both sides to cross, when it suddenly backed, taking the excited passengers by surprise.

In the hurrying crowd Singer, who was trying to pass, collided with Mrs. Laird coming from the opposite direction, knocking her to the pavement and stunning her.

Realizing the woman's plight and not considering his own risk, the man lifted her bodily from the tracks on which the first car of the train was now not far distant, and pushed her out of harm's way. But it was then too late to escape himself. Singer was struck by the sill of the box-car and thrown, his right leg going under the wheels. He was dragged a distance of 60 feet before the engineer could bring the train to a standstill. The unfortunate man was picked up and taken to the hospital, where his leg, so badly crushed, was amputated. He is 53 years old, and as far as known, has no relatives.

A dozen or more persons witnessed the brave rescue and the frightful accident which befell the ragged hero. Mrs. Laird speaks with pity of Singer and expresses her gratitude for his act of sacrifice. She has a keen appreciation of his courage.

FOUND DEAD IN A YARD.

The following is from Monday's Phillipsburg Journal: "William Vallance, Jr., of Bellefonte, who came to this place on Wednesday last with a team of horses for the Platt-Barber Co., was taken back to his home Monday morning a corpse, his death occurring probably about 7 o'clock on Saturday evening under distressing circumstances.

On Wednesday, after delivering the team of horses as stated above, young Vallance went to Winburne where he remained up until Saturday afternoon with his brother-in-law, D. M. Bloom. Taking the 3 o'clock trolley car he came to Phillipsburg, and falling in with three or four other men began drinking. Early in the evening with these men he resorted to the house of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hind, in Chester Hill, where the drinking and carousing was continued up until about 7 o'clock, when the men were supposed to have left the premises. In stepping off the porch young Vallance evidently missed his footing and fell to the ground. The other men, evidently not knowing that he had fallen, passed on. Later on, probably nearly 8 o'clock, Mrs. Hind came out with a lantern and discovered the body of Vallance prostrate on the ground. The young man was found to be dead. The fact was at once reported to the proper authorities.

Young Vallance was aged (about 26 years), and besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vallance, is survived by five sisters and three brothers.

The remains arrived in Bellefonte Monday afternoon, interment in the Catholic cemetery Tuesday.

Farmers' Institute.

The farmers of this county will be interested to learn that there will be held this year a series of Farmer's Institutes as follows: Phillipsburg, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 23, 29; Pleasant Gap, on Thursday, Nov. 30; Rebersburg, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2.

A number of instructors from other parts of the State will be present to join with the farmers of each locality in the discussion of topics relative to agriculture. These meetings are free and open to all, and we have no doubt the farmers of this county will avail themselves of the advantages to be gained by attending these meetings.

A Murder Near Lewistown.

Shot through the heart, George Bush, 17 years old a resident of Bobtown in Burnham, was instantly killed by a laborer employed at the Logan Iron and Coal company. The shooting was the result of a quarrel with a number of foreigners. The foreigner who is suspected of having done the shooting was arrested.

HUNTING NOTES.

The Allegheny Hunting club of Tyrone, is the first to score in the line of big game. Isaac McNeal shot a four-prong buck, Wednesday 15.

Wm. Bradford and his brother Albert left their home in Centre Hall and Pottery Mills, Thursday morning for the old hunting ground at Stoney Creek on Friday morning. Albert shot two bears and William one before 9 o'clock in the morning.

Lawshe Baird, coal operator, of Osceola Mills, and Postmaster John McCamant, of Tyrone, had a thrilling moonlight encounter with three bears last Friday night.

The two men left Unionville in the evening in a carriage to drive to the camp of the Ranger Hunting club, of Tyrone, at the head of Beech Creek. They lost their way, and stopping the team, got out to examine the road when there was a terrifying growl and an old she bear and two hungry cubs came crunching through the brush.

The horses took fright and stamped with the carriage and guns, leaving the men at the mercy of the bears.

The only weapon they had was a little 22-calibre pocket revolver, carried by Baird, and as the mother bear approached on her haunches Baird stuck the revolver in her face and fired. The bullet struck in the right eye and penetrated the brain, and Bruin rolled over, dead.

In the meantime McCamant secured a huge club and attacked the cubs. He succeeded in dispatching one, and when he turned to look for the other he heard it making off through the brush, and with it disappeared the men's handbag, which they had dropped in their flight.

The men have since found their comrades and recovered their big game.

COMS. APPOINTMENTS.

Monday morning Calvin Weaver, of Coburn, came to town to confer with John Dunlap, of Spring township, relative to appointments to be made January 1st, 1906, when they become the two new Democratic members of the Board of County Commissioners.

There were a great many applications filed with them for the various positions, and after some deliberations and conferences the following appointments were agreed upon:

Clerk--James Corl. Attorneys--The law firm of Gettig, Bower & Zerby. Janitor--John Trafford, of Spring twp. Physician for Jail--James H. Dobbins, M. D.

They next interviewed Mr. Bailey, the republican and minority member, and announced their selection, to which he gracefully assented.

We believe the above appointments will meet with general approval. Each one was made upon the belief that they were specially qualified to perform the duties devolving upon them.

Messrs. Dunlap and Weaver are to be complimented upon their prompt action in this matter.

FISH WARDEN IN JAIL.

D. A. Pope, a fish warden, was on Saturday sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 on the charge of violating the State game laws. It was alleged that while in the woods at Clinton county, on the night of October 26, Pope shot and killed three deer.

He went to Cross Fork to get help, and, with the aid of assistants, brought his rich quarry into town. Effort to insure secrecy was made, but the story leaked out, and on Saturday Pope was arrested and taken before Justice Emig, of South Cross Fork.

Although it could not be positively proved that Pope had killed the deer, the fact that they were found in his possession was sufficient, and he was adjudged guilty. He was unable to pay the fine, and was taken to the jail at Lock Haven to serve out his sentence.

Sportsmen in and about Cross Fork are rejoicing over the occurrence, inasmuch as Pope, last summer, made wholesale arrests for alleged violations of the fishery laws. There is also talk of prosecuting the persons who assisted Pope in carrying the deer from the woods.

Rotary Engine Tested.

During the past two weeks a series of interesting experiments have been made at Lock Haven on A. E. Suiters' rotary engine and the results obtained prove beyond all doubt that the invention is all that it is claimed to be. A break test made with a friction dynamometer shows the potential efficiency to range anywhere from 93 to 98 per cent. The potential efficiency of a good horizontal engine is 80 1/2 per cent, and the highest efficiency of the best steam turbine is 71 per cent. Some very interesting developments can be looked for in the very near future.

"A Crime of Justice" at the opera house next Wednesday evening.

PROF. GROFF AFTER PROF. SURFACE

Does Not Agree in Regard to the San Jose Scale

SAYS IT DEFIES SPRAYING

Pronounces the Professor's Work in Spraying a "Sham"--Says the Pest Will Die out if Infected Nursery Stock is Rejected

War on the San Jose Scale, an insect that has been doing much harm to trees over this and other states, has been waged. So dreadful have been the ravages of this pest that the state appropriated a large sum of money recently to attempt its extermination. This work is under the direction of Prof. Surface, State Geologist, of State College, Pa. Recently he gave a public demonstration of the method, in Col. Reynolds' orchard in Benner twp., to a large class of experts, who started from there into various sections of the state to give public demonstrations so that the people may know how to kill this pest and save their fruit trees.

Prof. Geo. G. Groff, of Bucknell College, Lewisburg, is a man of considerable prominence and an author of some noted text books. He does not agree with the work of Prof. Surface, in fact pronounces it a "sham" and ridicules it. As this subject is of some interest to farmers and others we publish the following, from Wednesday's papers:

RIDICULES STATE ZOOLOGIST. Professor George G. Groff, of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, has thrown down the gauntlet to Professor Surface, of State College, concerning the discovery of and treatment for the San Jose scale.

Professor Surface, who is State Zoologist, has been making war upon the scale and other tree pests in Central Pennsylvania. At present a force of a score of men, under his direction, is visiting the several counties of this section, examining orchards and giving lectures and demonstrations tending, as they say, toward the extermination of the pest, and showing farmers how to spray and eradicate it.

An open letter from Professor Groff on the subject has a whole lot of irony about it. Dr. Groff is professor of anatomy and physiology at Bucknell. He is also a member of the State Board of Health and chairman of the Committee on Preventable Diseases. He says:

I first discovered the San Jose scale in Pennsylvania and Illinois years before our experts of a month's training saw it. I know the scale as only a man can know what is on his own trees and before his own eyes every day since 1894. I have found it impossible to drive it from my orchard. I do not believe any one can do so, except by use of gas fumigation. It, however, frequently will leave a tree entirely for no known reason. Contrary to the usual statement, it travels extremely slow. After 11 or 12 years I have trees in my orchard not yet infested, though not 100 feet from trees infested for years.

It has been spread all over the State by infected trees sold by unreliable nurserymen. This bad work began about 14 years ago and still goes on. If the State authorities would stop the sale of infected nursery stock, which they have the power to do, the scale would die out in the orchards where it is, but it would kill the trees.

I say positively that State inspection and State supervision of nurseries--the source of all the trouble--has to the present been a sham. Although the scale was introduced into Lewisburg anterior to 1894, it is still the exception, and not the rule, to find it in orchards outside the borough except in those orchards where it has been introduced upon nursery stock.

THE SCALE-SPRAYING GOES ON.

Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, gave a talk on San Jose scale in the Court House at Norristown, to an audience of a half-hundred. He sought to impress the necessity for spraying trees with a solution of 22 pounds of lime, 17 pounds of flour of sulphur and 19 pounds of salt. When this is boiled until the solution becomes the color of amber (about 45 minutes) sufficient water should be added to make 50 gallons of solution, which, when sprayed on the trees, is "a sure remedy," he says.

Will Enforce Patent Med. Law.

Major Clay W. Evans, United States Deputy Revenue Collector, is now making active preparations in the direction of enforcing the new law relative to compelling all druggists, grocers and other dealers, who handle patent medicines, containing alcohol, to take out a retail liquor license. Major Evans will soon be a busy man in lifting this character of tax.

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Trouble stare you in the face? Forget it! Got a bad start in the race? Forget it! Turn your back on trouble's frown; Grit your teeth and settle down; Worry never won a crown. Forget it! Friends turned out to be untrue? Forget it! Is life's outlook sad and blue? Forget it! Don't let trouble gnaw your heart; Don't kick on a backward start; Don't let old wounds burn and smart. Forget it! Don't let trifles worry so. Forget it! Don't give up to dreary woe. Forget it! If the sky is overcast; If the joy of life seems past; Laugh at fate and hold on fast. Forget it!

Hush money is apt to talk pretty loud at times.

You can't save time by preserving old calendars. It is better to have a fall outing than a falling out.

Time never hangs heavily on the hands of a clock. Dead men tell no tales; neither do they draw pensions.

One of the most absorbing things in the world is a sponge. Lots of the best things in life cost nothing but an effort.

When it comes to bills the fast set are generally slow settlers. Lots of people are sick merely because the doctors need the money.

The people with social ambitions believe all's well that ends well. The connecting link between a tin can and a dog is a painful tale.

A girl is apt to admire a man with a stiff upper lip until he tries to kiss her. To make a woman completely happy you must occasionally quarrel with her.

A woman can fairly blaze with diamonds without setting the world on fire. The best way to keep out of a fight is to simply wait until the other fellow begins.

Many a man will beat his children who is too tender hearted to beat the carpet.

Little drops of water, little grains of sand, increase the grocer's profit to beat the vantage hand.

It requires a great deal of imagination to be a poet and quite considerable to think you are one.

Have to Build New Foundation.

The Standard Steel Works are experiencing considerable difficulty at present owing to the large steam hammer, commonly known as "Jumbo," becoming disabled. This is the hammer upon which all the large engine tires ranging from 36 to 70 inches in diameter are made. The foundation on which the hammer is erected is a solid mass of concrete iron and rock for a depth of 30 feet, which recently sank to such an extent that the entire bed is being removed and excavations made until a solid rock bottom is reached. It is claimed that certain weather conditions, the tremendous striking power of this hammer, is such that the vibrations of the earth can be noticed in Lewistown.

This delay places a serious handicap upon the department as this hammer was capable of producing almost 200 tires daily. Operations are expected to be resumed by the first of next month. Sentinel.

Large Milling Plant Burned.

At an early hour Friday morning the plant of the West Branch Milling company, formerly the Noble mill, Williamsport, was destroyed by fire. The fire was the result of a party of tramps kindling a blaze under the bran shed to warm themselves. It was discovered by the driver of the mill wagon when he came on duty at 5 o'clock in the morning. Upon his approach the tramps beat a hasty retreat and before he could turn in an alarm the bran shed was in flames. The whole city department was called into service, but before they could arrive the flames had communicated to the main building. Despite the efforts of the firemen the big mill was in ashes in two hours' time. The estimated loss is \$45,000 and there is an insurance of \$32,000. The owners of the mill are: James Mansel, J. R. T. Ryan, T. S. Clark and W. E. Haines, Esq.

A Christmas Gift.

At this time of the year most of our readers are concerned about Xmas presents with which they expect to remember their friends. As a gentle reminder, any of our patrons, who know themselves to be in arrears, can make us unusually happy by consulting the date on their label and remitting before the end of this year. We will consider it a most appropriate gift. Kindly give this suggestion your attention.