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#### BLACK-HAND NOTICES TO BELLEFONTERS

Several Peculiar Postal Cards Sent From Portland, Oregon.

#### AWAITING AN EXPLANATION

Time is Up and no One Thus far has Been Harmed--Crider & Son Were a Little Uneasy--Was the Talk of the

There has been much talk in town over a few postal cards received by F. W. Crider & Son, the lumber firm of this place. The cards were mailed at Portland, Oregon, and contained a black hand below which was written "you have 4 days." Next day a card came saying "you have 3 days." The third card said 2 days. Everybody has his own theory about the motive in mailing such cards and while there is no positive threat it has made Mr. Crider a bit uneasy and the family rather so. For the last few days every clump of men in town were discussing the "Black Hand" notice. Women folks congregate and relate exaggerated stories about some villanous murderer coming here from the Pacific Slope to take Mr. Crider's life, and that "his time is up." Little children in school discuss the cards with alarm and are watching for goblins at night time. In fact about one half of our population are scared out of their wits over this "Black Hand" affair, if they would admit it.

This week we interviewed Mr. Crider and he said he had gotten four cards, addressed to the firm as above mentioned. He has no idea as to the meaning or who mailed them and frankly admits that it did give hime some concern. When his attention was called to dust and cobwebs on his clothes he indignantly denied that he had been hiding in some old cellar or frequenting the attic. Some think that some imprudent drummer sent out the cards to announce his coming. If any such an individual should call at the Crider offices he will

be sorry for it. The four days have already elapsed and as no harm has come to Mr. Crider, the whole affair is considered the work of some joker. From the daily papers it is learned that persons in other parts of this state received "Black-hand" cards of the same character the past week from Portland, Oregon, and invariably puts a whole community to guessing. Several societies supposed to be organized for assassinating public men have been discovered in this country recently and the black-hand with them was the emblem for death by assassination. That is why the black-hand on the postal card has a

serious suggestion. The black-hand may be a good idea as children will not venture out after dark, and many married men who stay out late at nights, may be home earlier with their families than otherwise. For that cyclopaedia have been placed at the folreason be good, and you will live long teachers are invited to call and carefully and prosper.

#### Crow-Lee.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lee, near Hublersburg, at noon, Jan. 24th. when their daughter, Minnie A., was united in marriage to Jacob C. Crow, of Liverpool, Pa. Miss Bealah Wetzel. cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and George Crow, nephew of the groom, was groomsman. The ceremony was performed by the grooms brother, Rev. H. I. Crow. About twenty-five guests were present and partook of the sumptuous dinner prepared for the occasion. The bride was the recipient of handsome and valuable presents. The happy couple left on the evening train to the west.

#### wishes of their many friends. A New Way To Catch Rabbits.

N. Y., have discovered a new way in pons will be allowed. which to capture rabbits when they have of using a ferret they take a fish horn, attach to it a long piece of hose, place it in the hole and, blowing a blast, scare the rabbit out. They say this method brings good results, and is not violating the Centre Jemocrat. the law. Besides it is a great deal more humane than using the ferret.

#### We Will Shine.

Forty thousand books of gold leaf, each worth \$7.50 have so far been used in decorating the new capitol at Harrisburg, and the end is not yet. Three hundred thousand dollars worth of gold leaf is an immense quantity but more is yet to be placed and this value will be considerably increased when all is put

Denmark's King Dies.

Christian, the Ninth, King of Denmark, died Monday afternoon in his eighty-eighth year. While quite feeble for several years, his death came suddenly at the last, and was due in part to general debility.

### FIFTH COUNT.

#### In The School Teachers Book Award In Centre County

Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 31, 1906. The following is the total number of votes cast in the Teachers' Book Award in the various Institute Districts in Cen-The following is the total number of tre county to this date :

1-Gregg, Haines, Miles, Millheim and Penn

#### First District:

M. T. Zubler, Gregg	2904
C. C. Smull, Miles	2724
C. E. Kreamer, Aaronsburg	1346
Wm. Limbert. Miles	222
J. N. Moyer, Rebersburg	200
N. A. Corman, Penn	138
Second District:	
2-Centre Hall, College. Ferguson, Potter and State College.	Harris.
Potter and State College.  J. H. Decker, Ferguson	1628
J. H. Decker, Ferguson H. C. Rothrock, Boalsburg	1628
Potter and State College.  J. H. Decker, Ferguson H. C. Rothrock, Boalsburg Cordelia Acker, St. Col. Boro.	1628
J. H. Decker, Ferguson H. C. Rothrock, Boalsburg	1628 709

Harry N. Walker, Ferguson... 265 Marg'et Keichline, P. G. Mills. 200 Geo. R. Williams, College. . . . 199 W. T. Wrye, Ferguson..... N. N. Hartswick, St. College. Geo, Mothersbaugh, Oak Hall. Margretta Goheen, Boolsburg

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Third District:	
3-Bellefonte, Benner, Spring and	Walke
Walker Twp., High School	1435
Daisy Barnes, Bellefonte	1186
Mabelle Norris, Benner	619
S. S. Williams, Spring	449
Sara J. Waite Bellefonte	293
Verne Allison, Walker	247
Eva Bathgate, Benner	222
Lillian Rearick, Spring	126
Wm. B. Kuhn, Benner	108
Cyrus Hoy. Walker	100
Anna McCaffrey, Bellefonte	73
Luella Shook, Spring	69
Francis Prey, Bellefonte	51
Bessie Dorworth, Bellefonte	50
Earl M. Grove, Benner	41
John S. Hosterman, Bellef'te	1
Jonas E. Wagner, Bellefonte	1
Ella Levy, Bellefonte	I

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Ella Levy, Bellefonte	1
Fourth District:	
4-Boggs, Curtin, Howard, Howard, Liberty, Marion and Milesburg.	boro.
Vivian Snyder, Liberty	605
W. F. Leathers, Howard	57I
John Rickert Boggs	465
Fred Chambers, Boggs	444
Mae Reber, Marion	213
Scott Holder, Blanchard	135
Maud Deitz, Curtin twp	126
Irvin Noll, Milesburg	103
T. Pletcher, Howard Twp	100
Curtin Grammar	72
Goldie Cain, Boggs	13
M. F. Pletcher, Liberty	7
Fifth District:	
5-Half was a, Fast a, Patton, T	aylor,
Ernest Spotts, Port Matilda	OFT

5-Half wiles, First o, Patton, Union, Unionville and Worth.	Taylor,
Ernest Spotts, Port Matilda	951
Walter Harshberger, Union	671
Mary Erhard, Union	440
Harry B. Baisor, Waddle	186
J. W. Blair, Patton	90
G. A. Williams, Worth	27
Mattie Lucas, Union	10
Sixth District:	
6-Burnside, Rush, Philipsburg, Sne and South Philipsburg	ow Shoe

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Eliz. Glenn. Snow Shoe	718
Ella M. Ward, Rush	614
Eliza Fleming, Snow Shoe	564
Earnest Ardery, Philipsburg	552
H. E. Leathers, Snow Shoe	349
Jennie Graham, Snow Shoe	240
Grace Vallimont, Snow Shoe	162
Geo. F. Daugherty, Burnside	91
W. D. ZERB	r.

Sample sets of the 20th Century En owing points in the county where the inspect each of the six volumes :

W. M. BOTTORF.

Bellefonte "Index" book store
DEPTERONIE IDGEX DOOK STOLE
MILLHEIM T. F. Meyer's store
SPRING MILLS C. A. Krape's store
BoalsburgIshler & Harrison
CENTRE HALL Murray's Drug store
BLANCHARD H. A. Snyder
SNOW SHOE Sickles Drug Store
PHILIPSBURG Crissman & Brown
STATE COLLEGE, . St. Col. Supply Co.
UNIONVILLE A. J. Greist's store
Howard Moore's Drug Store.

#### Premium Ballots.

In addition, we issue Premium Ballots 50 votes for 1 year on arrears.

100 votes for 1 year in advance.

200 votes for each new cash sub. They begin life together with the best These votes have no time limit-can be held until the final count. In any case where a transfer of sub-

Hunters in the region around Geneseo, scription is made in the same family or household, during this contest, no cou-

20th CENTURY ENCYCLOPAEDIA

NEWSPAPER BALLOT

ONE VOTE FOR

Name of Teacher

(Carefully insert in line below name of town or township where teacher is employed.)

This ballot, if cut along the border (must include the date) and sent to this omce inside of 20 days from above date, will be good for one vote, will be good for one vote, CHAS. R. KURTZ, Pub.

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## COURT PROCEEDINGS

#### MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Jury Out a Short Time--Number Interesting Cases on Trial This Week -- of \$15 and costs of prosecution. Number of Cases Settled or Con-

(Reported by S. D. Gettig.) THURSDAY MORNING.

Wilson Gbaner was recalled for the purpose of proving statements made by the defendant when he first got to the place of the accident.

John Curry, William Murtoff, William Hartsock and the district attorney were then sworn and identified the gun and cartridge, after which the commonwealth closed; and the case was then opened at 9:45 by E. R. Chambers for the defense,

Bert Delige, the defendant, called, who lives at Scotia, and says that he was home during the forenoon of October 20th, 1905, and that his brother, George Dixon, returned from hunting at noon. That in the afternoon he and his brother started to hunt, going down the road towards the school house, and that they passed Marilla Bottorf, but he had not threatened to shoot her and that he was not at the school house when the accident happened. That when they went to pass the school house Ralph Williams said something to him, and that he replied, "O, that old fogy," that the lad still kept on advancing and that he stopped and went to take the gun off his shoulder to set it on the ground, and when he was taking the gon down know that the gun was loaded. That the gun went off and he dropped the gun and took hold of the boy's leg, and Miss Meek came and asked me for a handkerchief and I gave it to her, and Budd started to Scotia for help. The other men then came, as well as Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams said, "Bert, how did this happen?" I told him and the boy said, "No, Bert, you said you would shoot." They quite a while, and then went with Mr. \$25.00. Williams to the store for a suit of under- Same vs. Rebecca Lucas, administratrix erly protected. coat and went back to Williams'. They told me they were going to take him to the hospital. I said, "George, I. will pay the bill, and that he could get the money at the office." Was arrested on the morning of the 21st at five o'clock. Did not tention to shoot the boy. Had no discussion with Ralph or trouble with Miss Meek.

Miss Sarah Meek then testified as to hearing the report of the gun, the pupils running into the school bouse, and that she went to the relief of the boy. Bert said, "I did not mean to do it, before God, I did not know the gun was loaded." He Bert gave him his coat. The boy screamed

loaded the gun; it was brother Walter's er to go down the main stream and not that he was not at the school house when springs at the foot of the mountain and

then respectively called, and identified detendant according to their draft being the gun as the gun sold to Walter. Daywalt swearing the gun had gone off on his shoulder at one time, but had his finger on \$20. the hammer. At 11:10 the defense closed. The commonwealth recalled Miss Bottorf, who denied the testimony of George Dixon relative to her saying that she had not 100 Votes for every \$1 worth of job and recommending the defendant to the printing, secured during the contest. mercy of the court. Counsel for the defendant moved the court for a new trial, and rule was granted, which rule will be argued later jon, after which court ad-

> Judge H. M. McClure, of Lewisburg Co., ys. the Empire Steel and Iron Co., sees, and the American Bonding company of Baltimore, lessors, and Nittany be found. fron Co. Judge McClure sat in the arbi tration room and after the case was called defendants moved the court to quash the bill on the ground that no jurisdiction the plaintiff having an adequate remedy at law. After some discussion the special ward Lockport. By that time Constable question, and Friday morning court conrened with Judge McClure on the bench. forenoon, but just before the noon hour the Dunnstown. court overruled the motion of the defendants and directed the parties to go on with the testimony. This is an action brought or near the yards of the Nittany Furnace Co., alleged to be the property of the plainthe special Judge.

All jurors for this week's court were discharged on Thursday afternnon.

MONDAY MORNING.

FOR SECOND WEEK Convened Monday morning with the Hon.

Ellis L. Orvis on the bench, and the follow.

PROCEEDINGS

ment thereof was deferred until after the testimony may be written out. Court convened Monday morning with the Hon.

PUBLIC CONSC ing parties were called for sentence: Geo. W. Gill charged with surety of the peace

the peace against the prosecutor. Wm. Colpetzer convicted of carrying concealed deadly weapons, sentence was suspended until March Argument court upon payment of costs.

Clyde McGinley, sentenced to pay a fine

Steve Biharra convicted of larceny, sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, \$1 fine, and three months in jail. The following Commonwealth cases were

disposed of during last week : Com. vs. Wm. A. Wellers, charged with

Com. vs. Robert Whitehead, George L. Whitehead and C. W. Martin, charged with unlawful removal of coal, prosecutor Jas. R. Somerville, settled.

la, charged with larceny, prosecutrix Lizzie Lusnak nol. pros. Com. vs. Grant Hoover and Jeff Moore. prosecutor Joseph Berrier and Com. vs. these cases being violation of the game congressmen and senators as well. laws. Both appeals were quashed. This Since the pass has been abolished to Geo. Doll....Judge of Election...Thos, Donachy

The following cases on this week's list were disposed of

the cartridge exploded. That he did not tinued on account of illness of material next term. WILD COM

Wm Womer, continued.

Mrs. C. E. Lucas, also written Elizabeth Lucas vs. Catherine E. Lucas, executrix plaintiff for \$764.14.

A. and W. Weber, executors, vs. Cathebrought a door and Mr. Williams and I rine E. Lucas, executrix of etc , of Wm. put him on the door and took him home. P. Lucas, late of Howard borough, deceas-

en up was that of J. B. Kern vs. Frank township.

ing at or near a small stream of water to the valley, and according to the plain once. gave me his handkerchief and a stick to tiff's theory of the case, some distance twist it. Ralph said that he was cold and above the residence of the defendant, who one-third to the right flowing past the is being aroused. though he were in terror-did not see the residence of the plaintiff and defendant, and that the defendant put obstructions in forenoon of the day of the accident. I took place so as to cause most of the wat-Daniel Daywalt and Ed Markley were timber, the theories of the plaintiff and the day evening in favor of the plaintiff for

Charles Dreifus, doing business as Chas. Dreifus & Co., vs. Harry R. Curtin and Florence Fox Dale, executrix of etc., of John M Dale, deceased, co-partners, doing business as the Curtin Forge Co. This been extorting hundreds of thousands Curt Wagner, the miller, and it looks as at this office to all who pay for subscrip- the shooting, and testified that she had case went to trial on Tuesday afternoon gotten to Miss Meek's stable when the and arose out of a contract between plainshot was fired. Verdict late Thursday tiff and defendant, whereby plaintiffs were partment will be thoroughly investiga. man. Other nominations attract little afternoon of murder in the second degree, to furnish twenty cars of Westinghouse ted,

#### Robbed Store.

rested last Wednesday for robbing the ing. Raup's store at Lamar, and stealing W. In this connection let us say to our our total debt is beyond the legal limit-

dropping the valise down a crevice in Be a good citizen first. the bridge, he continued his flight to-

A Clearfield county young man one taken with due allowance.

## PUBLIC CONSCIENCE

THE BIG SINNERS

The Penna. Railroad Being Prosecuted --

The Standard Oil Company Under Fire--Insurance Grafters at Har-

The Penna. R.R.Co. recently abolished all forms of railroad passes, and as a reassault and battery, prosecutor Wm. Colpetzer, bill ignored and prosecutor to pay pany in various ways. It looks as though the favors the railroads long enjoyed, made and stand as follows: will also be abolished—that of shaping and directing legislation to suit their in- Democratic: Tas. R. Somerville, settled.

Com. vs. John Duck and Andrew Basala, charged with larceny, prosecutive Lizeric Lusnak nol. pros.

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Com. vs. Grant Hoover and Leff Moore.

Com. vs. Grant Hoover and Leff Moore. was by virtue of the pass that most of prosecutor Joseph Berrier and Com. vs. Jeff Moore, prosecutors, Richard Hoover and Joseph Gill, and the charge in both of these cases being violation of the game congressmen and sensitive and Joseph T.B. Hamilton...Concilman...F.H. Thomas

keys from a blind or bow-house, and the which last week pase- a bill making west ward.

Court, refusing to interfere, the defendants the passenger fare in that state two cents and the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in that state two cents are larger to the passenger fare in the will have to abide by the decision of the Justice.

The tollowing cases on this week's list this time the Penna, state legislature is in special session, but there is universal The primaries in all the wards were Anna Rell Dyke vs. J. C. Harper, settled. sentiment for a two-cent rate here, and well attended showing that the people Mary Walker vs. W. H. Poorman, con. such a bill is almost a certainty at the are aroused as to the importance of mak-

at Harrisburg, on the matter.

I did not change off, but the others did. ed; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for At the house I sat down in a rocking chair scale of the house I sat down in a rocking chair scale of the public appreciate the good on the lack of proper precaution, and safety chosen. The public appreciate the good the public appreciate the good safety chosen.

ing those sections practically at the know the gun was leaded and had no in- Auman, being a trespass case from Penn mercy of this great corporation. If this difference, and party lines are getting can be proven, the company will be in broken. Charles Shuey, the groceryman, This action arose out of some trouble re- the same plight as when the railroads in who is a pronounced prohibitionist, at lative to the water rights between these the northwest were merged under the request of many, permitted the reparties, both plaintiff and defendant liv- one corporation and the Government publicans to name him for council. He which flows from the mountain towards stepped in and saved the people from declares that, though nominated on a Penn's Creek. There is a stream of water spoilation. Congress will investigate party ticket, if elected he will know no which rises in the mountains, flows out in- the Penna. R. R. Co. on this point at party or politics in the discharge of his

George Dixon :- Was bunting in the the stream at the place where this division gest lot of thieves on earth) are being for years; and has a great many other loaded the gun; it was brother Walter's er to go down the main stream and not gun, the firing pin in the gun seemed to down the channel past the residence of the be too long. Walter got it from Ed Mark- plaintiff. The defendant's theory is that ley, bad a talk with Miss Bottorf, she said this second stream of water does not come world, is in hiding, like a criminal, to permit the unanimous nomination of avoid summons for appearance before Philip Beezer, but he refused and was that he was not at the school house when springs at the foot of the mountain and the shooting took place. Chambers was flows down past these people, and that the present. Cannot tell when I loaded the quantity of water has been materially de Jersey which is preparing to annul their ward. Certain influential interests that

> separate and distinct. Verdict on Tues- box stuffers were sent to prison this Ryan gang, who don't want to gang are trying to escape arrest on work, want Wise-of course they do-as former charges.

> > surance Department at Harrisburg has named an excellent young business man, from the people in illegal fees. The De. though he will be the coming council-

sion for all honest men to rejoice. It saddled on them, every good citizen will Charles Fisher, of Lockport, was ar- looks as though better days were com- be aroused. We are assured that the

came on Thursday morning to hear the H. Brown's horse at Clintondale on Mon- readers that when they go to the spring may reach \$150,000. For this reason day night. A warrant was issued for elections, join the reform movement. the time has come to quit political his arrest on Tuesday, but he could not No mtater if you be democrat, republi- chicanery and get down to practical can, or prohibition, when you detect economy. And spring is the time for Fisher, when he saw the officer, start- grafting, corruption or boodling, strike housecleaning. ed for the bridge on a dead run and it down-no matter where it appears.

#### Snake's Heart as Medicine.

he and Sam Myers started in pursuit and reported from Watsontown, where it is for this is the fact that a corps of civil after a long hunt, found Fisher under a said, Mrs. A. D. Hess, living near that engineers have gone over the entire line The question of jurisdiction was argued all bed in the Pepperman residence at place, in order to cure herself of consump- recently, for what reason we are unable Fisher admitted the theft and was large rattlesnake, and is now recovering, N. Y. Central R. R. is anxious to secure committed to jail to await a hearing whether by mere coincidence or other- this road as a part of their system, as in the equity courts asking the restraining Friday afternoon. The valise was wise, Mrs. Hess contracted consumption well as the Bellefonte Central to reach of the defendants from appropriating to found with the stolen goods in it. The several years ago, and of late was concollection is a large one and comprised fined to her bed and given up by doctors. Top Railroad. Inquiry was made of difall sorts of miscellaneous articles, al- She was advised to take the rattlesnake ferent railroad men, and resulted in obtiffs and for an accounting for the use of most enough to start a small store. Fish- cure, and her son purchased a large rat- taining what was anticipated—nothing. this property as well as for terminal or has been an inmate of the Hunting- tlesnake from a woodsman; the reptile All seemed to have a knowing look, The case is still on trial before don reformatory, but his latest stunt was killed and the warm heart swallow. What is doing we do not know; if will probably land him in the peniten- ed by Mrs. Hess. She is now able to sit you think you can find out, try it. up. Stories like the above should be

#### FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

GETTING NEXT TO DAD.

Everybody's working father, He's as soft as lard: May and Nell and mother Work him good and hard. Work him for new outfits. Everything they can -

Everybody in the family

Works our old-man .- Ex. Love is blind, and it may also be a case of dumb luck.

Brevity may be the soul of wit, but when a man is short it's no joke.

#### BOROUGH NOMINATIONS.

All nominations in our boro have been

BORO TICKET.

Office: Republican:

NORTH WARD,

ing proper nominations. It will be

The business men of the state have noted that the democrats gracefully con-Christian Reese vs. Henry Womer and brought an action against the company ceded to Gen. John I. Curtin the nomifor requiring all users of milage books nation for Burgess, as it will be approto give them a \$10 deposit. This is priate for him to be the borough's repreconsidered extortion. Tuesday these sentative during the unveiling cereunder the last will and testament of Wm. considered extortion. Tuesday there sentative during the unveiling cerea soldier Gen. Curtin has a most enviable The next prod at the company is the record, and in the hope that the same excomplaint that too many employees of acting discipline of military life will be devises. Public crossings are not prop- work done by Borgess Walker, and are anxious that it will be continued. For wear, then went home and got another of etc., of Hiram Lucas, deceased, at the The most severe thrust comes from council both parties named good men in

In the South Ward there was some

duties. Joseph Wise has served one The above is another indication of the term in council, and was in the famous also lives above the plaintiff; there was a healthy growth of reform sentiment, orphanage deal by which they hoped to with pain. When I got out Bert was also lives above the plaintiff; there was a standing, in the road, he looked to me as one-third to the right flowing road the to spend on street rollers, more new The Standard Oil Company (the big- has been one of the Sam Ryan backers hounded by legel processes in Missouri, things to his credit. He was advised by creased by reason of the removal of the charter and drive them from that state. thrive off of Bellefonte, as well as strong Down in Philadelphia a lot of ballot political workers, are backing Wise; the week. Iz Durham and others of this loose their fat snap around the water

> Joe has been their kind of a councilman. Next comes the exposures that the In- In the West Ward 8the democrats attention and will be a matter of person-Under these conditions there is occa- borough realize the burden of debt being next Auditors Statement will show that

Railroad Rumors. For some time rumors have been going that a deal is in progress in reference to court adjourned until Friday morning to "Dad" Myers had been summoned and The following extraordinary case is the Central R. R. of Penna. The cause tion, swallowed the warm heart of a to learn. It has been intimated that the

"OLD NICK" has been a terror for Company vs. the Nittany Iron Company Clearfield, the sum of \$70 for seven closed on Saturday afternoon and argu- small trout caught recently out of season. ages; at present "Young Nick" Long-