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## PUBLIC OFFICIALS WERE OVERWORKED

Compelled to put in Double Time for the County.

## HEALTH WAS NOT IMPAIRED

A Few Facts Gathered From the Last Annual Statement—An Explanation Will Hardly be Attempted—The County Seems to Have Suffered.

During the past week we have heard many comments on the annual statement just issued. People naturally are anxious to trace out where all the money went. While that may be some satisfaction the cold fact still stares us in the face that we have a debt of \$32,500, which must be paid and that a 5 mill tax, instead of the usual 3 mills, will have to be laid.

On Saturday morning the following communication was sent to this office, for publication:

CHARLES R. KURTZ, Bellefonte, Pa.  
Dear Sir: In looking over the Auditors Report for the year 1905, we were somewhat "at sea" when we came to the account of Commissioners Miller and Bailey, which we would like to have some one answer, through your paper, if same can possibly be figured out. We submit the following:

Miller, has a credit of.....220 Days  
There were, during the year.....53 Sundays  
There were, during the year.....6 Holidays  
Spent with the "Bridge Builders" at Atlantic City.....10 Days  
Spent, delivery of Ballots, etc., as per Auditors Report.....25  
Spent, at Commissioners' convention as per Auditors Report.....2  
.....365  
Estimate, spent 15 days electioneering (Low Estimate) for reelection.....15  
Total days for year.....381

This has no doubt been an error, as it was not leap year. I would be pleased to have Mr. A. V. Miller, make an explanation of the above. I do not count any time off at all, for which he was not in the office, during the entire year, taking it for granted that Mr. Miller worked every day, which I hardly think he did.  
Yours very truly,  
CENTRE COUNTY, Pa.

Bailey, one day less than Miller. In the above no account is taken of Miller's trip to the inauguration, March 1905, about 6 days.  
The above inquiry is to the point, for it is a plain statement of facts. Men who work six days during the week, for the entire year, are liable to impair their health. But when all holidays and Sundays are included it is a wonder that they can survive.  
From last accounts the health of both gentlemen is excellent, but the finances of the county suffered intensely—had a "complete breaking down."

The following is from the Philipsburg Journal:  
CENTRE COUNTY IN DEBT.  
The auditor's statement of expenditures of last year's Board of County Commissioners issued and circulated in the county papers last week contains some remarkable facts. It shows the total expenses of the county in 1905 to have been \$117,842.04, as against \$98,378.72 the previous year.  
On January 2, 1905, there was \$10,864.03 in cash in the hands of the County Treasurer with no notes outstanding, while on January 1, 1906, there was but \$454.50 in the treasury and \$45,600 in outstanding notes. The liabilities are given as \$54,810.77, with only \$22,293.05 of assets, showing the county to be \$32,517.72 in debt, the first time in its history that there was a county debt.  
Taxes in Centre county will be higher than they have been for a long time.

## OFF FOR VICKSBURG.

On Tuesday a large delegation left this place for the purpose of attending the dedication of the monument at Vicksburg in which many old soldiers in Centre county are interested. The following is a list of those who left from here on Tuesday noon, the soldiers being:

Gen. John I. Curtin, Bellefonte, 45; Capt. Austin Curtin, Boland, 45; Sergt. W. H. Musser, Bellefonte, 45; Sergt. John A. Daley, Kolumbia, 45; Sergt. John G. Heberling, Pine Grove Mills, 45; W. H. Fry, Pine Grove Mills, 45; Charles Smith, Bellefonte, 45; Sergt. J. T. Lucas, Moshannon, 45; William Flack, Bellefonte, 45; Capt. C. T. Fryberger, Philipsburg, 45; Dr. T. S. Christ, State College, 45; Andrew Hall, Unionville, 51; Thos. McCaffery, Bellefonte, 51. Also the following citizens: Michael Hess, Bellefonte; Newton Hess, Ferguson Twp.; Shime Walker, Ferguson Twp.; Arthur Kimpfort, Bellefonte; Laird Curtin, Boland; Miss Julia Curtin, Boland; E. R. Chambers, Bellefonte.

At His Shirt.  
A tramp, halfdead from starvation and who had eaten part of his undershirt, was rescued from a box car at Chicago, the door of which was frozen fast. The tramp said he had been locked in for four days. In all that time he had nothing to eat and had swallowed part of his shirt. He was supplied with hot coffee and plenty to eat by the railroaders from their lunch pails.

There is absolutely no hope for the fellow who is too lazy to go fishing.

## ENCYCLOPAEDIA AWARD.

Who Get the 18 Sets of 20th Century Encyclopaedia.

According to previous announcements, the final award has been made of the 18 sets of "20th Century Encyclopaedia," which the Centre Democrat purchased to be presented to teachers or schools in this county. The patrons of the paper were asked to designate by a popular vote who should receive them. That they took an interest in the matter is indicated by the fact that a total of 183,209 votes were cast. Wednesday noon the ballot box was sealed and the two judges appointed began the task of counting the last vote which aggregated 112,974. They found it a task, but it was carefully compiled and the result is given below. The three successful teachers in each district are given first, with that of other persons following, showing the last count and total vote for each. We are sorry that we can not supply one and all, who were eager to secure this valuable work, with a set; but when it is remembered that 18 sets, at the price of \$29, aggregates over \$500, The Centre Democrat certainly has been as liberal as can be expected.

We herewith desire to express our thanks to W. D. Zerby and W. M. Bottorf for their care and patience, as well as faithful labors, they have given to the computing of the vote, which all can depend upon being accurate and correct. The following is their final report:

Bellefonte, Pa., 21st, 1906.

Editor of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT:  
Dear Sir:—As judges appointed to count and report the vote cast in the award of the "20th Century Encyclopaedia" to the schools and teachers of Centre county, we herewith submit the result of the last count and the total vote cast for each:

First District:  
1—Gregg, Haines, Miles, Millheim and Penn.  
Last Total count, vote.

M. T. Zubler, Gregg, 11342—21139  
C. E. Kreamer, Aa'n'g, 5128—9666  
C. C. Small, Miles, 2518—8488

Wm. Limbert, Miles, 222  
N. A. Corman, Penn., 138

Second District:  
2—Centre Hall, College, Ferguson, Harris, Potter and State College.  
J. H. Decker, Ferguson, 2313—4423  
Cordelia Acker, C. L. Boro, 3126—4341  
H. C. Rothrock, Boals'g, 1374—3274

Miriam Dreese, Lemont, 400—1317  
Geo. R. Williams, Colge, 529—861  
Harry N. Walker, Ferguson, 294  
Marg'et Keichline, P. G. Mills, 200  
W. T. Wrye, Ferguson, 100  
Mary Moth's'bugh, Boalsburg, 100  
N. N. Hartwick, St. College, 76  
Geo. Mothersbaugh, Oak Hall, 59

Third District:  
3—Bellefonte, Besser, Spring and Walker.  
Walker Twp., H. Sch., 6137—10340  
S. S. Williams, Spring, 7537—8779  
Daisy Barnes, Bellefonte, 5610—7900

Earl M. Grove, Besser, 7146—7314  
Mabelle Norris, Besser, 3311—4114  
Verne Allison, Walker, 2635—3901  
Eva Pathgate, Besser, 2045—2709  
Sara J. Waite, Bellef., 1902—3320  
Anna McCaffrey, Bellefonte, 322  
Luella Shook, Spring, 177  
Lullian Reareick, Spring, 126  
Belle Barnhart, Spring, 112  
Wm. B. Kuhn, Besser, 108  
Cyrus Hoy, Walker, 100  
Francis Prey, Bellefonte, 51  
Bessie Dorworth, Bellefonte, 50

Fourth District:  
4—Bozgs, Curtin, Howard, Howard boro, Liberty, Marion and Milesburg.  
Vivian Snyder, Liberty, 4759—6223  
Fred Chambers, Bozgs, 4436—5390  
Scott Holder, Blanchard, 3169—5394

John Rickert, Bozgs, 2177—3595  
W. F. Leathers, Howard, 130—2752  
Maud Deitz, Curtin twp., 263—1621  
Mae Reber, Marion, 904  
Curtin Grammar, 328  
Goldie Cain, Bozgs, 267  
Irvin Noll, Milesburg, 103  
T. Pletcher, Howard Twp., 100  
M. F. Pletcher, Liberty, 9

Fifth District:  
5—Half Moon, Huston, Patton, Taylor, Unionville and Worth.  
Walt' Harshb'g'r, Un'n., 3381—4876  
Ernest Spotts, Pt Mat'la, 373—4304  
J. W. Blair, Patton, 3627—4085

Mary Erhard, Union, 916—2795  
Harry B. Baisor, Wadde, 600—1169  
G. A. Williams, Worth, 27  
Mattie Lucas, Union, 10

Sixth District:  
6—Burnside, Bush, Philipsburg, Snow Shoe and south Philipsburg.  
Earn't Ardery, Ph'g., 15644—17864  
Eliza Fleming, S. S., 3631—4698  
H. E. Leathers, S. S., 2139—3334

Ella Glenn, Snow Shoe, 541—2807  
Ella M. Ward, Rush, 917—2200  
Geo. F. Daugherty, Burn, 1668—2064  
Grace Vallmont, Snow S., 315—1256  
Jennie Graham, Snow S., 824—1784  
Wm. Takash, Clarence, 301

Totals, 112,974—183,209  
W. D. ZERBY,  
W. M. BOTTOFF.

Gorman an Invalid.  
The active career of Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, is at an end, according to friends familiar with the nature of the illness which has confined him to his home for the last six weeks. It is evident the Senator's health is permanently and gravely impaired by some incurable organic trouble.

## ROCKEFELLER IS A NERVOUS WRECK

America's Richest Man Prisoner Under Specialist's Care.

## LIVES IN STATE OF SIEGE

In Order to Avoid Summons to Appear in Court—Broken in Body and Mind—He is Paying the Full Penalty For His Greed.

John D. Rockefeller, the richest man in America, has been discovered at his home in Lakewood, N. J., a very sick man. He is under the care of a nerve specialist, and the fear is expressed that he will be a long time in recovering.

Worry over the public criticism heaped upon him during the last two years, and more particularly since subpoena servers from Missouri have been on his trail, added to the serious illness of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Strong, has weakened Mr. Rockefeller to such an extent that he is on the verge of a complete breakdown.

About two weeks ago Mr. Rockefeller resigned as trustee of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church. It was said that he was induced to do this by his aversion to being conspicuous in the councils of the church while criticism of his evasion of process servers was so general. Attorney General Hadley, of Missouri, is very anxious to have Mr. Rockefeller testify in the proceedings brought to oust the Waters-Pierce Oil Company from Missouri.

At Lakewood a state of siege is being maintained. Heavy gates bar all the driveways and armed guards patrolling the grounds keep visitors and inquisitive persons at a distance. Three searchlights have been mounted, and these play over the estate by night, so that it is impossible for any one to approach without being seen. Some say that Mr. Rockefeller is mentally weaker and has a fear that he will be kidnapped or assassinated. There can be no doubt that he is intensely worried over the illness of his daughter, Mrs. Strong, who is at present at Cannes, France. She is suffering from the delusion that she will die in poverty, and the ablest French and German specialists are attending her. She has been living abroad about two years.

Mrs. Rockefeller is with her husband at Lakewood, and very seldom leaves the grounds of the big estate. Soon after the agitation about Rockefeller's "tainted" money attracted so much attention the wife of the Standard Oil man told her friends that the criticisms had deeply wounded her husband.

This is an object lesson for everybody. After spending a lifetime in a relentless crusade to accumulate wealth, bringing legislatures, courts, and railroads, thus ruining thousands of rivals and crushing out competition and extorting millions in excessive rates, the richest man in the world, who lavishes millions on churches, is hated, despised, a fugitive from justice, is nothing more than a poor, miserable mental wreck. He is reaping his reward.

## NEGLIGENT PARENTS FINED.

On Saturday there were four cases heard before Justice Keichline under the compulsory attendance law. The hearing was brief and the evidence complete in each case, and each offender convicted and sentenced to pay the costs and a fine of \$2 or two days in jail.

One man said he could do nothing with his son, a lad of twelve. It does seem strange that a boy of twelve should be so incorrigible that his father can do nothing with him.

During the hearing it was brought out, that in one of the cases there is a family of twelve children, and that sometimes, some of the children of this family were kept at home because of the lack of proper clothing. The father works by the day and the struggle to maintain this family is somewhat desperate. The help of kindly disposed persons in this case would surely not come amiss. Some of the children in this family are now sick. It can be found near the Glass Works grounds.

In other cases there was no special disposition manifested to comply with the law. Cases rather of supposed smartness on the part of those having control of the youngsters.

The board of course regrets that it must resort to stringent measures, but notice after notice had not been complied with, and arrest and fine and costs had to follow. Others will save themselves the trouble by obeying the law relating to attendance upon the schools.

The election of more than half the township supervisors in Clinton county has been declared illegal, on account of the failure to specify the term of each candidate on the ballot.

"Neighborly Neighbors" Monday evening.

## LICENSES GRANTED.

Nearly all of last Saturday was devoted to hearing argument for and against the granting of certain liquor licenses in Centre county. Testimony had been taken in all cases where remonstrances had been filed, and this made a large bulk which Judge Orvis promised to carefully review and on Tuesday disposed of the same as follows. Those applications "refused" or "held-over" for further consideration are marked accordingly, in italic at the end of the line:

TAVEN LICENSE:  
W. L. Dagget, Bellefonte West Ward  
Horton S. Ray, " " South Ward  
C. M. & C. B. Garman, " " " "  
James A. Noonan, " " " "  
Fred K. Moserberger, " " " "  
James W. Runkle, Centre Hall Boro  
Edwin G. Henderson, Howard " "  
Isaac A. Sawyer, Millheim " "  
Andy K. Lessor, " " " "  
Chas. M. Wapler, Philipsburg Boro, 1st Ward  
Thos. Barnes, Jr., " " " "  
Rapsy & Grebe, " " " "  
Samuel Rogers, " " " "  
Christ North, " " " "  
J. C. & W. H. Jones, " " " "  
James Passmore, " " " "  
Tempest Singer, " " " "  
Dorsey Meyers, " " " "  
Andrew Hugg, " " " "  
A. H. Herr, " " " "  
Alois Kohlsbecker (Central City) Boggs Twp  
J. Warren Wood (Spring Mills) Gregg " "  
Ed. W. Hoffer, (Coburn), Penn. Held over  
James S. Beish, (Potters Mills) Potter " "  
Edward Rorer, (Old Fort) " " "  
Chas. F. Beachdel, (Eagleville) " " "  
Frank W. Hess, (Sandy Ridge) Rush " "  
Fred Eisenhauer, (Cassanova) " " "  
P. R. Gorman, " " " "  
George J. Kacalik, (Clarence) Snow Shoe Twp  
John G. Uzzell, (Snow Shoe) " " "  
Lawrence Redding, " " " "  
Chas. F. Beachdel, (Eagleville) " " "  
Jessie K. Cox, (Pleasant Gap) Spring " "  
Refused

Distillers:  
Nash W. Eby, (Woodward) Haines " "  
Wholesale Liquor:  
Orin Vall, " " Philipsburg, 2nd Ward  
W. Walter Jones, " " " "  
James Black, " " " "  
Sander Giffand, " " " "  
George Parks, " " " "  
Lawrence Aldert, Cassanova, Rush Twp  
Ed. C. Beyer, Osceola Mills " "  
D. W. Schnars, " " " "  
H. T. Hamilton, " " " "  
John Boyce, Clarence, Snow Shoe Twp  
Joseph Healy, " " " "  
Refused

Brewer's License:  
Philipsburg Brewing Co. Philipsburg, 2nd Ward  
Chas. Moerschbacher, Bellefonte, " "  
Refused

All the other licenses were granted in the list. There are very few changes over the county, excepting in the vicinity of Rush township and Philipsburg.

## PASTOR ELECTED.

At a congregational meeting in the Bellefonte Presbyterian church on Sunday morning the Rev. J. Allison Platts, of Allegheny, Pa., was unanimously elected pastor, receiving a majority of all the votes cast, and the call was then made unanimous. There were eight candidates for the pulpit, which has been vacated by Dr. Wm. Laurie, L. L. D.

The following is an extract from the Pittsburg Times on Monday, in reference to this selection:

"Mr. Platts was seriously ill at his home on Hawkins avenue, Allegheny, last night when he was informed that he would be elected pastor of the Bellefonte church. Since last Tuesday he has been confined to his room with a severe cold and his physicians fear that he is threatened with pneumonia. Mr. Platts said that he would hold the call of the Bellefonte church under consideration until his health would permit him to make a formal reply to the congregation. He thought, however, that in the event of receiving the formal call this week he would endeavor to send his answer next week.

Mr. Platts came to the Centre church in May, 1903, succeeding Rev. D. M. Skilling, D. D., who for many years was its pastor. The church occupied an edifice at Anderson and Lacoock streets when Mr. Platts was chosen by the congregation, and during his administration the present handsome new Centre church was erected at a cost of about \$50,000. Mr. Platts is one of the most liked clergymen on the North side and is popular with churchmen of all denominations. It is likely that his flock will try to dissuade him from leaving his present charge."

It is almost a certainty that he will accept the call as he hopes that a change of climate will prove beneficial to the health of himself and family, and while here seemed anxious to accept it. His trial sermons convinced the congregation that he would prove a suitable pastor. He comes with the best of recommendations from his people and the church in which he has labored.

## Sabbath School Association.

Will the Sunday school workers of Centre county please note that arrangements are being made for the holding of our Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention at Howard, on May 31st and June 1st. All the schools and churches of Howard have heartily united in inviting us to hold this convention with them and are eagerly looking forward to our coming. The program is in course of preparation and all indications point to the best convention yet held. In a few days a circular letter and the statistical blanks will be mailed to the superintendents of our 165 schools. Please see that these are promptly presented to your schools.

Your servant in the Gospel,  
A. C. LATHROP, Sec'y.

## Sauers-Smull.

At the home of the bride's parents in Aaronsburg, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday 14, Harry W. Sauers, of State College, and Miss Hettie I. Smull were united in marriage by Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom and a few invited friends. The young couple will make their future home at State College.

## DONATED A MILLION TO POLITICIANS

Insurance Funds Were Squandered for Republican Candidates

## MORE INSURANCE SCANDALS

Policyholders' Money Illegally Used to Elect McKinley and Roosevelt—Trustees Will Settle—Big Companies Involved

During the last and former presidential campaigns, enormous sums of money were collected by Mark Hanna, Cortelyou and others to secure the election of republican tickets. This was well known to everybody, and the public believed that it came principally from the corporations. At the close of the last campaign, candidate Alton G. Parker declared that this was being done again, and it brought forth from President Roosevelt a sweeping denial that was couched in insulting terms.

Since then the insurance exposures took place and the utterance of Parker has been more than proven correct, and President Roosevelt is put in an embarrassing light. In fact, he owes his opponent an apology for his intemperate abuse, which he thus far has not made. The following is taken from leading daily papers of the past week:

"The New York insurance trust contributed more than \$1,000,000 to the McKinley campaign funds of 1896 and 1900, and the Roosevelt campaign funds of 1904. The 'Big Three' put up at least \$700,000 of this 'yellow dog' funds; other companies aggregated enough more to exceed the million."

"This astounding revelation was made by a secret legislative man, who has been in the employ of the 'Big Three' for nearly 15 years.

It was disclosed in response to a query as to whether, should the New York Life finance committee make good the \$148,000, which, according to the confession of the late President John A. McCall, was handed over to Treasurer Cornelius N. Bliss, of the Republican National committee during three presidential campaigns, it would reimburse the policyholders in full.

The "Big Three" agent, whose jurisdiction has been circumscribed only by the limits of the United States and Europe, laughed as scornfully as did "Andy" Hamilton at Hornblower, McIntosh and other New York Life trustees in the assembly chamber last Thursday, when asked if, should the \$148,000 purse be made up and turned into the New York Life coffers, it would restore the exact amount of money devoted by that corporation to make certain of the election of McKinley and Roosevelt.

"Why," he exclaimed, "there is not a man attached to the New York Life, from President Orr down, that does not know that if the company were refunded the money taken from its treasury in the McKinley and Roosevelt campaign, these men would have to put up over a quarter of a million dollars.

"If the insurance company officials who are so anxious as they assert, to return to the policyholders what belongs to them from the political contributions of the last presidential campaigns, they will have to draw on their joint bank or stock accounts for over \$1,000,000.

Mr. Hamilton declared that he paid large sums of money to Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican National committee. Mr. Bliss denied this, but when told that Hamilton had his receipts for the money, and being asked if he desired to see photographic copies, he refused to further discuss the matter. If Hamilton has such receipts actually signed by Mr. Bliss the latter will be placed in a most unenviable position. There is not the slightest doubt that large sums of insurance money belonging to policyholders were paid into the Republican National campaign fund during the last three presidential contests. That money was stolen from the policyholders and stockholders of the companies, and it should be returned to them if it is possible to secure it.

## TRUSTEES WILL SETTLE.

Each of the 15 trustees of the New York Life Insurance company, who were members of the finance committee during the Presidential campaigns of 1895, 1900 and 1904, will contribute \$10,000 to reimburse the company for the \$148,000 given for campaign purposes. It was originally planned to hold the estate of John A. McCall responsible for all of the political contributions and to bring legal actions against it to obtain reimbursements. Abandonment of this plan is involved in the decision of Saturday. It is calculated that in all over \$1,000,000 has been contributed by the big insurance companies of New York to recent republican presidential campaigns.

The dreamer who is up in the clouds doesn't always live high.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

### VERY SAD.

These are the saddest words we meet  
As through this life we jog:  
"He used to be on Easy street,  
But now he's on the hog."

"She didn't speak to her husband for six months." "My! It must have been very uncomfortable." "Yes—for her."

A man at Richmond has found his third wife by advertising. He may decide later on that it does not pay to advertise.

Latest advices from the Philippines are to the effect that Dr. Leonard Wood's leaden pills are very efficacious in Moro disorders.

Representative Dixon of Montana has a lynching story. A committee of vigilantes had captured an Irishman and a Swede and were about to hang them by tying a rope about the neck of each, and shoving them off a railroad bridge. The first man up was the Swede. When he was pushed off, the rope came untied and the man struck the water and swam ashore. The Irishman was next, and when the men were preparing him he said: "Boys, be careful about fixin' that rope. I can't swim a stroke."

"When I was preaching at Walla Walla, Wash.," said a minister, "there was no negro preacher in town, and I was often called upon to perform a ceremony between negroes. One afternoon, after I had married a young negro couple, the groom asked the price of the service. 'Oh, well, said I, you can pay me whatever you think it is worth to you.' The negro turned, and silently looked his bride over from head to foot, then slowly rolling up the whites of his eyes to me said: 'Goodness, sah, you has done ruined me for life; you has, for sure.'"

### DON'T.

A large number of our readers will change their postoffice address on April 1st, the day fixed for moving. If you are one of them now is the time to notify this office if you desire to have your paper come regularly. Do it now; DON'T wait until after you move.

### DON'T.

When you move to another office and order your paper changed, DON'T forget to give your old as well as your new address. If you write a letter and say: "send my paper to Zion," we have either to hunt for an hour or two through 4500 names to find your name, or write you a letter and put you to the additional trouble and delay for this information.

Despite the fact that we print this request every week at the head of the editorial column, and repeatedly refer to it in the paper, almost every day some one puts us to this annoyance. It is no wonder that newspaper men, though religiously inclined, have a weird look and swear violently at times.

## A NEW DENOMINATION.

Plans for the formation of a new religious denomination, composed of the Congregational, the Methodist Protestant and United Brethren churches, which will probably be called the United church, were announced at a meeting of local representatives of these churches in Philadelphia. The meeting approved the union and similar action has been taken by these churches all over the United States.

This new sect will have 1,000,000 members and 12,000 churches throughout the country.

The union was approved at a national conference of the three churches held a few days ago at Dayton, Ohio. It was a most impressive gathering, and 200 delegates were present.

## Strike Still Unsettled.

The troubles between the coal miners and the operators remains unsettled and there is grave uncertainty as to the result. The convention at Indianapolis is still in session and there appears to be some disposition on each side to make concessions. President Bair has shown such an attitude, and it may avert the crisis that is feared. It is useless to predict the outcome.

Joseph W. Maxwell, attorney for the Herbert Sheerer estate, is about to file a puzzling petition in County Judge McCall's court at Denver. Sheerer, upon being told he was fatally ill, made provisions for a child he expected to be born. Sheerer died, and instead of one child there were twins. The will provided that the child, if a boy, should have two-thirds of the estate and the widow one-third; if a girl, the child to have one-third and the widow two-thirds. What share will the twins—one a boy and the other a girl—have, is the question. Attorney Maxwell wants to ask Judge McCall.