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EDITORIAL.

A BILL has been introduced in the legislature to protect snappers. What is more important is that the legislature pass a law to protect the taxpayers against such "snappers" as snapped five million dollars of the public funds in the Capitol trimmings job.

IT IS possible that the annual statement showing the receipts and expenditures of Centre county will be issued the first week in March. The county auditors are about completing their work after which the printing can be done without any further delay.

ALTHOUGH Mr. Rockefeller is credited with a munificent gift to the cause of education, the statement in the newspapers a day or two later that "the price of oil is going up," indicates who will furnish the money. Taking it off of the consumer—mostly the poor and giving it to the rich colleges is not a "square deal" by a long shot.

OPPOSITION to the proposed licensing of hunters, is growing all over the state, excepting with the fancy game clubs. The wishes of the rural population, and they are right, must be respected, or else there will be a wholesale shipment of the supporters of the law, up Salt River when new legislators are next voted for.

IN ANSWER to an inquiry, why the investigation of the great Capitol fraud is so slow in making headway, we can briefly say, the machine leaders in the senate are using up time to invent a whitewash that will coat the rascals, but have not yet reached a preparation that is likely to stick. The five million robbery will be whitewashed if it is possible, and the robbers go clear.

HOW many miles of good roads would the five-million capitol trimmings steal assist in making if appropriated to the counties and thus relieve the farmers in road taxes? If some of these stolen millions had been given to the school districts, what a relief that would have been to the taxpayers! But Pennypacker and the gang said, "It is none of the people's business, it didn't cost them a penny."

A FEW days ago a leading reform republican member of the legislature had the audacity to make a speech in which he called the attention of his republican brethren to the promises made by the party orators, organs and platform, to correct evils that have been cried against these many years. The gangsters held it as a piece of great impertinence; notwithstanding quotations were read from the party platform, and from Governor Stuart's inaugural.

THE FINANCIAL statement of Centre county will be laid before the people within a few days, and should be scanned closely. It will be found that the present democratic board was faithful in the discharge of their duty to the taxpayers, and used all possible economy in their expenditures. There was no attempt to hide an increased indebtedness of several thousand dollars, as was the game of the former board, and which game the Centre Democrat exposed.

THE House at Harrisburg on Thursday passed the Two-Cent Fare bill by vote without a Nay. Tuesday the West Virginia House passed the Senate Two-Cent Fare bill, the Iowa House passed its Two-Cent Fare bill and the Missouri Senate passed a Two-Cent Fare bill. In spite of Secretary Root's warning that the States neglect their opportunities, it was a fair day's work in the way of regulating railroad fares. And it was only one day's work, for in over twenty States legislation affecting the railroads is pending.

Bills and Talk.

SO FAR this session 1055 bills have been introduced into the Legislature, 765 in the House and 292 in the Senate. In the House, 140 bills, including 11 which originated in the Senate, have been reported from committee. In the Senate, 75 bills including 6 which originated in the House, have been passed on by the committees. The Governor has signed one bill and another is ready to be sent to him. This has been a talkative Legislature, as the House files of the Legislative Record will show. So far in the two branches 640 pages have been filled, and it is estimated that it will require 5000 pages to hold the thoughts and the actions of the Pennsylvania statesmen.

OVER THE COUNTY.

The Peter Corl sale at State College has been changed from March 28th to the 29th.

Howard Weaver, of Farmers Mills, had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse by death.

Mrs. Amanda Walker, of Harris township, is staying at the home of Harry Shawley, at State College.

Cyrus Gearhart moved from Shingletown to State College. The Breen family will occupy the house vacated by him.

James Lutz, of Fillmore, has put a chop mill in operation at this place, which is a decided convenience for the farmers in that community.

George Spangler, of Blanchard, holds the record as a fox hunter in Centre county. So far this winter he has killed thirty foxes and one wild cat.

Prof. P. H. Meyer, who is teaching a class in vocal music at Centre Hall and Millheim, may hold a musical convention at the latter place before spring.

Miss Martha Rothrock, of Buffalo Run, daughter of the late David Rothrock who has been seriously ill with blood poisoning, is slowly recovering.

Miss Bessie Ruhl was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Spangler at Tusseyville several days last week, and reports having a fine time, come again Bessie.

J. H. Rishel, the prospective Farmers Mills merchant, and W. O. Gramley, a rural mail carrier, of Spring Mills, signed contracts to have Bell telephones installed.

Cook Hubler, for quite a number of years a resident of Clinton county, has moved from Logan Mills to Centre county. Cook is a native of Haines township.

Mrs. Robert Smith, of Spring Mills, is in the Williamsport hospital where she is receiving medical treatment. She was taken to that institution by Dr. H. S. Braucht.

The Reformed parsonage at Centre Hall has been improved by the addition of a bath room. The fixtures are said to be the best obtainable. The plumbing was done by J. S. Rowe.

The groundhog is having a dickens of an experience in trying to make good his prognostication of six weeks of winter weather. It looks as if the pesky little animal missed his guess this time.

H. C. Houser, of Old Fort, will move to the tenement house on the Hale farm, near Axe Mann, and will be employed by G. T. Tibbens. During the past year, Mr. Houser was employed as a farm hand by George W. Bradford.

In the sale register this week will be found the date for Col. John A. Woodward, of near Howard. They have sold the homestead farm, occupied by them for years, to John M. Robb, for \$5000 and in the spring will stop farming and move to Howard.

There are certain ones who persist in making disturbance in the K. L. C. E. service, at the Intersection, U. Evangelical church. Unless those parties behave and do not molest these services, they will be dealt with according to law. Take this as a warning.

In some parts of this state the ice reached such a thickness that it could not be harvested. A case of 100 much of a good thing. Centre county had a fine crop, thickness 9 to 12 inches and all ice houses filled. Will ice be cheaper now for all the great harvest?

Millheim has but three veterans of the Civil war who will receive immediate benefits by the pension law. They are W. A. Tobias, Jessie Kreamer and Michael Lamey. As they are over seventy years of age their pension will be increased to \$15 a month.

W. Scot Crain, of Port Matilda, has purchased all the timber on the Ephraim Lytle farm, near Fillmore, and has commenced manufacturing the same into railroad ties, mine ties and pit posts. F. D. Young has taken the contract for cutting, hauling and loading it on cars.

George Miller, of Elwood, Illinois, who came east several weeks ago on account of the illness of his son who subsequently died, returned to his home again, leaving Centre Hall last week. He was accompanied to Illinois by John Stump, who expects to remain in that state during the next summer.

G. M. Muir, of Williamsport, contract agent of the Bell Telephone company, was in State College, remarks the Times, looking up new business. The company has not had much success since the United Telephone company began business and in order to counteract this decline has reduced the charges to \$15, and as a result of a canvass by Mr. Muir over 30 phones will shortly be installed.

The stockholders of the Philipsburg brewery held their annual meeting on Feb. 11, at their office in Philipsburg and elected the following officers. Thos. Fleckenstein, pres.; Fritz Baldenhoper, vice pres.; A. A. Graham, sec'y and treas.; J. B. Kupts, manager; directors Thos. Fleckenstein, Fritz Balpenhoper, Robt. Loewenthal, A. A. Graham and J. B. Kupts. The company also declared a very handsome dividend.

Milesburg and Flemington met in a game of basket ball in William's hall, in Beech Creek, Thursday evening and the result was a victory for Milesburg, the score being 7 to 4. Both teams, accompanied by a bunch of rooters, came in big bobsleds and had a jolly good time. The game was witnessed by a good sized crowd, all that the room would allow to get in. The game was a lively one and the contest spirited from start to finish.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Irvin celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage last Saturday, at their home at Baileyville, Spruce Creek valley. It was a large, happy company, numbering about seventy-five which came from Altoona, Tyrone, Bellefonte, State College, Lemont, Pine Grove, Spruce Creek and Warriorsmark valleys, and gathered at their spacious country home about eleven o'clock. There were four generations of the Irvin family represented at the anniversary.

Our High Valley correspondent gives a pointer on trout destroyers that we know to be founded upon fact, which should enlist the attention of fish commissioners, for the destruction of the pest that does more to destroy trout than the illegal fishermen whom the fish wardens are so industriously trying to arrest. The trout destroyer is the black-snake and the watersnake. These swallow trout by the quart and pint, from one up to five inches. Why not put a bounty upon the destruction of these reptiles, and save hundreds of thousands of trout? Fix a bounty, Mr. Fish Commissioner, and put it into your proposed new game law.

Jerre Johnston, who has been engineer in a planing mill at Braddock, for seven years, resigned his position recently and came to Centre county where he visited relatives and friends. He returned on Friday to accept a like position for the Pittsburgh Street Railroad Company.

That knowledge begets a desire for more knowledge is illustrated by the frequent attendance upon lectures, etc., by Dr. C. Summer Musser, of Aaronburg. Dr. Musser's specialty is surgery, and at present he is in Philadelphia where he will spend several weeks both as student and operating surgeon at the tables of the various hospitals in that city. The hospitals selected are the German Hospital, the Children's Hospital and a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis.

County Commissioners, John Dunlap, C. A. Weaver and John G. Bailey, accompanied by Boyd A. Musser, of the York bridge company, and John Kinsley, contractor of Bellefonte, were examining the site for the new county bridge across Elk creek. The commissioners have promised Millheim a substantial and handsome bridge, the floor of the bridge to be of concrete and a six-foot sidewalk on the northern side. The bridge will be furnished complete by the county and placed in position, but the abutments must be built by the borough. The bridge will be put in place just as soon as the weather will allow the building of the abutments.

WEDDINGS.

KOHL-BUMILLER.

At the parsonage of the Presbyterian church of Nockamixon, on Saturday evening, by the pastor, Rev. Weaver, H. Kohl, of Bucksville, and Mrs. Ella J. Bumiller, of Millheim, were united in marriage.

WITHEE-ELLIOTT.

Harry Withee, of Lock Haven, and Miss Olive Ammerman, of Unionville, were married Monday night by Rev. T. A. Elliot, at Lock Haven. The couple are popular young people and are receiving congratulations from many friends.

SHARP-GARTHOFF.

Last Saturday evening at the residence of the bride's parents at Lock Haven, by Rev. H. R. Bender, Frank Vincent Sharp, of Roland, Pa., and Miss Ella H. Garthoff were united in marriage. Following the wedding there was served a bountiful dinner to the guests present.

ULRICH-SULIVAN.

Charles Ulrich, son of George Ulrich of Millheim, and Mary E. Sullivan, of Lock Haven, were married Monday evening Feb. 10, at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. William Kelly, at Lock Haven by Alderman John P. Anthony. The groom is chief in the lunch department of the Fallon house cafe; the bride is an estimable young lady.

SPINNEY-LEWIS.

At the Columbia Avenue Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Tyrone, Thursday morning, Miss Carrie E. Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis, of Philipsburg, and William R. Spinney, of Graizerville, were united in marriage by Rev. William R. Picken. The bride is one of Philipsburg's most highly esteemed young ladies. The groom is a trusted employe of the Pennsylvania railroad and occupies a responsible position at the transfer station.

A GOOD REASON.

HOWARD, Pa., Feb. 12, 1907. Editor CENTRE DEMOCRAT: Dear Sir: Please discontinue my paper, as my wife is afraid I might turn to be a democrat, as I think I shall vote for some on that ticket this spring. I always did think that a good democrat was better than some republicans. We have some that are always domineering over others. If there is anything I despise it is bossism, anywhere, and especially in our own township affairs. Some of them will even go so far as to threaten all kinds of political annihilation if we don't vote for them or as they dictate. Curtin twp., Feb. 15th. A VOTER.

Fire Destroys Two Blocks.

One of the most destructive fires in the history of Sunbury, entailing a loss that will reach nearly \$50,000 occurred Monday and two of the prominent business buildings were almost completely destroyed. The buildings burned were the Facker house, one of the largest hotels, and the Seebold buildings, located near it, which is a three-story apartment house containing a large music store and a restaurant and a dining hall on the first floor.

FAMINE in China and famine in parts of Russia. The Chinese famine affects millions, while that in a large section of Russia, is nigh as serious. Much aid is sent to China, but the distress is far beyond all aid thus far.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed their petitions for Liquor License in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Centre, and that application will be made for the granting of same, on the first Tuesday of March next, viz: March 5th, 1907.

TAVERN LICENSE.

- W. L. Daggert Bellefonte West Ward
Horion S. Ray Bellefonte South Ward
G. B. Gorman Bellefonte South Ward
James A. Noonan Bellefonte South Ward
J. M. Cunningham Bellefonte South Ward
James W. Rankie Centre Hall Boro
Edwin G. Henderson Howard Boro
Isaac A. Shawver Millheim Boro
Andrew M. Rosser Millheim Boro
Charles M. Waple Philipsburg First Ward
Ragsy & Grebe Second ward
J. C. & W. H. Jones Second ward
Samuel Rogers Second ward
Christ North Second ward
James Passmore Second ward
A. B. Herd Second ward
Thomas Barnes, Jr. Second ward
Andrew G. Hugz Second ward
Harry Simler Second ward
Henry Kolbner Central City Boggs twp
Harry P. Austin Central City Boggs twp
William Eckert Rebersburg Miles twp
J. Warren Wood Spruce Mills Gregg twp
Lewis E. Stover Coburn Penn twp
James S. Reish Potters Mills Potter twp
Edward Royce Old Fort Potter twp
Frank W. Hess Sandy Ridge Rush twp
Fred Kienhauser Cassanova Rush twp
Daniel W. Schmale & Tempest Slinger near P. R. R. station Granger Hotel, Rush twp
John G. Uziel Snow Shoe S. S. twp
Lawrence Rodding Snow Shoe S. S. twp
George J. Kaehik Clarence S. S. twp

DISTILLER.

- Noah W. Eby Woodward Haines twp
BREWERS LICENSE
Philipsburg Br'ing Co Philipsburg, Second ward
WHOLESALE BEER
Chas. Moerschbacher Bellefonte West ward
WHOLESALE LIQUOR
Orin Yall Philipsburg Second ward
Jonathan M. Davis Second ward
George Parks Second ward
Philip Garlick Bellefonte west ward
John A. Kelley and Harry T. Hamilton, Oneco Mills Rush twp
Lawrence Nugent Cassanova Rush twp
John Boyer Clarence, Snow Shoe twp
A. B. KIMPORT, Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 15th, '07. Clerk.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

"The Lawn Party" will be repeated by the Association Glee Club, in Petrikin Hall on Tuesday evening, March 5th, with some change in the program. We are sure that many people who were not present last week, will be glad to give their support to the club on its next appearance.

An oyster supper was served to the Red and Blue teams of the men's membership contest and to the Orange and Purple of the boys' department, on Monday evening. Each of the four teams is doing good work, so considerable fun is expected at the finish.

Physical Director Godfrey, is in Allentown attending a conference of the association employed officers, General Secretary Meserve will attend the State Convention at the same place later in the week.

Too many men talk an hour for every minutes work.

John Wilson Promoted.

John Wilson, who for the past ten years has been the efficient Western Union Telegraph operator in Bellefonte has been promoted to manager of the telegraph exchange at Altoona. Mr. Wilson has proven himself a most faithful employe and the company realizing his his worth has given him this position which is one of the best within the gift of the company. He assumed his duties in Altoona on Wednesday. Dave Murray, of Lock Haven, has been appointed to Mr. Wilson's place in Bellefonte. He is a fine operator and will give excellent service.

Weary Willie No More.

The "Weary Willie Walker" trouble that played in Bellefonte some time ago went "blink" in Northumberland on Monday last week. Some of the company are still in Northumberland and the balance went on to New York. It is

another demonstration that the public will not stand good for a company who's decorum on the stage is such as to cause the blush of shame to steal over the countenance of the spectators. Some parts of this show was rank.

The Sale Season.

By consulting our public sale register, found on page 3 of this issue, it will be found that the sale season is now in full blast and will continue uninterrupted until April 1st with from three to five sales a day in different parts of the county. Special attention is called to the large list advertised in the columns of this paper, and it embraces the largest ones of the season. Persons desiring live stock and implements will do well to carefully read over this list.

The mother who raises children to respect her doesn't get her theories from books.

IF YOU TOUCH your tongue to ALUM and look in the glass—you will see the effect— You can't help puckering—it makes you pucker to think of tasting it. By the use of so called cheap Baking Powders you take this puckering, injurious Alum right into your system—you injure digestion, and ruin your stomach. AVOID ALUM Say plainly— ROYAL BAKING POWDER Royal is made from pure, refined Grape Cream of Tartar—Costs more than Alum but you have the profit of quality, the profit of good health.

LAST WEEK FOR THE 1-4 OFF SALE OF Suits and Overcoats Still plenty for good selection. An opportunity to buy reasonable goods much under value, and still lots of cold weather days ahead. You can't afford to miss these bargains. Sim, the Clothier, CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN AND BOYS.