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CENTRE COUNTIANS IN PHILADELPHIA

Hold Their Annual Banquet at the Rittenhouse.

OVER 100 GUESTS PRESENT

Proved an Enjoyable Affair—Prominent Citizens Present—Those who Responded to Toasts—Glowing Tributes Paid.

Gathered about elaborately decorated tables in the banquet room of the Hotel "Rittenhouse" in Philadelphia, Tuesday evening, nearly 100 sons of Centre county, now residents in Philadelphia met and renewed old friendships, swapped stories and reminiscences of their boyhood days and joined together in speech and song to sound the praises of that section of Pennsylvania, which was once their home.

The occasion was the fourth annual dinner of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia, and it was observed not only by such Centre countians as are living in that city, but also by a few men who still live in the old district and have helped to make that district famous. As president of the association, Dr. Roland G. Curtin, nephew of Andrew G. Curtin, Pennsylvania's war Governor, presided, and spoke, at length of the sturdy character of Centre county and the men it has produced. He then introduced the Rev. Dr. Robert Harkinson, of Temple College, who said: "Centre county, as I look it over, is a composite county. It was made up of parts of four other counties in 1800, and will be 100 years old day after tomorrow. Among its early settlers were men who won fame in the Revolution, and from them sprang an aristocracy of the right kind in Centre county.

The sort of aristocracy I do not mean that sort with a big head, but the sort with a big heart. "The material of these men, poor as they were, was the material of magnificent manhood. Everywhere today you find their descendants in the front ranks. From that county came men who sit upon the bench, who sway thousands from the pulpit, who control great industries and who lead American armies to victory. Not in any other single county in Pennsylvania will you find more brain power.

Other speakers were Dr. J. B. Walker, Forrest N. Magee, W. S. Furst, Ira D. Garman, Max Liveright and Herman Haupt. Just at the close of the dinner Governor James A. Beaver, now a member of the Superior Court, came in from the men's foreign mission convention at Horticultural Hall and rounded out the evening by an eloquent address.

Arrested for Stealing.

Tuesday evening John Gordon was placed under arrest at the Y. M. C. A. rooms charged with pilfering money from clothes. He was taken to jail at once and Wednesday morning was given a hearing before Justice Kitchin, who bound him over for appearance at next term of court. He was released later on bail. For over a year persons who frequented the Y. M. C. A. were annoyed by having their clothes ransacked and valuables taken therefrom. At times the loss was considerable and the association was much annoyed. Recently a systematic effort was made to capture the offender. Some marked coins were placed in a suit. Gordon was seen going in the room and when he came out they were gone. At once he was confronted and at first stoutly declared his innocence, but when entrapped by the marked coins, admitted his guilt. For some time he was under suspicion, and was so informed by the Secretary—yet he did not heed the warning.

"Crabby" Gordon was quite a favorite about the rooms, where he was recognized as an expert basket ball player. Some other boys in town are also under suspicion for doing the same kind of work about the Y. M. C. A.

Hon. Geo. Jenks Dead.

Hon. George A. Jenks, who was the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania in 1895, died Monday at his home in Brookville, at the age of 72 years. He was elected to congress from the Twenty fifth Pennsylvania district in 1874, and as chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, made a report which brought about important reforms in the pension bureau. He was one of the managers for the house in the impeachment of Secretary Belknap, making the leading argument. He served as assistant secretary of the interior in 1895-6 and during the latter year was appointed solicitor general by President Cleveland. He was the Democratic caucus nominee for United States senator in 1899. Mr. Jenks is survived by his widow and one daughter, the wife of former Congressman B. F. Shively, of Indiana.

Too Many Wild Horses.

Here is an item which may lead our dealers in horses, Groves, the Gentzels, and others, to a territory where horses are a pest and can be had for the catching, without money and without price. Says a dispatch from Reno, Nevada: Orders were received from the Forestry department instructing the rangers on the Toiyabe, the Toiyama and the Kootner reserves in Lander county, to kill all wild horses found on the government domain.

There are about 15,000 wild horses on the reserves. They are doing much damage to vegetation and attracting domestic animals to their herds.

To Tell the Age of an Egg.

Place the egg in a glass of water. A fresh egg will remain resting at the bottom; a slightly pass egg will rest with the big end raised higher than the small one, and the higher the big end the older is the egg.

THE WABASH RAILROAD.

A number of surveyors are said to be laying out a railroad site for the Wabash Railroad company, which is planning to pass through Morrison's Cove near Altoona, from Pittsburg to Philadelphia. Beginning last week the surveyors started at the extreme northern end of the valley, a short distance above Williamsburg, and have completed a survey from that point to a point at the foot of Tussey mountain, a short distance from Fredericksburg. The line passes the centre of the Cove and cuts up some valuable farms in that section.

Surveyors, who are said to be in the employ of the Wabash Railroad company during the past week have been engaged in a survey in the vicinity of Tyrone and the adjacent valley known as Turkey valley. The survey made in that valley is said to connect with the survey made in Morrison's Cove later in the week. As soon as it was learned that the Wabash people had surveyors at work in this section of the state, a band of surveyors was sent out from Altoona by the Pennsylvania company to see that the other company did not encroach upon their lines at any point along the route. Whether the presence of the surveyors from the Wabash people means that there will be another railroad constructed through this section of the state or whether that company is merely ascertaining the approximate cost of such a line remains to be seen.

Relief Needed.

From a canvass made by certain parties in Bellefonte, the report is made that there are no less than fifty families in and about Bellefonte who are in want, owing to the lack of employment. Our physicians report an unusual amount of sickness at this season of the year due in many instances to a lack of clothing and proper food to nourish the bodies. Our school teachers report much distress in this community. On Sunday in some of our churches the matter was taken up and steps have been taken by certain parties to render assistance where it is really needed. If you would extend any relief, and do not know where to give it, consult any minister, doctor, Salvation Army, or the Overseer of the Poor.

It has come to the notice of Prof. J. D. Meyer, Supt. of the Public Schools, that there are a number of children in Bellefonte who are not attending school on account of not having sufficient clothes or shoes; these children are often found in worthy homes, whose parents are trying hard to provide the necessities of life for their families, without applying to the poor department. There are well-to-do families in Bellefonte in which there are children who have outgrown their clothes, and would cheerfully give them to others. Persons who would contribute clothing for children, should consult Prof. Meyer, for further information.

Lincoln's Many Virtues

Abram Lincoln was the subject of a sermon preached Sunday night by Rev. James H. Stein, pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church. "Lincoln's early life," said the pastor, "was one of adversity and was against great odds. His school training was but of a brief period, but in him the nation found a manly man, whose motto was 'Peace at any cost.' This peace which was brought to the nation through the shedding of arms and the shedding of blood, has been far-reaching. We have seen the last of the battles between civilized nations, and the disarmament of nations is not far off. "Of no particular denomination, Lincoln's faith in God was implicit. The hardships of his early life developed in him a noble character. Lincoln gained the love of this and all nations. If he were here today his message to us would be: 'Be true to the principles of God, home and country.' In following out these principles it behooves us to battle against the enemies of our home, the public school and the flag."

Deitz-Webner.

Robert Deitz and Bertha M. Webner, were married, Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Dolls, 220 4 Ave., Altoona. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Rote, of the first Lutheran church, of Altoona. The bride is a cousin of Mrs. Dolls and is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webner, of Lamar. She has been an employee of the P. R. R. company at Altoona for the past three years. She is an accomplished young lady and has won scores of friends, and is well fitted for the step she has taken in life. Her many friends wish her many happy and prosperous years. The groom is a highly respected young jeweler of Scalp Level. They will take a short trip to the bride's home at Lamar, after which they take up house keeping in Scalp Level.

Record of the Donley Case.

A record of the trial of William S. Donley, of Renovo, the convicted murderer of his niece was sent to Governor Stuart at Harrisburg. After a careful perusal of a document of this nature by Governor Stuart in order to ascertain whether or not the laws of the commonwealth have been justly enforced, the chief executive then sets the day for the execution of a person who is to receive capital punishment.

Pastor Installed.

Sunday at Tyrone, at the First Lutheran church, the installation of Rev. E. M. Morgan as pastor took place. Rev. R. L. Patterson, president of the Allegheny synod, delivered the charge to the pastor at the morning service, and Rev. C. I. Aikens, D. D., president of Susquehanna University, delivered the charge to the people in the evening.

About a month ago Jacob Houser, of Buffalo Run, had an aching tooth extracted. Instead of the cavity being treated it became quite sore and had every indication of cocaine poisoning, cocaine having been used on his tooth at the time of its extraction. His condition was such recently that he was taken to Philadelphia for treatment. The latest report from the hospital is that he is getting along alright.

A LOCAL OPTION MASS MEETING

Opening of the Campaign in Centre County

AN ORGANIZATION COMPLETED

Plan is to Secure Local Option Pledges from Candidates—The "Gang" at Harrisburg Denounced.

One of the most important issues of the voters of Pennsylvania will soon be called upon to consider is the question of local option. The time has passed for the liquor interests to simply sneer at those who advocate prohibition, temperance or local option, for in the past year astonishing progress has been made in various sections of the country by the temperance crusades. The next great battle will be fought in the Keystone State, in fact the contest now is on and between this and November there will be some strenuous work done by the Liquor League, and the Anti-Saloon League, to control the next legislature of this state to pass or prevent a local option act.

The temperance people of Centre county last week held their first meeting for the purpose of organizing the local option. The day was cold and blustering but the attendance was large and the enthusiasm pronounced. W. B. Minch of Centre Hall, was made president of the meetings; and C. C. Shuey of Bellefonte, was chosen secretary. The object of this gathering was to organize a County Anti-Saloon League; and to aid in the work, Dr. Chase, of Harrisburg, who is connected with the State Anti-Saloon League, was present to give the necessary instructions how to proceed. Dr. Chase is a man of sterling christian character, and a winning personality besides, being a most pleasing public speaker. The purpose of the League is not to organize a party in opposition to the two great political parties; but it is an agency of the church, to prevail upon its members to vote for candidates who are in sympathy with the movement, and who will use every honest effort to give the temperance people a square deal. After an explanation of this character, by Dr. Chase, the "Centre county Anti-Saloon League" was organized as follows: D. F. Fortney, Esq., president; Isaac Underwood, secretary; and James Harris, treasurer. The League will have its headquarters in Petrikin Hall, from where literature will be sent to all parts of the county. It is their purpose to establish local leagues in every community thus nothing will be left undone by them that may bring their cause good results.

In the evening a mass meeting was held in the court house, which was largely attended, the audience being a representative one. D. F. Fortney, Esq., as president of the new organization, made his initiative address. It was strong and to the point, demonstrating that he was a fearless leader. He declared that with the help of the good people of the county, they could make Centre county more strongly for local option than the last time the people voted on the question. The next speaker was Dr. Chase, who very pointedly and clearly showed the low and debasing methods the "Gang" have been employing to suppress anything that was favorable toward the temperance sentiment and the deception they have practiced toward the temperance people. The man who could sit there and listen to the outrageous methods employed to defeat temperance legislation at Harrisburg and then uphold the "Gang" is an unworthy of the trust and confidence of honest men. Among other things, he said, the Liquor League of Pennsylvania contributes \$40,000 annually to this political gang for the privilege of naming the Chairman of the Calendar Committee through which everything must pass that comes before the legislature. This is where the State Liquor League has been controlling everything to suit their interests. Whenever the temperance people presented a bill for the betterment of society and the uplifting of the homes, it would die in the committee room; on the other hand any legislation the liquor people desired was placed on the calendar without debate. Dr. Chase then continued for an hour, speaking of the many irregularities in the house of representatives at Harrisburg. He attributed all the notorious wrongs that exist at Harrisburg to the "party" is above public interests. Pennsylvania is afflicted with a party to which too many people are slaves. In plain words he told the audience that Pennsylvania suffered because the "Gang"—the Penrose Machine—was in control. Everything was party, at the sacrifice of principle. Dr. Chase outlined how the local option campaign was conducted in other states and what they proposed to do here this fall.

Number of State Delegates.

State Chairman George Dimeling, of the Democratic Committee, has issued the annual statement showing the representation to which each county of the state is entitled in the Democratic state convention this year: The total number of delegates will be 315, an increase of twelve over last year's convention. The representation is based upon the rules adopted in 1900 and 1906. Centre county will have 3 delegates in the convention this year, a loss of one over last year.

Farmers' Institutes.

The following farmers' institutes will be held in this vicinity during February: Centre Hall, 17th and 18th Boolsburg, 19th and 20th; Stormstown 21st and 22nd. The lecturers will be Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, Prof. Alva Agee, H. E. Van Norman and W. H. Tomhave and Miss Sara C. Lovejoy of the Pennsylvania State College; Prof. W. F. Massey, R. P. Keister and R. S. Seeds.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. JOHN F. HECKMAN—died at her home near Pennhall, on Saturday, 8th. Deceased was a daughter of Dan T. Smith of near Woodward and was Mr. Heckman's second wife.

MRS. GEO. STOVER—died at Coburn, on Wednesday last week, aged 80 yrs. Her maiden name was Kreider. Several sons survive; also a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Motz, of Coburn.

MRS. CLAYTON WALTERS—died at her home near Axemann on Wednesday afternoon of last week and was buried at Shiloh Saturday morning at 9.30. She was a daughter of Emanuel White and having suffered an attack of grip her condition was not regarded as serious until pneumonia developed causing her death. She is survived by her husband and three small children.

MRS. LYDIA A. FORSTER—widow of Thomas W. Forster, died on Wednesday, February 6, at the home of her son, A. G. Forster, No. 1618 North Second street, Harrisburg. Mrs. Forster was a daughter of Henry B. and Margaret Grove, and was born in Howard, Centre county, August 21, 1840, being at the time of her death in her 68th year. She went to Lock Haven in the year 1856 and in 1862 was married to Thomas W. Forster, being a resident of Lock Haven until 1896 when the family removed to Harrisburg.

MRS. NANCY B. SANKEY—widow of the late Jeremiah Sankey, deceased, died Monday morning at 7 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Showalter, Phillipsburg. The cause of her death was pneumonia. Her age was 72 years, 2 months and 29 days. She was married on January 16, 1855, at Manor Hill, to Jeremiah Sankey, who died 14 years ago. The family went to Phillipsburg and since the death of her husband, she has with the exception of two years, she has made her home with her daughter. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon.

MRS. CORA BITNER—wife of Prof. H. F. Bitner, of the Millersville State Normal, died on Friday at her home in Millersville, Pa. The deceased had not been in the best of health for some time and a few weeks ago took pneumonia from which she did not recover. She was a daughter of J. D. Murray of Centre Hall, and after her marriage to Prof. Bitner, many years ago, resided at the place named up to the time of her death. Her husband and four sons survive; also her father and sister, Miss Agnes, at Centre Hall. The deceased was a consistent member of the Reformed church, a faithful wife and mother—highly esteemed by all who enjoyed her acquaintance. The remains were taken to Centre Hall where burial was made on Monday. Age was 46 years.

MRS. KING—well known in Bellefonte, died suddenly at his home in Wilkesbarre on Feb. 3rd. Mr. King's death was caused by a severe attack of pneumonia with which he was stricken only a few days before he died. He was married to Miss Katie Steinkirchner in St. John's Catholic church in Bellefonte ten years ago. While in Bellefonte he was representing the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., later moved to Williamsport where they resided five years then located in Wilkesbarre, where he was employed as a salesman up to the time of his death. Deceased is survived by his wife, his father Patrick King, and five brothers and five sisters. The remains were taken to Canton for interment. Those who attended the funeral from Bellefonte were Miss King and Joe McGowan.

JAMES A. WEAVER—died recently at Lakemont Terrace, Altoona, after a brief illness from a complication of diseases. He was born at Spring Mills, Centre county, May 29th, 1852, hence was in his fifty-sixth year. In 1892 he moved from Gregg township to Altoona where he had been employed in the brass foundry of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was a member of the Red Men and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Mr. Weaver was married three times. First to Miss Mary Folger, of Spring Mills, by whom he had one son, William, of Gregg township. His second wife was Miss Linne DeLong, also of this county. To them were born a son and a daughter, Irvin, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mrs. Olive Alles, of Williamsport. His third wife was A. K. Rilling, of Altoona, who survives with a young son, Harry, at home. Mr. Weaver also leaves the following brothers and sisters: S. T. Weaver, of Lincoln, Kansas; J. L. Weaver, of Altoona; Mrs. William Smiley, of Utah-wide Clearfield county; Mrs. G. W. Storer, Mill Hall; Mrs. John Zeigler, of Alders; Mrs. Rose Winkelman, of Flemington, and Mrs. William Fye, of Penns Valley.

SAMUEL BROOKE—died at the Brooks homestead, at Gilttown, near Pleasant Gap, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. He had been ill for about six months with a complication of diseases which had affected his mind. During his life he was a very active young man. For several years he lived in Bellefonte and successfully conducted the livery now owned by Alfred Thompson. While here he purchased the F. C. Richard property on East Linn street. After selling the livery he started an automobile livery which later was purchased by John A. Lyon. About two years ago, while still a resident of Bellefonte, his wife died which was a bad stroke on him, and since that time he has been gradually declining in health. He bought the homestead at Pleasant Gap and, with his two children and mother, has been making his home there. He was born where he died about 47 years ago. Besides an aged mother he is survived by two sons, one about two years old and the other five. He is also mourned by the following brothers and sisters: James R., Jasper N., and Lemuel, of Pleasant Gap; W. S., of Linden Hall; Mrs. H. N. Twitmore and Mrs. Rebecca Bilger, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Lillie Showers, of Tyrone; and Mrs. Coke Bell, of Altoona. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in the Union cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

QUAY'S STATUE ABOUT COMPLETED

Much Uncertainty as to Where it Will be Placed

MUCH OPPOSITION IS SHOWN

To Placing it in the New Capitol—Can't be Erected Over his Grave—One of Pennepacker's Acts.

Where shall the Quay statue be placed? Is the question that is agitating a good many people just at present, including the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. The act of 1905 appropriating \$20,000 for the Quay statue distinctly says that it is to be placed "on the capitol grounds at Harrisburg," and that is what is puzzling the members of the Quay commission and the members of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. If the statue is placed in the capitol building it will not fill the place in the park where it was intended to be located. The Quay Monument Commission consists of J. Donald Cameron, Samuel Moody and David H. Lane, the latter of Philadelphia. Mr. Lane has been the most active member of trips to New York to see the progress of the work on the statue in the studio of Karl Bitter, the sculptor. Mr. Lane says that the statue will be ready to be placed in position some time in March, and that it must occupy a place in the rotunda of the capitol. He is so earnest in this that he says he is willing to take a popular vote on it, and he is sure that the people of the State will vote to have the statue placed in the rotunda. "If it is placed on the capitol grounds," says Mr. Lane, "the storms will mar its beauty, as it is of the finest marble."

It has been suggested that the statue be placed over the Quay grave in the Beaver cemetery, but that could not be done and the law observed. Technically the new capitol is on the capitol grounds, and it is on this that Mr. Lane bases his contention the statue must be located in the rotunda, to the left of the main entrance. The trial of the grafters who got \$9,000,000 for "trimmings" on our state capitol was in full progress during the past week. It is expected that the defence would take their turn Wednesday, and that they will attempt to show that they could have charged more than they did, for the trimmings, under the contract. It is thought that the trial will be completed inside of the next week. On Tuesday most damaging testimony was given to the effect that the contractors had to surrender a big wad to other parties. Just who got the "wad" is not known, and may be unearthed later.

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ADJOINING COUNTIES.

A Lancaster county farmer hauled \$1500 worth of corn into his fields on account of it having rotted by being soft. Ten thousand men are at present laid off by the Baldwin Locomotive works in Philadelphia because of a lack of orders for new work. The Middleburg Post prints a register of 59 public sales to be held in Snyder county this spring. With fat free meals there will be no starvation down there.

If stories are correct Hobson, the kisser of naval fame, is to make a series of speeches to the farmers in Union and other counties in the Foelt congressional district. Caught in the act of robbing a chicken coop, chased over a mile in the snow and riddled with bullets, was the tragic fate of Isaac Bevan, a well known young man of Shenandoah Centre county chicken thieves take warning. Monday Loganton, Clinton county received its first mail over the White Deer and Loganton railroad. The service will be permanent, and a great convenience to that thriving little town. They will hereafter have two mails a day instead of one.

Outclassed at all points by the fast Lock Haven basketball team, the Dickinson Seminary team lost on the Normal floor Saturday evening by a score of 43 to 16. At no stage of the game were the visitors in the running, the locals, putting up one of the fastest articles of basketball ever seen on a local floor. Mrs. Charles Beury, of Philadelphia, nee Miss Ella Fischer, daughter of Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D., of Shamokin, formerly of Centre Hall, with her husband are on a pleasure trip to South America. They will also stop at Cuba, Colon on the Panama Canal zone, and other points. On their wedding tour the young couple encircled the globe, stopping for some time with Mrs. Beury's sister, in China.

Ten Italians are in jail at Sunbury charged with conspiracy and murder. The men are alleged to be members of a high degree of the Black Hand Society, and are charged by a member of the gang, who has turned informer, with having instigated many of the crimes which have been committed in the lower end of Northumberland county within the past year. Much excitement has been caused by their arrest and by the hearing which followed.

Four Brothers Died of Violence.

Judge James Hargis, the Breathitt county, Ky. feud leader, who was slain by his son a short time ago, was buried in the little family burial plot on a small round which flows the north fork of the Kentucky river. Nearby are the graves of Judge Hargis's three brothers, all of whom died of bullet wounds inflicted by political enemies.

Money makes the mare go, but you can't get gasolene for nothing.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

AN APPEAL.

Lives of great men remind us. Honest men won't stand a chance: The more we work there grow behind us. Larger patches on our pants. Our pants once were glossy, Now are stripes of different hue. All because subscribers linger, And don't pay us what is due. Then let us be up and doing, Send in our mite however small. Or before the windy winds are over, We will have no pants at all. Huhlerburg, 2. 7. '08.

Let the other fellow have it his way—as long as it is only talk. Everybody knows some things and some people they would like to do. If a girl is pretty her knowledge of the fact is apt to spoil the effect.

A charming young fellow named Fred The first of the cottolins led: He slipped on the wax. Falling down in his tracks, And landing kerplunk on his head. His Satanic majesty doesn't worry about the man who is going to reform tomorrow.

Why, even the best detective may have some difficulty in disguising his breath. All things may come to those who wait, but they will come sooner if you are too busy to wait for them.

There was a man from the Bahamas. Who went out to walk in pajamas. The folks all took fright At the unwonted sight, Especially the girls and their mamas.

Isn't queer that when a man is single the marriageable women take a double interest in him? In leap year she who hesitates is lost. Many a man has become crooked owing to straight whisky. Any man can learn to love if the girl makes the lessons easy enough.

When a man takes whisky for a cold it is remarkable how long it hangs on. There was a young fellow named Paul. Who went to a fancy dress ball. During one of the dances He fractured his pangs. And had to go home in a shawl. —Boston Transcript.

Even the most excitable individual can keep cool when the furnace fire goes out. A man may lose his reputation, but if he has money enough he can buy a new one. The trouble with picking sinners is that they are so often picked before they are ripe.

There are times when the most expensive automobile will make its owner feel pretty cheap. Mary had a motor car. Its body white as snow. Unlike her little lamb, this car Was never sure to go.

Of course, a man is expected to foot his wife's bills, but he seldom does it without a kick. A woman shakes a rug when it has the dust, but she doesn't apply the same method to a man. The man who says he never told a lie probably thinks he might just as well tell another one as not.

He promised he would swear no more. She thought it was so shocking: Now they are wed, and he dare not Say even, "Darn that stocking!"

If you want a woman to believe you absolutely and implicitly, keep telling her that she is the sweetest thing that ever happened.

The difference between a burglar and a promoter of high finance is that the burglar would hesitate to rob the widow and orphan. CAUSE FOR ALARM. A young man in Lebanon has been courting a girl for nine years. "Jennie," he said, one evening, "I read the other day that in 50,000 years Niagara Falls would dry up." Jennie clutched his arm excitedly. "Why, what's the matter?" he asked. "Why, you promised to take me there on our bridal trip. Don't you think you had better be a little careful that it does not dry up before we get there?"

Want Sober Men.

It is said that the head officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad company are getting ready for a movement which will finally result in riding the company of all its intemperate employes, not only those who get intoxicated once in a while but also those who confine their drinking to just an occasional glass. In the suspension and discharge, preference will be given to teetotalers and the fact that a man drinks will weigh heavily against him. It is also said that the superintendent of the Conemaugh division has started a plan by which he will obtain personal knowledge of the habits of every man on the job. Private detectives have been at work for a number of weeks for the purpose of spotting the men. It is their business to learn what they cap in regard to membership in drinking clubs; the frequency with which they visit club rooms, saloons and speakeasies; whether they drink on or off duty and to what extent.

A Large List.

In our sale Register on page 3, of this issue, will be found a complete list of all the leading farm sales in Centre county this season. Some choice lines of live stock are listed as well as a complete outfit of farm implements.

—Prof. P. H. Meyer, now of Centre Hall, was in town on Wednesday and called around to greet us. He is putting in his time this winter at his favorite occupation, of holding musical conventions.