CHILD KIDNAPPED SATURDAY EVENING

A FRANTIC MOTHER APPEALS TO EXERCISES IN THE Y. M. C. A. GYM

POLICE FOR AID.

Mother Again Regains Custody of Her Child-An Unfortunate Family Affair -Arrested for Making Serious Threats -Still in Jail.

Saturday evening there was a bit of her child had been kidnapped. sulting in landing Jacob B. Luacs in tirely informal affair, and every person jail and the recovery of the child.

Jacob B. Lucas now lives at Punxsu-

daughter who is married.

citement over the taking of the child. As the man had not then done anything contrary to the law, the District Attorney could not take any action, further than to give him some good advice. It appears that Lucas hired a livery rig and drove up to the Eckley home, ar-riving there some time after supper. He went into the house, but the mother was out at the time. He saw the lit-tle girl he was after, who then was being prepared for bed. He at once took her, and informed the men who were there that if any of them should molest him he would shoot them, or made threats to that effect. Under the cir-cumstances they hesitated to offer any resistance to a desperate man, and he was allowed to get away with the little

Lucas came to Bellefonte and registered at the Haag Hotel and at once went out and purchased some necessary clothing for the little one. Sometime later the mother arrived in town and enlisted the District Attorney in her case. At once a warrant was issued against Lucas on the charge of kidnapping the child, and for making threats to kill. Owing to the serious nature of | On Monday Harry S. Valentine was The tax payers the charges he was confined to the coun-ty jail on Saturday night, and the child was given over into the custody of the mother, who returned to her home rejoicing over the recovery of her little and in the meantime his commission and nomination-against the direct wishes

FLAGMAN DIES ON TRAIN.

James P. Bear Suddenly Stricken at

James P. Bear, one of the best known railroaders on the Tyrone division, was suddenly stricken by death on Saturday morning while seated in the cabin of his train, enroute from Lock Haven Tyrone. The train bad just arrived at Unionville, as Baer remarked to Conductor Benford that the "order signal was out." The conductor replied that he would get the orders and did se Upon his return he beheld the head of his brother railroader sink upon his breast, from which the breath of life had fled. The body was taken to his home at Tyrone, where funeral services were held Sunday evening. Monday the remains were brought to Port Matilda for interment. Deceased was a native of Clearfield county and had been in the employ of the railroad company for the past 20 years. He was aged about years, and was married to a Port Matilda lady, Miss Abbie Osman, who survives together with ten children.

Brushvalley 50 Years Ago. exceptionally interesting article will be found on page 2 of this issue from the versatile pen of Hon. W. R. Bierly, a native of Brushvalley. He has taken for his subject, "Brushvalley 50 years ago and now." In it he notes who were the residents of that fertile valley a half century ago, and the homes they occupied, and with it notes the changes at the present time. In it he recalls many familiar names and incidents of the "long ago," that will prove of intense interest to natives now in that valley and those who have gone forth into the wide world to seek homes and livelihoods elsewhere. This article is concluded with an excellent poem in "Pennsylvania German" by Hon. Henry Meyer, of Rebersburg, that is filled with happy allusions, humor and sentiment, that will be appreciated by all who can understand the language.

Israel Beck Loses Hand. Isreal Beck, a farmer of near Clintondale, met with a painful and terrible accident Wednesday, 28th, He, in comthe unfortunate man in his auto, conwhere he was given the proper treatment. Mr. Beck lost the thumb and all fingers of the hand, the saw having gone diagonally across the member, from the base of the thumb to the base of the little finger.-Cl. Democrat.

money on subscription during the month this week. Kindly look at it now and,

Fish Wardens to Confer With Buller.

DEDICATION OF THE SWIMMING POOL

NASIUM TONIGHT.

THE HUSBAND PLACED IN JAIL MRS. WILSON'S GIFT TO TOWN Will Be Greatly Appreciated by Our

People-Cost Over \$10,000-Has Modern Equipment-Brief Exercises-Formal Opening This Evening.

This (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock excitement about the town due to a woman's frantic appeals to find the Dis. pool, made possible by the beneficence given little attention to the issue and, run trict Attorney, or some officer, saying of Mrs. Margaret H. Wilson, of Bellefonte, will be dedicated with appropriate This naturally started the police to work and interesting services. Every person and in a short time the District At- in Bellefonte is invited to be present torney was found and things began to in the gymnasium this evening to witassume some understanding and the ness the ceremonies and take an initial strong arm of the law was invoked, re- dip in the new pool. It will be an enwho attends will be made welco

The dedicatory ceremonies will begin tawney, Pa., though formerly of near at 8 o'clock, to be presided over by Rev. Runville. Owing to family differences Ambrose M. Schmidt. Dr. Hawes, pastor he separated from his wife some years of the Presbyterian church, will offer the ago. They had a family of eight childedicatory prayer, followed by the predren and the one son lives with Mr. sentation speech on behalf of the doner Lucas at Punxsutawney. The mother to Y. M. C. A. This pleasant duty falls and the other children made their home to the lot of Wallace Gephart, and will with Mrs. Mary Eckley, in Bush Holler to the lot of Wallace Gephart, and will be responded to by C. M. McCurdy, presdently in Bogs township, except one ident of the Beard, in accepting the

On Saturday Jacob B. Lucas was in | Christy Smith's orchestra has been enand went to District At- gaged for the evening, and will be prestorney Fortney and informed him that ent to add to the pleasures of those who he was going up to where his wife lived, will be there. At the conclusion of the and he meant to get his little daughter, services an opportunity will be given to who was seven years of age, and would take her along home with him. He told the indications are that this feature

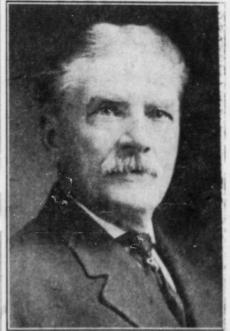
> compared to the advantages offered by him. For doing this he incurred the use of the pool after to-night. Cer- future. tain days will be set apart for ladies, and on these occasions they will have exclusive control of the privileges.

Lewis Wallace erected the building and pool, the entire inside of which is lined with white glass tile brick, except the ceiling, which is metal, painted white The 18x70 foot pool has a lowest depth 81/2 feet, which slopes gradually upward until a depth of 4 feet is reached. It is a handsome piece of workmanship and reflects credit upon all who had the graves, and considerable money was retask of its erection in charge.

THE NEW POSTMASTER.

H. C. Valend. & "Assumes Charge Bellefonte Office.

bonds had to be issued and approved. the great majority of the party. Incl Mr. Valentine, who now is busily engag-



ed in familiarizing himself with his official duties, and it is his ambition to give the patrons of the office the very best

We are informed that there will be no changes in the former list of assistants and carriers in the office, as all are under the Civil Service regulation. The Centre Democrat extends its congratulations to Postmaster Valentine; and we predict that in four years from this date some worthy Democrat will be his successor.

District Sunday School Convention. A Sunday school convention, cover-ing the districts including Bellefonte. Spring and Benner townships, will be held in the Lutheran church at Pleasant Gap, Thursday March 14th at 2:39 pany with a neighbor, were sawing stove wood, using a small circular saw, which wood, using a small circular saw, which made at each session and a Question was operated by horsepower. In some Box will be opened in the afternoon. Mr. Beck's right hand was Every school in the district is expected thrust into the saw. Dr. Painter, of to send at least two delegates in addi-Mill Hall, was summoned, and taking tion to the pastor and the superintend-Entertainment will be provided for ent. veyed him to the Lock Haven hospital, all delegates who notify Mr. Wm. Bilger R. F. D. No. 2. Bellefonte, Pa., on or before March 12th. Miss Martha Robison, one of the State Workers, will be present.

Killed Under Overturned Wagon. Robert E. Haslett, aged 50 years, a resident of Farrandsville was killed on Our mailing list was corrected this Saturday night when a wagon in which week and all persons who sent us any he was riding overturned and was pitched down a 20 foot embankment. of February will find proper credit given Rote was also in the wagon at the time by a change of the date on the label, and narrowly escaped being killed. The two men had been in Lock Haven and in case of an error, please notify the were on their way to their home. The wagon was being used to haul an ord boiler. When near Queens run the wag-on overturned and the boiler was thrown Arrangements are being made for a out. Rote escaped injury and when he meeting of all fish wardens of the state looked for his companion found him at Williamsport on March 24th. Nathan P. Buller, commissioner of fisheries, A passing freight train was stopped and will be present to discuss timely topics. the crew gave assistance.

EX-TREASURER BERRY **FAVORS RE-ORGANIZATION**

Sends a Message to the Democracy of Centre County.

a general movement in the Democratic dates for assembly in Clinton and adparty throughout this state to bring the oining counties were to have no control of the party back to the people, live Democratic opposition for legislagiven little attention to the issue and, run as at this time, do not have a clear idea in Clinton county for legislature and the as to what the question involves.

A Political Plaything.

in the absolute control of James Guffey, the millionaire oil magnate of Pittsburg. who has used it as a personal political plaything to do his bidding. Convenions for years past have met to do what he wanted; and the delegates, with passhe wanted; and the delegates, with passes in their pockets, invariably voted the ed McDonald because they had to take care of Jim. Hall who made it possible

Associated with him were rich men to elect Tener and dismissed the sublike James K. P. Hall, who also has ject. 'money to burn," and lets it flow like water; the notorius corrupt Democratic side-show in Philadelphia, manipulated graceful transaction that shows that the by Donnelly and Ryan, who are constantin cahoot with the Penrose machine that city; and the Brennen machine Another of Pittsburg of similar stripe. That has been the Democratic organization of the state of Pennsylvania. When Berry was his New York office, and while he was John W. Foster and fireman David Snyelected State Treasurer they demanded this to the District Attorney so that he will prove both interesting and amusthe right to name his appointments in over the state Treasury Department. Berry received the state Treasury Department. Berry received the state Treasury Department. When the gift of \$10,000 was made to the Y. M. C. A. for a public swimming pool, many people concluded that its stration of that office and like a senuse would be free. This in a measure is sible man, decided that he was the State true, but the cost of maintenance is Treasurer and needed men about him such a large item that a membership fee that he could implicitly trust-instead was found necessary, which is very small of the politicians running the office for a swimming pool. Therefore, only those hatred and ill-will of Guffey and Hall, who pay the required fee will be allowed the latter swearing vengeance on Berry's

Politicians Denounce Berry.

Next came the State Capitol scandal, y which Berry showed that Pennsylvaremained firm and as a consequence a penitentiary, others went to premature -ef the people, by the people, and for not entitled to any. turned to the State Treasury.

Democratic nomination for Governor. was given over into the custody of the S. H. Williams. The Senate approved of they managed their political machine so his appointment about two weeks ago, well that they defeated Berry for the Since the death of Mr. Williams, Harry dents in connection with that and the Keller has been the acting postmaster, Republican convention that followed and on Monday turned the office over to soon satisfied the people that there had been a collusion to defeat the man who exposed the Capitol scandal, so as to enable Penrose to nominate Tener for Governor, and have some assurance for his election. This aroused the better citizens of the commonwealth and a mighty protest followed by the Keystone organzation to free the state of Pennsylva nia from Boss Rule in both the old parties-and at the election the Keystone movement came near succeeding. re county cast an overwhelming vote for Berry against the political bosses of the Clearfield county, Clinton county, Union county and other adjoining counties in this part of the state, ro"ed up enormous votes for Berry as a protest to Penrose and the Guffey-Hall combinations.

> Crooked Democrats Vote For Tener. In that fight, when it was drawing t close, there was the brightest pect of electing Berry. In the last few days of the campaign, it has been asserted by reliable parties, the word was sent out from the Hall headquarters that the Guffey Democrats should vote for Tener, so as to make sure of the defeat of Mr. Berry. Here in Centre county Guffey Democrats of prominence are penly charged with having received their orders from Elk county and voted Tener, and induced as many other Centre county Democrats as they could influence, to do the same thing. Recently the "Clearfield Republican" made the open charge in that paper that the same thing had been done in that county, and there is proof that it was done throughout the state, and had sufficient strength to defeat Mr. Berry for Governor, and elect Tener. The men who had a hand in that job now want to con-tinue in charge of the Democracy of the state of Pennsylvania. They want to tell the good Democrats of Centre county o stand by Guffey, Hall, Donnelly, Ryan Brennen, and others of that stripe, and no doubt will have more of Guffey's grease and Hall's boodle to try and corrupt Centre county Democracy at the coming primary.

Slaughtered Farmer Creasy.

For years the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania has been a joke. The party has become a hopeless minority organization. At Harrisburg it simply did the bidding of the Guffey-Hall crowd in shaping legislation to suit the gang. Creasy, the Democratic leader for years at Harrisburg, and the friend of the farmers of this state, always found this element opposing every piece legislation in behalf of reform or for the direct benefit of the people. He has made this same charge in print, over his signature, on the platform at our farmers' gatherings in this county, and wherever he could raise his voice against the evil combination. For doing this and being an independent and incorruptible democrat, the roosters of the two parties manipulated things so as to retire Creasy from participation in the law-making branches of the state government at Harrisburg-and they succeeded. Thus another champion of the people was slaughtered and the people

suffered in consequence. A Deal With Penrose.

The same year the republicans, in Hall's senatorial district, would not Marshall college. The question make a nomination against Hall because "Resolved, That the United States of a conference, of republicans in that

Notwithstanding the fact that since Penrose informed them that Hall was to be returned to Harrisburg without opposition. In return republican candi-To carry out that bargain we instance: Geo. McDonald was a Democratic dummy candidate Republican candidate received a large the Democratic State Executive Com-For the past ten years or more the mittee, at the next session of the legis-Democratic party in this state has been lature he was awarded a fat job in a republican committee. The citizens linton county were amazed at the apsointment, and a formal protest was prepared by the leading republicans of

Hinton county and it was sent to Pen-

Penrose said that they appoint-

Guffey and Penrose Confer. These are the facts in only one dis-Crowd in Pennsylvania was in with the Penrose machine. evidence of this was clearly when William T. Creasy about ver was astonished to find that tor Penrose was on the other end wire in the act of calling for Mr. suffey for a consultation, and before enrose knew that it was Creasy he said nings that showed the political inti-

The Issue Defined.

With these things briefly called to your mind, we wish to say that the rebring the control of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania back to the people. nia had been robbed of millions. He was Leaders we must have in all organiza-

ty From Ex-Treasurer Berry.

In order that our readers may have the sum of \$696.12. he sentiment of a man of distinction this issue and who, through his rugged honesty of purpose, comes in daily contact with the best element of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, we asked Ex-State Treasurer Wm. H. Berry to give his opinion as to the duty of every true democrat at the coming primary election. To this Mr. Berry promptmade the following pointed and force-

BERRY'S REPLY.

Chas. R. Kurtz,

Editor Centre County Democrat, Dear Mr Kurtz: Your inquiry as to what I think a Democrat should do at the April primary reached me today and I would say in reply that while I feel it to be my present duty to stand by the Keystone organization as long as it seems a necessity in the state, I am still a Democrat in that I firmly believe in the rule of the people, by the people. I believe this to be the sentiment of the rank and file of Democrats throughout the state, and I am certain the leadership of the party in past years has not hesitated to violate this fundamental Democratic

It follows, that until the management of the party is put into the hands of men who are beyond the suspicion of such conduct it cannot secure the following necessary to put it in con-

I therefore believe it to be the first duty of every Democrat in Pennsylvania to go to the primaries and vote for delegates to the state and national conventions who will be true to this principle. I bear no personal malice toward any man, but CERTAIN MEN, whose names have become bywords in Pennsylvania, as synonyms for the boss system in Democratic politics, MUST BE RETIRED from prominence in the counsels of the party, whether they are guilty or not; their continuance at the head of the organization will be fatal to its success in Pennsylvania.

Put none but real Democrats on guard in any case.

Yours truly

WM. H. BERRY.

Twenty-six out of 32 District Chairmen met with congressmen Lloyd and Palmer and other Pennsylvania Reorganizers, to map out an aggressive campaign in this state. Chairman Guthpresided. The meeting was held in Philadeiphia on Friday tast. I. preese, of Lemont, represented this dis-Mr. Dreese was a proper person for the post. During last campaign he did yeoman service in assisting Chairman Kimport to score the glorious democratic victory in this county.

State College Debators Win. By a vote of 2 to 1, the debating team of Pennsylvania State College won the annua! intercollegiate debate at State College, Friday night from Franklin and justified in fortifying the Panama Canal." part of the state. It is charged that State supported the negative side.

OLD CASE RECALLED BY COURT DECISION

AWARDED DAMAGES FOR DEATH OF HENRY VONADA, OF COBURN, IS HUSBAND.

TRIED IN CENTRE CO. COURT

David W. Snyder, a Penna, R. R. Fireman, Was Killed Near Howard in 1900 -Superior Court Hands Down Final

The state superior court, sitting at Williamsport last week handed down a decision on Friday in the somewhat famous suit of Mrs. Minerva B. Snyder, of Tyrone, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company. It was in favor of the majority. Although McDonald was on plaintiff, and awarded her judgment against the company in the sum of \$696.13, representing the amount of relief money due her for the death of her husband while employed on the the hands of Policeman Beezer who, in railroad in 1900,

The case has local interest from the fact that David W. Snyder was killed in Centre county, and a suit for damages, brought by his widow, was tried before the late Judge John G. Love, in the Centre County court, which resulted in an appeal to a higher court. Mr. Snyder was a fireman in the employ of the Penna. Railroad company, and was making daily trips on the fast freight from Tyrone to Lock Haven. On the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 21st, Mr. Snyder's train was wrecked about a mile and a half west of Howard, by striking several cows that had attempttime went to call on Guffey in ed to cross the track. Both engineer had occasion to send a message der were killed by the engine completethe phone, and in taking down the ly turning over and crushing the men. Suit to recover damages against the Pennsylvania railroad was brought in Centre county court before Judge Love. Attorneys Thomas Sexton and ex-Judge O. A. Furst represented the plaintiff, Attorneys Edward and John macy between the heads of the Demo-Blanchard were retained by the raileratic and Republican parties in this road. An adverse decision was rendered to the plaintiff in the lower court and the case was appealed to the supreme court, where the decision of Judge Love was sustained

Meanwhile Mrs. Snyder did not receive the relief fund money coming from the death of her husband, and which, owing to the fact that he was a fought from the start. The politicians denounced him. The gang's papers in leaders are supreme, and the wishes of It was the contention of the company use of the party machinery, then Democ- for damages, thus refusing to accept lot of political thieves were sent to the racy is a farce, and popular government the relief money at the outstart, she was stuff that he called "Dippy-Dils."

Want Berry For Governor.

For rendering this public service, there was a disposition of the people of Pennsylvania to reward Mr. Berry with the scheming politicians for administration of the people of Pennsylvania to reward Mr. Berry with the scheming politicians for administration of the people of Pennsylvania to reward Mr. Berry with the scheming politicians for administration of the people of Pennsylvania to reward Mr. Berry with the scheming politicians for administration of the recovery of the refer money was encounted in the countries for the recovery of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the recovery of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the recovery of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the recovery of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the recovery of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money was encounted to be the prompt of the refer money and the occupancy of the prompt of the pr ment was entered for Mrs. Snyder for amusement to our readers.

fore Judge Thomas J. Baldrige, May 9, February 6, 1911, when the judgment was stricken off. On his own resource

heard the case at one time or another the best legal talent in Central Pennsylvania has been connected with the prosecution or defense. Judge Love. ex-Judge, A. O. Furst and Thomas Sexton, Esq., have died since the case first appeared in the Centre county courts.

DEADLOCK IN ELECTION BROKEN.

Linn Blackford Chosen Second Lieutenant of Co. L. of Bellefonte. At a special election held in their armory here Friday evening the mem-bers of Company L, Twelfth regiment, N. G. P., broke a deadlock of several nonths by electing First Sergeant Linn G. Blackford as second lieutenant of the company, the office made vacant by the lection some weeks ago of William H. Brown as captain. Claude Smith, who for years past has been associated with the organization, at present a sergeant, was a close opponent of Lieutenant Blackford and several elections have been held without a selection being made. Blackford is a popular young man, well qualified through his service

ceived. Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, formerly colo-nel of the old Fifth regiment, and one of the best-known officers in the National Guard, resigned and retired from the service some months ago when Capt. William H. Brown was chosen his suc essor. Captain Brown during the last week passed a most creditable examibefore the examining board of the Twelfth regiment in Sunbury and has now taken over formally the company property in Bellefonte.

in the militia for the office he has re-

Will You Move? Will you change your postoffice ad-dress April first? A great many of our subscribers will be moving on that date from one locality to another. Many are making arrangements for that now, and giving direction for their mail may be the last thing on their minds. If you will change your postoffice address on April 1st, NOW is the time to notify us in order to receive your paper without an interruption. DON'T wait until you miss the paper, and then swear at the poor publisher, all on ac-

ount of your own neglect. DON'T forget to give your former address, as well as the new one. When you omit your former address we must search through over 5000 names to find it. ALWAYS give your name exactly like on your label, in that way mistakes can be avoided. It will be to your advantage to remember these slight precautions when writing any paper regarding subscriptions.

Rush Township Buys Poor Farm. Thomas R. Dubbs and William Wood, Overseers of the Poor of Rush township, closed negotiations on with the Catherine Holt heirs for the purchase of the old John Bishop property at Cold Stream, to be used here after as a home for the poor of the township. The dwelling will be remodeled and enlarged, and the ground, embracing about twelve acres, put in good state of cultivation. The cost of keeping the poor of the township has burg this week. The reports show there been quite large, and the buying of this are 1,917,929 Sunday school pupils enfarm, it is expected, will cut down the expenses very materially.

ANOTHER FORGER CAPTURED WEDNESDAY

NOW IN COUNTY JAIL.

PASSED CHECK AT AARONSBURG

Used Name of L. C. Miller, of Madisonburg-Forgery Detected at National Bank in Millheim-Was Arrested in Bellefonte-On Way to Ohio.

Wednesday afternoon another case of forgery came to the attention of District Attorney Fortney, and in a short time the offender was behind the bars at Fort Lee on the hill, and he likely will not get out of there for some time to come. Wednesday morning a message came to town to be on the lookout of a man

by the name of Henry Vonada. A warrant was issued by the District Attorney. on the charge of forgery, and placed in a short time, apprehended the man here in Bellefonte. We are informed that Vonada admitted his guilt and was immediately taken to the county jail where he will remain until a hearing can be arranged.

The facts in the case were a little neagre at the time of going to press. It appears that the man is a native of near Madisonburg, and for some time had been employed about Coburn. He was in Aaronsburg on Tuesday where he made some purchases at the store of Merchant J. F. Krape, and in payment tendered a check for \$15.60 which was accepted. When the check passed into the hands of the National bank at Millhelm it was pronounced a forgery of the name of L. C. Miller, a farmer who ives near Madisonburg. It was then earned that Vonada had gone to Bellefonte and was supposed to be on his way to Ohio where he expected to secure some employment.

Vonada is a man of 31 years and is married. He has practically admitted to his guilt, and will likely receive the same sentence given young Page, who passed the forged checks recently on merchants in Bellefonte.

"DIPPY-DILL" CONTEST.

Among Correspondents of "The Centre Democrat"-Three Prizes. Some time ago old "Daffy Dan," a the state abused him shamefully—but he the people are ignored deliberately by the that inasmuch as the woman had sued jected spice in "The Centre Democrat's" that inasmuch as the woman had sued jected spice in "The Centre Democrat's" for damages, thus refusing to accept columns by writing a line of original of entitled to any.

Mrs. Snyder went to Altoona, retain- by this time the microbe has affected all We want every reader of the "Centre Democrat" to think this proposition over before the primary election, so that they brought during the October term of the every distribution of the country of the recovery of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the recovery of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the recovery of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the recovery of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less, throughout the country of the relief money was ence more or less. case was argued before Judge Martin late our columns have been filled with

> Just for fun-no use in being sober A rule to open judgment entered by all the time—"The Centre Democrat" the railroad company, was argued be- has decided to hold a "Dippy-Dill Carnival" in this paper in the issue 1910. Judge James Shull was called in March 21st that will be conducted exclusively by our correspondents.

Each correspondent is invited to fur-Attorney Dively carried the case to the nish at least 5 (five) or more 'Dippy-Dills" for that issue in which only lo-Besides the eighteen judges who have cal names of the immediate community, or within the county, are used. Write on a separate sheet of paper

with name of post office at top and mail to this office before March 16, and all will be published under one heading, front page, the following issue.

Three Prizes Awarded.

In order to awaken interest three prizes will be awarded to the correspondents sending in the cleverest list of five or more local "Dippy-Dills"--1st prize \$1.00; 2nd and 3rd, 50 cents each, "Daffy Dan," the daddy among the 'Dippy-Dill' writers of this dection, will have charge of this contest and will award the prizes on their merit. Remember conditions—must write at

least five. "Dippy-Dills' using local names and same must reach this office not later than March 16th. This is confined to correspondents only of "The Centre Democrat. Get busy, brush up your wits, as any-

one is likely to knock the persimmon. We might just as well be writing and reading "Dippy-Dills" as indulging in any other form of nonsensical nonsense, because some of our faces are getting as long as fence rails and as solemn as Laugh, Darn You, Laugh!

Our intention is to hold another "Dip-py-Dill Carnival" later, open to all readers of "The Centre Democrat.

COUNTY TAX INCREASE.

Found Necessary to Meet Current Expenses of the County.
This week the Board of County Com-

missioners took formal action upon the tax rate for county purposes this coming year. For some time past a levy mills was made. After reviewing the present liabilities, with the sources of revenue available, they found that 5 mills would not supply them, under the circumstances, with the necessary funds to pay the current expenses of the county. The Board hesitated a long time before coming to that decision, but finding that there was no other alternative. the levy for the coming year was fixed at

The Board, in order to fully show the necessity for this step, will likely issue a detailed statement later, for the consideration of the taxpayers. Remember, the new Board is only making an effort to pay the indebtedness created by pre-

Submitted to Operation. Dr. F. P. Ball, of Lock Haven, the noted surgeon, performed a delicate operation upon Harry Pletcher, a well known resident living between Blanchard and Howard, last week, assisted by a local physician. The operation was performed to remove an accumulation of water from the plural cavity. Mr. Pletcher was greatly relieved and is

getting along reasonably well, Sunday School Attendance Increasing. Fifty-seven of the sixty-seven counties of the state are represented at the mid-year conference of the State Sabbath School Association at Harris-