St ulation Over 5,500-Largest in Centre County.

A LARGE ESTATE IN EQUITY PROCEEDINGS

THE HEIRS OF WILLIAM WITMER APPEAL TO COURTS.

Result of a Life-Time's Saving Now a Matter of Litigation-Saved While Work.

wealthy and aged retired farmer who year, hustling down street to look of an attractive feature that evoked wealthy and aged retired farmer who resides in Benner township. They ask the Court to grant an order to this town these many years, and he by the students of the various grades, by the students of the various grad have James C. Witmer, his son, make this town these many years, and he

Wm. Witmer is now about ninety years of age, in feeble health for some are fortunate enough to be here, by years past, and mentally is not conlarge estate which is composed of hustling about "looking after the busconsiderable real estate and large sums of money invested in mortgages, and interest bearing invest- tunate few no doubt. and is giving him his care and attenand is giving him his care and atten-tion, and it is alleged has driven the other heirs and children from the home. It is alleged has driven the ory that at 60 years, the average man is unfit for active business. Mr. Mchome

Two years ago a "power of attorney" was secured from the aged man by the son, and the same was duly please. It is alleged by the other recorded. heirs that this "power of attorney" to control the entire estate was secured when the elder "William Witmen had no capacity to transact any business and was in such mental condition as to easily become the victim of designing persons. Its execution was obtained and undue also made that in that time William Witmer was induced to execute a new different from the one that he will. has filed in the First National Bank, and that he has signed other important documents favorable to James C. said William Witmer and those who are interested in the estate."

The heirs upon these and other representations petioned the court to grant an injunction against James Witmer from further handling any of the estate of Wm. Witmer, and that a full accounting be made by him to priation date, and that all wills, contracts, etc., executed in that time by the father

ACTIVE AT 83rd YEAR.

S. A. McQuistion Continues in Busi ness as Usual. On Wednesday, June 29th, the ven-

erable S. A. McQuistion, of this place, celebrated his 83rd birthday anni-versary. In other words, he was 82 years old that day and was starting

on his 83rd milestone in the journey A FARMER'S LARGE FORTUNE of life. The day following he was sit-ting in our office, and after paying his subscription to the Centre Democrat, he conversed with us on public matters and the political situation this Others Spent-Made His Money formed and took a rare interest. At the conclusion he remarked that he guessed it was time for him to "get The past week equity proceedings were instituted by some of the chil-dren and heirs of William Witmer, a menution with the business." Now just put a pin there—Mr. McQuistion in his 83rd last week we failed to make mention accounting, and that he be re- did not seem to think that there was strained from further controlling the property of William Witmer. Wm Witmer is now about ninety

that time, how many of you will be

Mr. McQuistion is one of Bellezens, and his present activities is a Quistion on the other hand is not only active but real progressive, if you

Corrections Made.

All persons who remitted to us on subscription during the past month of May will find that proper credit has been given for the same by a change of the date on the label opbition for advancement. posite your name, this week. If you by fraud, misrepresentation at your label now and note the change. sent us any money in that time look influence." Allegations are If there is any error please notify the ffice at once.

This week we mail to each subscriber of the Centre Democrat, who is six months or more in arrears on subscription, a statement of the account showing the date and the the paper you will know that it 18 time for you to give the account attention.

Pension Bill Passed.

The senate celebrated Memorial day by passing the annual pension appro bill after fifteen minutes' onsideration. It carries \$165,162,500, an increase



The Centre Democrat.

BELLEFONTE, PA., THURSDAY, JUNE, 6th. 1912.

The State Will Maintain and Repair A Commendable Exhibit by the Various Grades-Instructors Taking Them-Under Direction of Competent Engineers and Superintend-Special Courses During Summer ents-Centre County's Routes.

Vacation-Other School Notes.

State Highway Commissioner Edward M. Bigelow on June 1st took over the 8,000 miles of roads embraced in the 296 routes designated in the Sproul act. These thoroughfares connect the county seats and principal towns of this common wealth and in the future will be improved and mainthat displayed remarkable skill by tained at the expense of Pennsylvania.

Of the 8,000 miles which come untraining department. In the exhibit were many samples of very clever der Commissioner Bigelow's jurisdic-work done by these children in the tion, but 800 miles have already been line of painting, modeling furniture, improved by the state. The other construction work and bric-a-brac, entirely out of paper and making of other designs. The prominent por-tion of the display was been been been and condemned turn-

tion of the display was by the girls On the roads taken over by the in the sewing department that has state the township supervisor will rebeen under the direction of the Civic linguish all control. In his place will club during the past two years. The list of articles was so varied that we could not enumerate all, but they commissioer Biggiow has divided the were largely in the line of useful ar-ticles of clothing, such as aprons, trict will be in charge of an experdresses and ornaments for the home. ienced engineer. Under him will be The character of the work done by one or more superintendents, accordthe children certainly was very com-mendable and in this instance evince? These superintendents, accord-remarkable progress. It indicated, to the satisfaction of all, that the effort after and will be supplied with suf-ing. had aroused the interest of the young ficient men to do the work. people and stimulated in them an am-

The improved highways will be patrolled by men who will have stretches of from one to three miles of road to

At the meeting of the school board maintain, on Monday evening there was some The th on Monday evening there was some The thousands of miles of dirt o'clock Dr. M. C. Dinger, of Morris-important work done. The display of roads embraced in the state highways dale, receiving a hurry call to attend the manual training department dur- are to be kept in condition at the ex- a patient in the country and finding ing the week had made such a favor- pense of the state. The superintend- his gasolene tank in his automobile able impression on the patrons of the school and the public in general that the directors at the meeting feit warranted in extending the charge, scrapers and the neces-into a new barrel for a new supply, and was working by lantern light. ant documents favorable to James C. Witmer is cutting timber on the farms, and is endeavoring to sell the real estate, and is handling large sums of money without giving any security, etc., without giving any security, etc. warranted in extending the charac-ter of the work in the future. For sible. The gutters are to be kept

The substance of their action can be briefly stated: In the future it will be a part of the regular course much better condition that they are der down the arm and also on the of our schools that the pupils be taught typewriting and stenography. There will be a manual training de-taught typewriting and stenography.

In

Tyrone.



lapse Last Week.

For the second time Scott Lose, the well known tailor, has become men-tally unbalanced and on Tuesday morning he was taken to the Danville asylum by Sheriff Lee. About seven years ago Mr. Lose was taken to that institution for treatment, and a short time after was discharged, apparent-ly cured. For the past year he had been working at his trade in Bellefonte, but from time to time wandered to other towns, and but recently went to Philipsburg, where opened a repair shop. Last week he again returned to this place and began acting in a threatening manner to-wards the members of his family. On Friday he went to Squire Henry Brown's repair shop and wanted to purchase a revolver. The Squire, on that date and when they will be knowing of Lose's mental deficiency, over is hard to say Attention now refused to sell him a weapon, and at once warned the dealers throughout the town to be on the lookout for him. Later in the day Policeman Beezer took Lose to jail for safe keeping, and have been prominent in the Dr. J. L. Seibert, W. Harrison Walk-er, Esq., and F. P. Blair a commission to examine the demented man. They found him to be irresponsible for his actions, and recommended that he be taken to an asylum for treatment. Accordingly Sheriff Lee departed with Lose for Danville on the Lewisburg of the leading Democratic and Retrain early Tuesday morning. Scott has been a citizen of Belle-

alto players in Central Pennsylvania.

He has been a member of more than twenty-five bands in his time, and

A DOCTOR'S MISHAPS.

Saturday's

LEADING CANDIDATES BRIEFLY REVIEWED

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THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLI. CAN ASPIRANTS.

ONE MAY BE NEXT PRESIDENT

Who They Are and What They Stand For-As Seen by a Noted Editor-Strong and Weak Points-Some Considered Dangerous.

The two big political conventions will be held on the 18th and the 25th of this month; rather they will start over is hard to say. Attention now is centered on the presidential timber that is in sight on both sides. All are men who are pretty well known, public eye for some time. Everybody does not see men alike and opinions differ greatly. In the June issue of the "Worlds Work," a leading magazine that is widely read, the editor gives some space to a review publican candidates for nomination. It is so cleverly written, and so well fonte nearly all his life, and up to a It is so cleverly written, and so well few years ago was one of the best expresses our sentiments, that we give the article for our readers information and perusal:

knew the history of every musical or-Mr. Taft-by temperament not suited for sturdy executive duties, being too trustful of those near him and too inaccessible to those who speak plainly to him; "a good man surrounded by gentlemen who know exactly what they want," "meaning well feebly;" patriotic but indecisive till driven to Philipsburg Journal anger: compromising by nature-hopsays: "Last evening about 9:30 o'clock Dr. M. C. Dinger, of Morrising that the Pinchot and Wiley troubles, for examples, will blow over; intellectually lazy till spurred to action-composing a Winona speech, for

example, between railway stations; an amiable and attractive man at close range, but an inept leader, not knowing the people; a man of policies rather than of fundamental convictions, with a naif confidence in mere party leaders and a sort of childlike interpretation of party platforms; as fierce in anger as he is amiable in repose, his smile giving place to violent speech which sounds as if it were assumed: a man who has not reasoned out a fundamental economic creed; a formal minded man, thinking clearly by statues rather than by principles; There will be a manual training de-partment for the boys. The girls will have a special course in what might be termed household chemistry. While this will not be anything like a col-legiate course, yet it will touch those practical points that will deal will such questions that are of every day use in the kitchen or home, and the instruction will be of the simplest sufferance rather than with applause a President that has many personal friends but few active partisans except under compulsion; the victim of his own fundamental mistake in not accepting a seat on the Supreme Bench. Mr. Roosevelt-the foremost political personality of his time, whose vig-orous and dictatorial use of the Presfirst idency gave the office a new meaning It and gave the nation a new impulse; whose prodigious success bred in him a prodigious impatience, and has mised with the Highway Department and recently was engineer of Bellefonte have it and will take the one that borsugh, and he will work under the direction of his chief. Mr. Gephart. Doll. The trucks have solid, rubber-borsugh and he will to his chief. Mr. Gephart. political formulation, but so fierce in their hold on him that they drive him line engines similar to the regulation into compromising pugnacities and auto. The trucks have speed and contradictions and associations; the idol of the impatiently active; he is time been thoroughly tested and are an impulse rather than a well ordered practical. C. C. Shuey and the Brock- force; a man of the most varied erhoff House each purchased a truck knowledge and accomplishments, but strangely lacking in economic grasp; capable of mistaking his wishes for principles; the probable destroyer of Bruce Nelson, aged 16 years, and his party in his zeal to lift it up; in-Delroy Casker, aged about 19 years, capable of retirement and lacking the patience to harvest and to use the burg on Monday afternoon on the great influence of his prodigious ac-charge of robbery committed about 2 tivities; if he should become Presistill again? while he was sleeping. The young he is running at all. It was a great men pleaded guilty to the charge of enough violence to the real rule of the robbery at a hearing before Squire H. people that he dictated his own suc-C. Warfel Monday evening, and to-gether returned about \$100.00, not ful-be somewhat too dictatorial if he They should become successor to that suc-Mr. Bryan-whose career is without parallel in our history (certainly since Henry Clay ceased to be a Presidential candidate); a man who has lived to see his successful com-petitors take many of his political doctrines and plans and relabel them We predict that Roosevelt will not and get credit for them; yet observ-be nominated at Chicago. While he is ing this series of events and his series of defeats with philosophy and even with humor; an enduring cam-paigner, a friendly and kindly nature with a philosophy of life that gives in Franklin getting the machinery and him a sincere sympathy with the tools loaded on cars to be shipped to masses of men; a man who missed the new place of operations. Mr. being the foremost Democrat of his the new place of operations, and being the forenext intellectual lim-Taylor will also ship a carload of time by his serious intellectual lim-machinery from Bellefonte, and take with him five teams and a number of perception of the democratic philosworkmen. For the past week he has been scouring the county for horses and has succeeded in getting some good ones. It is his intention to have the the unasses; sobered by time and be-come more tolerant and broader, he is the loudest voice yet in expressing the teams taken to Washington coun- the crude cry for justice to the unty by overland routes instead of by railroad, and as soon as they arrive he will begin work with a full force yet unshaken that he was born to be of men and push it to rapid comple-tion. The object of the State Highway air of humility; if his mind were as good an instrument for clear thinking as his voice is for clear speaking, he would long ago have been invincof the road is only about 4½ miles, for he can yet convince himself of there are a number of bridges and any popular plausibility, and the Republicans may accept a candidate of desperation. Governor Harmon-a man of com-monplace mind whose thinking was one a generation ago; old-fashioned because inert and temperamentally "stand-pat;" a lawyer of good prac-tice chiefly for corporations; a man

the court grant such additional relief as may seem necessary.

Wednesday, June 19th, is the time set for argument on the petition. The expenses plaintiffs in the proceedings are Nannie Felding, Maggie Thomas, Annie Kline, Maggie Kelly, Clayton Kor-man, Anna Wright and Wm. Korman. cent enactment of the dollar-a-day pension law. The bill retains the present eighteen pension agencies, They are represented by attorneys J. distributed throughout the country, Keichline, and Gettig, Bower & for whose consolidation into one agen-by. The defendant has retained cy the house had provided. Zerby. W. G. Runkle, N. B. Spangler and protect his interests in the proceedings. The action is brought in the to conference between the two houses. name of Nannie Felding.

Much interest is centered in this proceeding as Mr. Witmer is a man prominently known throughout the ville, Tenn., experienced no thoughts county. He began life with no furth- out of the ordinary, when a youth er capital as his stock in trade than called at the institution and said he a powerful and rugged constitution and a willingness to earn his living hours later when the person they had by the sweat of his brow. He was taken in as a boy gave birth to a industrious and extremely frugal in child, they received a decided shock. his younger days. He saved, while others spent, and as a result he soon acquired some property. By the same all her children were girls, a Nashville acquired some property. By the same an her children were given and her to mother's pathetic yearning led her to attempt possessions. With a keen in-stinct in financial matters he soon been denied by nature. She dressed learned to invest so as to bring an an- her youngest child as a boy, kept the nual increase to his growing estate-he made his money work. In this manner Mr. Witmer acquired many farms and securities so that by this time his estate is variously estimated as worth over a hundred thousand dollars-and his only occupation has been that of a farmer, who from his standpoint, accomplished his aim in life-accumulated a fortune, which now may only become the foundation for serious contention.

Nannie Felding, Maggie Thomas and Annie Kline are daughters. Mag-Kelly, Clayton Korman, Annie Wright, William Korman, Charles Korman and Verda Korman are chil- quickly applied but the train could dren of Jennie M. Korman who was also a daughter of the said William had struck the tree, knocked it off the Witmer and was intermarried with track and ran ahead about two car C. Witmer, is the only son.

Better Fishing.

Since the waters have cleared up some and fallen, and the weather has warmer the conditions for grown fishing have improved and in consequence every day we see parties leavquence every day we see parties leav-ing town for some favorite haunt to canture the succellable deputies Camp, trout. They had only fair success. capture the speckled beauties, Camping along Fishing creek will be the Front Linn shot a big wild cat and favorite spot for our sportsmen, while few will go to the smaller mountain streams.

Smallpox at Renovo.

cases of smallpox develop-Several ed in South Repovo, and at Drocton, way. in Chapman township, just east of on Wednesday of last week. No drastic quarantine movement has yet been made, and it is thought that local authorities, supplemented the State Board of Health, have the by the State Board of H the situation well in hand.

Had 378 Gall Stones Removed. man, underwent an operation at the Mercy hospital in that place on Fri-celebrate the day by unfurling the Mrs. May Heverly, an Altoona wo day that probably establishes a new record in Altoona. She had 378 gall stones removed. They varied from the size of a grain of sand to the size of the end of an adult's finger.

Appointed Deputy Grand Master. William H. Austin, of Blanchard, member of Blanchard lodge, No. 427, I. O. O. F., has been appointed dis-trict deputy grand master for the northern district of Centre county.

of nearly \$13,00 amount appropriated by the house. The increase includes \$12,500,000 for expenses caused includes \$12,500,000 caused by the heavy volume of work growing out of the re-

It also provides for the payment of John Blanchard as his attorneys to pensions by checks to the veterans instead of by vouchers. The bill goes

"Boy" Becomes a Mother.

The case is one of the most remark-able on record. Disappointed that hair clipped short and treated the child as a boy. So careful was she that even the neighbors were deceived.

Almost a Serious Accident.

Renovo Record: A large tree which was probably struck by lightning slid down the mountain side onto the west bound railroad track between Ritchie and Wetham Sunday afternoon shortly before 3 o'clock. The trackwalker discovered the tree on the track just in time to flag the Buffalo flyer which was approaching. The brakes were not be stopped until after the engine W. Korman. The defendant James lengths. The pilot of the engine was so badly damaged that it had to be removed before the train could proceed on its journey.

Saw Wild Beasts.

Fifteen men, most of them em-ployes of the Pennsylvania Fire Brick company, spent Friday and Saturday Charles P. Lindsey had a close call from being bitten by a big black rattlesnake. Harvey Waite, who was in the Scootac region with another party, ran up against a good sized bear while fishing along a stream. He kept "mum" until bruin passed on his

Fiday, June 14, will be the 135th anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the flag of the United States. The American flag association calls upon the president, the governor of each state , and the mayors of all cities and the members stars and stripes.

Zeigler Reunion.

The members of the Zeigler fam-ilies throughout the county will hold their annual family reunion at the Grange Park, Centre Hall, on Saturday, June 22nd. All friends of the family are invited to attend. It will be a basket picnic. An interesting

such questions that are of every day use in the kitchen or home, and the instruction will be of the simplest and most practical character possible General agriculture will be another branch that will be introduced with the idea of bringing the students into closer knowledge with the underlying principles of plant life and nature.

New Course Adopted.

As The carrying out of all these plans are not definitely made, but Superin-tendent Wagner is intensely delighted with the step taken by the board, and regards it one of the most pro-gressive movements in the history of mont our schools. He is preparing for the D. inovations with a great deal of en-thusiasm, as he is confident that it will be productive of good results. The taking up of this additional work in the schools will entail the addition of one more instructor to the

faculty. Later others may be added as the work commends itself to the ver some of the roads in the county. public They informed the writer that work on the repair of the road from Belle-The resignation of Prof. I. O. Noll was announced at this meeting, who has accepted a good position in a school near Philadelphia. Prof. Earl fonte through Nittany Valley would start immediately. A large steam roller arrived this week from Springfield, C. Musser was elected to take Mr. Noll's place in the schools. All the former instructors in the schools ill., and will be put to work. will start in with a force of about twenty men and teams and improve the road from here to Zion first. This were re-elected for the coming year. During the coming summer vacawill not be a modern state road, ontion Prof. Wagner expects to spend part of his time taking a special course in Columbia University, New ly repair work.

York City.

Miss Maud C. Bear, instructor in Latin and German, and Miss Rose Fauble, instructor in English and German will spend their summer abroad, part of the time following more effectually. of special study in Germany. ourses

Miss Gertrude Taylor will attend the summer session of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

All the grade teachers with several high school teachers, will take a specferent roads by number: ial course at State College during the summer.

What It Costs to Dodge Costs.

The Lock Haven Democrat says: "The individual who was jailed recently for refusal or failure to pay his school taxes amounting to \$1.10, was released after making satisfactory arrangements for the payment of the bill of costs, including five days' board in jail, the total amounting to nearly \$8, whereas the original bill was only \$1.10. Taxes, like death. b411 cannot be dodged, and the large number of young men who are laboring under the impression that if they succeed in dodging the collector all he has to do is cross the name off the list, are liable to get themselves into similar trouble."

Hospital Notes.

Operations-Elias Confort, State College; Mrs. Margaret Kaup, Belle-Mrs. Isabella Huey, Martha fonte: Furnace

Admitted for treatment-William B. Lucas, Runville.

Discharged-Orvis Lee, Zion; Mrs. Elizabeth Richards, Julian; Miss Miss Mary Bertram, Bellefonte. Miss Edna Thompson, nurse, is on

her vacation at her home in Snow Shoe. not yet done.

Marriage Licenses.

F. Raymond Searfors - Dallas, Pa. Addie E. Suttolf - - - Lehman Tracy G. Lambert, - -- Milesburg Agnes Kane - - - - Bellefonte

The Love-Jodon family reunion will be held at the Peru Station grove on Saturday of this week.

quick enough to save the structure o look after these roads and keep or any of its contents." them in temporary repair, such as better drainage, removing all the New Auto Delivery Trucks. breakers and constructing side drains and crowning as much as possible with crushed stone.

crowning as much as possible crushed stone. stated in a former issue, this H. Musser, of the International Harpart of the state will be under the vester Co., arrived here and some of direction of Engineer John T. Gep-hart, of the State Highway Depart-demonstration purposes. them were pressed into service for of the State Highway one to do duty was the true plant. It who will be located at Clear-ed by Doll's Bakery and ice plant. It the roads of Centre county will was labeled for Mr. Hoy at State was not in immeunder the superintendency of W. College, but, as he was not in imme-Meyer who was formerly connect-

They

On Tuesday Mr. Gephart was in tired, high wheels with chain drive, Bellefonte in consultation with Sup- Of course they are driven by gaso-erintendent Meyer and they went out line engines similar to the regulation power, and no doubt have by this for their business.

The

Relieved Traveling Man of \$160.

were placed under arrest at Philips-The amount of money that will be o'clock Sunday morning in a house on dent again, why not for the present will be largely in the direction of removing the offensive and barbarous breakers with which Certification of the present will be largely in the Bratton, of Bradford, a traveling man, alleges that he was relieved of \$160.00 Certification of the present will be largely in the Bratton, of Bradford, a traveling man, alleges that he was relieved of \$160.00 Certification of the present will be be was relieved of \$160.00 Certification of the present will be be was relieved of \$160.00 Certification of the present will be be was relieved of \$160.00 Certification of the present will be be was relieved of \$160.00 Certification of the present will be be was relieved of \$160.00 Certification of the present will be be was relieved of \$160.00 Certification of the present will be be was relieved of \$160.00 Charted waters. The pity of it is that spent on maintenance of these roads Centre county is sorely afflicted, and side drains built to do the same work order to give our people an idea

of the extent of the roads that have ly accounting for the balance. They are now being held in the lock-up in defaut of \$300, each, for their appearbeen taken over in this county by the Sproul bill, we give a list of the difance at Bellefonte court.

Route 27-From Bellefonte to Cen-tre Hall (includes the present turn-The Woodrow Wilson boom has had a healthy boost in the past week. He pike) then eastward through Pennsis the one man to beat either Teddy or Taft.

classed as a good fighter he may be ward to Lemont, Pine Grove Mills, a poor loser.

Warriors Mark, Penna. Furnace to Route 219-From Lock Haven westward through Bald Eagle Valley to Milesburg by way of Snow Shoe

> in contracting for this work is to convert a portion of the old national pike near Slaysville, Washington county, he would long ago have been in into a state road. Although the length ible; and he may be invincible there are a number of bridges and culverts to be built of solid concrete,

that will require a considerable amount of labor. There were three bidders for the contract, that of Mr. Taylors, \$98,326.78, being the lowest. The others were \$101,000 and \$106,000. As this contract will demand Mr. Taylor's entire attention he has con-cluded to move his family to that point as soon as he can make the necessary arrangements,

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tion. company until the department chases it from them, which they have

To Start Work at Once. Contractor R. B. Taylor is making arrangements to start work within the next few days on the big state highway job in Washington county awarded him last week by the State Highway Department. Philip Gar-brick and Charles Guisewite are now

(Continued at bottom of next col.)

Route 107-From Milesburg to Port Matilda then across the Alleghenies to Philipsburg. Mills to Philipsburg. Route 245-From Port Matilda to Bald Eagle Route 58-From Bellefonte to Lock

Haven down through Nittany Val-

While route 27 includes the present turnpike from Bellefonte to Cen-tre Hall, and ultimately may be controlled by the department, the present turnpike continues in their pos-session and will be operated by the

Route 57-From Tyrone to Osceola

and Moshannon to Clearfield.

valley to Woodward to Lewisburg. Route 29-From Centre Hall to Potters Mills, across the Seven Mountains to Lewistown. Route 56-From Pleasant Gap west-

State Roads in Centre County.