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A SLICK SWINDLER WORKS UNION COUNTY

CLAIMED HE WOULD BUILD STATE ROAD TO WOODWARD.
DISPLAYED A \$32,000 DRAFT

Gave Out Large Orders For Supplies—Borrowed Money Freely, Then Skipped Out—A Clever Dutchman—A New Game.

For some time there were reports of a large job being started to build a macadamized state road from Woodward through the "Narrows" to the Union county line. The traveling public was greatly elated over the prospects of a modern driveway between Centre and Union counties, and you can scarcely imagine our great disappointment when we read the following clever story in the last issue of the Lewisburg, Pa., "Journal," which dispels our fondest hopes, yet causes a smile to pass as we think of those who were so completely duped at the other end of the proposed line, by a clever Dutchman from somewhere. The Journal says:

"Tell me not in mournful numbers, Life is but an empty dream, For the soul is dead that slumbers, And things are not what they seem."

"So sang the poet Longfellow long years ago before 'G. Meyers' registered from Newark at the Grand Hotel kept by W. Rokenbrod, at Laurelton, on Thursday, Feb. 20th. His only assets were a worthless draft for \$32,000, upon which he permitted the admiring crowd that surrounded him, to gaze upon, unlimited check, and a fluent vocabulary of picturesque Pennsylvania Dutch profanity.

"M. Meyers, (maybe that is his name and maybe not) seemed to be a 'State Highway contractor' who had the job of building a macadamized road eight miles from stake east of the Narrows to Woodward on the west, as we stated in these columns the week following Mr. Meyers' arrival. He seemed to be a State road contractor, but he wasn't—and thereby hangs the tale.

"He had a draft for \$32,000 which he deposited in the Millifinburg Farmer's bank, but notwithstanding the fact that he had all this store of wealth on paper, he was always 'thrust to leeward' of ready cash and must needs borrow small amounts from his friends to tide him over until he could get his money transferred to the Millifinburg bank when he would have it to throw at the birds. Aside from this big balance of \$32,000 he had a manager named 'Boots' who was just finishing a job at Oak Grove, where he had a stone crusher, a 12-ton roller, two not one of dem dam steam rollers, for you want to get out of dem, you can't, and I have no kind of use for dat kind. I would hitch 6, 12, 15 or as many horses as it would take, depending on der grade, and pull it dat way." 75 of the finest horses in the state, ranging in weight from 1400 to 1600 pounds, carts, wagons, etc., all of which would soon be here and the work in full swing.

"The crusher, depending on der grade, would bring in by rail and the teams would come in over the mountains, probably by way of Millheim from Lock Haven, down over the road he was to rebuild. 'Mr. Boots,' his manager, would attend to this and get things in good shape. He had 200 Italian laborers who were to go to work on the job and two men whose only duty was to tend the horses, one of whom was a 'nigger,' and the other a white man.

"The contractor wanted Merchant Pursley to order a car load of macaroni and cheese for his laborers, and then invited his friends to come out to the camp and eat the dish which the Italians only know how to make. "There was nothing mean about Mr. Meyers. He was a very generous fellow, indeed. By way of getting things started, he bought 12,000 feet of stock lumber from James K. Reish, the lumberman, agreeing to pay the cash the moment it was ready to start. "32,000 draft, of course—and started some 20 or more men to work to level off the place where the stable, which was to be 195x32 feet, with two rows of horses facing each other and an entry between, was to stand. "2,000 were getting along first rate and had about 1,000 feet of lumber nailed on when the work was stopped.

"Merchant Pursley ordered a car load of paper to roof the stable, and supplied Meyers with the tools, shovels, etc., to do this preliminary work, which would also be paid when his money was transferred from bank to bank. John J. Showalter ordered a car load of buckshot coal for use in the crusher engine, so that there should be no delay when the machinery arrived.

"Last Wednesday James Pursley accompanied Meyers to Freeburg to purchase a driving horse which he would need to convey him back and forth between the work and the town for he and the other 'Boss' would board at the West End hotel. Before starting on this trip he separated Landlord Rokenbrod from \$10 and another \$10 from D. R. Pursley.

"In one of the hotels at Sunbury he approached Mr. Pursley with: "Say, Tehim, I thout sent a haulness up ant I'm a leedie short. Coult you lend me half life dollar. "Well," Mr. Pursley said, as he related the incident, "I never thought of anything, and I only had two \$10 bills with me with some change, so I told him, I did not have \$5 but here is a ten," when Meyers said, "Oh, well, nefer mine. Dat will do thust as usual," took it and went away."

"It was a Doubting Thomas, as usual, who spoiled the game, or it might be going on yet. Landlord Rokenbrod became suspicious when Meyers' Jersey Shore stories did not exactly fit with Rokenbrod's knowledge of that place, and the Millifinburg bank investigated the authenticity of the drafts by forwarding them, \$11,000 on Jersey Shore and \$21,000 on Hollidaysburg, which were promptly returned as worthless with the statement that Meyers was unknown in either section and had no accounts. Mr. Pursley was advised of the worthless drafts and when he approached Meyers with the fact the contractor retorted that he couldn't understand it, but thought that 'Boots' must have given him the

TROUT SEASON APPROACHING

Anglers Eagerly Awaiting Opening of Season, April 15th.

State Fish Commissioner Buller is confident that the trout fishing this year will be somewhat of an improvement over that which the fly-casters of Pennsylvania have been enjoying for some years. For a number of years it was the custom to place trout fry in the streams when they were so small that they could not look out for themselves and became an easy prey to the larger fish which made food of them, or were so weak that they could not live in the streams that had anything like a swift current.

Millions of trout fry were placed in streams and fishermen kept watch expecting to make some good catches, but when trout fishing season came around it was found that the planting of the young fish had in no manner assisted in stocking the streams. In fact what was called "stocking the streams" was little more than a farce, for there were no fish in the streams when the time arrived to catch them. They had either been devoured by the larger fish or had died or been swept away by swift waters, and the result was nil.

Last year Commissioner Buller discarded the old methods and instead of placing small fry in the streams he has stocked them with small trout from three to six inches in size, and in some places even larger fish have been placed in the waters. These fish are large enough to escape from the larger fish and can make their way against swift water, and it is believed that they will grow and be of nice size when the trout fishing season opens.

At any rate the idea seems reasonable and in the next few months fishermen will have a chance to see how it works.

The trout season will open on April 15 and close on July 31 and fishermen are limited to catching more than forty in one day, every fish to be not less than six inches long and they must be caught on rod and line.

Already the old fishermen are beginning to overhaul their tackle and they will be on time when the bell rings.

A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

William M. Lloyd, former treasurer of Northumberland county, is charged with the embezzlement of \$24,453.99 from the funds of the county. The warrant was issued on February 27th, Monday morning, of last week, his deputy, Mark L. Swab, was arrested, charged with abetting the misdemeanor. The warrant issued against Lloyd has not been served. From present indications he is a fugitive from justice. He is not to be found at his regular habitations and no word can be learned of his whereabouts.

Northumberland county has received full settlement of the \$24,453.99 shortage discovered in the accounts of former treasurer. Various sums were found on deposit to the credit of the county shortly after the report of the auditors was made public last August. These sums were deducted from the shortage and the balance due the county was paid to the county commissioners by the Title Guaranty & Surety company, of Scranton, who were bondsmen for the former county treasurer. This discharges the county from all further obligations in the case and the prosecution of the former treasurer is over and his deputy will now be made by the bondsmen.

Methodist Conference in Session.

Bishop Earl Cranston, of Washington, D. C., is presiding over the forty-fifth session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church which convened in Altoona Wednesday.

Great interest attends this meeting and the social side, with receptions to prominent churchmen and banquets will not be the least interesting. The work of the conference will close Monday evening with the examination of applicants for the ministry.

It pays to advertise in a paper of known circulation. Ours is over 5,500 every week.

name of wrong banks, and he asked Mr. Pursley, who did his correspondence while here, to write "Mr. Boots" to "come at once and bring the bank books."

"Needless to say Boots did not come, but on Friday Meyers went to Millifinburg, bought a horse from Harold Barber, which he paid for with a check, and ordered the horse sent on to Laurelton. At Millifinburg he took the train with his best friends here to look where he left it.

"We regret that this job came to such an untimely end. Had it gone on it certainly would have made things lively here.

"Mr. Meyers, says those who know, got away from here with about \$100 besides owing J. K. Reish for the lumber to build the stable; D. R. Pursley for tools, nails, etc.; Landlord Rokenbrod for board, and about \$184 for labor on the big stable that was to house all those horses. And there was more of which we have not heard—and possibly will not.

"In closing, we think we voice the sentiment of the whole community when we say: "If he didn't come we wouldn't keer, For though lost to sight, he's to memory dear."

"Mr. Meyers doubtless regrets that the Millifinburg bank inconsiderately investigated that \$32,000 draft, for if it had been sent on four or five days might have elapsed before he was found out, and in the meantime he could have widened the scope of his operations and worked others for larger amounts than he secured.

"The men who were hired to work on the erection of the big stable were so much 'attached' to him and to the job that they have sued out an attachment on the tolls and other supplies on the ground. Whether this attachment will benefit the laborers remains to be seen. They parted with \$10 gold cash on Wednesday morning to hire a lawyer to look after their interests. This lawyer will be \$10 to the good, even if the men do not get a cent.

"On Monday D. R. Pursley received notice from the Oak Grove postmaster stating that no such person as 'Mr. Boots' was known in that section, and asking what disposition was to be made of the letters. He replied to the Oak Grove postmaster requesting the return of the letters, and he desired to keep them as souvenirs to remind him of 'Mr. Meyers.'"

LIQUOR LICENSES AT PHILIPSBURG

ALL GRANTED EXCEPT FOR THE CENTRAL HOTEL.

THE COURT FILES AN OPINION

Criticizes Remonstrants for Method of Procedure—Will Demand an Improvement in Hotel Service in Future—A Timely Warning.

At the regular session of court in December, the applications for liquor license in Centre county were presented, on Saturday, December 24th. General remonstrances were filed to all the applications from Philippsburg, by numerous signed petitions from citizens of that section. For some time thereafter testimony was taken, and full argument was heard on the same. This action attracted considerable attention to the cases, and the outcome has been awaited with much interest throughout the county. Last week Judge Orvis disposed of all of the applications by refusing license to Wm. H. Hindle, proprietor of the Central Hotel, and granting all the others, all of whom had license heretofore.

In connection with this decision the Court filed an opinion bearing on the various remonstrances that fully explains his reasons for this action. The following is the opinion in full:

JUDGE ORVIS' OPINION.

The following applications were granted in Philippsburg: Hotel—Jesse R. Clifford, First Ward; Wm. H. Hindle, Second Ward; Albert Fasshauer, Harry Washburn Samuel Rodgers, O'Brien & Bowser, Grebe Bros. & Cargo, all in Second Ward. Wholesale Liquor—Orin Vall, George Parks, James Black, all in Second Ward.

Brewers—Philippsburg Brewing Company, Second Ward.

IN RE, Petition of the Philippsburg Brewing Company and others.

December Sessions, 1912.

OPINION.

The history of the present and preceding applications for license from the Borough of Philippsburg strikingly illustrates the practical difficulties that present themselves to the Quarter Sessions as a License Court in satisfaction of the questions and objections raised therein. These difficulties are largely owing to the fact that the several parties in interest almost invariably approach such issues from an entirely different standpoint than they would any other question or issue raised therein. These difficulties are largely owing to the fact that the several parties in interest almost invariably approach such issues from an entirely different standpoint than they would any other question or issue raised therein.

Personally, as the court is now constituted, it has for eight successive years sat upon these same license petitions from Philippsburg without the benefit or assistance of a single remonstrance or of any evidence from any source whatsoever. For eight years, at least, no objection or petition has been filed to the granting of a single license in the borough. Suddenly, without any apparent change in conditions, exceptions are filed to every application, and numerous signatures are obtained to petitions praying the court to refuse each and every application.

In many other sections of the county we have the benefit of personal observation and personal knowledge of the character of the applicants and the fitness of the landlords. In the case of Philippsburg, however, owing to its situation in a distant part of the county, on the western slope of the Allegheny mountains, the court feels that it has not that personal knowledge of the situation, either generally or specially, as will enable it to dispose fairly and properly of the various applications; and that in consequence we are entitled and have a right to expect, when any question is raised to have and receive proper evidence and testimony bearing upon the necessity of the place, the character and condition of the house, and the fitness and qualifications of the applicant. In none of the cases before us from Philippsburg have the remonstrants seen fit to furnish us with any testimony or evidence that will aid us in properly disposing of the applications. No specific charges are made, nor is any evidence produced on the behalf of the remonstrants bearing upon the need of the licensed place or the fitness of the applicant for license. The good citizens through their Counsel, seem to feel that all that was necessary for them to do was to petition the court to refuse any and all license applications on general moral grounds. It was argued by Counsel for remonstrants, that when the remonstrants failed to furnish evidence it was the duty of the court to grant the license, where, thus imposing upon us the burden of supplying the weakness of the remonstrants' own case. In examining the testimony we find that the witnesses, either through timidity or lack of courage, refused or failed to testify against either the character of the applicants or their manner of conducting their business as licensees. If this is not the case, then we can only infer that they concede the qualifications of the several applicants. Counsel for the remonstrants admitted that there was no ground on which the court could refuse license to the Philippsburg Brewing Company, but argued that we could arbitrarily refuse any or all of the other applications. His witnesses do not object to the applications on legal grounds, but base their objections principally, if not wholly, on the fact that they are opposed personally to the license system—one or two witnesses going so far as to aver in their testimony that if any license is granted they saw no reason why all should not be granted. This last frank expression on the part of some witnesses would seem to be virtually the opinion of practically all the witnesses on behalf of the remonstrants. While we respect such a position politically, and while each citizen has a perfect right to advocate local option or prohibition and to so vote at the polls, as the law is not constituted such arguments cannot have any weight in a court of justice. Legal rights and property values must be disposed of in accordance with the law as it is now constituted, nor can we allow ourselves to destroy the

property values and deny the citizen his legal rights except upon evidence properly submitted.

We have no doubt that the public houses of Philippsburg can and ought to be improved, and we propose to insist upon this being done, nor will we renew licenses hereafter where proper evidence is produced showing the unfitness of the applicant or the poor physical condition of his house. To illustrate, we are not satisfied with the past management at the Potter House. The applicant now before us is a stranger, though well recommended, and we now give him notice that we will require marked improvement in the management of the hotel over that of his predecessor, nor will we continue to grant any one a license for the Potter House hereafter unless the building in the meantime is very much improved by its owners.

In conclusion, we think that the only matter of merit urged upon us by the remonstrants is that the traveling public does not require as many hotels as are now being licensed, but as we are left entirely without testimony upon that subject, we are compelled to practically grope our way. We have determined to reduce the number by one for the purpose of setting the effect upon the remaining houses. The court's disposition of the several applications will be endorsed respectively thereon.

By the Court,
ELLIS L. ORVIS, P. J.

CENTRE COUNTY Y. M. C. A.

A Religious Movement That is Gaining in Interest.

The work of the County Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of Centre county is progressing in a most gratifying manner. Mr. Harold R. Austin, of State College, class of 1913, has been appointed County Secretary and the way he is already taking hold of his work speaks well for the future of the enterprise.

Effectively programs are in operation at Lemont, Pine Grove Mills and Boalsburg. The point of contact in each of these communities has been the school. The boys are meeting weekly for Bible study, following the course "Men Who Dared," a study of Old Testament heroes. The other features of the program are varied from week to week in accordance with the leadership which can be made available.

The boys are very much interested in their work and the demand for organization in other towns is spreading rapidly. Plans are now being matured for county-wide Corn Grinding and Athletic Contests. The committee is also planning a number of community surveys and religious censuses similar to that made some weeks ago at Milesburg, in order that any program proposed may be firmly rooted in a clear understanding of actual facts in the various communities.

The following are the men who are giving executive direction to this new enterprise for the men and boys of Centre county: Prof. Thos. L. Malra, State College, chairman; J. Will Hayes, Howard, secretary; Wm. Wayne Thompson, Lemont, recording secretary; David F. Kapp, State College, treasurer; also Dean R. L. Watts, State College; Hon. C. L. Gramley, Rebersburg; Dr. G. S. Frank and A. Walter, Millheim; F. H. Clemson, Stormstown; D. H. Way, Fort Matilda; John F. Holt, Unionville; Oscar E. Miles, Milesburg; Prof. Jonas E. Wagner and James H. Potter, Bellefonte; D. W. Miller, Pine Grove Mills and John H. Niedlich, Pine Hall.

The following are the general supervision of the County Work Department of the State Young Men's Christian Association, W. J. Campbell, secretary, Calder Building, Harrisburg, Pa.

DWELLING DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Late Saturday night between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, the dwelling house on the Brockerhoff farm, located about one mile from town and on the Jacksonville road, occupied by the tenant farmer, George Tibbens, caught fire and was burned to the ground, together with most of its contents.

Mr. Tibbens and a young man named James Miller who makes his home with Mr. Tibbens were alone at the time. Mr. Tibbens being away visiting friends. They retired to bed about eleven o'clock and soon after midnight were awakened by a noise which sounded like bricks falling on the attic floor. On going to the attic they discovered the whole cable end of the roof on fire. Dressing quickly they secured what clothing they could, the piano, a writing desk and a few chairs. The fire spread so rapidly that they could save nothing else and soon the building was in ashes. The fire was evidently caused by a defective flue. Mr. Tibbens loss will be about \$500 in the insurance. Dr. Brockerhoff's loss will be about \$1,500 with \$1,000 insurance. Both were insured in the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre Hall.

The noise which awakened Mr. Tibbens was explained as follows: He had several bags of dried corn hanging to the rafters in the attic, and the fire burned the strings loose with the floor and causing the noise. Had this not happened, both Mr. Tibbens and the boy might have been burned to death before assistance reached them.

Mr. Tibbens has certainly been the victim of adverse circumstances during the past year. Last summer the roof of his barn was blown off during a Jacksonville fall, he lost over one hundred hogs by cholera.

Coleville Young Man in Trouble.

Claud Wolf of Coleville, was arrested on Saturday by Officer Dukeman and on Monday, turned over to a special officer from Williamsport, and taken to that city, charged with obtaining clothing under false pretense. The offense was committed some time last fall. Wolf, who happened to be in Williamsport at that time, purchased a suit of clothes, from a dealer, giving in payment an order on a party whom he claimed to be working for. It turned out afterwards that the order was no good, as he was never employed by the party on whom the order was drawn. The authorities have had Wolf under surveillance for some time and the prosecution would have been dropped had he agreed to pay for the suit, but this he refused to do, so his arrest was ordered.

Remember the special Sales Day on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. There will be bargains galore.

Barefoot Suffragists III.

Scores of women, many of them ill as the result of exposure to the chill wind, during the suffragist parade in Washington on Tuesday. Many of those who took part in the tableau that was a feature of the demonstration and who danced in their bare feet are reported to be seriously ill. Miss Noyes and Miss Anderson are declared to be threatened with pneumonia.

Give Williamsport a Park.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roman Way made a fine gift to the city of Williamsport on Monday night, by presenting two adjoining properties worth \$40,000 containing two and a half acres, at the corner of West Fourth and Maryland streets, for a public park, to be known as Way Garden. Way is a wealthy lumberman.

Huntingdon County Practically Dry.

Every hotel in Huntingdon county, except the Shaffner House at Oriskany, was refused liquor license by Judge Woods, who handed down his decisions recently. Bedford county has also gone dry again.

Oyster Supper at Linden Hall.

Linden Hall Sunday school will hold an oyster supper on the evening of March 22nd at the home of John Diehl. Will also serve ice cream and cake. Everybody cordially invited.

A NEW RAILROAD FOR PHILIPSBURG

WILL OPEN A VAST FIELD OF COAL AND CLAY.

COAL FIELD IN RUSH TOWNSHIP

Will Follow Cold Stream and Distance of Five Miles—Operations Will Start at Once—Charter Secured—A Business Boom.

The application for a charter of a steam railroad up Cold Stream is a matter of deep concern to the people of Philippsburg, and represents the beginning of a new chapter in local history. The movement is a fixed fact with the work already begun, and will materialize into practical operation during the current year.

This proposed railroad undertaking is a measure of proof that the minerals exist along its route in quality and quantity substantially as heretofore insisted upon by the land owners. Prospecting and analysis shows excellent seams of coal, high grade fire and building clays, and sands as high as 99 per cent. silica with all those minerals in large quantity.

Charles H. Rowland, the projector of this railroad, recently acquired by purchase heavy interests in the minerals in approximately ten thousand acres of land along Cold Stream and its tributaries, and the result is the projected railroad to give outlet to the raw material.

The railroad has been called the Moshannon Central Railroad Company, and will be constructed with a view of extension into the new coal basin recently discovered in the upper Black Moshannon country, where unusual quantities of coal and clay were found in quality and quantity to amaze the geological experts.

The organization of the railroad company will be completed about April 1st, but prior to that date a corps of engineers will be upon the ground surveying and fixing the final route. This will follow Cold Stream along the east bank to Tom Tit Run, and thence run up the ravine and from there have an easy grade to the head waters of Forge Run. Rights of ways are now being acquired and with the completion of the survey in April, it is expected that work upon the road bed will be begun early in the spring, and be completed for shipments during the summer.

Freight Wreck at Milesburg.

On Saturday morning about 3:30 o'clock quite a bad freight wreck occurred on the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad opposite the Wallace brick yard at Milesburg. Two freight trains were proceeding on the same track towards Lock Haven, when the first one stopped for water. Before the flagman could stop them the second freight train crashed into the rear end of the first train, wrecking the caboose and three cars and badly damaging the engine. The engine of train No. 2 left the track, and the caboose of the first train caught fire and was burned up. The engineer and fireman of the second train jumped to the ground to save themselves but were badly bruised and cut up. C. M. Sully was the engineer and E. C. Wheeler, the fireman, both of Northumberland. The track was blocked for several hours and traffic delayed.

Sugar Valley Boy Injured.

Richard Karchner, aged 9 years, son of Henry Karchner, of Sugar Valley, while at a small saw at the New Florida farm, Saturday afternoon, sustained a fracture of the skull, back of the left ear. The boy's older brother, Clair, was wielding a sledge hammer for the purpose of tightening up a saw which had become loose from the handle, and struck the boy on the head. He was taken to the Lock Haven hospital, reaching the institution at 11. He was conscious and the fracture was of such a slight nature that the bone apparently did not press against the brain, hence it was decided to await developments before performing an operation. Monday afternoon he was reported as being in good condition—Lock Haven Democrat.

The Smallpox Situation.

During the past week one new case of smallpox developed in Bellefonte, that of Scott Lambert, the janitor at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Lambert and wife occupy rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building and that institution was closed and a card put up on Saturday morning. No other cases have developed and the quarantine was lifted from two houses this week, namely, Mrs. Lloyd Rimert, of Decatur alley, and R. B. Montgomery of east High street. Officer William Beezer has recovered from his attack of smallpox and the quarantine will be lifted on Saturday. With the warm weather approaching it looks as if the smallpox scare was about at an end.

Brakeman's Narrow Escape.

A freight wreck occurred on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad at Milesburg, on Monday evening, which was the result of a rear end collision. Four cars were wrecked and the caboose was demolished. A brakeman, who was sitting in the top of the cabin car, had a miraculous escape from death and owes his life to his promptness. When he realized that a crash was inevitable and not having time to reach the door he leaped out a window on the top of the cabin car and then jumped to safety from the roof of the car.

Peck of Dynamite in Coal.

After a terrific explosion, shattering the heating stove at the home of William Bomboy at Watsontown, Friday, a search of the coal pile resulted in finding a peck of dynamite. It is believed that it got there from the mines, and afterward became frozen, which prevented its exploding until it was warmed.

Prominent Advertising Expert Dead.

Edward P. Remington, head of the Remington advertising agency, of Pittsburgh, died at the Bellevue-Stratford, in Philadelphia, Sunday afternoon. Deceased had accumulated a large fortune through knowledge of advertising and as publisher of a newspaper directory. He was a native of Lycoming county, and the body was taken to Williamsport for burial.

Returned to Home in Tyrone.

Mrs. Melvin Derr and little daughter, Josephine, returned to their home in Tyrone on Tuesday, after spending some time at the former's parental home in Snow Shoe. Mrs. Derr's visit was curtailed by the illness of her daughter, and it was thought advisable to remove her to her home.

IN THE INTEREST OF FORESTRY.

Meeting to Be Held in Tyrone on March 19th.

A meeting of our Forest Fire Protection association will be held in the Tyrone auditorium, 2 o'clock p. m., March 19th. All the land owners are especially urged to be present for this meeting very important business will be transacted. Directors will be elected, constitution adopted and you will learn exactly what state help we may expect. If you fail to be present at this meeting for organizational work dare not reasonably complain with what is done there. Take warning before hand and attend to this very important business yourself. A very conservative estimate of the value of the young tree growth of north western Centre county alone is \$24,000,000 and of the entire state many times this amount. The cost of protection of this property is very insignificant when compared with the cost of planting. For each one that we allow to burn over until natural regeneration will no longer come on of its own accord, there is very great loss indeed. To plant forest trees costs from \$10 to \$15 per acre. If we count the cost of accumulative interest on the entire cost through a period of 60 to 100 years, we have a cost of from \$100 to \$400 per acre. We thus see how much more practical it is to protect that which we have already planted, than to plant, which will most surely be necessary if we don't awaken and protect our young growth of trees now for the future.

We will have with us at this meeting some of the best foresters of the county.

J. M. HOFFMAN.

EVANGELICAL APPOINTMENTS.

With the announcement of the appointments and the adoption of resolutions the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical church closed Monday evening at Lewisburg, after a week's session. The resolutions dwell at length on the liquor traffic.

Appointments were made as follows for this section:

Centre District—H. A. Benfer, Presiding Elder; Altoona, D. F. Young; Bellwood, L. C. Cooper; Bellefonte, A. F. Weaver; Burnham, A. C. Price; Centre Hall, F. H. Foss; Centerville, G. W. Fret; Howard, M. J. Snyder; J. W. Newport, U. F. Swenel; Lewisstown, First church; S. W. Seibert, Newport; E. L. Kessler, Millheim; J. D. Leister, Mexico.

Northumberland Man Killed.

William Crist, 32 years of age, of Northumberland, was instantly killed and Roy Maurey, aged 23 years, of Sunbury, had his right leg and hand crushed when a Pennsy freight car struck a trolley car in Sunbury at noon Thursday. Crist was motorman on the trolley, and Maurey was brakeman on the freight. The trolley was going down Second street from the Court House toward the Reading station. The Pennsy has a switch running to the coal yard and packing house near the Reading station, and as a freight was being shifted over Second street, the trolley approached. Crist immediately tried to stop the trolley, but it ran in the path of the freight. Crist's head was crushed and his neck broken.

Rhoades' Coal Yard Sold.

The coal and grain business conducted successfully for the last twenty years by the late Edward K. Rhoades was sold this week to W. G. Morris by the Edward K. Rhoades estate. The sale includes the real estate connected with the yard as well as the stock of coal, horses, wagons and good will of the business. The price paid is said to have been nine thousand dollars. It is the intention of Mr. Morris to put his son A. G. Morris, Jr., in charge of the business and he will be assisted by D. Wagner Geiss, who has had considerable experience in the business, having been in the employ of Mr. Rhoades for the past ten years. We wish the new owner abundant success.

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Mrs. Melvin Derr and little daughter, Josephine, returned to their home in Tyrone on Tuesday, after spending some time at the former's parental home in Snow Shoe. Mrs. Derr's visit was curtailed by the illness of her daughter, and it was thought advisable to remove her to her home.

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