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RANDOLPH DAGGETT'S UNTIMELY DEATH

KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK TUESDAY EVENING.

FOUR ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Car Swerved Into Ditch and Struck Telephone Pole—Occurred on State Road Two Miles East of Bellefonte—Neck Was Broken.

On Tuesday evening about half past ten a terrible automobile accident occurred on the state road leading from Bellefonte to Hecla Park, and as a result one young man was almost instantly killed and four of his young companions suffered serious injuries. Their names are as follows:

Randolph Daggett, age 17, son of W. L. Daggett, proprietor of the Bush House, almost instantly killed. Skull fractured and neck broken.

Charles Chandler, driver of the car, left arm crushed from elbow to wrist, wrist broken and injured internally.

Frank Thomas, son of Mrs. Mary Thomas, of State College, left wrist broken, fingers crushed, several ribs broken, painfully bruised about head and neck.

Joseph Knisely, son of George Knisely, left knee badly injured, face cut, several teeth knocked out.

J. Robert Cole, Jr., son of Architect Robert Cole, of Bellefonte, badly bruised about head and neck.

When the news became broadcast on Wednesday morning that the accident had occurred and that Randolph Daggett was killed, it caused a feeling of horror and intense excitement throughout the community. The particulars of the sad affair are about as follows:

The young men decided during the early part of the evening that owing to the fact that it was a beautiful moonlight night they would enjoy an automobile ride. One of the party claimed to have a credit of \$3.00 coming to him at Keichline's garage and accordingly they engaged a car for a spin to Hecla Park. Mr. Keichline furnished them a new Ford touring car with Charles Chandler as driver and careful driver, in charge of the car. They left Bellefonte about 8.30 o'clock. Nothing happened on the way down and they stopped at Mr. Workman's house where they spent a half hour singing and listening to music on a victrola. About ten o'clock they started home, singing and laughing and little thinking of the fate that awaited them. They stopped near the school house at Red Bank, when another automobile was seen approaching from behind. A short distance ahead there is a sharp double curve in the state road. From the tracks in the side of the road the next morning it is needless to say it was a grand success. The Undine boys never do things by halves, and these social sessions have come to be looked forward to with great pleasure by those who are fortunate, as to be invited to attend.

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MOVING TIME.

The time will soon be here when a great many of our readers will be changing their residences. In this section the April 1st is moving day. Of those who move, a large number will change their postoffice address and it will be necessary for us to correct our mailing list so that they will get their paper regularly every week. For that reason we would specially call the attention of all subscribers who will have a new address after April 1st to notify us NOW of their change at that time, so that we have time to make the correction and they will not miss a copy of their paper, otherwise the paper will go to the old address. Remember that we are no mind readers, and do not have a wireless system of keeping track of all our patrons, who shift about.

Again we say, if you are moving and you will change your postoffice address after April 1st, please notify us of the change now, and above all be sure to give us the OLD ADDRESS first and then the new one. If you do not give us the old address we then will be compelled to hunt throughout 5500 names and then may get the wrong one.

Another important point that we wish to emphasize at this time is that when you write or remit to a newspaper on subscription, be sure to look at your label and give the name SAME AS PRINTED ON THAT LABEL which will avoid all chances of error. In this county there are many localities where there are a great many families of the same name, and it is a common thing for us to credit money to the wrong party, for the reason that the sender often gives us a name different from that on the mailing list.

MARRIAGES.

Lykens—Sones.
Mr. George W. Lykens and Miss Mary Sones, both of Warriors Mark, were married on Tuesday, March 18, 1913, by David Fink, Justice of the Peace, of Warriors Mark.

Zong—Yorks.
Mr. M. M. Zong, of Mingoville, and Miss Frances A. Yorks, of Oakland Mills, Pa., were married at the U. S. parsonage, in Bellefonte, on Wednesday evening, March 12th by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Winey.

Bodie—Lannan.
James Bodie, son of Jerome Bodie, of Flemington, and Miss Virginia Lannan, of Bald Eagle were joined in the bonds of wedlock at the circuit Evangelical parsonage by Rev. Dick, Wednesday evening of last week. A reception was given by the bride's parents at their home immediately after the wedding.

St. Patrick's Day Banquet.

The fifteenth annual St. Patrick's Day banquet of the Undine Fire Company was held in their handsome building on Monday evening, March 17th and it is needless to say it was a grand success. The Undine boys never do things by halves, and these social sessions have come to be looked forward to with great pleasure by those who are fortunate, as to be invited to attend.

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Fire at Dix Run.

On Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock fire broke out at the residence of Albert Peters, located on Dix Run, about two miles from Unionville, and destroyed both building and contents. The fire started in the wash house adjoining the main building and spread with such rapidity that the entire building was soon in flames. The family were all asleep when the fire started and narrowly escaped with their lives. All their furniture and even their clothing was destroyed. The cause of the fire is a mystery. Mrs. Peters had a fire in the wash house Monday afternoon while doing her washing, and the fire may have started from this, through a defective flue. The loss will probably be about one thousand dollars. We could not learn what insurance, if any, was carried.

"The Third Degree."

"The Third Degree," to be seen at Garman's opera house on April 14th, seems to be the centre of popularity at the theatre-givers everywhere are said to be responding with great firmness to this remarkable drama. They give ample proof of their enjoyment of Charles Klein's cleverness in disclosing the evils too frequently occasioned by the police in making preliminary investigations, and the topic is surely a timely one here. The story of the play adheres to a plausible vein and is filled with a human interest that would make "The Third Degree" a success were it not the public teacher that it is.

get is dying." Knisely is a student at the High school and was recently elected president of the High school base ball team. He is a son of Geo. H. Knisely, of South Water street. All the young men are under 21 years of age except Chandler.

This road was recently rebuilt by the state and is well crowned with limestone that was rolled making the surface smooth, with ample ditches on either side for drainage. The roadway is quite narrow, and when a car is under 30 miles per hour speed, which is not considered fast running on such a curve, there is danger of the rear wheels skidding to the outside of the curve and this is about what caused the unfortunate wreck. There was nothing to indicate a defect in the steering gear.

Randolph Daggett, who lost his life as a result of this accident, was born in Bellefonte and was 17 years of age. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daggett. He was a student at the Bellefonte Academy. Surviving him are his parents and the following brothers: Louis, Boynton and Frederick. Funeral Friday afternoon, services at the home. Interment in Union cemetery.

GRANGE LEADERS WANT TOWNSHIP ROADS

IMPROVED BY APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE.

80,000 MILES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Expert Supervision Is Provided—State to Pay One-Half—Would Create a Special Bureau—Is Endorsed by Grange Leaders.

One of the most important measures offered the present session of the legislature is the Jones-Gibson township road bill which was introduced in the house by its sponsors last week. Ever since the beginning of the session these two members of the house have been working on a measure which they hoped would be acceptable to at least a majority of the legislature and which would receive the approval of the governor. The bill is voluminous, naturally, and gives evidence, on almost every page, of the work and thought the authors have given to it.

The only objection which the public can make, and probably will make against it is that it provides for the creation of a bureau of township roads in the state highway department. Whether rightly or wrongly this department has been attacked, and the appropriation which it asks for this year is enormous. Nevertheless, neither Mr. Jones nor Mr. Gibson is a treasury raider, and it would be difficult to carry out the provisions of the bill without providing the physical as well as the financial means of doing it.

When the authors and sponsors of the bill introduced it they gave a statement to the press, of which the following is a full copy:

Endorsed by Grange Leaders.
"This bill has been prepared after a careful study of the road legislation of several states but particularly of New York state where this system has resulted in a marvelous development and improvement of the township or earth roads. The bill has also been submitted to Mr. Creamer and other leaders of the state grange and has their endorsement.

"The vital point in the bill is state aid to the townships and this feature is not new, but was the purpose of the first Jones dirt road act. The actual money, however, has not been fully appropriated and the state has broken faith with the townships. At present there is due the various townships of the state over \$3,000,000.

"The objection heretofore, on the part of Governor Tener and other state officials has been that the state did not have proper supervision of the money given by the commonwealth. It is the purpose of this bill to establish in the state highway department a bureau of township roads, with a deputy highway commissioner at its head and this bureau will have the whole attention of more than 80,000 miles of township roads in the state. Road building has become a science in recent years, and the local township supervisors should have and want help and instructions in such matters by those competent to give it.

Expert Supervision.
"By the provisions of this act the supervisors of each county will meet and choose a county superintendent of roads. This superintendent in his capacity as school directors choose their township superintendents of roads. This superintendent of roads will be representative of the state highway department and direct and advise the township supervisors in their road work. This has been the weak point in the past. The town supervisor has often been inefficient, and it is hoped under this new plan to aid him in his work as to obtain more intelligent effort and more permanent results.

"The state aids the township to the extent of fifty per cent, not to exceed \$20 per mile, this feature being same as heretofore. This system is needed in Pennsylvania to round out her big road policy. While the state under the Sproul bill takes over and constructs these 6,800 miles of main highways, it also should aid the township in the maintenance of the remaining 80,000 miles of roads, which the plain people everywhere make daily use of. The automobile is everywhere and nearly ruins these earth roads many times. The state collects license money for these automobiles and should return a portion of it to the townships for roads.

Relief to Land Owners.
"Real estate in Pennsylvania is burdened by an average tax of six-tenths of one per cent. This tax is taxed only on the average four mills. Some relief must come to the land owner, and this help to the towns by the state will accomplish this on exactly the same system as the schools have been helped for years past. The Jones-Gibson bill, if it can become fully operative by a full cash appropriation, will do more for the public roads of Pennsylvania than any other legislation up to this time."

208 Killed by Autos.

Pennsylvania stands second in the rank of states for the number of automobile fatalities in the United States and Canada for the five weeks between December and January 23, according to a record kept in Omaha. In these five weeks there were 1,275 accidents, 208 persons killed and 1,230 injured. Of these Pennsylvania had 17 deaths and 11 injuries.

Y. M. C. A. at Millheim.

A movement is being made to establish a Y. M. C. A. at Millheim, and it has the assurance of substantial support from the community. Geo. Smull, of Rebersburg, is taking an active interest in the association and informs us that it is now well under way. Smaller towns than Millheim successfully maintain such institutions.

Hospital Notes.

Admitted for treatment: Mrs. Mary Shroyer, Milesburg; Mr. Robert Way, Fort Matilda; Frank Thomas, Bellefonte.

Operations: John H. Nolan, Nittany; Olive Poorman, Coleville.

Discharged: Jennie Stover, Axemann; Helen Boyer, Bellefonte; Mrs. Alice Jamison, Spring Mills.

NEW ADMINISTRATION MERITS CONFIDENCE

WILSON ABOLISHES BOOZE FROM WHITE HOUSE.

MANY REFORMS ARE INSTITUTED

Special Session Called For April 7th—"Dollar Diplomacy" Abolished—Pennsylvania Democracy Recognized—Tariff Will Be Reduced.

It now is a little over two weeks since Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated President of these United States. At this writing the sun continues to shine, the rains fall on the just and the unjust, water continues to flow down hill, and no news is known to be giving bloody milk—notwithstanding the predictions made from the house tops last summer by our unfortunate and disheathered republican brethren.

The inauguration of the new president was favored with the most auspicious weather, which seemed to augur favorably for four years of wise and tranquil administration. Up to this time little has transpired to disturb the equilibrium of the equinoxes, or even to paralyze the industrial interests of the country. The great railroad systems of the country are placing enormous orders for additional equipment to provide for the carrying trade which seems to be assured by the growing confidence in the nation's resources, and the assurance of a prudent mariner at the helm of the old ship of state. No, the country does not seem to be going to the demagogue bow-downs because we have a level-headed man in the White House who has a conscience, and a will, to guide his course in serving the best interests of all the people.

Every impartial critic has found nothing but praise for the course of President Wilson thus far. His choice of cabinet members has given universal satisfaction. His attitude towards the Mexican Revolutionists who were swept into power over a trail of blood and murder, is repulsive to American ideas and institutions, and the Wilson administration has so notified them, and the American public heartily applauded his courageous stand.

President Wilson is a strict churchman and an abstainer, and so are many members of his cabinet. Being of this conviction, he has fearlessly and frankly let it be known that henceforth during his term in the White House there will be no intoxicating liquors served at any of their functions. The man simply stands by his life-long convictions, and will not be dictated to by his own household no matter what the views or the wishes of others may be; and there is no hesitancy about it either. The man who stands so firmly for his convictions, no matter how unpopular they may be, or how long it takes to get them, is the man who lives up to them consistently, no matter what other powerful interests may think on the subject.

The great horde of office seekers, who now swarm about Washington and make life miserable for their representatives, have been emphatically notified that the time of the president will not be taken up in listening to the merits of the various applicants, no matter how deserving they may be, or competent for the positions to which they aspire. President Wilson insists that his time should be given to more important matters of state, and in this he is eminently right, and the public has again approved his stand. It is not his thought to ignore the faithful who have stood for party success in season and out, but that these questions should be referred to other departments of the government, where they will be time and opportunity for full consideration—that the White House shall not degenerate into an employment bureau. Right you are Woodrow.

Another shock came to the money power and the great financial interests of the country when the President this week gave out a statement that in the future the "Dollar Diplomacy" of the Taft administration in dealing with foreign nations would be abandoned. The president does not see the point that the government should stand back of the money power in certain proposed deals with China, which might involve us in endless complications with other countries. We have enough to do at home, to keep us busy for some time, without hunting trouble in the Oriental countries. Good again, Woodrow. And the people again applaud.

Monday, April 7th, is the date set for the special session of Congress to convene for the consideration of the tariff. The president promised tariff reform, and he now insists that the men who were selected by the people to go to Washington, shall keep their pledges so sacredly made in our platforms and from the public rostrums. It is not the idea of the president that there shall be a slash and a smash of all duties so as to wreck business and cause great confusion in industrial lines. Duties now are too high and give many certain interests undue advantages. The time has come for the interests of the people to be considered, and it will be done. After this the president advises that tariff legislation shall only be made when there has been exhaustive study and sufficient data available to afford intelligent action. But there is going to be a reduction where unjust profits have been levied by the favored interests, upon the people. It is coming and there will be no mistake about it.

There is no doubt of there being favorable action in the house as the majority is large and the friends of the president are in absolute control. The progressive democracy now has matters well in hand and the few reactionaries will have to bow to the great tide of public sentiment that is sweeping the land. In the U. S. senate there was more doubt for some time as to the possibility of a real progressive tariff measure being

M. E. CONFERENCE ENDORSES WILSON

THE RESOLUTIONS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT ALTOONA.

WHERE MINISTERS ARE LOCATED

Appointments Announced for the Altoona District—Meet at Harrisburg Next Year—Events of Closing Session.

The closing sessions of the Methodist Episcopal Conference at Altoona, Monday and Tuesday were filled with interesting happenings and the big auditorium of the First Church was crowded at every session. At the evening session Monday, Rev. J. Ellis Bell presided until the arrival of Bishop Cranston. The opening prayer was made by Dr. E. H. Yocum, of Bellefonte.

One of the sad features observed in the statistical reports is the deficiency in salaries during the past year which is \$6,000. The conference treasurer reported that the total disciplinary collections amounted to \$96,588. Total amount received from all sources, \$124,150.

The Mutual beneficial association held a meeting Tuesday at 1:30 and elected J. Ellis Bell, president, and an executive committee as follows: H. L. Jacobs, W. W. Hartman, D. N. Miller, G. M. Glenn and L. H. Brady, Jr. S. Wilcox, secretary. A committee was appointed to present a plan looking to the payment of a minimum sum of \$1,000 at the death of a member.

At the invitation of Dr. John Fox, conference decided to meet next year in the Grace Church, Harrisburg. The vote of conference was almost unanimous. St. John's church, Sunbury, also extended an invitation as did also First Church, Shamokin.

Dr. Eugene Noble, president of Dickinson College, addressed the conference, in the interest of the institution.

The following resolutions, presented by Revs. Elias C. Swabler, L. W. Leckie, U. R. Whitney, and A. R. Miller, were adopted:

Whereas, associated press dispatches bring to us the cheering intelligence that our new president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, also vice president Marshall and also several members of his cabinet have decided to eliminate from their social functions all intoxicating liquors, and

Whereas, measures have been initiated for preventing, as far as possible, all secular and business transactions in all departments of the national government on the Lord's day, and

Whereas, the United States congress has recently enacted a law prohibiting the transportation of intoxicating liquors into prohibition territory under the interstate Commerce law, therefore be it

Resolved, that we most heartily commend the president and his cabinet and congress for the position they have assumed on these politico-moral questions, and that we most heartily tender to them our moral support in their commendable efforts for reform.

The following is the list of appointments in the Altoona District and the fact that Dr. Yocum has returned to Bellefonte will be good news to his many friends in this community.

District Superintendent, Simpson B. Evans.

Altoona—James Doherty.

Altoona—East, Otho C. Miller.

Broad Avenue and Lysswen, Gordon A. Williams.

Chestnut and Walnut Avenue, C. W. Kams.

Eighth Avenue, Wilford P. Shriner.

Fairview, John C. Young.

Fifth Avenue, John H. Mortimer.

First Church, Horace L. Jacobs.

Italian Mission, Joseph Paclarelli.

Junata, Charles W. Wasson.

Junata Circuit, William W. Reese, (supply).

Simpson, Vaughn T. Rue.

Bakertown, Harry F. Babcock.

Barnesboro, Joseph K. Knisely.

Bellefonte, Ezra H. Yocum.

Bellwood, Jeremiah H. Breneman.

Blandburg, Walter H. Williams.

Cherry Tree, Jesse V. Krall (supply).

Clearfield—Trinity, Henry R. Bender.

Eleventh Street, Richard S. Oyer.

West Side, Bert A. Salter.

Italian Mission, G. C. Brachetti, (supply).

Coalport and Irvona, George L. Comp.

Curwensville, Nelson E. Cleaver.

Flemington, William Moses.

Glen Campbell, Steward H. Engler.

Glen Hope, William H. Breneman.

Stations, Marion J. Runyan.

Hastings, William F. D. Noble.

Howardsdale, Jacob H. Diebel.

Howard, James E. Dunning.

Karhuas, William B. Cook, Jr.

Lumber City, Elmer F. Hefner.

Mahaffey, Abraham I. Frank.

Milesburg and Unionville, Henry K. Ash.

Mill Hall, John W. Worley.

Morrisdale, William A. Carver.

Nunson, Richard H. Colburn.

New Millport, Omer B. Poulson.

Osceola Mills, Herman H. Crostey.

Patton, David D. Kaufman.

Penna Valley, J. Max Lantz.

Phillipsburg, George M. Glenn.

Pleasant Gap, David J. Frum, (supply).

Port Matilda, William B. Cook.

Ramey, Charles C. Snavely.

Salona and Lamar, Willis A. Graham.

Sandy Ridge, Harry T. Stone.

Shawville, John B. Durkee.

Snow Shoe, R. Frank Ruch.

State College, James McK. Retley.

Wallacetown, Michael B. Bubb.

Woodland and Bradford, William H. Hartman.

Superintendents—Elbert V. Brown.

Retired—George B. Aho, David F. Kapp, William A. Stephens, Lewis A. Rudsell, Charles A. Biddle, William W. Reese.

Death of Prominent Attorney.

Charles S. McCormick, Esq., died at his home in Leck Haven, on Tuesday evening, after a ten-days illness with bladder trouble. Deceased was the son of Robert and Mary White McCormick, and was born in Clinton county, Nov. 5th 1835. He graduated from Lafayette College in 1858, and two years later was admitted to the Clinton county bar. Politically he was a democrat and served a term as district attorney of that county from 1862 to 1865. In 1878 he was a candidate for the presiding judgeship of the judicial district, which then was composed of the counties of Clinton, Centre and Clearfield. He was defeated by the late C. A. Mayer by a small majority. In 1906 he was endorsed by Clinton and Clearfield counties and some other of the interior counties, for the superior court, but did not receive the nomination in the convention.

He leaves to survive him two sons, R. B. McCormick and A. W. McCormick, his wife and third son having preceded deceased. Interment was made on Wednesday afternoon.

Special Bargains To-Day.

The Special Sales Days inaugurated by the Merchants Progressive League of Bellefonte are announced for Wednesday and Thursday of this week. That means that you can buy almost anything in the mercantile line today at reduced rates, if you take advantage of the special offerings made by the various merchants of this town. This offer will be good during this Thursday. Get one of their large circulars and see what the different merchants are advertising. If you want to reduce the cost of living this is the time to get the most for your money.

Contest Will Close on April 1st.

The piano contest that has been in progress at Gilliam's store the past few months will close on the first of April. For that reason all persons who are interested and want to secure votes will have to get busy between this and April 1st. You can get votes by paying your subscription at the Centre Democrat office, or by securing your merchandise at Gilliam's department store in the Crider Exchange. During this contest all sales at the store entitle you to a certain number of votes that can be awarded to your choice.

Oyster Supper at Axemann.

On Saturday evening, March 29th, the members of the singing class at Axemann will hold an oyster supper at Gilliam's store, formerly occupied by Harry Harter, to which the general public is cordially invited. The class has adopted this method of raising necessary funds, which they find necessary by reason of a number of members dropping out during the recent smallpox scare. For this reason it is needful for the class to secure aid in the above mentioned way. There should be a liberal patronage of the public.

New Receiver Takes Charge.

The receivers of the American Union Telephone Co., are transferring the United Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s property and interests over to the new receiver, W. B. McCaleb, of Harrisburg, who assumed charge of the united interests, of which the Commercial system in this city and vicinity is a part. It will be the policy of the new receiver to greatly improve the system.

Fire in Boggs Township.

Early Saturday morning fire broke out at the residence of Mrs. Mary Newman located along the road leading from Curtin to Marsh Creek. The fire started in the oil and spread rapidly. The family who were still in bed had barely time to escape with their lives. The building was entirely destroyed with all its contents of furniture, and clothing. The loss is placed at about \$1,000 with \$600 insurance on the building. There was no insurance on furniture.

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