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## DEADLY WILD CARROTS FATAL TO RUSSEL PRICE

### SAD ENDING OF NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY.

## MISTAKEN FOR ARTICHOKE

### Brother and Sister Also Ate of the Poisonous Root, But Their Lives Were Saved by Heroic Treatment—Victim Lived But Few Hours.

The sad and distressing circumstances attending the death last Saturday afternoon of nine-year-old Russel Price from eating wild carrots, and the narrow escape from a similar fate of his companions, two brothers and a younger sister, should forcibly bring to mind the duty of parents in teaching children to avoid such a possible fate. The little victim together with the others, had eaten some poisonous roots thinking they were artichokes. Within a short period of time he was seized with violent convulsions, and his death followed later in the Bellefonte hospital after all human efforts had failed to prolong his life.

The dead boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, who reside in the old McFadden property near Hughes Field base ball grounds. Up until the death of their boy the Price family consisted of the parents and six children, Mildred Madeline, John, Carson, Russel and Helen. Along about the noon hour on Saturday the three boys, John, Carson and Russel, and their younger sister, Helen, aged 5 years, started to fish in Buffalo Run creek near the P. R. R. round house. Tiring of this they decided to hunt artichokes, as they had often done before. They found nothing what they thought were artichokes lying on top of the ground. Russel, after tasting of one remarked that it was bitter, but the older boy reassured them that they were real artichokes by replying that the bitterness might have been caused by lying in the sun. John, however, did not eat any, but Carson, Russel and Helen ate rather freely. A little later they started to cross the footbridge near the lime kilns to fish under the trestle leading to Bellefonte. As they were about to reach the footbridge, Russel became ill and fell in the water. One of the boys ran to the Beaver & Hoy road to secure aid, and by the time he came back Carson and Helen were sick. John then ran to the lime kilns for his father, and by the time he arrived a number of others were on the scene. The children were carried to the residence of Mr. Peters in the row, and Dr. Dale summoned. He at once detected the cause of the illness to have been wild carrots, and knowing the seriousness of the case ordered the two children's removal to the Bellefonte hospital. The little girl's case was not so serious, and she was taken home. The ambulance reached the hospital with the boys about 3 o'clock, and strenuous efforts were at once made to save their lives. At 5:20 the same afternoon Russel died under very terrible suffering. Carson's case responded to the treatment given him and he is now out of danger, although still a patient in the medical ward.

Russel Loraine Price was born March 23, 1904, and was thus aged 9 years and 13 days at the time of his death. He was a bright and lovable child, and will be sadly missed in his home, the United Brethren Sunday school, which he faithfully attended, and by his young companions. Rev. C. W. Winey conducted the funeral services from the home on Tuesday forenoon. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

The parents are desirous of expressing their appreciation for the many kind extensions of aid and sympathy.

## Pastor Installed at Juniata.

The Rev. Harry B. Vail was Tuesday evening formally installed as pastor of the Juniata Presbyterian church. The installation service will be attended by members and friends of the church. An eloquent sermon was delivered by Dr. E. C. Reese, of Clearfield and the ceremony of pastoral installation was conducted by the Rev. Samuel Martin, of State College. Moderator, Huntingdon presbyter. The charge to the pastor was made by the Rev. Henry Howard Stiles, of Altoona, and the charge to the people was delivered by the Rev. W. Potter Van Tries, of Altoona.

## Sued 90 Year Husband for Support.

Sunday Item: At the age of 90 years David Fertig, a civil war veteran of Reed's Station, was before Judge Moser Monday, on a charge of non-support and desertion brought by his wife. The court sentenced him to pay costs and \$8 per month towards the support of his wife. The costs were fourteen dollars, but he declared he did not have the money to pay them, although Daniel Webster Shipman, the woman's attorney told the Court that the defendant had been known to have more than \$400 in bank. The wife is sixty-five years of age.

## Jailed For Using Slot Machines.

Drastic measures are being used by South Bethlehem authorities to get rid of slot machines. A fine of \$50, the costs of prosecution and five hours in the county jail was the sentence imposed Tuesday by Judge Scott on seven storekeepers who pleaded guilty to maintaining gambling devices in their establishments. The devices were the ordinary penny-in-the-slot chewing gum machines, by which the customer could get two, five or ten times the amount invested.

## Wedding Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Stine, of Stormtown, announce the coming marriage of their only daughter, Miss Lillian Belle Stine, to Mr. Lloyd C. Shuey, formerly of State College, now resident of Jersey Shore. The groom-elect employed by the N. Y. C. Railroad Co. at Avia. The wedding will take place in the near future.

## TROLLEY AND FIREMEN BATTLE

### Lively Times in Sunbury Over Laying of Trolley Track.

Excitement reigned supreme in Sunbury on Tuesday when the local trolley company attempted to lay a piece of trolley track to which the council of that borough objected. At one stage of the controversy the fire companies were called out in an effort to frustrate the plans of the trolley company, and their summons by means of blowing the fire alarm drew a thousand or more spectators to the scene.

For some time the Sunbury and Susquehanna Trolley company has been at loggerheads with council over the laying of a connecting link at a point on Market street, near the Court House, to connect their lines with the old Sunbury and Northumberland tracks, now controlled by the S. & S.

Bright and early Tuesday morning the trolley company sent a gang of workmen to that point to lay the tracks, while both judges and the borough solicitor were away fishing. Councilmen awoke, saw the proceedings, and sounded the fire alarm, and when the companies responded ordered the firemen to play the workmen with hose not forgetting Supt. Gentzel who was on the job directing the work.

The firemen lay to with a will, and soon the workmen were driven from the tracks. Gentzel then, it is alleged, ordered his men to cut the hose, when the firemen met them with their fists and bowled them over. At the same time Councilman Wilson Haupt and Supt. Gentzel got in an altercation, which ended when Haupt felled the trolley manager with a blow from his fist.

Gentzel had Haupt arrested on a charge of assault, and charges were preferred against Gentzel for attempting to destroy the fire hose. The council put a large force of men at work filling up the space torn out by the trolley men, and they also hauled the borough street roller on the spot. At the same time a large force of special officers were sworn in to prevent the trolley people from proceeding with the work until an injunction could be secured from the court.

## OPENING OF FISHING SEASON.

In spite of the high and murky water and the cool and threatening weather which marked the opening of the trout fishing season Tuesday all the streams of Centre county were lined with fishermen. As early as midnight the followers of Izaak Walton began to wend their way towards the famous trout streams and by daylight several hundred were fishing along Spring Creek which passes through the borough.

It was generally supposed that trout were unusually scarce this year, but it was disproved on Tuesday, as the catch was quite large, considering the unfavorable weather. All told there were upwards of one thousand trout taken from the various streams in Centre county Tuesday.

Among the most successful anglers caught were Cyril Morensbacher, 40; William Walker, 36; Joseph Thal, 22; George R. Meek, 22; Sinnick Walker, 16; Sheriff Arthur B. Lee, 11; Frank T. Kerns, 9; Hugh Crider, 6; N. B. Spangler, 6; John J. Flower, 6; Wilbur Baney, 9; Harry Thompson, 6; Kline Woodring, 5; T. Clayton Brown, 11. All these were caught in Spring Creek right in the heart of Bellefonte and nine of which were more than a foot in length.

John Wagner caught the biggest fish, 20 inches long. John Gordon caught one 18 inches long and Gordon Long caught two, one 15 inches and one 18 inches in length. Big catches were also made on Fishing Creek and Marsh Creek.

## NO ROAD BOND ISSUE.

### Until the People at the Polls Adopt Proposed Amendment.

Attorney General Bell recently sent a letter to the House at Harrisburg, stating that while it has been an established rule of the department to give opinions to departments of the state government only on a concrete state of facts and an opinion was not requested from him on a bill before the legislature, he replied to an inquiry of the House regarding enabling legislation for \$50,000,000 bond issue. In his belief the proposed amendment must be adopted by the people before any bills to issue bonds can be passed.

## Celebrated 73rd Birthday.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Adams, at Reese Hollow, a dinner was given by their sons and daughters in honor of Mr. Adams' birthday, it being his 73rd year, and who is yet hale and hearty and enjoyed the gathering very much. They came with baskets laden with cakes and good things to eat. Those in attendance were Edward Sharer, wife and family; Dorie Adams and family; Sam McMonigal and family; Lizze Crum, Will Rhoads and wife, Christ Sharer and wife, Mrs. C. Thomas, Mrs. Austin Nearhoof and little son. About 5 o'clock all departed for their homes wishing him many more happy birthdays.

## Retired For Misusing Positions.

Seven boys of the senior class of the Harrisburg Central High School were removed from the staff of the high school Argus by W. H. Steele, principal, because of alleged misuse of their positions. The State College Thorpian presented "The Yankee Brigands" there last month, the Argus receiving fifteen tickets in exchange for advertising, instead of cash. The seven seniors appropriated these tickets to their own use, it is said, without consulting the faculty or other members of the staff.

## Professor Steele Demanded that the boys pay into the Argus treasury the amount of cash represented by the tickets, which they refused to do and their dismissal followed.

## Present Postmasters to Be Retained.

Postmaster-General Burleson has announced that it was the Administration's policy to continue all Republican postmasters in their offices till the end of their terms, provided no charges were sustained against their efficiency. The policy applies to all classes of postmasters.

## HEAVY BURDEN ON BENNER TWP.

### DUE TO STATE PURCHASING MUCH FARM LAND.

## NOW IS EXEMPT FROM TAXES

### A Loss of \$1726 in Local Taxes—Ask State to Bear its Share of the Burden—Special Bill Prepared—Unusual Condition.

When the site for the new penitentiary in the Western district of Pennsylvania was selected in Centre county, the greater portion of the farm land purchased was located in Benner township. As this is for a state institution the land is exempt from taxation. The former assessed valuation of the property located in Benner township purchased by the state was \$132,772, on which the annual local taxes paid were \$1726 for the various farms in the township, and \$929 for the county, or a total of \$2655 in taxes. While the amount of revenue that the county will miss on this account is not so large, the balance of the taxable property in the township will have to bear an extra large burden.

The location of the penitentiary will not reduce the number of schools, the expense of maintaining the public roads, or the number of poor. The penitentiary will bring more people into that section and they will be entitled to the advantages of the public schools, which are maintained by taxation on the balance of the real estate. Any one can readily see that this will work a hardship on the other residents of that township, due to the state acquiring this land.

At present there is no law that will enable the local authorities to collect any taxes from the numerous farms now the property of the new penitentiary. The County Commissioners realize that this places an undue burden on those people and they are unable to alter the existing conditions. The matter was recently taken up with Supt. John Francis, and he has frankly admitted that this situation is not just to those people. After the census was taken, he decided to make application to the state for the passage of a special act, by the present legislature, that will authorize the officers of Benner township to assess the present surface value of the ground for local township taxes, and it is to be specifically indicated in the bill that all improvements, in the shape of buildings, etc., be exempt from taxation in the future and that this tax be paid by the state. These provisions were generally agreed upon and the Commissioners instructed their solicitor, N. B. Spangler, to prepare a bill along that line and have our State Senator and member of the Assembly urged to hear on Monday. As yet, however, will also urge its merits upon the present session and ask for its enactment.

## RECENT DEATHS.

STEVENSON.—Forest M. Stevenson, a well known citizen of Penn township, died at his home near Millheim Tuesday morning of apoplexy. Mr. Stevenson, who was familiarly known as "Joe" Stevenson, was engaged by trade and in November, 1910, while at work in the woods of West Virginia was stricken with paralysis. He was brought home and since has had several slight strokes of paralysis. On Monday, April 14, he died with apoplexy and passed away as above stated. Surviving him are his widow and two children: Mrs. J. W. Burkholder, of Altoona and Jas. B. of Pitsburg. He also leaves a brother, George, of Philipsburg, and a sister, Miss Lizzie, of Syracuse, N. Y. The deceased was a member of Millheim Lodge of Odd Fellow for 19 years and they will have charge of the services at the grave. The funeral will take place Friday at 9:30 a. m. from the house. Rev. J. Max Lantz will officiate, assisted by Rev. W. J. Interment in Fairview cemetery.

MILLER.—The many friends of Charles W. Miller were greatly shocked to hear on Monday of his sudden death which occurred that morning at Canton, Pa., where he was employed at his trade as a cigar maker. Mr. Miller boarded at the Canton House and went to bed Sunday night in his usual good health. As he did not come down to breakfast the clerk went to his room to arouse him and discovered that he was dead. A doctor was called and from an examination of his body it was decided he died about 3 o'clock. Death was due to heart disease. Mr. Miller was in the employ of the Wirth Tobacco Company at his trade as a cigar maker and had been in Canton for about a year. The deceased was born in Tyrone, Pa., on February 19th, 1858, making his age, 55 years, 1 month and 27 days. He was the son of William C. and Eleonora Miller. When a young man he located in Bellefonte and learned the cigar makers trade. For many years he was in the employ of the late Hamilton Otto, and at one time was in business for himself in his rooming in Criders' building, now occupied by Wm. McClure. He was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Hoover, of this place, who survives him, with the following children: John E., Mrs. Ellie Gordon, Samuel and Sarah, of Altoona. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Ellsworth, of Dunbar; Mrs. Kate James, of Altoona; Mrs. Carrie Naab, of Spruce Creek, and Lonzie Miller, of Tyrone. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Tuesday afternoon and taken to his residence on South Water street, where the funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. C. Shuey, officiated. Interment in the Union cemetery.

## Uncle Pennywise Says

A man who's been a failure at everything else figures that he can always fall back on the chicken business.

## EXTRAVAGANCE AT THE STATE CAPITOL

### UNEARTHED RECENTLY BY INVESTIGATIONS.

## MANY PADDED PAY ROLLS

### Drawing Salaries For Doing Nothing—Tener's Junket to California—Democrats Insist on Economy—Long List of Abuses.

Graft-tainted atmosphere. The political atmosphere in Capitol Hill has been tainted with graft for so many years it is not surprising that some State employes regard the diversion of money that should be in the State treasury into their own pockets as a perfectly legitimate source of addition to the fat salaries allowed them for little real work. It was lately revealed that the chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State government, to whom under the law all births and deaths must be reported, at a large expense to the state, has been annually reaping a profit of about \$3,500 by the sale of the same statistics to the federal government. This official receives a salary of \$2,500 from the state as chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics and an extra \$1,000, also from the state, for his services in the Marriage Bureau. Inadequacy of compensation can hardly be put on a par with the grafting of the information collected by the state and pocketing the proceeds.

This is believed to be only one of many instances of graft in the various state departments, all of which will be cut off if a bill introduced by Democratic Floor Leader E. Lowry Humes becomes a law. The Humes bill provides that all fees received by any state employe for the use or sale of statistics, reports, documents or information which came to him in his official capacity must be turned into the state treasury.

## Many Scandals Unearthed.

The Democrats began the work of unearthing scandalous mismanagement, waste of public funds, petty graft and graft not so petty, early in the session. One of the first revelations, and one which aroused the Governor's ire, was that of the expenditure of \$11,000 for a cross-country junket by Governor Tener and a merry party of political friends for the ostensible purpose of choosing a site for the Pennsylvania building at the Panama-Pacific exposition. The Governor's party made the trip in an elaborate train of private cars, the larder and ice boxes bulging with the best to eat, drink and smoke. Party numbers, at various stages of the journey, from thirty to fifty, and all expenses were paid by the State Treasury. No other "business" was transacted except the selection of a piece of ground upon which to construct a building for this state's exhibit at the exposition.

Another Democratic demand for information brought forth, with much grumbling and little grace, the first definite and detailed statement since 1909 of the doings and expenditures of the State Highway department. The report reveals that the state had been paying at the rate of \$20,000 a mile for the construction of state highways under the Sproul Act, and that at the same rate of expenditure the state had nearly \$200,000,000 instead of the \$50,000,000 to be provided by the proposed bond issue, to complete the 8,000 odd miles of roadways contemplated by this act.

## Purging the Payrolls.

The Geiser Committee and the Humes Committee, both appointed upon Democratic initiative and headed by Democratic chairman, have revealed a scandalous state of affairs in the public pay rolls. The Geiser committee's investigation of dual office holders provoked a set-to between the House and the Executive department from which Governor Tener was glad to retire with as little humiliation as possible when he found that the House would not permit itself to be bulldozed into repudiating the action of its committee in subpoenaing executive department employes to testify Governor Tener's private secretary, Walter Galtner, stands foremost among the dual office holders revealed by the committee's activities. The other scores of other Machine favorites holding two offices each and performing little service for the double salaries they receive.

If the recommendation of the Humes Committee are enacted into law the state will be saved not less than \$40,000 each session and the efficiency of the House and Senate employes will be greatly increased. The committee found men on the state payroll at \$7 a day who perform absolutely no service, their employment being merely payment out of the state treasury for political service rendered. On Saturday, April 12, the men were found drawing \$6 a day, Sundays and holidays included, for the arduous task of unlocking a door in the morning, when a committee room was required, and locking it again in the evening. A system of farming out jobs was revealed, whereby the holder of a place on the state payroll comes to the capitol but once a month, to draw his pay and settle with his substitutes, the latter getting anywhere from one-third to one-sixth of the amount paid by the state, and the balance going into the pocket of the political contractor. Instances were found where appointees had remained at home continuously without even hiring a substitute, their "duties" being such as to make their absence unnoticed. In a very few cases departments were found insufficiently manned and their employes overworked while other state employes, drawing the same salaries, had little or nothing to do. If the recommendations of the Humes Committee are heeded, the entire system of House and Senate employment will be revolutionized, sinecures and graft eliminated, efficiency secured and at least \$40,000 a session saved to the state treasury.

## One of the most glaring examples

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## FELL THROUGH SKY LIGHT.

### Scott Lambert's Painful Experience Last Thursday.

Having just recovered from a month's illness during which time his home at the Y. M. C. A. was quarantined for small pox, Scott Lambert, the popular janitor of the building, met with more misfortune last week by falling through a skylight, a distance of about twelve feet. Mr. Lambert's experience was a serious one and might easily have resulted in instant death. As it was, he carries a painful cut on his head, and has both hands swathed in bandages, besides other contusions over his body.

Last Thursday Mr. Lambert was engaged in cleaning the windows of the gymnasium building. Between that structure and the main building is an areaway, in which there is an opening, about the size of a door, which leads to the boiler room below. This is for the purpose of securing light in the lower room, and was covered by a heavy pane of glass. The janitor stepped backward onto this, and in some manner the large glass moved from its fastenings and tilted, precipitating Mr. Lambert to the floor below. Along with him went a metal scrub bucket he was using, together with the glass, and the latter was smashed to smithereens. The man struck his head, cutting an ugly wound which rendered him unconscious, and as no one was in the vicinity at the time he lay among the wreckage for nearly twenty minutes before reviving. He was assisted to his room and put to bed. A physician called to examine "Scotty" injuries to the all of an external nature. This is the only fortunate part of the accident, and while had enough as his cuts and bruises are, his friends rejoice that he is rapidly recovering under the careful nursing of his wife.

## ESCAPED TRUSTY IS CAUGHT.

### One of Warden Francis' Men Takes French Leave Last Week.

William Hogan, one of the men recently brought from the Western Penitentiary by Warden Francis to work on the new institution in Centre county, had been given plenty of time to reflect upon the serious mistake he had made in attempting to run away last Wednesday. He was captured at Tyrone the next day by Chief of Police Wards, of that town, and was taken to the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh where he will have to serve his entire sentence again.

Hogan had but a short time yet to serve of a sentence for aggravated assault and battery, for which he was convicted in the court of Venango county. Up until recently his actions were those of a model prisoner, and like all the convicts brought to Centre county, was put upon his honor while at his work. He was turned out with the other prisoners Wednesday morning of last week but it was not until well in the afternoon that he was found to be missing. A search was at once begun and the local authorities notified. Sheriff Lee's inquiries developed the fact that Hogan had gone to Pleasant Gap and met Howard Wells to whom he exhibited his pension check of \$18 as a Spanish-American War veteran, and asked the proper method of being identified in getting it cashed at Bellefonte. Hogan came to Bellefonte instead of stopping continued down the state road to Milesburg where he purchased a ticket and boarded a train for Vail, later going to Tyrone. Sheriff Lee informed the Tyrone county sheriff of the fact that Hogan had been seen at Milesburg and followed the next day. Hogan was the first man to take advantage of Warden Francis' kindness in granting special liberties to the gang under his charge.

## WILL BE BIG EVENT.

### Appearance of Academy Minstrels at Garman's Opera House.

Fifty artists in refined minstrelsy and the black face art comprise the Academy aggregation that will hold the boards at Garman's opera house, beginning Monday night, April 14. There will be eight funny end men with side-splitting jokes and manoeuvres; singers of quartets, ballads and comic songs. Two expert clog dancers will entertain you with the latest in their line. A superb brass band and orchestra of noted musicians have been engaged. A grand street parade will be given in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. The chart will be opened at Parrish's drug store Tuesday morning, May 13.

## MARRIAGES.

### Waite-Corman.

Mr. James Ed. Waite, of Willow Bank street, and Miss Edith L. Corman, of Spring street, were quietly married at the United Evangelical parsonage, Thursday evening, April 10, 1913, by Rev. A. F. Weaver. Both are faithful members of the local United Evangelical church. They went immediately to their newly furnished home on Blanchard street.

## States-Bathurst.

On Saturday, April 5th, George States, of Graysville, and Miss Susan Bathurst, of Ferguson township, eluded their friends and going to Cumberland, Md., were united in marriage. They returned on the following Tuesday, received the parental blessing and are now at the bridegroom's home at Graysville. They are both popular young people and well liked in their home communities.

## Platt-Breon.

Thursday, April 3rd, Lynn Platt, of State College, and Miss Helen Breon, Altoona, were married at the church around the corner in Elmira, New York. From there they went to the home of the parents of the groom, at Towanda, returning to the bride's home the following Tuesday evening. The groom is employed by Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of Pennsylvania State College, as a chauffeur. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Breon, and is well known by many of the readers. The young couple will begin housekeeping at State College in the near future.

## Auction sale will be held on Saturday evening at Meese's store in Colyer.

## ELECTRIC CHAIR INSTEAD OF GALLOWES

### NEW METHOD OF INFLECTING DEATH PENALTY.

## AT CENTRE CO. PENITENTIARY

### Legislature Makes Appropriations For Special Building at New Penitentiary—For Use of Entire State—Provisions of Bill.

If the new Hess bill, establishing electrocution as the legal form of inflicting the death penalty becomes a law, and there is every reason to believe that it will, Centre county will be the scene of all future executions in the State. The bill which had its first reading on Monday night, has been entirely redrafted by the judiciary special committee of the house, and provides that all executions must take place in a death house at the new penitentiary about to be erected in Centre county.

The Hess bill, as first drawn provided that electrocution should be administered in both the Eastern and Western penitentiaries. The new bill specifies that the penalty must be inflicted at the new Western penitentiary now in course of construction in Centre county. An appropriation of \$20,000 is made for the erection of a building and the installation of the electric apparatus.

The original act read that "whenever any person shall be condemned to suffer death" they are to be electrocuted. The new act is worded as follows:

"That every person, his heirs, his abettors, and counselors hereafter convicted of the crime of murder of the first degree," then follows a full description as to how the electrocution shall be made. It is similar to that in effect in other States.

Under the new bill whenever any person is convicted and sentenced to death the clerk of the court of the proper county must transmit to the governor a complete transcript of the record within 30 days after sentence, or in event of appeal, within 20 days after the final disposal of the appeal. Following the receipt of the record the governor is to issue his warrant directed to the warden of the Western penitentiary commanding the latter to cause such convict to be executed in that penitentiary within the week to be named by the governor.

Upon receipt of the governor's warrant, the warden shall notify the officer having charge of the convict to deliver him into the custody of the warden at once. The prisoner must be kept in solitary confinement until death penalty sentence is pronounced. He is to be permitted to see no persons except the officers of the penitentiary, his counsel, spiritual adviser and members of his family.

The execution is to be witnessed by only the warden, a qualified physician, six reputable citizens selected by the warden, the prisoner's spiritual adviser, not more than six duly accredited representatives of daily newspapers and officers of the penitentiary. Following the execution the warden must notify the proper county court that the orders of the court have been carried out.

The physician present at the execution must perform a post-mortem examination of the body following execution and the report filed with the court. Unless the body is claimed by relatives it is to be delivered to agents of the State anatomical board. The expenses incident to such execution are to be paid from the penitentiary contingent fund.

## Must Erect Building.

Immediately upon passage of the act the board of inspectors of the Western penitentiary are to proceed with the erection of an appropriate building upon the grounds of the new institution in Centre county and install the apparatus for such executions.

The act will not apply to persons now under sentence of death. The act under which such persons have been convicted and sentenced will remain in force until all have been executed.

A similar bill presented in the last Legislature was opposed by Warden John Francis of the Western, and R. J. McKenty, of the Eastern penitentiaries, and failed of passage. The Legislature then created a commission composed of the two wardens and former Representative John F. Morris, of Philadelphia, to investigate the question. Francis and McKenty joined in a majority report advocating no change in the present system of executing prisoners, while Morris submitted a minority report in favor of electrocution. Morris was the author of the bill killed by the Legislature of 1911.

The prison wardens opposed the bill presented in the present Legislature because it directed the wardens to perform the executions. The prison inspectors also objected to this feature. As the Hess bill directs that the executions are to be performed by either the warden or a deputy, this opposition may be eliminated. The bill has been reported affirmatively by the committee and is on the first reading calendar.

## Seeking Manufacturing Site.

On Monday several representatives of an automobile manufacturer were in Bellefonte looking for a site. Inquiring into the advantages the town could offer in the way of providing a suitable site for the removal of their plant. A number of available sites including the ball field, nailworks meadow, Fair grounds, etc., were shown the visitors, and they expressed approval over what they had seen. They left Bellefonte to look over other sites that are being offered throughout the state, therefore no definite news can be given as to how local facilities size up.

## Salona Stone Quarries Start Up.

The Bellefonte lime stone quarry at Salona after several months shut down started up Monday morning in full blast which will give much employment to the Salona laborers and give the Salona merchants a boost during the coming summer.