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## WEDDING BELLS RING MERRILY

### DAN CUPID WAS BUSY DURING PAST WEEK.

## THE FURST-HARRAR NUPTIALS

Son of the Late Judge Furst Weds  
Williamsport Lady—Miss Huyett  
Becomes the Bride of Wm. A. Ma-  
gee.

### Furst-Harrar.

A wedding of considerable interest to Bellefonte and vicinity was that of James C. Furst, son of the late Judge Austin O. Furst, of Bellefonte, and Miss Mary Adele Harrar, daughter of Mrs. Elwood Scott Harrar, of Williamsport, which happy event occurred last evening at 8 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church at Williamsport, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. William G. Hoag, the pastor. The scene was indeed a beautiful one, the church being handsomely adorned with palms and daisies, the color scheme being yellow. The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. James A. Harrar, of New York. She looked very pretty and attractive in a costume of white charmeuse, trimmed with rare old lace which belonged to her mother. She carried a bouquet of white orchids. The bridesmaids were becoming gowns of yellow brocade charmeuse and carried yellow jonquils. The bride's sister, Miss Mabel Harrar, was maid of honor. She was attired in yellow and carried a bouquet of white orchids. The bridesmaids were becoming gowns of yellow brocade charmeuse and carried yellow jonquils. The bridesmaids were Miss Grace Van Dusen, Miss Mary Rhoads, Miss Clara Gibson and Miss Lillian Harrar. Mr. Furst was attended by his brother, Walter Furst, as best man. The ushers were William L. Chamberlain, of Scranton; John Curtin, of Bellefonte; R. Marshall Wilson, of Milton; W. Sanderson Detweiler, of Columbia; Hugh Laird Curtin, of Bellefonte; and J. Norman Shearer, of Harrisburg. Among the guests present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. William B. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Chamberlain, of Milton; William S. Furst and Miss Sarah Watson, of Overbrook; Mrs. James E. Chamberlain, of Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wagner and Jay Wagner, of Watsonstown; W. C. Snyder, of Snow Shoe. Those present from Bellefonte were Mrs. Caroline Furst, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Morris, Miss Elizabeth Gopher, Miss Sarah Foster, Mrs. Evelyn Rogers, Mrs. J. Coburn Rogers, Mrs. Catherine Dinges, Col. and Mrs. W. Fred Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Beaver, Mrs. J. P. Coburn, Miss Mary Hunter, Linn, Henry C. Quicker, John J. Curtin, a nephew of the groom. After the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, No. 915 West Fourth street and at 11:30 o'clock the bride and groom departed on their wedding tour. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents among them being a mahogany library table, oriental rugs, a Chinese clock, a Sheffield tray and numerous other articles in gold and silver. The bride and groom departed on their wedding tour. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents among them being a mahogany library table, oriental rugs, a Chinese clock, a Sheffield tray and numerous other articles in gold and silver. The bride and groom departed on their wedding tour.

### Magee-Huyett.

A very pretty home wedding was celebrated last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Huyett at Centre Hall when their daughter, Miss Lela May Huyett, became the bride of William Austin Magee, of Philadelphia. The house was very beautifully decorated with potted plants, cut flowers and palms and with the bridal party and assembled guests presented a very attractive scene. Promptly at the appointed hour and to the music of Lohengrin's wedding march, as played by Boyd Magee, a brother of the groom, the happy couple took their places before Rev. F. W. Barry, pastor of the Lutheran church at Centre Hall, and were pronounced man and wife. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. E. M. Huyett. She was attended by her sister, Miss Miriam Huyett, as flower girl. The groom was attended by his brother, Forest N. Magee, of Philadelphia as best man. At 6:30 o'clock a reception was held and later the bride and groom left on a wedding tour to Canada. The bride is the daughter of E. M. Huyett, the senior member of the Huyett-McNitt Lumber Company and is a pretty and attractive young lady. The groom whose boyhood days were spent in Bellefonte is the oldest son of the late R. M. Magee, a former superintendent of the public schools of Centre county and at one time a prominent attorney at the Centre County Bar. The groom has been employed for several years past in the Custom house at Philadelphia and will go to housekeeping with his bride in the Quaker City. Among the guests in attendance were the following from Bellefonte: Mr. and Mrs. John P. Harris, Dr. Edith Schadt, Mrs. J. A. Aiken, Miss Emma Aiken, Miss Helen Harper, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray Meek, Miss Mary Meek, George R. Meek, Hardman P. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wagner Geiss and Andrew McNitt.

### Hoy-Hull.

Harvey H. Hoy, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Emma C. Hull, of Bellefonte, two very popular young people of this vicinity, surprised their many friends by announcing their marriage which took place Monday, April 7th, at Niagara Falls, and was performed by the Methodist Episcopal minister at that place. Mr. Hoy has secured a good position at the Falls and the happy young couple have gone to housekeeping there. Their many friends in this vicinity wish them a happy and prosperous voyage on the sea of matrimony.

## JOSEPH CRUMBINE KILLED.

Centre County Man Crushed to Death at Brick Plant.  
The Harrison-Walker brick works in Clearfield county, was the scene of a fatality on Wednesday evening of last week when Joseph Crumbine, a former resident of Centre county, was caught in the 26-inch belt which drives the pans and crushed to death. The unfortunate man was on the night shift, and had just started wheeling clay, when he went into the cellar where the huge driving wheels are located and where no person is supposed to go while the plant is in operation. About 7 o'clock George Carson noticed the man going down, and when he did not return in the course of a few minutes, the engineer was notified and the engine stopped. Crumbine was found lying at the bottom of the pit, with his breast crushed, a number of ribs broken, and other injuries. Dr. Reiley was summoned but the man had died instantly. J. C. Barclay was notified and held a coroner's inquest and returned a verdict of accidental death. Mr. Crumbine was aged about 23 years, was of German descent, and quite well known in and about Bellefonte. He was the son of Michael and Katherine Halderman Crumbine, and was born at Rock Forge, August, 1873. His mother, who was married the second time, to James Blair, survives and resides in Altoona. Also one sister, Mrs. Dora Krape, of Ohio, formerly of Centre Hall and a half-brother and half-sister, Wes, Blair, of Clearfield and Mrs. Ella Ebers, of Tyrone. Deceased had left Bellefonte but a short time ago to work at the brick plant. While here he was employed by Snyder Tate on his ice wagon, and was also an orderly at the hospital for some time. About three years ago he was married to Miss Kyler, of Woodland, who survives him. The body of the unfortunate man was taken to Woodland for burial, which was made on Saturday forenoon.

State College to Have an Opera House  
From the State College Times  
Learn that their enterprising town is soon to have an opera house. The Times says: Robert M. Foster, who some time ago purchased the old Ewing property at the northeast corner of Allen and Beaver, will shortly commence operations on a commodious building at that point which will combine an opera house with a seating capacity of 500, one or two store-rooms on the first floor, two flats on the second and third floors and a basement room, which will be suitable for several lines of business.

From the plans exhibited by Mr. Foster the building will be fireproof and of light brick, reinforced with steelwork and an ornament to that particular section.  
Mr. Foster, who is a wideawake business man, has in mind the advancement of the business interests of the town and with this end in view will have this new building completed by the end of the month. The building will be about 40x70 with a completely equipped stage, and the store-rooms, 19x24 and 15x36 which can be utilized as one if so desired. The basement room will be about 50x60. The cost of the building is not given, but will run up into the thousands.

## Chicken Thief Causes \$4000 Blaze.

Three barns were burned to the ground at Lewisburg, Monday morning, the work of what is supposed to have been a chicken thief. The fire originated in the barn of Rev. H. A. Benfer, pastor of the Evangelical church, and quickly spread to the barns of L. J. Bennage and J. H. Perrett. All three were burned to the foundations.

It is believed that the fire was started accidentally by a chicken thief. Rev. Benfer has a number of valuable hens and so has Mr. Bennage. It is thought that the thief struck some loose straw outside the barn of Rev. Benfer, and that the blaze had eaten its way into the barn before it was discovered. The loss approaches \$4,000, covered by insurance.

## Country Dance at Shingletown.

Wednesday evening of last week a delightful dance was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Martz, at Shingletown, in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Estella Martz Markle, who will leave in a short time for the orange groves of Florida, to join the husband. The music for this occasion was furnished by John Jacobs of Boalsburg, in his usual pleasing style. Refreshments were served at midnight to over one hundred guests, some of whom came from Pottersburg, Altoona, State College, Pine Grove, Williamsport and vicinity. After spending an enjoyable evening the happy crowd departed, wishing Mrs. Markle success and happiness in her new home.

## Prisoner's Appendix Removed.

David Everett, convicted murderer of Harry Miller, Northumberland county, who is serving a twelve years' sentence in the eastern penitentiary for the crime, was operated upon last week for appendicitis. He stood the operation well and will recover. Everett was taken ill a little over a week ago. His ailment was supposed to have been typhoid fever, and he was so treated for a couple of days. Then when the pain in the region the appendix became acute the patient was taken to the prison hospital, where the operation was performed.

## State College Man Gets Appointment.

The position of chief of the proposed new department of labor and industry has been offered by Governor Tener to John Price Jackson, dean of the engineering school, at State College, and he has accepted. The place pays \$8,000. The new department of factory inspection, which is abolished, will be for final passage in the senate.

Frank Feeney, labor leader and former elevator inspector in Philadelphia, is to be chief inspector at \$5,000.

## Presiding Elder at Zion Hill.

Rev. T. L. Wentz, Presiding Elder, will preach at Zion Hill Evangelical church, Spring Mills, on Saturday evening, May 3rd, and on Sunday morning, May 4th, at which time he will conduct communion service.

## DR. ALFRED BIERLY DESIGNS NEW FLAG

### MAY BE ADOPTED BY UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

## NATIVE CENTRE COUNTY MAN

Born and Reared at Madisonburg,  
Now a Resident of Chicago—A Musician of Note and Composer of Many Songs.

There is a possibility that Centre county may achieve the honor of furnishing the designer of a new national flag. On the eighth of last August a resolution was introduced in the National House of Representatives favoring the adoption of a new flag, designed by Dr. Alfred Bierly, of Chicago. Mr. Bierly is a Centre county man, and was born and raised at Madisonburg. He is a musician of note, and the composer of many songs and musical scores that have received wide popularity. The new flag design, as drawn by Mr. Bierly, retains the original thirteen stripes. In the blue field at the corner is a circle embracing a large star—both circle and star being composed of the forty-eight stars representing the states. In the center of the large star is a red circle. The designer symbolizes his new creation as follows: Large star—Our Republic; star circle—Federal Union; small stars—the forty-eight states; red circle—our words.

At the time the new design was introduced in congress the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That the flag of the United States of America shall hereafter be as described: It shall consist of thirteen alternating horizontal stripes, red and white, with a field of blue in which shall be stars to the extent of forty-eight, arranged in a circle, to symbolize our Federal Union, which said circle shall be increased one star upon the admission of any other state. The said circle shall be divided into four quadrants by a large five-pointed star, shall be constructed of smaller stars, shall symbolize and represent our unparalleled nation, the Great Republic of the world. In the center of said star shall be a smaller star, which shall be described as follows: A red circle, which shall represent our territorial and insular possessions."

It is very likely that at the next session of congress a report will be made on this resolution.

The following bit of biography connected with Mr. Bierly, furnished by Lewisburg correspondent, will be read with interest by many who know him:

Among his earliest triumphs as a musical composer, Bellefonte may still have a memory, though doubtless he has earned his money elsewhere. Mr. A. C. concert in the spring of 1885 was departed this life. It was through the influence of Abe Lukenbach that Alfred was secured to lead the chorus of forty voices, and he chose Henry Farmer's Mass in E flat. At that time the sons of Peter Bierly, his uncle maintained an orchestra which their father had organized with his five boys in his own family at Madisonburg. The other members having heard them play about sixty years ago at the residence of George Bierly on the old plantation near Rebersburg. In this orchestra were eight virtuosos, led by Lemuel Bierly, as first violin. Nathaniel, played the flute and Robert the cello. The other musicians were residents of Bellefonte. When the conductor came to supply his orchestra with the parts for each instrument, but one violin part could be found in America. This was described by a small star above. Here, his family genius came to his rescue. The violin part was owned by a clergyman in New York City and in manuscript form. He got the part and with music paper described by a small star above. He sat down to write all the orchestra parts. Think of the task. None but a genius would have attempted it. Six parts to be written by "a country singing master," as our musicians were then known. Men who earned their money not on works on theory, counterpoint, thorough bass etc., but from the birds and the brooks.

A week and a half sufficed. Every part was neatly written out. Six times one hundred pages, and evoked the parts in perfect harmony. Even a professor at Leipzig or Milan might have paused at so gigantic a task. But nothing daunted, this youth knew no word like "fail." The mouth of Cardinal Richelieu seems to have been spontaneous in his mind: "In all the bright lexicon of youth, there is no such word as fail." He had found the key of destiny. He called the orchestra together, placed the freshy composed music before them, took his place as leader, and the rehearsal was on. No explanation; no apologies. The concert was a notable success. They were asked to repeat it, which they acceded to. A gentleman from Williamsport, Horace Whitman, sang the leading tenor part and he was a professional musician, soloist and organist in one of the Catholic churches. No one then knew, and probably no one ever learned, who had supplied the divine harmony, but the singer part in that entertainment—all perfectly written as herein detailed by a Brush valley boy who had never written a note of orchestra music before.

As a postulate to the above, some may remember at Madisonburg that Peter Bierly (son of Nicholas) was a cabinet maker by trade. He determined to build a church organ of his own, which is said to be still in existence. In order to build the organ he had to make keys. They were not ivory. He sent his boys out into Grim's woods near town, to gather the bones of animals which had been deposited there and out of these he made the keys. It is not believed that Uncle Peter had ever been inside of any musical conservatory, or even an organ factory. How he could

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## VETERANS OF THE FIFTH.

Annual Reunion of Spanish-American War Regiment at Altoona.

Saturday last was a gala day for the veterans of the gallant Fifth regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, when they held the sixth annual re-union, of their veteran association, at Altoona. Two hundred members of the organization, representing the twelve companies, which formed the regiment, among which was old Company B, of Bellefonte, were present at the festivities and the entire celebration was voted to be the most successful in the history of the organization.

The veterans were cordially received as they reached the city by a committee headed by Sergeant Samuel H. Youcm. At 2:30 o'clock, the executive session of the association was called to order by President Charles R. Simpson, who briefly stated the object of the meeting and what business was on the table to be given attention. Following a short session, the Columbian quartette was introduced and rendered various selections which recalled the happy hours spent in camp to the veterans present. The vocalists won a storm of applause that brought them back for a rendition of other old favorites of the ex-soldiers in '98. Dr. A. S. Stayer, the major-surgeon of the regiment, was then called upon by the president to deliver the address of welcome in behalf of the local boys. His remarks were well received and were eloquent throughout. Lieutenant R. B. Pierce, of Salisbury, then responded in behalf of the visiting comrades in an able manner that was greatly appreciated. The minutes of the last session were read and approved, after being presented by Secretary Lieut. J. C. Dunkle, of Huntingdon. The standing committee on obituaries gave a report in which there were noted four deaths during the year past. The president then appointed Maj. A. S. Stayer, Lieut. S. D. Gettig, and R. B. Pierce, as a committee to draw up regulation resolutions to be sent to the families of the deceased comrades and record them upon the minutes also. These men were also requested to investigate and learn if the organization may be of any use to the friends of the departed veterans in any manner.

It was decided to hold the next reunion in historic Gettysburg, not later than April 25th, 1914. The following veterans were then selected to hold office for the coming year: President, Lieutenant Ross A. Hickok, Harrisburg; first vice president, Lieutenant E. E. Burchfield, Altoona; second vice president, Sergeant J. M. Chas. Grampan; third vice president, Corporal W. J. McIlhenny, Gettysburg; secretary, Lieutenant John C. Dunkle, Huntingdon; treasurer, Sergeant Joseph Butler, Altoona; and chaplain, Corporal John J. Weaver, Altoona.

In the evening at 8:30 o'clock, the veterans assembled at headquarters and headed by the famous old drum corps, which was so extremely popular in bygone days, marched to the Elk home where a delightful banquet was served. Col. Theodore Burchfield, leader of the drum corps, responded to his call. They were: Hon. J. D. Hicks, Dr. A. S. Stayer, Edwin M. Amies, of Altoona; Captain Hugh S. Taylor, of Bellefonte; John D. Keith, of Gettysburg; R. B. Pierce, of Salisbury; Hon. George C. Irwin, of Altoona; Sergeant Joseph H. Butler and various others of the association.

As midnight approached the company arose and sang, "God Be With You Until We Meet Again." The song was sung by Francis Murphy, the former chaplain of the regiment and the great temperance worker.

## Milesburg Commencement Exercises.

The commencement exercises of the Milesburg and Borgs township High school will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church at Milesburg on Wednesday evening, May 7th at 8 o'clock.

The program for commencement week begins with the Baccalaureate sermon to be delivered in the Baptist church on Sunday evening, May 4th, by Rev. Clark. On Tuesday evening the class day exercises will be held in the Methodist church to be followed by the commencement exercises and commencement orator will be Dr. Weber, of State College.

The graduating class consists of the following members: Victor Barnhart, Samuel Barnhart, Verne E. Baird, Fred Dyke, Ralph Ginzher, Malin L. Miles, J. Cameron McKinley and Lillian A. Miles.

The first honors were taken by Lillian A. Miles and second honors by Verne E. Baird.

## Graft From Dying Man.

Grafting flesh from a dying man to the body of a living person has been successfully carried out in a Michigan hospital. Three months ago Jacob Kulem, an employe of the Kalamazoo Paper company, was caught in a paper making machine and the flesh from his right shoulder torn away. Afterwards a victim of a railroad accident was brought in a dying condition to the hospital, and 360 square inches of flesh was taken from his legs and grafted to the shoulder of Kulem, says the San Francisco Call. He is now out of the hospital and entirely restored to his usual health.

## Proposals for Penitentiary.

In this week's issue the Democrat will be found the Board of Inspectors' advertisement for proposals for furnishing material to build the new Western Penitentiary in Centre county. It would be most desirable to have Centre county bidders secure the various contracts, as it would mean a great deal to local business interests.

## Lost Twins Within a Week.

Within a week Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shultz, of Phillipsburg, have buried their twin son and daughter, both victims of measles and pneumonia. The little ones were 9 months old.

## LAW TO PENSION MOTHERS SIGNED

### GOVERNOR APPROVES BILL TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES.

## IS OPTIONAL WITH COUNTIES

An Appropriation of \$200,000 to Be Distributed to the Counties According to the Population—Payments Made Through County Treasurers.

With the signing of the Sheatz bill on Tuesday by Governor Tener, a system of pensioning mothers will be put into practice throughout the state. Money will be distributed through the counties and all payments made by the county treasurer. However, the act provides that all counties who do not wish to, need not accept the law.

In each county applying the act the Governor shall each year appoint a board of trustees composed of not less than five or more than seven women residents, to serve without pay. The trustees are to have sole charge of monthly payments to indigent widowed or abandoned mothers, found deserving, to help support their children at home. Payments are to be made directly by the State Treasurer through the county treasurers, and are to continue at the will of the trustees, but not beyond the time that the law permits a child to secure employment.

The act appropriates \$200,000 to be distributed to the counties according to the population. One-half is made available for the first year and the remainder for the second year, but no county is to receive its allotment until it has appropriated an equal amount.

The maximum payment is \$12 per month for one child; \$20 a month for two children; \$25 for three children, and \$5 a month for each additional child. No woman can become a beneficiary unless she has been a continuous resident of the county for three years. Receiving a pension under false pretense is a misdemeanor subject to a \$500 fine, imprisonment for one year, or both.

Four copies of a complete record of each family receiving pensions must be provided. One copy is required by the trustees, one kept by the Auditor General and the other to the County Treasurer. A detailed report, with recommendations, shall be made by the trustees to the Legislature of 1915.

No time shall the yearly expense be more than \$3000 for Philadelphia County; \$2400 for Allegheny and Lackawanna counties; \$1800 for counties in which there is a city of the third class, and \$1200 for each other county. An additional \$500 may be expended in the first year, if necessary, for furnishings.

## Other Bills Signed.

Reorganizing the Attorney General's department, and abolishing the offices of Assistant Deputy Attorney General, the offices being now designated as follows: First deputy, at \$5000 salary per annum; second, \$4250 and third, \$3500, all to be appointed by the Governor; chief clerk and law clerk each \$2400; private secretary, \$2000; three stenographers, \$1200 each, and messenger, \$1100, all to be named by the Attorney General.

Providing for a system of State inspection of seeds and establishing standards.

Repealing section 2806 of school code relative to certain independent districts.

Appropriating \$6269.82 to meet deficiency in salaries of Orphans' Court Judges.

Amending school code so that county school superintendents may receive allowances for postage and stationery from county funds.

Regulating storage and sale of linseed oil and providing for State inspection.

Authorizing State Game Commission upon petition to close certain districts to hunting of deer and elk.

## McAllister Scholarships.

Centre county is entitled to one of the McAllister Freshman scholarships in the Pennsylvania State College, for the college year beginning September, 1913. The scholarships will be awarded in this county on a competitive examination to be given at the college by the faculty committee on entrance, June 12 and 13, 1913. This examination will comprise English grammar and composition, American history, algebra, and plane geometry.

For any further information desired address the Registrar, State College, Pa.

## Nearby Fair Dates.

The Susquehanna Circuit of Fair associations were formed by the Milton, Hughesville, Lewisburg and Bloomsburg Fair associations. These officers were chosen: A. N. Yost, Bloomsburg, president; Joseph H. Johnson, Milton, secretary and treasurer. Fair dates were chosen as follows: Milton, September 29 to October 3 inclusive; Bloomsburg, October 7 to 10; Lewisburg, September 23-26, and Hughesville, October 14-16.

## Little Girl Injured at Celebration.

During the Odd Fellows celebration at Jersey Shore last Friday the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, of that place, was knocked down by an automobile, and sustained a dislocated shoulder, besides having one side of her face badly bruised.

## Church Dedication at Cedar Springs.

The M. E. congregation of Cedar Springs will hold dedicatory services on Sunday, May 11. Following the services there will be love feast, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Frank Long.

## Grove Reunion June 18.

The annual Grove reunion will be held this year on Wednesday, June 18th, on the Centre County Fair Grounds. Friends and neighbors are cordially invited to bring their baskets and make the day one of pleasure.

## DARING FIREMAN SAVED CHILD.

Picks Little One From Path of Train as Mother Watches.

The quick wit and iron nerve of Gus Mahaffey, a New York Central fireman, combined in saving the life of a little child at Phillipsburg on Sunday. As the heavy freight train in which Mahaffey is fireman, was pulling into that place last Sunday, he noticed far ahead what he thought was a small animal on the track. He blew the whistle but the object did not move. When the engine was about 100 yards away Mahaffey covered it to be a little child. He shouted to Engineer C. L. Dennie, who threw on the air brakes. Mahaffey, seeing the train could not be stopped in time, rushed to the running board, around the boiler and down onto the pilot.

Climbing rapidly down to the edge of the pilot and stooping over in front of the engine with his body held there only by his grip on the flag rod, the fireman reached in front of the pilot and caught the child just as its clothes were being grazed. The momentum of the train carried it on past the spot where the baby had been.

The child escaped with only a few minor bruises, received when it swung against the engine as it was picked up. The mother of the child, a Slavish woman, saw its predicament and stood paralyzed from fear until she saw it snatched to safety and then fainted.

## A Much-Afflicted Family.

Eight children, the oldest twelve years, the youngest a four-month-old baby, are lying desperately ill of scarlet fever in a Scranton home. The father, a mine worker, worked in the mines until he had to stay home to give his wife a hand in caring for the children.

The family has no money to hire a nurse, the city hospital is unable to care for this family by visiting nurses and even neighbors shun the stricken house, and the mother has to nurse all the children and look after the household as well, with the death of her loved ones staring her in the face. It is, indeed, one of the pathetic stories of real life. But now that the situation is made public, the family will not be allowed to suffer.

## Fined for Altering Assessment.

Al Neff, of Chester township, Clearfield county, pleaded guilty before Judge A. O. Smith at Clearfield Monday afternoon to the charge of falsifying the records in the office of the county commissioners. Mr. Neff not many weeks ago altered the figures of the assessment made on his property by the assessor. Similar changes have been made in other properties, and as the hand writing in the book pointed to Mr. Neff as the guilty man, so far as his own property was concerned, he was placed under arrest.

The act of altering public records is a penitentiary offense, but the commissioners and all others concerned with the records are to be excused, if desired. A fine of \$100 and costs was imposed.

## Cannot Bluff This Preacher.

Several officials of the Reformed church at Freeburg, Snyder county, were taken to task by Rev. J. F. B. Greisemer, recently, after he had preached a strong sermon against the liquor traffic, and requested that he be more moderate in his discussion of that question. The men all have large interests in that line of business and, as they have been liberal in their contributions to church work, they intimated that their future gifts might be influenced by the preacher's attitude toward their source of revenue. The preacher, however, was not intimidated. He does not propose to be muzzled and a large proportion of his congregation cordially approves his stand.

## A Bungling Execution.

John Harris, a negro, was hanged at Uniontown last week. The rope was three feet too long and when the man fell through the trap he landed on his knees. With the noose around his neck, Harris started to rise to his knees. The spectators shuddered and sickened as they turned their heads away.

The sheriff and his deputies rushed onto the platform of the scaffold and pulled the body clear of the ground. Harris struggled and twisted for 15 minutes before he was pronounced dead by strangulation. The negro early in the week wore an air of bravado and asked to be executed in a flashy black and white suit and tan shoes.

## Templar Conclave to be Held in York.

The next annual Knights Templar conclave will be held in York, Pa., on May 26, 27 and 28 and indications now point to the event being one of the greatest assemblies in the history of the organization in Pennsylvania. York is making preparations for the event and it will be thrown open to thousands of knights and their ladies from all sections of the state. Some eighty-four commanderies will be represented at the grand commandery sessions and one of the special features of the sessions will be the election of officers. The conclave parade, which takes place on May 27, will be the big feature of the Templar assemblage.

## Police Capture Real Fire Bug.

In Sheridan Maloy, of Curwensville, is in jail at Clearfield charged with arson. He had left the town some years ago because of a forged check and some time after his return was heard to say that he would get even with those responsible for his leaving. Within a month three barns, the old grist mill, a large store building near it and the band hall have been burned and many other buildings have been saved only by timely discovery. A detective tracked with him for some days and called the police in time to have them see him fire a building.

## Congregation Battle Over Collection.

In a dispute over which faction should take up the collection at the Greek Easter services in a foreign church at Uniontown, Sunday, 25 persons were cut and bruised, several fatally, during a free for all battle. The police quelled the trouble and several arrests were made.