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KILLED WHEN CAR WENT OVER PRECIPICE

BRYSON SWISHER MEETS DEATH IN WEST VIRGINIA.

WAS FORMER JULIAN RESIDENT

Was One of a Party of Six Returning From Joy Ride—Mr. Swisher's Body Brought to Julian for Burial—Was Well Known.

A distressing automobile accident occurred at Marlinton, West Virginia, in the evening of Monday, September 23rd, in which Bryson Swisher, formerly of Julian, this county, was instantly killed. The car in which Mr. Swisher met his death was owned and driven by Mr. Wise, of the Wise Lumber Company, for whom Mr. Swisher had worked as foreman in the lumber camps for the past eighteen years. The automobile containing a party of six persons went over a 125-foot embankment. Mr. Swisher was killed instantly, and the other members of the party were more or less injured. Mrs. Swisher's injuries are considered the more serious.

Mr. Wise and his party were on their way home from a day's outing. In the car beside Mr. Wise, who was driving, were his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Swisher, Mr. Wise's daughter, Mrs. Pritchard and husband, and Mr. Ogden. The cause of the accident was the apparent refusal of the steering gear to properly respond to the guidance of the driver. The car had struck a log earlier in the day and broken a spring in the steering apparatus. Mr. Wise repaired it and it worked all right until the return trip. Just at a turn in the road, on one side of which was a steep embankment, the car refused to work, and plunged over the precipice. Mr. Swisher was thrown out of the car and rolled down, crushing him to death. He was dead before other members of the party reached his side. As quickly as possible help was secured and the body of Mr. Swisher was removed to his home, where the injured was given medical attention.

The remains of deceased were brought to his old home at Julian last week for burial, accompanied by his nephews, John and Walter Swisher. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church at that place, conducted by Rev. W. E. Church, of Port Jervis. Interment was made in the Julian cemetery.

Bryson Swisher was aged 57 years, 6 months and 22 days. He was born and reared at Julian, and was well and favorably known throughout the county. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Swisher, of Port Jervis, and by Fleming, and the following brothers and sisters: R. C. and Joseph Swisher, of Julian; John and George Swisher, of Phillipsburg; Arthur, of St. Marys; Idaho; Mrs. Matthias Garigan, of Concho; Wash; Mrs. Jane Bell, of Dent's Run, Pa.

The following from a distance attended the funeral: John and Walter Swisher, of Cloyer Lick, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. John Swisher, Harry Swisher and Miss Millie, Hollabagh, of Phillipsburg; Mary Swisher and Mr. and Mrs. James Clements, of Morrisdale; Mrs. C. J. Hunter and daughter Bertha, of Stormstown.

Accident at Milton Fair.

The Milton fair was the scene of a serious accident last Friday afternoon when in the second heat of the 2.26 trot, as the horses were coming down the stretch at the end of the first half mile, Arrow Patchen fell and turned a complete somersault, throwing his driver, R. D. Smith, of Frederick, Md., far over him. When he was picked up it was found that he had sustained a broken hip and several broken ribs. He was taken to the Mary Packer hospital, at Sunbury.

In order to avoid a more serious collision the driver of City of Promise made a short turn and was thrown from his sulky, sustaining a severe scalp wound. The horse finished the race without a driver.

Another accident occurred in the 2.13 trot. As Ray Wilkes, driven by Jacob Snyder, was coming down to the starting point the sulky became jammed and Snyder was thrown but he hung to the reins and stopped the horse.

Coming Soon.

"A Butterfly on the Wheel" with Miss Natalie Warfield, will be the attraction at the opera house soon. This intensely vivid drama, which runs the entire season at Shubert's theatre, last year, is conceded by the press and critics, to be the most perfect play, from a technical standpoint, that was ever written. No play that has been produced in New York in years has enjoyed the favorable criticism, or the publicity in newspapers and magazines, that this piece brought forth.

10th Regimental Reunion.

Attention is again called to the thirtieth annual reunion of the 10th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer association, which will be held in Tyrone next Thursday, Oct. 16th. The veterans will have their meeting in the rooms of Post 172, G. A. R., Pennsylvania Avenue and Herald street. There will be three sessions during the day and a camp fire in the evening.

Hospital Notes.

Admitted for treatment: Orlander Smith, Howard; Bessie Grove, Roopersburg, aged 13 years; Miss Josie Woomer, State College; Miss Mabella Zerby, Tusseyville; Henry Gross, of Bellefonte.

Operations.

Chester Straw, aged 2 years, of Julian.
Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gross, Bellefonte.
Discharged.—Joseph Barnes, of Pleasant Gap.

"Re-organizing" Japan.

By Associated Press.
Tokyo, Sept. 23.—Ambassador and Mrs. George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh were the guests of honor at a luncheon given today by the emperor and empress.

HIGHWAYMAN SENTENCED.

John Roush's Assaultant Gets Ten Years in Penitentiary.

On Monday morning at 10 o'clock Judge Orvis held a session of court in the grand jury room in order to impose sentence upon the prisoners convicted at the last term of quarter sessions. There were five prisoners who stood up for sentence. The most interesting centered upon Theodore Kornliassen, alias Kappel, one of the trio of highwaymen who held up and robbed John Roush, an aged Tusseyville citizen, in the Millheim Narrows, during the week of the Grange encampment. Kappel, who is a Poleander, was positively identified by Mr. Roush as the man with whom he tussled when attacked, and at the trial was convicted of the crime. At the same time Kappel was identified by Mrs. Maude Davenport, of Rush township, as the man who had stopped her and Miss Miller, while in a buggy, and demanded their money, on the evening of September 13th.

Judge Orvis in sentencing Kappel stated that the jury who sat at his trial for assault were impressed with the possibility that he may have led to commit the crime by the influence of his companions, but this impression was effaced by the fact that he was the ring-leader in the hold-up in Rush township. The court, therefore, could show no mercy. The judge then sentenced the prisoner to pay a fine of \$100 costs of prosecution, restore the stolen property, and undergo an indeterminate term in the penitentiary at hard labor of from 2 1/2 to 3 years.

John Hewes, of Monument, convicted of carrying concealed weapons, had his sentence suspended upon promise of conducting himself better in the future.

Ernest Sheesley, Ernest Nelson and Frank Finnegan, all of Phillipsburg, convicted of stealing a keg of beer, were reprimanded by the judge and allowed to depart for their homes under suspended sentence.

On Monday Sheriff Lee and James Toner accompanied Kappel, the convicted Poleander, to the West Virginia penitentiary at Pittsburg, where he will begin his sentence, the length of which will depend upon his behavior.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A pleasant surprise party was given at the home of William Fishburn on Thursday evening, Oct. 2nd, in honor of his wife, who celebrated her birthday anniversary. The event was planned by her friends and neighbors and proved an enjoyable one. Those present were as follows: Daniel Grove and wife; Frank Beezer, wife and two daughters; Jacob Hoy and wife; Henry Struble and wife; Robert Hartle and wife; Henry Hoy, wife and daughter; Epley Gentzel and wife; Harry Benner and wife; Clyde Struble, wife and two children; Clayton Royer, wife and two children; John Groves, wife; Mrs. Siney Hoy; Mrs. Bertram, Mr. Rhinesmith, John White and wife, William Smeltzer and wife, John Garbrick and wife, Mr. Jessop and wife, Edna Smeltzer, wife and daughter; Harry Struble, wife and daughter; Viola; William Houtz and wife, Mrs. Hartman, Bessie Rhinesmith, Frank Musser and wife, Willard Dale and wife, Eva Grove, Mamie Dale, Mabel Neill, John Hoy, Sarah Hartman, Edwin Jessop, George Musser, Lynn White, Isabelle Grove, Christian Hoy, Robert Musser, Vania Grove, Miles Hoy, Catherine White, Oscar Struble, Almeda Pownell, Luella Dale, Allen Hoy, Edwin Bertram, Harry Hoy, Epley White, Fern Struble, Mary Shuey, Joe Hoy, Malcolm Musser, Norman Smeltzer, Clara Gentzel, Clair Reish, Stewart Hoy, and Twila Hoy. The evening was spent by playing games and eating good old-fashioned chateaus until the hour came for supper, which consisted of ice cream, cakes, oranges, bananas and candies. The birthday cake was given by Mrs. Fishburn's father and mother. The hostess received many beautiful and useful presents. The party returned to the homes in the wee hours of the morning wishing her many more happy birthdays.

FINED FOR SELLING BOOZE.

One hundred dollars fine and costs amounting to \$22.55 was the penalty imposed upon a young Italian residing at Whiterock, by Squire Brown last Saturday, for having violated the liquor laws. The foreigner was made defendant by a fellow-countryman who made information before the Squire, in which he testified to the defendant selling him beer by the bottle. This information led to two of the state police officers making an investigation. Going into the house where he was supposed to be selling beer, they asked to purchase two bottles of beer, which were furnished them, and they paid for them. Upon this evidence they arrested one of the men for selling the beer, and a half dozen others as witnesses, and brought them to jail. At the hearing on Saturday the man arrested for selling the booze claimed that he told the officers he could not sell the beer, but the evidence of others justified the Squire in fining him the amount prescribed by law, \$100, and imposing the costs. About seventy cases of beer were also confiscated by the officers. The fine was turned over to Springfield township treasury.

Clinton County Has Smallpox.

Ten or more cases of smallpox are reported from the vicinity of Mill Hill Salons and Flemington. While the cases are mild ones, they are genuine, according to the report of Dr. R. E. Watson, of Lock Haven, who is the physician of the state board of health. John Myers, of Mill Hill; J. W. Nesherode, of Salons, and a Mr. Schwak, of Mill Hill, all employed at the axe factory, as well as William Harmon, superintendent of the Clinton County Brick works, are victims of the disease. In speaking of the outbreak of the disease the Lock Haven Democrat says:

There is no doubt that the new outbreak in Mill Hill, Flemington and Salons is due to the visit of a Mrs. Worral, from Millheim to relatives in Flemington and in Harmon's addition at Mill Hill about six weeks ago. Her arrival had the disease and after her arrival in Mill Hill she contracted the malady, but the members of the family she visited were vaccinated and the house was quarantined.

HOW INCOME TAX IS LEVIED AND PAID

BOTH SINGLE AND MARRIED FOLKS ARE LIABLE.

LAW WILL PUNISH DODGERS.

A Fraudulent Return Makes the Taxpayer Liable to a Fine of \$2,000 or Imprisonment For a Year, or Both—An Important Question.

It now behooves all those with an income of more than \$3,000 a year to lay a hand upon a furrowed brow and try to find out how they are going to pay the income tax to the Government and what will happen to them if they do not.

The subject has been hanging fire for a long time, but now that the income tax feature of the tariff bill has reached its final form it will rest with everybody having more than the \$3,000 limit to master the details.

The income tax law will go into effect as soon as it is signed, and under ordinary circumstances, incomes will be computed for the calendar year. The tax is to be computed on the part of the income accruing from March 1 to December 31 next.

The Treasury Department is preparing blank forms which will be distributed by the district internal revenue collectors to each taxable person. If any one fails to get such a blank he is required under a penalty to apply to the collector or his deputy for one.

Blanks will be on deposit with postmasters for the convenience of taxpayers. Every taxable person is to fill out and return one of these blanks to the internal revenue collector of his district before January 1 and March 1 next.

The taxpayer must fill out under oath a true and accurate statement of his income of \$3,000 or more for the calendar year. This return shall set forth specifically the gross amount of income from all separate sources and from this total shall be deducted the aggregate items of the expenses and allowances authorized under the law.

Memoranda For Income Taxpayers.

Here are a few facts and dates that the income taxpayer must fix in his mind:

Everybody with a net income of more than \$3,000 a year, if single, and \$4,000 a year if married, is subject to the tax.

The taxpayer must file a return with internal revenue collector by March 1, 1914, showing all sources of his income and the deduction to which he is entitled.

All incomes are to be computed by the calendar year but taxes for the first year will be levied only from March 1, 1913, to December 31 next.

Notification of assessments will be sent out by the Government before June 1 next.

Taxes must be paid by June 30. Failure to file a return means a fine of from \$2 to \$1,000.

A fraudulent return makes the taxpayer liable to a fine of \$2,000 or imprisonment for a year, or both. The man whose income tax is withheld by his employer must file an affidavit by February 1 with the employer or the internal revenue collector in claiming deductions.

All holders of corporate bonds must file by the same date a statement in writing claiming exemptions from the tax if it is not to be deducted from interest payments.

Birthday Party.

On Saturday, October 4th, occurred the 72nd birthday of Mrs. Anna E. Neill, of Matternville, and on the same day the birthday of her good lady, her children and grandchildren decided to give her a surprise party. Accordingly when the day arrived about twenty-two of her relatives and neighbors took possession of her home, bringing with them baskets of gifts and good things to eat. They also presented their venerable hostess with a number of useful gifts, among which was a handsome reclining Morris chair. The day was also the anniversary of her son's (John), birth, and the crowd celebrated him by some nice gifts. After supplying the inner man and enjoying a social time together, they left for their respective homes, wishing Mrs. Neill and Mr. Neill many happy returns of the day.

Announces For Judgeship.

Oscar Mitchell, Esq., of Clearfield, has announced himself as an independent candidate for Judge of Clearfield county. In doing so he says he is opposed to wholesale licenses; that he would grant no retail licenses where there will be the people clearly expressed against it, nor where the applicant does not come within the Brooks High License law, and can show absolute necessity. He would also enforce rules prohibiting the sale of liquor by the bottle and treating.

Reunion of Seventh Penna Cavalry.

The thirty-sixth annual reunion of the 7th Penna. Veteran Volunteer Cavalry will be held at Watsonville, Pa., on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 28th and 29th. Headquarters will be at the Mansion House, which has made a special rate of \$1.25 per day. Camp fire Tuesday, Oct. 28th; business meeting Oct. 29th at 9:30 a. m. Comrades who cannot attend can have a badge by sending 25 cents to the secretary, J. H. Wagner, president; H. D. Loveland, secretary.

Grave Too Short.

There was a slight break in the funeral services at McVeytown over the body of Miss Anna Hesser, an aged school teacher, who died at Newport recently. When the funeral party assembled about the grave and an attempt was made to lower the body it was found that the grave was four inches too short. The service was dispensed with and the defect was remedied.

Harvard Offers Date to State.

There is a possibility that Penn State foot ball team may play Harvard in the stadium at Boston, on October 25th. This is brought about by the death of a member on the team of Norwich University, and the date with Harvard has been cancelled.

CATTLE GRAZING IN STATE FORESTS

INFORMATION BY STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION.

YOUNG TREES DESTROYED

Why Grazing is Prohibited—No Loss to Townships By Reason of State Acquiring Lands—Pay More Tax Than Private Owners.

In a recent issue The Centre Democrat printed an article taken from a Clinton county paper, in which were registered the kicks of farmers throughout Sugar valley, who were prohibited from exercising the time to graze on forest lands owned by the state. This week the State Forestry Commission submits the following article in explanation of their course in restricting grazing, with a request for its publication:

Neither the residents of Sugar Valley nor the residents of any other valley or community in Pennsylvania need be exercised over a condition of the law which is sure to add still more to the high cost of living, namely, the prohibiting of grazing on the Forest Reserves of this Commonwealth. The State Forestry Reservation Commission is empowered by the Act of 1907 creating the Department of Forestry, to establish such rules and regulations with reference to control, management, and protection of forest reservations as in its judgment will conserve the interests of the Commonwealth, etc. In order to carry out the provisions of this Act, to conserve the best interests of the Commonwealth, and to insure a future growth of trees for the lumber and allied industries of the State, certain regulations had to be made and enforced. One of these is the restriction of grazing on the reserves. Why? Because it has been proved by experiment that cattle do much harm to young growing forests. Contrary to prevailing opinion, cattle do not generally travel in a straight line or over wild lands but wander here and there, doing damage everywhere. They eat many of the young seedlings entirely. They bite and nibble the bark of the larger trees, often killing them. They trample many small seedlings and trees by their continued tramping over the ground. They eat the tender buds and shoots of young trees, retarding their growth and often killing them. They injure the surface of the soil by their treading on them. The hoofs of cattle cause stiff soils to become more compact. Loose sandy soils become soil-keeper through the destruction of the surface soil. The trampling of the hoofs, especially on steep slopes and hillides, thus allowing soil to wash away. They destroy humus and its water-holding power. By doing so they diminish our water supply and increase the danger of fire. We must remember that most of the land held as State Forests consists of steep slopes and hillides. This land contains mostly second growth timber, and was purchased generally from private owners after the destruction of the trees and the removal of the stumps. The trees are young and tender and will need care and protection for a long time. The soil and soil cover, especially, will need protection always, to prevent erosion and to protect public health, and to promote general prosperity. In view of all this, can anyone say that the prohibition of grazing within the State Forests is not wise, that it is not fair and just, that it is not necessary?

Moreover, grazing is prohibited in most European countries where forestry is practiced, and also within the National Forests when conditions are similar to those found on our State Reserves. In every case where a reforestation is desired, where the trees are now small and must be protected to insure a growth of timber or a sufficient soil cover to conserve the water supply, grazing is rigidly excluded.

Just a few words more about the old, old story that the township loses because the State has acquired these lands. There is no foundation or justification for such a statement. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania now owns as Forest Reserves in Centre county 13,450 acres of land, and in Clinton county 13,974 acres. By legislative enactment, for all lands so held, the State must pay annually to the townships in which such lands are located, 2 cents per acre for school purposes and 2 cents per acre for road purposes. The townships in Centre county receive annually from the State \$3,174.00 for school and road purposes, and the townships in Clinton county receive annually \$2,242.95 for the same purposes. In most cases, this is far more than would be received as taxes if these lands were held by private owners. Furthermore, the townships are relieved of the trouble and bother to collect taxes from many individual owners. In many cases taxes were not paid. The lands were then advertised and sold for nonpayment of taxes. Such advertisements are often seen in the county papers. A former assessor in a certain township in Centre county has said that the State lands in his township, when held by private owners, paid only about \$30.00 in taxes, while these same lands under State control now pay \$233.33 annually. In addition, the revenue which is derived from the sale of timber, leases, and from other sources in connection with the administration of State Forests, goes to the State School Fund for the education of the children of the State. All this goes to make a better and more enlightened citizenship.

We must not forget the many other benefits which come to a community when the State assumes control. Some of these are the employment of labor, other expenditures in forest work, improved roads, better water and better health, and best of all, protection from fire, the arch enemy of our forests. There are insured more and better fishing and hunting, and a future growth of timber to perpetuate the industrial activity of the State. If the people of Pennsylvania

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THE BIG AUTO RUN.

Of the twenty-nine cars that started from Harrisburg for Bellefonte last Saturday, October 4th in the economy and sociability run of the Harrisburg Motor Club, only nineteen reached their destination, Bellefonte. Many of them fell by the wayside, so to speak, of them getting as far as Woodward, when they ran out of gasoline and were unable to purchase any at that place.

It was an ideal day for such a run, the weather being perfect, and all expressed themselves as having enjoyed it thoroughly. They left Harrisburg at 9 o'clock in the morning and many reached Bellefonte by 2 o'clock in the afternoon. They found the road conditions typical of Pennsylvania, all kinds being met. Much level, good dirt roads, stretches of high grade state highway, some of it five to ten miles in length, and two mountains to cross. The mountain roads were a revelation to those taking part in the contest as they are of shale, which is natural to the vicinity and as smooth as an asphalt pavement.

The Star Independent of Harrisburg in speaking of the trip made by the survey party before the run had this to say of the mountain road near Woodward:

"From the Union county line to Woodward, in Centre county, a distance of four miles, a mountain road crossed which is unsurpassed for scenic beauty. The road over this mountain was made during August and September, 1912, under the supervision of Mr. C. P. Long, of Spring Mills, Pa., who was in the employ of the State Highway Department, at a cost of approximately \$200 per mile. The work consisted of grading, ditching, putting in many drains which were built of the large stones removed from the road bed, this, with the aid of a split log drag and a roller, has made one of the most beautiful mountain roads in Pennsylvania. Mr. Long is justly proud of his work. He was met by the survey party on the recent trip and will be on hand the day of the run at the top of the mountain with a greeting for those who take part."

In the economy contest only three cars reached Bellefonte. The object of this contest was to see which make of car will go the greatest distance on the least amount of gasoline. The trophy, a handsome silver cup, was won by L. W. Dill, in a Hudson "6" 1914 model. It was a close race as the winner was only one-third of a pint difference in the amount of gasoline used by his car and his nearest competitor.

Sixteen finished in the Sociability contest and a handsome silver cup was presented to the winner, Dr. Edward Holmes, formerly of State College, but now of Harrisburg.

The prizes were presented by the business men of Bellefonte and were on exhibition for several days in the windows of P. P. Blair & Son.

Many of the visitors stayed over until Sunday, while some returned to Harrisburg the same evening. Altogether it proved a very enjoyable occasion.

ALL RIGHT, EXCEPT—

Sheriff Harburger of New York has been asked so often for his unbiased opinion of Harry K. Thaw that he has given it publicly once for all. He says:

"Nothing has ever equalled the hysteria shown by the people everywhere as to the appearance of Harry K. Thaw, the escaped paranoiac from Matteawan. One might think that a hero was in the limelight, instead of a disreputable degenerate, murderer, coward, egotist, overblown, spend-thrift, good-for-nothing, evil-minded night prowler, spoiled youngster, non-supporter, erratic, sycophantic dependent, despoiler and irrational illiterate. Not a single trait in his make-up can be upheld, but his unreasonableness, his vagaries, his idiosyncrasies, craftiness and hallucinations would make him dangerous wherever he may be domiciled."

Outside of that the sheriff thinks Thaw may be all right.

Birthday Party.

Last Sunday, Oct. 5th, a very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Mann, of Curtin township, in honor of his 57th birthday. A fine dinner was served and the day was spent in a pleasant, sociable manner. Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. James Fye, of Howard; Mrs. Jas. Nyman and two sons, James and Walter; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hiram, of Mt. Eagle; Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Fetzer, of Salons; Mr. and Mrs. Walker and daughter, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Daley and daughters, Marion and Kathryn; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson and three children, Gladys, Alice and Cordice; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Conroy, of Salons; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, of Howard township; Vera Kreamer, Toner, William and Blair Mann, Joseph Nyman and Jason Confer. The afternoon was taken up with conversation and music, some very fine vocal selections being rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton. At a late hour all departed for their various homes, wishing Mr. Mann many more happy birthdays.

Examination For Postmaster.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on Saturday, November 8, 1913, an examination will be held at Bellefonte, this county, to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of postmaster of that place. The compensation of the postmaster at this office for the last fiscal year was \$200. Applicants, who must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice. Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Bellefonte, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

If you see a nail in the road, pick it up. You may save the life of a poor man's good horse or the cheap tire of a rich man's automobile.

desire more revenue and greater benefits from their State Forests, their wishes may be accomplished only by protecting and caring properly for the land, and by a strict observance on their part of the rules made to insure such protection and care.

GRAVE CHARGES FOR CENTRE COUNTY GIRL

ACCUSED OF FIRING MONTGOMERY, PA., HOME.

CASE AGAINST HER DROPPED

Confessed to Wrong-Doing After Detectives Worked on Case For Several Weeks—Is the Daughter of Respectable Parents.

The town of Montgomery, Lycoming county, has had a mystery cleared up recently, which unfortunately implicates a Centre county girl. Gertrude Ream, a daughter of respectable parents, who reside at Spring Mills, is said to have confessed to several attempts to set fire to the home of William Decker proprietor of the Montgomery Table Works. Miss Ream was employed as a domestic in the Decker home. During the period of her employment several mysterious fires occurred at the home. Unable to account for the conflagrations, Mr. Decker finally secured the services of detectives who fastened the crimes upon Miss Ream. The young lady in the meantime had left the employ of Mr. Decker and gone to State College to work. After the detectives had communicated their discoveries to Mr. Decker, he is said to have gone to State College and confronted Miss Ream with the charges. She finally broke down and confessed. Mr. Decker decided not to press the case against Miss Ream, who is but twenty-two years of age.

The Williamsport Sun published the following details of the case:

"The attempts to burn the Decker home provided the biggest series of sensations that Montgomery has known in years. Two efforts were made and the girl who was then employed in the home as a maid figure in both. She gave the alarm in one case while members of the family were seated at the table in the dining room. At that instance there was a fire in the laundry. Two clothes baskets, filled with garments, were burned. On another occasion the girl said she had seen two men escape from the house at night. The attempts to set the fires were about two weeks apart and came during the first part of August. A man named Decker, Mr. Decker employed several detectives who were at work for some time. The girl left the home shortly after the second fire."

About the time of the attempted fires it was discovered that a diamond had been removed from a brooch owned by a member of the family. The detectives found that the girl had a diamond set in a ring. Marked money was also used by the sleuths.

GOOD ROADS MEETING.

All citizens are urged to attend the Good Roads meeting to be held in the Court House on Thursday evening, October 16th at eight o'clock. The Centre county good roads committee are making arrangements for an active campaign for the support of the proposition to amend the state constitution making it possible to provide for a loan of \$50,000,000 for the construction and maintenance of improved highways throughout Pennsylvania. Mass meetings are to be held in different parts of the county, and additional information regarding the highway improvement project will be given through literature to be placed in the hands of the voters. The aim of the county committee is to have every voter thoroughly familiarize himself with the question before he goes to the polls in November to vote for or against the amendment.

The meeting in Bellefonte a week from tonight, October 16th will have for its principal speaker Dr. E. E. Foote, of New York, one of the leaders in the New York campaign for state loans for improved roads. Other speakers will be Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of State College; Hon. John Francis, Theodore Boal, C. L. Gramley and others. No one should miss this opportunity of listening to these eminent public men, whether you are in favor of this loan or not. A special invitation is extended to the ladies to be present on this occasion and listen to the discussion.

One of the objects of the meeting is to explain how bad roads cause high cost of living and the benefits to be derived by all citizens of town and country by a favorable vote for the loan of \$50,000,000 for good roads. If this amendment is voted down now, no opportunity will be afforded the voters to vote on this issue for five years to come.

The following is the Good Roads committee for Centre county appointed by the Pennsylvania General committee and under whose auspices this meeting is to be held:

J. Linn Harris, chairman, Dr. E. E. Sparks, State College; Dr. Walter Kurtz, Howard; Dr. Fred Gallus, Millheim; C. L. Gramley, Rebersburg; H. B. Scott, Phillipsburg; W. F. Reynolds, Bellefonte; Charles Rowland, Phillipsburg; Frank Clemson, Stormstown; Theodore Boal, Boalsburg; Budd Thompson, Martha; Robert F. Hunter, Bellefonte; Lawrence Redding, Snow Shoe; W. L. Foster, State College.

Louis Harter Killed in Iowa.

Louis Harter, the 22-year-old son of John Harter, a former well known resident of Mackeyville, was killed recently by being buried under a fall of earth, while engaged in excavating for a bridge abutment in Fremont county, Iowa. He is survived by his widowed mother and one sister.

For more than three months from about the middle of December to the end of March, Theodore Roosevelt will be buried in the wilds of South America. The colonel himself is not sure just where he will go. There are plenty of good republicans who would not shed a tear if Teddy stayed there. Democrats are more considerate, wishing him a Billy time, good health and a safe journey home.