

Odd and Curious News

Monkey Business

Officials of the Audubon Park Zoo at New Orleans, have a kidnapping case on their hands they are unable to solve.

Theory Works, But—

Craig Phillips, youthful naturalist visiting in Florida, proved an interesting theory but there were scoffers who arched eyebrows and asked "so what?"

Excitement

Rebecca Robbins was fishing along the county causeway at Miami, Fla., when a red snapper struck her line.

But—Self Sympathy

Justice Percy G. West, of Sacramento, was all sympathy as a woman suing for return of money she paid for a permanent wave told her woes.

Speedster Resourceful

On trial on a charge of destruction of property, a Negro testified before Judge Earl Thomas, at Kansas City.

More at Liberty

There are more parolees in the State of New York than there were prisoners in all of the State's combined penal institutions in 1937.

Colt a Hero

A two-year-old colt succeeded in standing off an angry mule which seemed determined to trample one-year-old Dolphus Wayman Pat to death at Pointe a la Peste.

Spirited Spirits

When a truck overturned and burst into flames at Elkton, Md., passersby obligingly helped the driver remove the cargo—40 cases of liquor.

Pleasant Penalty

A Muncie, Ind., boy pledged to a Central High school club was ordered as part of his initiation to kiss every girl who passed through the entrance to the school building.

Injured at Hospital

Mrs. John Yatch, 61, is a patient at St. John's hospital, Anderson, Ind., suffering from a fractured hip sustained while entering the hospital to visit her sister.

Good Cider

Firemen used several barrels of cider to extinguish the blaze on the dwelling of Henry Freeman's farm at Warren, Mass., when the supply of water ran out.

Break Ground With Dynamite

The ceremonies starting the construction of two wings for the engineering building of Bucknell University at Lewisburg last Thursday, differed from the traditional method.

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TRUCK DRIVER HELD IN BROTHER'S DEATH AFTER CORONER'S INQUEST

Placed Under \$1,000 Bail for Further Investigation Following Jury's Finding of "Failure of the Driver in Not Using Proper Precautions"

The bad conditions of a mountain road near the Triangle at Bald Eagle, and failure to use precautionary measures in approaching a curve were blamed by a coroner's jury inquest held at the Municipal building, Troy, for the death of Gray Hoover, 38, of Sandy Ridge, late Monday afternoon last week.

No immediate charges were filed against Elliott Hoover, 39, brother of the victim and driver of the truck which pinned the younger man to almost instant death when it upset, pending the advice of District Attorney Chester B. Wray.

Deputy Coroner Chester H. Wagner of Blair county, conducted the inquiry into the fatality with the bulk of the testimony revealing that the brothers and A. L. Heath, 60, an occupant of the truck, had been drinking.

Gray Hoover, according to State Motor Police Private A. R. Hancock of Philadelphia, was pinned beneath the truck as it overturned, after crashing into an embankment. Failure to completely negotiate a curve and a skid resulting from loose

shale was said to have caused the accident. The two other occupants of the truck, A. L. Heath, 60, of Sandy Ridge, and Elliott Hoover, escaped serious injury. Heath was taken to the hospital where he was treated for face and scalp lacerations.

Testimony was given by Claude E. Stahl, Charles Osterhoff, Morris Reese and Herman Vaughn in addition to Private Hancock. Arrangements were under way following the inquiry for Elliott Hoover's release on bond.

The verdict: "We, the jury, find that Gray Hoover was accidentally killed while riding in a truck driven by Elliott Hoover on Monday afternoon, September 26, 1938. Said accident was caused by bad conditions of the highway and failure of the driver in not using proper precautions in approaching a curve where the accident occurred."

H. F. Tobin was foreman of the jury which was comprised of Joseph F. Smith, Charles M. Baldrige, Roger T. Bayard, Foster B. Priest and John O. Hoffman.

Scout Activities Aired at Meeting

Survey Shows Large Number Recruits Seeking Admission

The Muncie District Boy Scout Committee met at the Court House in Bellefonte last week to check up on scouting activities and progress made during the first 9 months of 1938. A new troop, No. 1 of Millheim, was organized during July. This troop is under the leadership of Scoutmaster Carl C. Reep and has been making rapid progress.

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County Apple Crop a Failure

Late Spring Frost Assigned as Chief Cause of Barren Orchards

Reports from various sections of Centre County, and from the Sugar Valley section of Clinton County indicate that applies this year are unusually scarce.

Apple growers report that the chief cause for this year's scarcity of Pennsylvania's principal fruit is that the blossoms were frozen by a late spring frost. A blossom blight, which may have been caused by the frost, also took a heavy toll it is reported.

In contrast to last year's bumper apple crop, orchards throughout the county this year are tragic sights. Trees which normally are heavily loaded with fruit in most cases are barren of anything but a few withered apples. Here and there throughout the county there are some orchards which seem to have escaped the general condition and the crop is nearly normal, but these instances are rare.

Trailing the By-Paths of Local History

Recollections of Bellefonte 50 Years Ago

Written for The Centre Democrat by Capt. Edward Rickert, of San Francisco, California

The Centre Democrat is again able to present a word-panorama of old-time scenes and former citizens of Bellefonte, from the fertile memory of Edward Rickert, of San Francisco. Mr. Rickert, an ex-soldier and world traveler, spent the happy years of his young manhood in Bellefonte, and writes interestingly of the folks he then knew, practically all of whom have gone with the passage of time. That he knew these "old-time" folks and rugged age is evidenced by the apt manner in which he recalls people and events that are unknown to the present generation. To those citizens of the old days, who still survive, the following letter should bring a pleasant thrill of memory:

pleasant recollection than to remember the people of your very young days, who, unknown to you then, gave you ideas and ideals, and were an example to follow. Others cast a smile in life's twilight. I am not a monitor or censor—just myself—maybe better now for having lived in Bellefonte then.

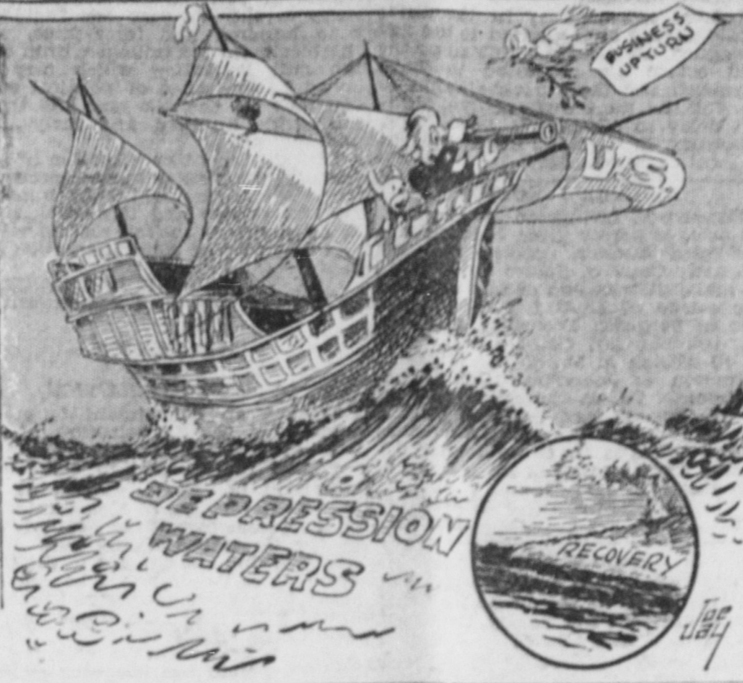
"Of course when you came, Lamb Street furnished a long ride, usually 'belly-bumper' on a single sled, or up to sixteen on a 'Doxie.' Ask the Burgess now in charge of your civic affairs. I think he owned a sled about fourteen feet long. Some of us named our sleds. I was half owner in 'Bridget Donahue.' Max Sternberg owned the other half. Andy Loneberger painted it green with white lettering. Those were happy days.

"I recall Warren Burdicks with his smile, and the only two-handed salute in my memory. "There was General James A. Beaver, a regular human being, who received honors at home and abroad—and he deserved them all. Col. Frank Parker, of Walla Walla, Wash., told me he one time put some heads of their fine Blue Stem wheat in General Beaver's coat lapel. In reply I told the old Indian fighter, Colonel Parker, 'Yes, Colonel, you did, and when he (Beaver) returned from his trip through the west, he stood on a platform in our main square that was erected in front of the Court House in honor of his return, and named you, and spoke of the wheat and had some in the lapel of his coat. He also spoke of your good wishes to him; and afterwards he was, as you know, elected Governor of Pennsylvania."

"Colonel Parker was editor of the paper called 'The Walla Walla Statesman.' I also told Colonel Parker that General Beaver paid me 10c and 15c, each time he rode down hill toward his office on my sled. Colonel Parker and I became fine friends, after he wrote back and found that all I had said was correct. More than once the Walla Walla Statesman printed something concerning me that was nice. And it helped me in business and to larger acquaintanceship.

"It's a small world, as events often prove to us. I met one of the Cook boys in Cananea, Mexico, at one time, while on business in that country. He was associated with a Mr. Green in the operation of a copper mine.

Land Ahead!



Grange Holds Fair At Lamar

A variety of quilts, rugs, embroidery work, foodstuffs, canned foods and garden and farm products, featured the exhibit last Friday at the annual grange fair sponsored by the Lamar Grange at Salona.

Ribbons were awarded for the finest display in each division and a program was presented by leaders of the grange during the evening. The business session was held Thursday evening.

Arranged under the direction of Mrs. John M. Ferree, the program consisted of songs and playlets and illustrated talk on vocational agricultural education given by H. Conley Hayes, vocational agriculture teacher at the Lock Haven High School.

The "Welcome Song" was sung by the ladies of the Lamar grange, and T. C. Kryder gave a talk on the "History of the Grange." Misses Emily Ferree and Mabel Rine, Charles Ferree and Tom Fox presented the playlet, "The Men Give In," and Misses Betty and Sue Barrett sang "The Spider."

Mrs. Harvey Miller gave a reading, "Autumn" and Miss Mildred Long played accordion selections. The second playlet "Aunt Jane's Accident," was presented by Misses Emily Ferree, Charlotte Best and Annette Kryder. Fred Fox, Guy Romig, Tom Fox and Mrs. J. A. Sager. Readings were given by Mrs. Sager and George Gumbo and Mr. Hayes talked by lantern slides, and a song by the men of the grange, closed the program.

In the awarding of prizes Mrs. Lena Fox received the general prize for first prize exhibits. Fred Fox and Jimmy McClain were presented with door prizes and Mrs. J. A. Sager was awarded the table scarf. No one received the guess pie as no one guessed the correct answer.

Exhibit prizes were announced as follows: Quilts, Mrs. George Gumbo, Miss Kuyder, Miss Emily Ferree; rugs, Miss Ferree, Mrs. John Ferree, Mrs. T. C. Kryder; embroidery, Mrs. H. C. Hayes and Miss Ferree, who received both second and third place awards in this class.

Crochet work, Miss Kryder; bread, Mrs. Gumbo, Mrs. William Romig; candy, Miss Ferree, Miss Charlotte Best, Miss Kryder; bread, Mrs. Gumbo, Mrs. William Romig; Candy, Miss Kryder; jelly, Mrs. Lena Fox, Mrs. Ferree, Mrs. Kryder; miscellaneous canned foods, Mrs. Fox; 2nd place; second division miscellaneous canned foods, Mrs. Fox 1st and 2nd place, and Mrs. Harvey Miller.

In the vegetable division: Beans, Mrs. Ferree, 1st and 2nd place, Mrs. M. W. Brungard; mangoes, Mrs. John Best and Mrs. Gumbo; carrots, Mrs. Miller; cabbage, Mrs. Best, William Stoner; endive, Mrs. Fox; turnips, Mrs. Ferree and Mrs. Best; onions, Mrs. Best, Mr. Brungard, Mrs. Kryder; potatoes, Mr. Brungard, Mrs. Ferree, Guy Romig; pumpkins, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Ferree, Harvey Miller.

Beets, Mrs. Miller, peppers, William Stoner. In the fruit division: Apples, John Ferree; miscellaneous fruit, Mrs. Gumbo, 1st and 3rd places; eggs, Charles Ferree and Mrs. Gumbo. In the grain division: wheat, George Gumbo and Mr. Romig; oats, Mr. Romig and Fred Fox; barley, Mr. Bucknell, T. C. Kryder, Mr. Ferree, Mr. Best.

In addition to the general display, there were also a few antiques exhibited and a few freaks. J. A. Sager conducted an auction stand and some of the exhibits were sold.

Osceola People Plunge 24 Feet

Occupants of Truck Narrowly Escape Death in Drop From Bridge

Plunging 24 feet off a bridge, three Osceola Mills residents narrowly escaped death Sunday morning when the truck in which they were riding crashed through the guard rail of the Blandburg railroad bridge and dived on its side to the railroad tracks below.

The occupants of the truck, all of whom escaped with minor injuries, were Glenn Kephart, 27, driver of the truck, Florence Yarger and Ruth Baird. All were treated for lacerations and abrasions of the body.

Members of the Pennsylvania Motor Police from Ebensburg, who investigated the accident said Kephart reported he swerved his machine to avoid striking two persons who were walking close to the middle of the bridge.

In its plunge to the tracks 24 feet below the bridge, the careening truck ripped a 45-foot gap in the guard rail before it crashed on its side. The accident occurred on route 11383 at 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Hubersburg Woman Injured Mrs. Emaline Detrich, aged 78, of Hubersburg, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital last Thursday to undergo treatment for injuries received in a fall at her home. Mrs. Detrich, who lives alone, suffered a fracture of the right leg and minor bruises when she fell on the back porch of her home. Reports from the hospital yesterday were to the effect that she is resting comfortably.

3 HURT IN CRASH AS CAR STRIKES LUMBER PILE NEAR MILL HALL

Bellwood Couple Pinned In Automobile When Machine Overtakes As Driver Fails to Negotiate Curve at Intersection

Three persons are in the Lock Haven hospital as the result of an accident at the intersection of routes 220 and 880 near Mill Hall, at 11 a. m. Saturday.

They are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Miller, Bellwood, occupants of a car which left the highway and struck a lumber pile, landing upside down between two stacks of boards and Guy Sheets, 13, of Greenburg, who apparently was struck by a flying piece of board.

The boy suffered a fractured left leg, possible fracture in the left foot and a deep gash of the leg. Mr. Miller, aged 62, received lacerations of the forehead, nose and face, and contusions of the right wrist, while Mrs. Miller suffered a concussion,

laceration of the nose and right knee and a fractured left arm, as well as severe shock.

According to reports, the Miller car failed to negotiate a sharp curve at the intersection of route 220 and the Salona road. Turning left, it plowed into the lumber pile owned by John R. Thompson.

In an effort to escape being struck by the auto, the Sheets boy, who was standing at the intersection awaiting a milk truck which had brought him to Salona earlier in the morning, leaped onto one of the stacks of lumber.

Passing motorists and persons working nearby extricated Mr. and Mrs. Miller from the car, which was virtually demolished.

Killed In Tumble From Locomotive

Veteran Railroader Thrown From Engine by Overhead Bridge

Samuel Ellenberger, of Wormleysburg, Dauphin county, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad for forty years, was instantly killed Friday when he was knocked from the top of the tender of an engine by an overhead bridge at Jersey Shore. He was 69 years old.

Railroad officials at Enola said that they were informed that Mr. Ellenberger, a brakeman on the Williamsport Division, had climbed on top of the tender of an engine on a train bound from Buffalo to New York.

Mr. Ellenberger lived in Wormleysburg for five years and prior to that time resided in Harrisburg since 1908. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maude Ellenberger; a son, John, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Siod, Wormleysburg; a stepson, G. O. Thomas, Harrisburg, and three sisters.

Penn State - Bucknell Game On Saturday

Meeting in an early season game for the first time in many years, Penn State and Bucknell will continue their colorful football rivalry at State College Saturday. It will be the 28th game in a series which started in 1887.

Only a last minute touch down gave the Nittany Lions victory over the Bison last fall. Johnny Patrick, who also proved a nemesis to the Thundering Herd in 1936, broke away for a 25-yard run and the winning touchdown.

State also was the winning team in 1936 when Patrick returned the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown and then scored again on a line play in the third quarter. Previous to this game, however, Bucknell had won six in a row. In the 27 previous contests Penn State has won 18 to nine for the Lewisburg collegians.

Jack Thompson Club Hears State Speaker

Members of the Clearfield-Centre Counties Jack Thompson Club attended an enthusiastic dinner and business meeting at the West Shore Restaurant Banquet Hall in Lemoyne, just across the river from Harrisburg, on Wednesday night, September 28.

After an excellent dinner, the regular business meeting was held in an inspiring address C. V. Shoup, Publicity Aide of the General State Authority, further familiarized the members with the State-wide construction program to date and the pending school buildings program, which will be done under the Thompson School Act. Mr. Shoup also forcefully brought to mind numerous worth-while points for the group and individuals present to utilize during the fall campaign.

Ends Life Of College. Denied the privilege of attending college of his choice by his parents, Burt G. Metz, Jr., 19, of Neptune City, N. J., became despondent and committed suicide at his home by shooting himself through the head.

Absolved of Blame In Auto Accident

Osceola Mills Merchant Exonerated in Fatal Accident to Pedestrian

A coroner's jury which met in Morrisdale last week exonerated William McLaren, Osceola Mills merchant, of all blame in the death of Anthony Grubutsky, New Liberty, who died Tuesday morning after being struck by McLaren's car.

The jury which met under Dr. E. E. Erhard, Clearfield county coroner, after hearing the evidence learned Grubutsky's death an unavoidable accident.

Grubutsky, 50-year-old coal miner, died at the Phillipsburg State Hospital nine hours after he was struck by the car as he was walking along the Osceola-Phillipsburg road Monday night at about 9:05 o'clock.

Dr. Erhard stated he had examined the scene of the accident and could find no trace of tire marks to indicate McLaren had been driving at a fast rate of speed. He said there were no marks on the opposite side of the road where the car had swerved and that the right front fender of McLaren's car had not been dented indicating that Grubutsky had not been struck hard by the car. Grubutsky's death was caused by a fractured skull suffered when he was thrown to the highway.

McLaren, only witness to the accident when told he would not have to testify, replied he had nothing to hide and explained how the accident had happened. According to McLaren's testimony, he did not see Grubutsky who was dressed in dark clothes, until the man was only 15 feet in front of him. McLaren said he swerved his car sharply to the right but that his right front fender hit the victim.

McLaren said Grubutsky was walking on the right hand side of the road towards Phillipsburg in the same direction as the car was traveling.

This week's congratulations go to the West Penn Power Company. The West Penn has offered to take over control and maintenance of North Allegheny's antiquated ornamental street lighting system, which costs the borough a pretty penny every year for repairs. The power company will install new and modern heads on the standards in the business district and eventually will replace the ancient standards on North Allegheny's streets. Linn streets with modern fixtures—all at no cost to the borough. While few of us are naive enough to believe that the West Penn is motivated solely by the desire to see Bellefonte's streets in shipshape condition, the utility deserves credit for calling the matter to the attention of Council; for offering an orderly plan to improve the lighting system, and for relieving the borough of further expense in keeping the worn-out system in repairs.

Injured On State College Projects

William Gaddis, 33, colored, of Philadelphia, and Thomas Stevenson, 23, of Mill Hall, were admitted to the Centre County Hospital Friday to undergo observation after they had been injured in accidents at the construction job at the Pennsylvania State College.

Gaddis received head lacerations when he fell from a scaffold at the Liberal Arts building about 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. There also was a possibility that he had been struck a glancing blow by an 800-pound cement buggy which fell with the scaffold. His injuries were found not to be of a serious nature, however.

Thomas suffered a bruised back when he was struck by a stone being unloaded by a crane.

"A Girl in Every Port"

Another attractive painting in the series of delightful works of art glorifying feminine loveliness. Produced in full color in the October 16th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Temperance, be it understood, is a double-edged sword that cuts away excesses to secure a balance.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Dictation's Other Meaning

