

Kicked About Pants

Nick Theophilus came to court at Chicago the other day in a blanket, bed room slippers and high dudgeon.

\$500 For Stone

Last year a stone was found along the Carolina Coast which carried a message of the hardships experienced when colonists' supplies from England failed to reach this country in 1687.

No Bum Steer

It's time for spring plowing in Berks county and time for Blackie the steer, to start dragging a two-horse plow.

Big Goose Egg

A goose egg, even larger than the proverbial zero looks on an examination report, has been exhibited at Mifflintown, by W. S. Hestetter of Mifflintown, R. D. 2, who maintains a flock of geese on his farm.

Rattle-Trap

Charles L. Eshelman, advertising executive of Cleveland, decided to investigate that rear-end rattling in his car which had been bothering him for weeks.

Softies

Cornell university's football players will have to do their traveling around the 1200 acre campus on bicycles.

Accommodating

Noticing a fire on the roof of a Shouse he was passing, Truck Driver George Hunter, of Denver, Colo., turned in a fire alarm and proceeded on his way, only to be stopped a few minutes later.

Chairs 119 Years Old

A Northumberland County grand jury's complaint that chairs in its quarters were uncomfortable and should be replaced sent the county commissioners to investigate.

LOCAL PAROLE OFFICE MAINTAINS FINE RECORD

Any criticism of parole, especially in District No. 5, State Parole Office, located at 29 West High Street, Bellefonte, is dispelled when the excellent record compiled during the past three years by Joseph R. Miller, Senior Agent in charge of the district, and his Junior Agents, William F. Lucas and Joseph L. Paglia, is considered.

Only 16.1 per cent of the men on parole under the supervision of Bellefonte office had to be returned to penal institutions for general violation of parole rules or for committing new crimes during the past three years.

During the past year Mr. Miller's office supervised an average of 209 parolees from Pennsylvania institutions, and 32 from other states who are residing in the 11 counties embraced by District No. 5.

TRAGEDY AVERTED BY DISCOVERY OF MISSING STICKS OF DYNAMITE

Morrisdale Coal Company Workers Search Loaded Cars for Bag of Explosive Accidentally Mixed With Coal by Miner

When Paul Lubuda, a young Hawk Run miner employed by the Morrisdale Coal Company near Philipsburg, forgot to remove a bag of dynamite from an empty car awaiting to be loaded, he unleashed a chain of events that kept officials and fellow workers in a sweat for several days.

Further tragedy and disaster was averted by the discovery of the mistake soon afterwards. By that time eighteen of the 20 to 30 cars on the company's siding had been loaded and no one could tell which of the cars contained the explosive. They knew, however, that it was enough to wreck a train or destroy a house if by chance it exploded.

Miners and officials at once began searching for the dynamite and caps. Empty railroad cars were run onto the parallel siding and the

miners were put to work transferring the coal by hand shoveling. The workers were cautioned to be careful in uncovering the hidden menace so as not to explode the dangerous caps.

What was first feared would be a long drawn-out fine-combing of 18 loaded railroad cars proved but a brief hunt when the caps and dynamite were found the next day in the second car searched. As a result of the finding the 18 cars were again moved out for shipment.

Lubuda, the innocent cause of the excitement, with several miners had been in the heading at No. 3 shaft where the dynamite was stored. Taking 4 sticks and 4 caps, he placed them on a loaded mine car traveling in the same direction he was going. This was deemed safer than carrying the sticks and caps through the low passageway.

Upon reaching his destination, he forgot to remove the explosive. That night, with it mixed in, went over the picking table and down the tippie chute into a railroad car.

Philipsburg Boy Doomed To Die

Philadelphia Specialists Unable to Remove Brain Tumor From Child

Little Johnny Zurick, nine-year-old schoolboy of Ramey, near Philipsburg, is doomed to die, because Philadelphia specialists who examined him last week declare they cannot remove a tumor that lurks in the child's brain.

Johnny, the son of a dead World War veteran, was sent to Philadelphia by the Houtzdale-Freiburg League Post, who raised funds for the purpose. The boy was brought home following the announcement by the surgeons that his case was hopeless. Just how soon death will come to the youngster is uncertain, medical circles stated.

Just eight months ago Zurick was a normal bright child in every way. Teachers first noticed a change in his physical makeup when he was unable to make his writing follow the lines on the paper he used at school. Exhaustive examination disclosed the boy was suffering from a brain tumor.

Runaway Youths Return To Home

Three Inmates of Children's Institution at Clearfield 'Visit' Philipsburg

A desire to visit a relative of one of three youths who ran away from the Children's Home at Clearfield last Tuesday, was the reason given by the boys for their two days' absence without leave.

The youths, William Moranick, Chester Hill, and William DeCarlo, left the home at Clearfield, Tuesday, following a check-up at the boys had not attended classes.

Following a search of nearby counties, the boys were returned to the institution Thursday. The youngsters told the superintendent of the school that they had walked to Philipsburg to see the uncle of one of the boys. The uncle met them at Philipsburg and immediately returned them to the home.

The head of the home said the boys, who are in the early teen age, would not be punished for their absence without leave.

People in middle-age are apt to overlook the importance of reading the Bible but it's a mistake.



PRISONER SALVES BODY AND ESCAPES JAIL THROUGH HOLE

Police are searching for a 125-pound youth who escaped from Union county jail at Lewisburg by covering his naked body with saliva and wriggling through a small hole.

The youth, Donald Kling, 20, had been held for removal to the Huntington Industrial school on a charge of parole violation.

Sheriff Melvin R. Good of Lewisburg, said a rash appeared on the skin of Kling and two other prisoners. The prison physician handed out salve.

Kling, liberally daubing his body with it, managed to squeeze through a 6 by 18-inch aperture through which food is handed to prisoners in a cell block. Then he donned clothing which he had stuffed through the opening and walked to freedom.

OPENINGS IN CCC CAMPS FOR 27 CENTRE CO. BOYS

According to enrollment plans announced by the Department of Public Assistance, there are openings for 27 Centre county boys in CCC camps. The new enrollees will replace boys enrolled six months or more ago now being mustered out of the service.

While actual enrollment is conducted by Army officers, the advance selection and certification of eligible boys is handled by the local board of public assistance.

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WHEN FIRE PLAYED DOUBLE PRANK

Bellefonte can boast of having had three theatres in its time, each catering to stage successes of the respective days. They were known then as "opera houses," the term "opera" being acceptable for almost every form of entertainment shown upon the stage by traveling companies.

The earlier public amusement halls were Reynolds opera house located on the second floor of a building adjoining the present Weis Food store on Allegheny street, and the Humes opera house that occupied a portion of the Humes block where the Crider Exchange now stands. Each successively was wiped out by fire and no attempt made to restore them. The Garman opera house, erected later by Daniel Garman, now used as a movie theatre, is the only remaining place where the opera house name is still left to remind of former days.

Those who can recollect the Reynolds opera house the town's first theatre, would no doubt be few in number, as the once popular amusement hall was destroyed by fire exactly fifty-four years ago.

It was on the night of March 20, 1885, that the Reynolds opera house fell prey to the conflagration that wiped out every business place from the present location of Hanzel & Co. Allegheny street, to the Weis store at Bishop street. It was the historic fire that swept away the worst part of "Strychnine Corner," a section of the town that became famous for its unsavory atmosphere.

About 8 o'clock on Friday night, March 20th, in shrill cry of fire rang out on the frosty air and was taken up by the startled citizens all over town. Flames were seen issuing from private stables of the Brookerhoff estate at the rear of the lot adjoining the alley. Both the Undine and Logan fire companies responded and went to work in earnest to subdue the flames.

The horse and vehicles were removed from all the stables adjoining the burning structure, but nothing could be rescued from fire Brookerhoff's stable except a cow which was turned loose in the yard. A valuable team of horses, carriage, buggies, sleighs, harness, etc., were destroyed.

A high wind was blowing from the northwest and the greedy flames soon wrapped in their embrace the stables on the east side of the alley that ran north from Bishop street.

Joseph Brothers, who conducted the dry goods store now owned by Hazel & Co., maintained a stable at the rear of their store, and adjoining it was the stable of Cal Lose and a shop used by R. B. Spangler who was engaged in cabinet making and furniture painting. The Lose stable and Spangler building were of frame construction and quickly burned, but the Joseph stable, built of stone, stood an impassable barrier to the spread of the fire to the northeast.

To this fact, and the watchfulness of people on the roofs of their houses, was due to the safety of that portion of the town, south of High street. By 9 o'clock the firemen had the conflagration under control and confined their efforts to keep the smoldering embers from being blown about the premises.

During all the time the sparks and burning shingles were flying in every direction, and men with buckets of water were on every roof, putting out fires as fast as they caught. Tyrone and Lock Haven had been telephoned early in the evening for assistance, and afterwards when the

Centre Democrat's First Baptism of Fire

One of the events not touched upon in the foregoing account of a famous Bellefonte fire, was the loss sustained by The Centre Democrat which had its quarters in an upstairs room of the corner building. The paper was then edited by Geo. P. Bible. The machinery was almost a total loss and necessitated the purchase of new equipment when the office was moved to the Harris building opposite the Bush Arcade. This was the first of two fire losses suffered by The Centre Democrat during the years of its existence. The second occurred some years later while the office was located in the old Conrad House on Allegheny street. At that time the paper was published by the late Chas. R. Kurtz.

local firemen had the fire under control, they were telephoned that they were not needed.

Tired, hungry, wet and frozen, the firemen sought refreshments. They considered the fire now harmless and only required watching by a few of their number. The business houses on the west side of Allegheny street were saved. The residents of that section again rested easy, and most of the spectators went home and retired to rest.

Disaster Struck Anew

Had the citizens foreseen what was yet in store for the town, there would have been no return to home and bed. Fate had another card to play that proved an ace in the battle with the fiery element.

Shortly after 10 o'clock someone noticed smoke issuing from the store of N. Bauer on Bishop street, but nobody believed there was any fire in the building—it was only smoke from the fire back in the alley. For twenty minutes smoke continued to pour out of the building but no one paid any attention to it.

Finally the store door was broken in and firemen began to play the hose on chinaware and crockery in the store, but in the rooms there did not appear to be any fire. In a few minutes, however, the flames burst forth from a dozen places and from the roof of the building.

Then began the second and most destructive fire of the evening, and its origin was as much of a mystery as the fire in the stables on the west side of the alley.

It has been said that the firemen were denied permission to enter the building, a proceeding that would not be found in today's fire regulations. This delay, it is held, was responsible for the destruction of the buildings in the entire block along Allegheny street.

The fire forced its way along Bishop street and north along the west side of Allegheny street until it had enveloped every building on the

square bounded by Bishop street on the south and Cherry alley on the north. The corner building, a wooden structure, soon succumbed, and the iron front of Reynolds opera house followed.

The burned district included the following business places: Allegheny street—Joseph Brothers store; S. & A. Loe's store; Goldsmith Bros. (2 rooms); R. B. Spangler's furniture store; next came the entrance to the opera house; south of this was a saloon and restaurant and on the corner James O'Brien's pool room. Bishop street—Brown's saloon; N. Bauer's grocery store; next was an empty room formerly occupied by Ceder's bakery, and west of this was McClure's harness shop, and the Undine hose house.

Catholic Church on Fire

During the progress of the second conflagration the Catholic church was twice on fire, and the deep tones

of its bell twice, called its faithful to the rescue. It was at this time that a difficulty arose between some of the firemen that resulted in several fist fights. One party wanted to take the hose to the church, while the other opposed leaving the larger fire. Fortunately the fire at the church did not develop seriously and was extinguished with a few buckets of water.

Towards morning the Tyrone firemen arrived on a special train and got to work, and within a short time all danger of further spreading of the fire had passed.

While the fire had spent its force, the firemen had also spent every ounce of energy they possessed. Covered with ice from head to foot, fingers and toes frozen, they looked as though they were fresh from an arctic expedition.

The excitement was intense. Everybody was moving out goods and furniture. A red brick house removed from a third story of the corner building and safely deposited on the street.

While the Bee Hive was burning, a thief was endeavoring to get away with several satchels, was mildly headed off by the fire of a seventh-shooter. He dropped the plunder.

Payment Begins On Sewage Plant

First payment of the Public Works Administration 45% outright grant of \$55,800.00 for the construction of Sewage Disposal plant in Bellefonte was received here last week. PWA Resident Engineer Inspector Howard F. Meixner has announced.

The check for \$18,600.00 from the Federal Government received by Bellefonte officials marks the first actual transfer of Federal funds on the new project. This check for fifteen percent of the total cost represents the Federal Government's contribution towards the preliminary expenses of the project and enables local officials to finance the first part of the work.

The purpose of the Act which makes this money available is to provide employment and to aid the nation's hard hit heavy industries by enabling communities to build worthwhile permanent public improvements.

RING-NECKED PHEASANT PROJECT PLANNED FOR CENTRE COUNTY AREA

Propagation Scheme Explained At Annual Fishermen's Banquet at State College; Expect to Rear 500 to 1000 Birds

The State College Conservation Association's annual Fishermen's banquet was held at the Autogport, one-half mile east of State College, last Wednesday night, with 186 in attendance—the largest for several years. The meeting was called to order by Dr. J. W. Claudy, Superintendent of Rockview Penitentiary, who pronounced the invocation, after which a turkey dinner was served.

During the course of the dinner Dr. Daniel Lonsberger introduced the Stone Valley Wildcat, composed of Chas. Gearhart, Lee Zong, Geo. Bertrum, Fred Gearhart and Sam Jones who presented a program of music, clog dancing and entertainment.

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Among the more serious of the poems being written...

It was Saturday night at Dave Hughes' taproom on North Water street. The hands of the clock moved near the hour of midnight.

The merry-makers were huddled in little groups about the bar and around the tables in the room. Dave at the cash register completed counting the day's receipts, placed the bill and coins in a bag and placed the bag on the end of the bar while he walked to the west end to converse a moment with a patron. When he returned to the east end to pick up the money bag, he found it missing. In the bag was approximately \$150 in cash. As patron after patron was established, the money went with them, for whoever had the bag of money walked out with it unchallenged. Borough police, investigating the matter, are reported to have several suspects under surveillance.

Senator A. H. Lettler, Centre-Clearfield Representative in the State Senate, last week popped out of obscurity and introduced a bill in the Senate.

The bill, if you're interested, would increase the membership of the Penn State Board of Trustees. Under the provisions of the measure the secretary of mines would become a member of the board.

This department some time ago mentioned that Reeder Jodon's full name was H. H. Reeder Jodon. Friday night at the annual fish fry of the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Association of which he is president, we learned that the H. H. is for Henry Hastings, making the whole name Henry Hastings Reeder Jodon. The two middle names are said to be in honor of Hastings & Reeder, members of a well known law firm in Bellefonte's earlier history.

More and more the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium is coming to be a popular place for banquets, shows and other forms of public gatherings, and yet the room is about the dowdiest place to be found in town.

You wouldn't expect a gymnasium, especially one as old as the one at the "Y" to be faultless, but there is no reason why the side walls and ceiling could not be given a coat of paint. If the ceiling and the side walls down as far as the balcony were painted white or buff, the lighting in the room would be immeasurably improved. From the balcony down to the floor, some more serviceable color could be used to hide the assortment of dark brown wainscoting, the new and old brick-work and the other hodge-podge of color and shag on the side walls.

2 Firemen Hurt When Inn Burns

Three volunteer firemen were injured Monday morning when fire destroyed Sunset Inn, an eating and refreshment resort located two miles north of Spruce Creek. The damage is estimated at approximately \$5,000.

The injured included Professor E. J. Knott, supervising principal of Alexandria schools; Robert Porter and Ross Hinger, all members of the Alexandria volunteer company, which was summoned shortly after the blaze was discovered.

The building, said to be owned by Mrs. Ellenberger, of Tyrone, was in charge of a caretaker, who was forced to leap to safety from an upstairs window.

Pressure from a hose stream collapsed one of the two tall remaining chimneys and as the other toppled over the falling debris crashed down on the three firemen without warning. They were able to go to their homes after treatment by an Alexandria physician.

A Romance of Two Worlds.

Telling how the yearning spirit of a doctor's departed wife assured him it would be all right for a poorer woman to substitute for her on earth. One of many illustrated features in the April 16th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed every Sunday with the Baltimore American. On sale by all newsdealers and newsboys.

Garner Fingerprinted

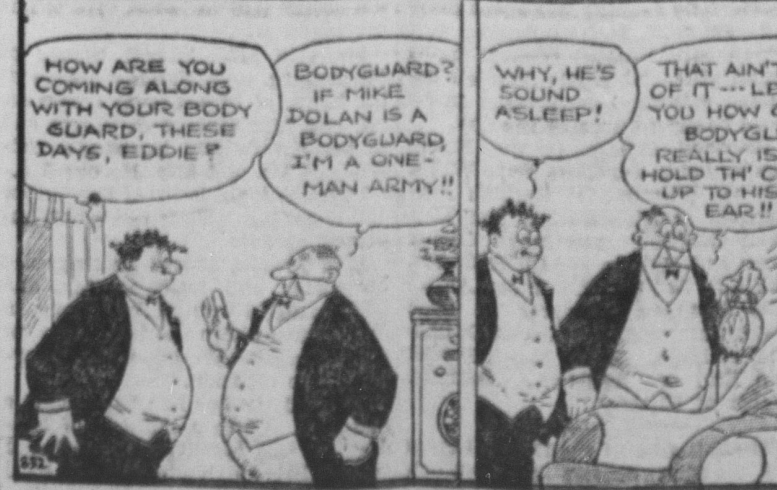
Following the suggestion of President Roosevelt that it would be a good thing for everyone to submit voluntarily to fingerprinting, Vice President Garner submitted to being fingerprinted by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI.

Our friend, James J. Leitzell, of Bellefonte and HEBERSBURG, reports that on June 1 he will announce himself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, on the Republican ticket. We have no business meddling in Republican patronage, but Jim has spent enough campaign money and enough time in running for office to deserve a pretty good job from the Grand Old Party. He's got a way about him and his following in this fall's election might mean the difference between success and failure for other Republicans who aspire to the "Shrievaty" nomination.

This writer never knew the late J. Mitchell Cunningham in his younger days. Practically our entire knowledge of him came through attending Council sessions during the past 15 years. He differed from most Councilmen in that he had a mind of his own. He wasn't afraid.

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'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Alarm Clock Proof



By POP MOMAND

