

Odd and Curious News

Just 'Little Drink'

George Harry Smith, 73-year-old bewhiskered tinker, told Judge M. A. Musmanno in court at Pittsburgh, he struck a companion with a soldering iron because he wasn't feeling well and had taken a "little drink." Asked by the judge how much he drank, Smith replied: "Twelve double headers of whiskey, 12 glasses of wine and some bottles of beer."

Ferdinand The Second

A timid bull with the disposition of the famous Ferdinand is at large in Frosty Valley, near Bloomsburg. Those who've seen it say it's been roaming the woods since April, coming down into fields of wildflowers in early morning or evening. No one has tried to catch Ferdinand 2nd.

Get The Hook!

Reporting before the National Temperance School in England, Dr. R. Cove-Smith described the six stages of drunkenness as follows: Dry and decent; delightful and devilish; delinquent and disgusting; dizzy and delicious; dazed and dejected; dead drunk.

High Finance

B. H. Ladd served the customer at his filling station in Nashville, Tenn., accepted a \$10 bill cheerfully handed over \$7.40 in change. A few minutes later he discovered the bill was one of two tens stolen from his desk while he was putting in the gas.

Rain Ends Sit-Down

Sitting at top of a 100-foot smokestack, a prisoner at the Kingston Ont. penitentiary threatened to jump if a guard came near him but when a heavy rainstorm drenched him, decided to come down.

Swordfish Vs. Ship

A 400-pound swordfish cut an 8-inch gash below the water-line of a fisherman's skiff at San Diego, Calif., when its owner attempted to haul in the fish, harpooned the day before and supposedly dead.

30-Year Old Butter

Cleaning a well at Mayfield, Ky., workmen discovered a jar of butter, which Mrs. Sarah Weiler says was dropped in the well thirty years ago. It was in good condition, with no rancid taste or odor.

Wins And Dies

George Mize, 16, of Mt. Vernon, Ala., anxious to win an inter-water endurance contest, grabbed a root on the bottom of stream. He held on too long, and drowned in three feet of water.

Wrong Man

Rubin Harvey met a man on the street, at Little Rock, Ark., who slashed him several times on the arm, then stepped back and said: "Excuse me, I thought you were somebody else."

TWO INJURED AS CARS COLLIDE IN CENTRE HALL

Two persons were injured and two cars were damaged to the extent of about \$75 in a collision at the Centre Hall diamond Friday.

The injured were John Rines, of Centre Hall, driver of one car, who suffered a severe laceration of the right wrist, and Chester Thomas, a passenger in a car driven by R. K. Alexander, of Joliet, R. D. 2, who suffered from shock and bruises.

The Rines car was crossing the main highway when it was struck by Alexander's sedan, which was traveling down the mountain, according to reports. Alexander and two other passengers in his car were not injured.

Named Legion Delegate

Notification has been received by Col. Eugene Lederer of State College, that he has been elected a delegate to represent the 23rd district of the American Legion at its 21st annual national convention to be held in Chicago, September 25-28. He was elected at the state convention recently held in Williamsport by the district delegates from Clearfield, Bedford, Cameron, McKean, and Centre counties.

FORTY-FIVE APPLY FOR JOBS AS EXECUTIONER IN PENNA.

The task of selecting a new executioner for Pennsylvania should the stricken Robert Elliott be unable to resume his duties with the State, has been left by the State Department of Welfare up to Stanley P. Ash, veteran warden of the Western State Penitentiary.

There have been forty-five applications from twenty-eight Pennsylvania communities and five out-of-State cities received by the Department to date.

The Department related portions of the applicants' letters they received.

Eight of the applicants were from Philadelphia. Three came from Altoona, two from Erie, two from Pittsburgh and two from Butler. Other applicants were received, via the Governor's office and the Attorney General, from: West Grove, Chester county; Delmar, Meyersdale, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Ardena, Adams county; Hatboro, Silgo, Clarion county; Trough Creek, Huntingdon county; Brownsville, Daisytown, Webster, Milton, Mifflinville, Danville, Norristown, War-

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TYRONE DIVISION R. R. EMPLOYES HOLD BIG GATHERING AT PARK

Over 500 Railroaders, Past and Present, in First Reunion—Welcomed in Warm Address by Tyrone Burgess

The first gathering and reunion of the employees of the old Tyrone Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad company was held Saturday afternoon and evening at Reservoir Park, Tyrone, with a rousing gathering that certainly made history.

Old employees past and present, with their families and friends, came from far and near, and spent the afternoon contentedly exchanging old railroad experiences and living again the days when the Tyrone Division was unquestionably the greatest single-track railroad in the world.

Present, too, were practically all members of the official staff of the division, included among whom were J. K. Johnston, superintendent; H. M. Sausser, chief clerk; W. T. Charles, train master; C. B.

Wingate, division operator, and W. I. Laird, assistant road foreman of engines. These former officials are all retired.

Old pictures and relics enhanced the pleasure of the afternoon, and brought many discussions of this and that. There is no doubt but that among this gathering was represented some of the best informed and most practical railroad men in the world.

The Little German Band of Osceola Mills added greatly to the enjoyment of the afternoon with their playing of melodies, past and present. This band was under the leadership of George Demchak.

As each employee came on the grounds he was met by George C. Will, one of the committee, presented with a buttonhole flag emblem and asked to register in the guest book.

The evening session was held in the spacious pavilion and got under way at 7:30 o'clock with H. Clay Hall, of Osceola Mills, acting as chairman, and George C. Will as assistant.

Harry L. Budd, of Tyrone, retired conductor, opened the meeting with a fervent prayer, followed by which spirited martial music was heard from the Little German Band. Mr. Will estimated there were over 600 present, and stated that 472 had registered in the book in the afternoon.

Burgess Raymond A. Hagerman made a warm address of welcome. (Continued on page seven)

Townsend Outing A Huge Success

Record Crowd in Attendance at Lakemont Park, Last Thursday

(Contributed)

Townsend cohorts from the most eastern tip of Centre county to the western reaches of Blair and Clearfield counties gathered at beautiful Lakemont Park, near Altoona, last Thursday, August 24th, listened to an array of forceful speakers, enjoyed the beauties of the park and the games and sports planned for them by an able committee, and spread their beautiful picnic dinners on the many tables scattered through the park. The day was ideal, seemingly planned for the event, cool and pleasant.

What most impressed the visitors was the large crowd present. It was conservatively estimated to be between four and five thousand. Parking space was hard to find, tables for lunch were all filled, many ate in their cars. And another record was set.

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Undertaker Buys Tibbens Property

Beech Creek Residence To Be Converted Into Funeral Home

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Negotiations were concluded last week by Claude H. Bechdel, acting for the Bechdel Funeral Home, successor to E. T. Bechdel & Son, undertakers, for the purchase of the property of the late Dr. P. McDowell Tibbens, in Beech Creek.

The property is located at the southeast corner of Main street and Maple Avenue, and is one of the finest residences in Beech Creek, surrounded by a large lawn.

It will be used as a residence for Mr. Bechdel and his family in the near future, moving from their farm home in Beech Creek Township adjacent to the Borough line, which will be retained by a tenant farmer. The interior of the residence will be re-arranged to afford a funeral home and up-to-date funeral equipment. The new set-up will be conducted by Claude H. Bechdel who will later have associated with him his brother, Robert Bechdel. The latter will live in the immediate future to take a year's course in an accredited embalming college.

New Kind of Swap

An unusual story telling how neighbors not only exchanged their wives but also divided their 14 children with a cow thrown in to complete the deal. Read it in the September 10th issue of the American Weekly, big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by all news-dealers.

Boy Shoots Large Eagle

One of the largest birds known in the Sullivan County area, was brought down by an East Athens 12-year-old, William Chandler, when he shot an American eagle at the home of his grandfather, Herbert VanGord. When the boy saw the bird perched on a tree near the dairy barn on the farm, he thought it was a hawk, and went to the house for a .22 caliber rifle. When he returned the bird started towards him and the boy shot it. The eagle, which had a wing spread of six feet four inches, weighed more than eight pounds.

Intelligence tests: What and where is the Great Bear?

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Labor Day



Compulsory School Attendance From 6 To 17 Years Required

School officials emphasize the need for parents to scan Pennsylvania's compulsory school attendance laws. An Act of the 1939 Legislature placed the compulsory attendance age limit at 17 instead of 18 as had been previously planned.

All children between the ages of six and 17 years, come under the compulsory attendance laws unless: (1) a child has attained the age of 16 years and holds a general employment certificate, or (2) any child who has completed a course of study equivalent to six yearly grades of public school and attaining the age of 15 years and who is regularly engaged in farm work or domestic service in a private home.

Penalty is Arrest

The compulsory attendance law is not mandatory upon children under eight years of age, but if a parent elects to send the child to school at the age of six years, that child is then subject to the law.

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YOUTH HELD IN DEATH OF MAN AFTER FIGHT NEAR DANCE RESORT

William Foust, 18, Arrested on Murder Charge After Brawl in Which Harry Filer, 50, of Altoona, Was Fatally Injured

A charge of murder has been filed against William Foust, 18, of South Lakemont, Blair county, by the State Motor Police in connection with the death of Harry Filer, of Altoona, who was fatally injured in a brawl at Sandy Run grill near East Altoona, last Thursday morning.

According to the motor police, Filer's death was the result of a fall during a fight. Foust, it is said, was employed as a musician in an orchestra at the grill Thursday morning, when Filer came to the orchestra stand and allegedly insulted him during the course of a dance.

After several demands of the musician of Filer to apologize for the insult, the two men left the grill and a fight resulted between them. Following the fight, Filer was taken to the Altoona Hospital by Foster Miller, of Tyrone, R. D., where he was pronounced dead at 3:15 a. m.

An examination of the injuries at Altoona hospital disclosed that Filer suffered a deep laceration of the back of the head, running from the top of the scalp down the back of the neck to the left side, a laceration of the top of the forehead and five small cuts close to the larger injury. It was also found that the man suffered a cut on the nose, which was probably fractured. The many brush burns on his face and scratches on the back of the left hand and right forearm indicated the injuries were received in the course of a fight.

Altoona police were notified a few minutes after the victim was admitted to the hospital dispensary. Six persons were arrested as follows: Kenneth Birley, 22, 110 Logan avenue, South Lakemont; Clara Lutz, 30, 610 Third street; Margaret Higham, 21, 327 Lexington avenue, and Clarence Weisick, 37, of Altoona, R. D., and William Foust.

All of these persons were released with the exception of Foust who is being held in the Blair county jail. Sergeant Stroehman of the state police, said it is believed that Filer received the cuts on his head from a fall on a rock pile when he fell forward on his face during the brawl.

Harry Filer was a native of Altoona, born July 19, 1889, a son of the late George and Catherine (Schlimmer) Filer. He was one of a family of 14 children.

The last word from her was in a letter postmarked Sunbury, in which she stated that she had been married in Hagerstown, Md. Inquiry at that place reveals that no marriage license had been issued there to any person of that name. The Sunbury letter gave no inkling of the intended residence of the married couple.

Miss Mary Louise Fahringer, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Alfred Fahringer, of Lock Haven, has been missing from home for the past four weeks.

Miss Fahringer left home July 29, and is known to have arrived in Williamsport the morning of August 1.

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Miss Fahringer is 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighs between 102 and 106 pounds, has brown eyes and brown hair, and is of slender build. Her parents have no description of the dress she was wearing at the time she disappeared, but said she was wearing a light-colored turban.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Miss Fahringer is asked to notify the Lock Haven police authorities or her parents.

Woman Struck By Car Friday

Morrisdale Resident Suffers Broken Arm and Other Possible Injuries

While crossing the highway at Oak Grove, near Morrisdale, last Friday night, Mrs. Joseph Pedmo, 24, of Morrisdale, was seriously injured when she was knocked down by a car operated by Lewis Palmieri of Allport.

Mrs. Pedmo was immediately picked up by Palmieri and rushed to the Phillipsburg State Hospital where she was treated for injuries. She suffered a broken right arm and possible other injuries.

Mrs. Pedmo, according to motor police, stepped from the rear of a passing car directly in front of Palmieri's car.

Palmieri was traveling toward Phillipsburg when a car approached from the opposite direction. The accident occurred as the approaching vehicle passed Palmieri.

Mrs. Pedmo was admitted to the hospital at 8:45 p. m. Her condition has since been termed "fair."

Curse of Tutankhamen's Tomb

A scientist explains how poison may have been scattered in the tomb of King Tut which caused the deaths of explorers who unearthed the body of the old ruler. An educational article of interest in the September 10th issue of the American Weekly, distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American, on sale at all newsstands.

Falls Through Window

Clyde H. Coulsh, of Flemington, was taken suddenly ill one evening last week while standing in front of the Mason Drug Store in Lock Haven and fell over against one of the large windows, breaking the glass. He was able to return to his home later.

Find His Hat

Tipp Watts, flying over farms in Oklahoma, to take pictures, lost his hat when it blew out of the window of his plane. Several days later a farmer brought it to the airport, saying he had seen it fall from the plane.

RECOLLECTIONS of an OLD INDUSTRY

Bellefonte Nail Works Was Flourishing Seat of Employment For Many Prosperous Years

The Bellefonte Nail Works was established November 16, 1881, the company consisting of General James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte, William A. Emery and S. Achenbach, of Williamsport. General Beaver was chairman, Mr. Emery, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Achenbach, a thorough mechanic of long and varied experience, was general superintendent.

The plant was erected below town, on the west side of the railroad, leading from Bellefonte to Milesburg, about opposite the former fair grounds now being used as the borough sewage disposal plant.

The works were built in the most approved manner, and being located close to the railroad had excellent shipping facilities. There were three large buildings, each taking care of its particular class of work.

The rolling mill was the largest of the group of buildings, being a square structure 125 by 125 feet. The nail factory in which were housed the machinery, was 75 by 40 feet, and the warehouse 125 by 40 feet, the whole covered with a slate roof.

Each department was provided with the most approved appliances of that day for successful and rapid work. The rolling mill was equipped with eleven furnaces, and all the iron for the nail mill was made there.

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Escape Injury As Truck Overtakes

Driver and Helper Trained From Cab When Trailer Tank Overtakes

When a large trailer oil truck left the road and overturned in a field about 2 1/2 miles east of Boalsburg on Route 322, early Saturday, two persons escaped injury but total damage was placed at more than \$400.

Motor police report that the accident happened when the driver of the truck, C. N. Barton, of Bradford, fell asleep at the wheel at about 12:10 o'clock. The machine ran off the left side of the road, grazed a culvert but did not damage it, and plunged through a fence into a field.

The truck, which was headed toward State College, turned over on its right side and swung around in the opposite direction before coming to rest. The driver and his helper, Winfield Bumgard, also of Bradford, were not injured although Barton was thrown from the cab onto the highway.

Boy Loses Legs Beneath Train

Gallitzin Youth Terribly Injured While Crawling Under Car

A Gallitzin boy, Frank Halery, 11, had both legs amputated Sunday afternoon when the train under which he was crawling ran over him.

According to Altoona Mercy hospital records, the Halery boy, along with two other lads, crawled under the cars of a train which had stopped to adjust brakes near Gallitzin, and was caught under the wheels of a car before he was able to get clear.

Frank was immediately taken to the Mercy hospital where his condition is listed as "fair." Several blood transfusions were given the boy.

His two companions succeeded in getting away from under the train and were not injured.

Wise Remarks: "The stock market is something you can't figure out."

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Well, Eddie Was Desperate



By POP MOMAND

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SOCIAL REGISTER APPEARS

The nearest approach to a social register, Bellefonte's first ever seen, was circulated privately last week, when a local taproom proprietor invited certain selected persons to attend an informal party at his place of business. Accompanying each invitation was a list of all other persons who had been invited. On the list were the names of persons known in the town's legal circles; officials of the borough, former county officers, and many others, including, even, several newspapermen. We have been toying with the idea of publishing the list, but have refrained through modesty, since our own name was included. We didn't get to the party, but we hear those who attended had a pleasant evening, while some of those who didn't attend are somewhat put out, since their private sniffer-taking has become more or less public knowledge through the invitations. Ah, me! It's always something!

MUCH TOO FAST!

John R. Cobb, London fur broker who set a new world's land speed record last week when he sent his Rallion Red Lion racer over the Booneville Salt Flats at 268.85 miles per hour, was traveling at the rate of 6,147.5 miles a minute. Reduced to still smaller units he was going 949.25 feet a second. In other words, while you could say "One hundred and one," Cobb's car would have traveled from the Diamond to the railroad station in Bellefonte. If placed end to end—but what the heck? This isn't that kind of a story!

GETS NEW HOBBY!

Another Bellefonte man who likes hobbies and plenty of them is Edgar R. Mallory. Ed was one of Bellefonte's pioneer amateur radio fans back in the days when radios were wireless sets. He still tinkers around with radio, and has added a side line of public address systems. He spent some time at model railroading but has deserted that fascinating hobby for a new one—aviation. To date he has twelve hours of flying instruction under Pilot Sherman Lutz, of State College, and is completely won over to the sport. While many of us are "geeks" over photography, that hobby leaves Ed who is the son of Bellefonte's well known photographer R. L. Mallory, unimpressed. S. O. S.

ISN'T there any way to escape this blithering tune, "The Beer Barrel?"

Must we go on hearing it dinned into our ears forever? Do we have to sing this war or are we mice? Now that you think of it, the darned tune is kind of catchy.

CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITES. (IF ANY.)

This department, being something of an idealist, can't get straightened out in this European situation. In any controversy we like to pick out what we consider to be the side of honesty and fairness, and we hold this side up saying: "Here, folks, is a real example of the virtues. Fight for it!" But as we look at Europe our eyes automatically cross and blur, and we hear a roaring in our ears. Good Old England, which always stood out in our minds as a solid and substantial base of support, is now being nothing but a purebred sire who has lost his registration papers. France, "yes-man" for England, is no better. We don't like Hitler, never did and never will. Just as we were beginning to grow fond of Russia for showing indications of joining the anti-Hitler bloc, Russia did a complete and surprising somersault. Italy would like to be on the front pages with the rest of the European countries, but hates to risk losing what it has gained in recent years. Poland, we think, will join anyone who guarantees that country's independence. The Balkan states are like the tail of a kite. The remainder of the European countries, including the Scandinavian, are not immediately affected. So we're rapidly becoming neutral. All of them are partly right, partly wrong, in varying degrees. You can pick out no country, or group of countries and say "Here is the Right, Fight for it!" As a result we're all in favor of letting Europe fight its own battles. If they send their own ships over here and pay cash for what they get, let them anything they want. Give 'em home and tend to our own worries.

LIKES OUR FOLDERS:

Josephine Foster Bright, assistant general manager of the Pennsylvania World's Fair Commission, which conducts the Pennsylvania building at the Fair in New York, writes Karl E. Kusse, secretary of the Bellefonte Chamber of Commerce, to thank him for a number of scenic folders issued by the local Chamber. In her letter Miss Bright says, in part: "The map is marvelous."

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