

Odd and Curious News

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Random Items

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Help, Police! Not so long ago the San Francisco police department had a telephone call. "Hello, Police Department? There is a burglar in the Southern Pacific sheds at Third and Fourth streets. This is the burglar speaking!"

It's the Law! Uncle Sam has some very funny laws. All laws cited are still valid, and all who violate them are technically liable to imprisonment.

Sand Saves Man A dive into a nearby sandpile saved the life of Edwin S. Cropper, Ocean City, Md., oil company workman, whose clothing was set afire when a short circuit occurred while he was working on a gas pump.

Swallows Alarm Clock In order to be sure to greet the dawn regularly and on time, a white leghorn rooster belonging to F. A. Bennett, of Holmead, Neb., proceeded to "eat" an alarm clock.

Bolt Detours A bolt of lightning hit a tree at Schenectady, jumped to a nearby plow, careened off a barn, struck a truck in which Philip Pignolotto, 21, was sitting, entered his body through a metal ring in his cap killing him and then grounded on an angle iron in the truck body.

Vinegar Shower When the water gave out while firemen were trying to extinguish a fire which threatened to destroy the Rudy Oehlman vinegar factory at Santa Rosa, Calif., pump lines were sunk into several 5,000-gallon vats and the blaze was extinguished.

Removes Pins Mrs. Virginia Rivas, of Baltimore, was temporarily blinded and deafened by a bolt of lightning, which struck her to the floor and removed all the bobby pins from her hair. When she revived, the only effect was that all her teeth ached.

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Head of Ken-Rad Radio Tube, Lamp Company Has Won Unusual Success—Keeps in Contact With Centre County Friends

Residents of the Centre county village of Blanchard share with Owensboro, Ky., in the pride they take in the spectacular success of Roy Berlew, a native son of Blanchard, who was recently feted in Owensboro as the founder of the huge and growing Ken-Rad Tube and Lamp Corporation.

State College R. D. Man In Wreck Car Operated by W. V. Dennis Crashes Into Morrisdale Truck

When a car operated by W. V. Dennis, of State College, R. D. 1, crashed into a truck operated by Alfred Andrews, of Morrisdale, R. D. 1, Friday night at the junction of the Airport-Bigler road and the new Wallace-Woodland highway, Dennis and his wife were injured.

Two Projects in County Approved \$38,186 Authorized For Enlarging Fish Project on Spring Creek

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Vacation Is Over



LOCAL DOGS WIN AWARDS AT SHOW NEAR PHILIPSBURG

In a dog show which featured the State Centre Game and Fish Association's annual picnic last Wednesday afternoon near Black Mohanung State Park, dogs entered by prominent Bellefonte and Port Matilda dog fanciers were among the winners.

THE WEAVER CRIME OF 1890 Quarreling Among Members of a Family Leads to Stabbing of Aged Man

When he arrived he found Mr. Weaver dead and empaneled a jury at once to investigate into the manner of his death. The jury consisted of D. E. Gentzel, Elias Hoover, J. C. Stover, William Harter, William Hoy and Benjamin Wingard.

HOSPITAL NEWS Monday of Last Week Admitted: Mrs. Fred E. Cain, Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Mrs. Maude E. Gohl, Bellefonte; Miss Margaret M. Mulheide, Bellefonte; Discharged: Ward F. Young, Howard, R. D. 1; Expired: Edward C. Witmer, Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

MILLER REUNION The second Miller reunion was held on Saturday, September 2, in the grove near the Wilson Miller home, in Lower Bald Eagle Valley.

Monday of Last Week Admitted: Mrs. William L. Star, Spring Mills, R. D. 2; Mrs. Clarence Sprinkle, State College; Mrs. Fred Loeb, Jr., Pleasant Gap; Discharged: Mrs. John A. Long, and infant daughter, Bellefonte, R. D. 2; Miss Anna L. Hall, Fleming; Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradley Yearick, Spring Mills.

Tuesday of Last Week Admitted: Miss Marie E. Brouse, State College; Paul S. Kerster, Spring Mills; Discharged: Mrs. Lizzie Lose, Lemont; Mrs. Joseph L. Mitchell, Lemont; Miss Elaine Snyder, Centre Hall; David F. Weiser, Millheim; Dean E. Wert, Centre Hall, R. D. 1; Births: A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Leonard Witmer, Bellefonte.

Wednesday of Last Week Admitted: Mrs. John D. Crossmyer, Howard, R. D. 2; Mrs. Anthony Cocco, Bellefonte, R. D. 3; Discharged: Harry Musser, Lock Haven; Mrs. Harry N. Lyons, Bellefonte; Mr. Albert W. Fry and infant son, Pine Grove Mills; Admitted Wednesday, discharged Thursday: Master Torrence O'Neal, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Miss Celesta Straub, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Master Richard Fromm, Bellefonte.

Thursday of Last Week Admitted Thursday, discharged Saturday: Master Bobby L. Warr, Howard, R. D. 1; Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eudon E. Harpster, Pennsylvania Furnace.

Friday Admitted Friday, discharged Saturday: Master Don G. Young, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Meriam Snavely, Spring Mills, R. D. 2; Master John M. Snavely and Master Henry L. Snavely, both of Spring Mills, R. D. 1; Joseph Cain, Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Saturday Admitted: Miss Mary Confer, Spring Mills; Discharged: Master William D. Woodring, Bellefonte; Mrs. David E. Long, Rebersburg; Admitted Saturday, discharged Sunday: Joseph C. Hasel, Bellefonte; Mason Walsh, Jr., State College; Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. David A. Williams, Bellefonte; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Benner, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; a daughter was born to Mr.

PRIZES AWARDED AS GRANGE FAIR COMES TO CLOSE LAST WEEK

Many Exhibitors Win Places in Education Division—18 Centre Countians Compete in Horse Shoe Pitching

The following is a list of prize winners in all exhibition departments of the Grange Fair who received awards last week: The following won places in the education division of the Grange exhibits in the order mentioned: Baileyville, Port Matilda, Walker, Victor, Half Moon, East Penns Valley, Howard, Logan, Rebersburg, Progress, and Marion. Respective places award in the juvenile Granges are Marion, Logan and Progress.

Millheim May Get Public Park Legion Post Officers to Buy McMullin Dam Site and Donate It To Boro.

Driver Cleared In Truck Wreck Cleared of All Blame For Fatal Crash Near Tyrone Paper Mill

Charles Peters, of Postoria, Ohio, driver of the Monark truck which upset at the Tyrone paper mill curve August 6 and fatally injured William A. Cramer, was cleared of all blame by a coroner's jury at Tyrone Friday night.

HE'S BACK AGAIN! Al Meyer, who became a member of the "I've Quit Smoking Club" some weeks ago when he and Bob Hadley signed an agreement to give up the use of nicotine, broke over last week, and according to reports Hadley has been looking for him to collect the forfeit.

By POP MOMAND The best swimmer is the one who exercises extraordinary precautions in order to remain alive to swim next summer.

NEW CHAIN LETTER APPEARS: The best antidote for war we've heard since Hitler last claimed no minorities have been mistreated in Germany comes from Big Charles McClellan, who brought home with him from Harisburg during the Labor Day weekend a new chain letter which is sweeping the country by storm. Here's the letter: "Beno Properly Club, Falls, Hope, Chester. The chain is the mess in Reno in the hope of bringing happiness to all. Unlike most chains, this does not cost you any money. Drop the top name on this list and add your name at the bottom. Send a copy of this letter to five male friends, then bundle up your wife and send her to the person who heads the list. When your name works to the top you will receive 15,625 women. Have faith, do not break the chain."

MORE "BEER BARREL" "The Beer Barrel Polka" is rapidly coming into its own in foreign fields, we hear. A radio announcer in London the other night claimed that British soldiers marching to railroad stations to leave for war sang nothing but "The Beer-Barrel." Why knows? Maybe in another month couples will be marching down the aisle to the tune of the bar-room ballad.

WAR OBSERVATIONS: Wonder if Hitler's address to the effect that Germany didn't need Italy's help, wasn't just to bolster Germany's courage and at the same time cover up a sell-out on Mussolini's party? Benito might have told Hitler privately that Italy wasn't going to get anything for her part in the war, but that he wouldn't do anything to hurt the German cause... One radio commentator diagnosed the situation aptly when he said the United States has no business in the present war. The citizenry of the United States he pointed out, is made up entirely of natives or descendants of natives of European countries who fled to "The Promised Land" to escape the religious intolerance, the poverty, and the madness of their native lands. We owe it to ourselves to keep this nation from becoming like the European nations from which our ancestors fled, the commentator declared.

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