Odd and Curious News

Sees Mild Winter

A mild winter, without heavy snow or blizzards, is the prediction of Willoughby Troxell, Lehigh county's "goosebone" weather forecaster. A green Christmas and possibly a white New Year's Day completed forecast. Troxell observed Thanksgiving Day, his forecast being made after examining three goose breastbones. The prediction was Troxell's twenty-fifth made after the Thanksgiving Day dinner Troxell declined to accept the earlier holiday proclaimed by President Roosevelt and Governor James bethe goosebone markings might be incomplete at that time.

'The Lord' Provides

Wrecking his automobile, Rev. of Perry, N. Y., planned to replace in a field near Mahaffey. Part of An investigation by motor police the automobile in the spring. It the man's head had been blown off and Clearfield county's coroner, Dr. won't be necessary now, though, for by a shotgun explosion. a stranged handed him a paper the said he was instructed to say only in the coming trial and was said to scene of the shooting in an effort that the car was a "gift from the

Good Argument

A Fourth avenue, Altoona, merchant talked his way out of a holdup Wednesday night by telling a man who pointed a gun at him, "You don't want to rob me, do you? You know I don't have enough 20-Year-Old Victim Came in money here to make it worth while." The bandit slowly lowered his gun. wavered a minute and then walked out of the store without another word. Police were given a description of the man.

Escape Injury

The Holidaysburg detail of the State motor police were called to Tyrone Sunday to investigate a head-on collision near the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company mill east of Tyrone. Police said a car driven by Mary J. Bartges of State College collided with another machine driven in the opposite direction by Clyde Woomer of Tyrone. No one was injured.

Oldest Hunter

Robert Myers, of Flemington, better known as "Uncle Bob," is believed to have been the oldest hunter in Clinton County woods the body. opening day of the deer season. He since he was 14 years old, and has secured a hunting license each year ince the law went into effect mak- ed him. ing it necessary to have a license to

Modern Sampson

'You can't do that to me" thund ered Carl Lucken, farmer of Twin Farmer Is Killed Valley, Minn., when his car began advancing upon him as he cranked it. Carl, who has quite a reputation as a stout fellow, flexed his shoulder, lowered his head and Tramped to Death by Animal charged. The car stopped, all right but it cost Carl \$12 to get the radiator grille fixed. That makes hira almost as sore as his shoulder.

Fire Follows Family

Fire continues to dog the trail of A. H. Yong and his family. Eight Friday. years ago their home was destroyed by fire. A second home was swept by flames a week ago. They moved into another house Thursday and of sheep were grazing on a neighfire on the roof routed them early Friday, Firemen, however, saved the

10 Years Too Long

Eve. 1929. He promised to call for head injuries, her an hour later. Mrs. Curtis waited. Friday she got tired of waiting ed by his father's cries, succeeded

Rope Trick Fails

Too much rope, a tin cup and a Malcolm Linusey, of Beech Creek, by means of a twelve-foot rope to brush, penetrated his foot. He is re-prisoners in the city jall. Eight of covering from the injury although them had become intoxicated.

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Random

Items

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

papermen have been permitted to

attend meetings of the Bellefonte

School Board, the meeting Monday

night was under the leadership of

a new president. The board started

out in a businesslike way, with an

attempt to learn the operation of all

branches of school operation. It has

a tough row to hoe, at best. The

crying need of the day is for a new

High school building, and from present prospects, if the Board can

produce one, it will be eligible for

membership in the Right Honorable

we'll mention the items now-for

News . . . highway maps . . . a copy

tion from our old college chum, H

chemical and agricultural Congress

Amended?" . . . report of a meeting

of the State Chamber of Commerce

on the State of the Nation submit-

ted by friend W. W. Sieg, and which

for some reason or other, we just

of Rudy Vallee . . . a piece of ply-

of dust. There's a story in every

one of them, but someone else will

Newspapermen should make a

practice of writing news stories for

private consumption the way the

feel like writing them. Such stories

papermen. The stories would tell all

story, as the newswriter sees them

more interesting than even the most

portant to historians in compiling

an accurate and thorough picture

cently struck a seam of coal which

crops out near the surface of the

ground. The coal is about 20 inches

will be removed in grading the field.

They would be far richer

can't get excited about . .

and a rubber band .

have to write them.

various and assorted literature

, booklet entitled

CLEARFIELD STAR WITNESS IN MURDER TRIAL FOUND DEAD

James A. Garfield Johnson Believed to Have Committed Suicide On Eve of Being Summoned Before Grand Jury

E. E. Erhard, revealed that John-

to trace down any suspicion that

Harold Hutton, of Mahaffey, R.

D., is charged with the fatal stab-

bing of his cousin, Charles Hutton

on October 1. The trial is expected

to come before Clearfield county

Bags Large Wildcat

Walter Walborn, of Towanda

success, as he came back with a

which he shot in the side, killing

"The grim old State museum at

Harrisburg gets many queer re-

quests," remarks Colonel Henry W.

Shoemaker in a recent issue of his

"Morning Comment," and in sub-stantiation continued: "Last week

it was to find out how many days

it takes for turkey eggs to hatch.

Later came a request where to pur-

chase a "hand" or gnomon for a sun dial."

Quick on the trigger and nimble of wit, aged "Uncle" Henry K.

toms," he began, "but there is one

Less than 24 hours after James A. been held close to his head in the Garfield Johnson, 57, of Mahaffey, suicidal act. The gun was lying near had been served with a supoena by the body which was discovered to appear before the Clearfield HEAD county grand jury to testify about last Wednesday in the field on the the knife slaying of Harold Hutton, Carl Riddle farm adjacent Mahaf-Lawrence Seeley, Methodist pastor also of Mahaffey, he was found dead fey, by two youths.

Investigating motor police, fear- son had left his home early Wedother day-it was a bill of sale for ing foul play, reached the conclu- nesday morning. His body was found a new car which stood at the curb. sion that the death was a sulcide. eight hours later. There were no When questioned as to who it was Johnson had been worrying about witnesses to the suicide who had made the gift, the stranger the important part he would play Photographers were taken to the have been despondent.

Powder marks on Johnson's head Johnson may have been murdered showed the shot gun, 16-gauge, had

Youthful Miner Is Electrocuted

Contact With High Voltage Wire

John Rasch, Jr., 20-year-old All- large wildcat, the first he ever saw port miner was electrocuted last He was stationed for a drive on Tuesday night at the Cunard Slope Barclay Mountain, when he heard of the Morrisdale Coal Mining Co., a rustling in the leaves, and turnwhen he came into contact with 2 ing was confronted with the cat

high voltage wire. First aid was immediately given it instantly to Rasch when his father, becoming anxious over the youth's long stay in the mine, found his son lying beside several derailed cars. A pulmotor was rushed from Philipsburg but all efforts to revive Rasch

Both Rasch and his father had left the mine at 6 o'clock when the youth said he was going to reenter the mine to inspect a car.

After waiting some time for his son the father went back into the mine where he discovered his son's

According to Clearfield County is in his 93rd year. He has hunted Coroner Dr. E. E. Erhard the youth probably came in contact with a high voltage wire which electrocut-

> Young Rasch is survived by his parents and by his wife, the former Elsie Jenney of Munson, whom he married several months ago.

By Enraged Sheep

From Neighboring

An infuriated sheep killed John K. Meyer, an 81-year-old farmer, on his farm near St. Mary's on

The aged man had gone to one o the fields about 200 yards from his home, to do some work. A number boring farm close by and for some strange reason the male member of the flock resented Mr. Meyer's pres-

The infuriated animal humped the fence and attacked the aged Duval Curtis, of Chicago, drove man. It knocked him down, and his wife, Norma, downtown to com- stomped him as he lay helpless, plete her shopping on Christmas crushing his ribs and inflicting fatal

Mr. Meyer's son, who was attractand obtained a divorce on grounds in beating off the enraged anima! but not before its victim had received injuries, from which he died.

nottle of bay rum proved the down- while hunting last week, jumped on fall of an East Liverpool man. He a pile of brush, and a nail which was arrested while passing bay rum was in a board concealed in the it is still quite painful

INDIAN WOMAN PLACED IN JAIL

"An Indian has the right to practice Indian medicine without a li-"diagnosing, prescribing and sellcense," Mrs. Zubette Mitchell Drifting told a Clearfield Justice of the Peace last Wednesday when held for practicing medicine without a license but nevertheless she was placed in the Clearfield county jail under \$1000 bond. Mrs. Mitchell pleaded guilty to

burg, a member of the State Bureau of Licenses who made a trip territory for the purpose of selling two children in a small tent.

to Drifting where he arrested the berb medicine at the Clearfield Indian woman who is living with County Fair, are alleged to have

wo children in a small tent.

The official charge placed against Drifting area.

After suffering three hours from firing at a deer Dickson heard ing into Hot a broken hip she received in a fall shouts and moans. Thinking he had non branch.

woods near West Decatur by 'Rusty' hospital by John Waring, a neigh-Dickson, Blue Ball hunter. After bor,

of ing medicine without a license." Freely admitting that she has no license Mrs. Mitchell made the contention that an agreement a long

time ago between the Red Man and the White Man set up a ruling by which the Indian was allowed to the charges when she was arraign-ed by Clem G. Smith, of Harrsi-for many generations.

The Mitchells, who came to this

in the woods near her home Satur- shot some one Dickson rushed into day morning, 66-year-old Mrs. Eu- the woods where he found Mrs. Alnice Albert's shouts finally attract- bert. ed the attention of a hunter who He attempted to shoulder the insecured aid and took the woman to jured woman and carry her into ward Fayette Gehret. of Jersey the Philipsburg Hospital where she town but abandoned the idea and Shore, Pa., inventor of a method

Mrs. Albert was found lying in the Mrs. Albert was then taken to the

Month of Miracles



BROTHERS BECOME ENEMIES OVER DOUBLE THANKSGIVING

"There was of course an ancient sometimes the gnomon was of

but it was torn away when the fron- the former Catherine Weisenberg.

master's residence was remodeled and had a sun dial cut in Irish

a score of years ago; sun dials went bexwood but that one was in New

pewter and Stiegel glass. Now they not in Pennsylvania.

out with open fireplaces, tall clocks, York in the Mohawk Valley and

"The first sun dials we know of sun dials were quickly replaced by

pretty fair gnoman (or handle). each. A tide dial was often cut out German, with his mixed blood, was belonging to a member of the pion

bane, 34-year-old twins-but only it was not Thanksgiving. who went hunting for deer, did not because nobody claimed last Thursget what he went after, but this day was Thanksgiving. hunting expedition was not without

along in their partnership. They sign proclaiming: agree on most things. But not on Harry is just as solidly a Republipolitics. Frank is a solid Democrat.

Thanksgiving, that the brothers sign. It read: It's about time for the 1940 calshould run into trouble. On Novemendars to make their appearance. ber 23 Frank celebrated Thanksgiv-

Station.

hand as a result of his long and of Basel, described them elaborate-

varied experience, and obligingly ly in his work on the subject pub-consented to discuss the subject of lished back in the Seventeenth cen-

about given up sun dials as they hour glasses and told the time by

have many other picturesque cus- sun dials exclusively.

"The Pennsylvania Germans have Germans had no clocks, watches or

Business was as usual Friday at ing personally and in his business, of one of the women, the restaurant operated at Wauke- The restaurant served turkey dingan, Ill., by Harry and Frank Kil- ners. Harry remained aloof. To him

Last Thursday it was Harry's turn. It was November 30 and, to wish of the sisters that they be bur-Harry and Frank generally get him, Thanksgiving. He put up a jed together in some quiet, secluded "Republican Thanksgiving dinner.

Frank did not remain aloof. He

So it was inevitable, since restaur- set up a sidewalk booth, decorated ants serve turkey dinners on it with bunting, and erected his own in a cemetery-and they thought a "Hot dogs free to Democrats

(Continued on page eight) PASSING OF THE OLD SUN DIAL

Sleitzer's front yard, at Bowers mirably. Many old sun dials were he usually improved on his model."

"In early Pennsylvania German

marks cut on the threshold of the

front door or window sill which

helped to tell the hours. It was

not long, however, until the Penn-

sylvania Dutch became expert

smiths, glassmakers and potters and

clockmakers, as they were gun- debris.

MOUNTAIN GRAVE NEAR HYNER TO HOLD ASHES OF CREMATED SISTERS

Discovery of Box Containing Ashes By Hyner CCC Youths Last Week Brings Request from Relative that Remains be Held

on Monday of last week at the foot of a small pine tree on Hyner Mountain, have been claimed, Horace W. Goodman, of Philadelphia, made a pilgrimage to Clinton counremains of his wife, and her twin were found sister, which had been discovered by CCC youths at the intersection of Coudersport pike and the Little Boyer trail, near Lock Haven. The | tain. ashes of the two women, reposing in separate boxes, were kept since their discovery at the Hyner CCC

The story of a strange funeral journey in which a Philadelphian quent visits to the up-river com- it got sidetracked from the motored to a mountain wilderness last year and buried the remains of months ago. Emma C. Goodman and her told by Horace Goodman, husband the weather and residents will re- program . . . a price list from the of one of the women, when he

Mr. Goodman, who is 67 years of age, when informed Tuesday of the find, said he had taken the boxes to the mountain, carrying out a

"My wife and sister were very devoted to each other," he explained. "All their lives they desired to be buried together. They said they wanted a quiet, secluded grave-not mountain would give it to them." Goodman's wife died in the spring

dials Colonel Shoemaker makes

stone sun dial was set into the huge

chimney at Chimney Spring in the

'Forest Leaves," the "land of mys-

When the old chimney fell, the

The first religious services at

what is now Gatesburg were held

about 1790 in a combination black-

smith shop and shed built of logs

eer Hartsock family. Tradition has

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jured in Wreck Near

Clearfield

Sunday in the Clearfield Hospital

morning when his car toppled near

the accident said Campbell's car

brain injury received in the acci-

Campbell and his son had been

on a hunting trip to the Kane ter-

when the accident happened. Camp-

bell, a native of Kerrmoor, Clear-

chanic and employed in Altoona.

The fatality marked the forty-se-

Modern Definitions: Eternal Fire

Insurance-contributions to your

Centre county highways.

dial was presumably buried in the

The ashes of the aged twin sisters, mer of 1938. They were 62. Accom- Order of Public Magicians, discovered in two pasteboard boxes panied by one of the women's surviving sisters, Goodman took their HOUSE-CLEANING ashes toward a spot he had selected previously near the border of Clin- and-ends has been growing at the ton and Potter counties. When he right side of this department's desk. could not reach it by automobile, Many of the items have potential ty Sunday to secure the cremated he buried the ashes where they news value, but somehow or other

"They will not again be disturb- it's probably the only space

ed-not if they are buried there." they'll ever get. Here is a red-hot Several Renovo residents have re- political editorial which was to have ported that thew know Mr. Good- been published during the last camman and say that he has made fre- paign. The World lost nothing when munity, the last being about two types . . . An issue of The Titan

The boxes when found bore no of the West Penn News of his last trip to this section

The official report of the case, S. H. Nicholas Horty, Regent of however, contains no such deduc- Hungary, asking us to attend a tions, but reports from people living in the western section of the in Budapest county indicate that he has been "Who Wants the Wagner Act a frequent visitor in that area

Row Over 'Date' Ends In Jail

Head Injury After

Merle Stiver, 24, of Altoons, R. D. REAL NEWS! 2, was arrested last Wednesday on made of heavy metal usually lead; One of the most unusual sun charges of aggravated assault and battery after he allegedly struck Clarence Stumpf, 25, whose address type sun dial at 'Sally Ann' the brass. Sir William Johnson must claim to have seen was made over ancestral forge and home of Gov-have a unique one for his beautiful, a century ago by Billy Hamilton, emor Pisher's ancestors, nearby, dark Pennsylvania German bride, an original-minded Clinton county is given as Oak avenue and Pifshould be placed in heavy vaults

> a large circular dial of mountain about 10 p. m. Sunday. brownstone and after all these Stiver allegedly struck Stumpf the little intrigues, the personalities, years is still in use and is frequent-over the head with a tire pump the propagandist objectives of every ly consulted when watches and when Stumpf disagreed with Stiver clocks are not to be relied on. A over Stiver's 13-year-old sister having dates. Stiver is alleged to have been in favor of his sister having bold tabloid stories. For that reason Great Pine Barrens of Centre Coundates. Stumpf is said to have agreed they wouldn't do for public conty called by a recent writer in with Stiver's mother on putting a sumption. But they'd be vastly imtaboo on dates for the young girl. Stiver furnished \$500 bail Mon-

day. Stumpf's condition became of our times. more serious, however, and Alderman H. Frank Berkstresser raised HANDY COAL MINE bail to \$1,000, which Stiver could Graders at work on the gigantic not furnish. Hence he was sent to new Black Moshannon Airport rethe county jail.

Would-be Suicide in thickness and much of the vein Instructs Coroner Meanwhile coal is being dug and

Clearfield Woman Writes Notes, Then Shoots Self Twice

hard and one addressed to Mr. Levy, gardless of the "through" highway

spare me newspaper publicity," she ence seems to have cleared up to a wrote in her message to the coroner before firing the two shots which it, we might as well mention that Motor police who inevstigated narrowly missed her heart.

a'ely after the shooting and taken can buy toy steam engines. It's to the Clearfield hospital where she a pretty good world after all! continues to live in a sericus conwere side by side and came cut her Several of Centre county's highritory and were returning home pullets passed under the heart field county, was an airplane mein a room in the home of Mrs. Della body had been found in the woods He is survived by his wife and nine A 32-callbre revolver was used. cond for this year on Clearfield and

arm is still in a cast.

Business men who mistake adver-

For some months a stack of oddsyou fust never get around to pre-"I will have to go back," Good- paring them for publication. 3ome

man said sadly. "I will have to go day, maybe we'll write stories on back and take them to Hyner moun- some of them, but before we forget

twin sister, Miss Anna A. Waln, was marks of having been exposed to view of the New Social call that there has been little rain- State Liquor Store (how did THAT fall the past few months. Some get here?) . . . a letter from a genpersons have even advanced the eological research firm asking if we theory that he placed the boxes know of anyone who is entitled to where they were found at the time large fortunes. Huh! . . . an invita-

Altoona Man Receives Severe board ... old newspapers ... 2 keys

Argument

tieth street, over the head with a and never brought to light, except tire pump along Horseshoe Trail at secret meetings of other newspioneer. The hours are carved on tire pump along Horseshoe Trail

"Blame no one for this. Please by their absence. Radio interfer-

Mrs. Hess was treated immedi- and we've found a place where you

Every individual has an opportunity to regulate somebody-and tossed we don't mean other people.

carried a few feet to the office building where it provides a steady source of economical fuel. men on the project go to the airport, Sundays, dig themselves a load of coal and haul it home. IMPROVEMENTS the left chest, Mrs. Scott Hess, 56- So far we've neglected to comyear-old Clearfield resident, whose mend Council for the elimination maiden name was Daisy Owens, left of danger at various street intertwo notes—one addressed to Clear- sections by placing stop signs libfield County Coroner Dr. E. E. Er- erally at those intersections, re-

routes in town. Dogs are noticeable

remarkable extent. While we're at Christmas is only 18 days distant,

a k about three inches apart. The powered crime investigators were called to Kato Monday on Mrs. Hess is a widow, her hus- looked like a first class, Page 1. band died several years ago. There news story. Word came from Kato are no children. She lived alone that a badly decomposed human Conrad, where the shooting took near that community. Sheriff Harplace between 10:30 and 11 A. M. ry V. Keeler, and Officers Harold D. Ream and S. R. Richardson, of All she would say following her the State Motor Police at Rockview, nearly successful suicide attempt rushed to the scene and found the was "I have a sorrow." Previous to report substantially correct. There this attempt she was being treated was a decomposed body, all right, for a fractured right arm. Her but its originality belonged to a deer. Scattered around the site were torn pieces of hunting clothing. which may or may not have been thrill

Hunter Finds Woman With Broken Hip In Woods Near Philipsburg

ran for aid.

Philipsburg R. D. One Out of Ten Man Exonorated

Absolved of Blame in Fatal 4,451 Centre County Resi- Accident Occurred on Black Wilmer Campbell Fatally In-Highway Accident on November 21

Thursday evening.

Testimony of five witnesses, who average of 10% per cent. saw the victim immediately before

The testimony of the witnesses ed that the accident occurred about 7:30 o'clock between the N. Y. C. and P. R. R. tracks between This sons; blind pensions 75 and P. R. R. tracks between Phil- sons; blind pensions, 75. but the victim did.

Karouff and Grant Lindsay,

GTRL SLIGHTLY HURT

Irene Thomas, occupant of a car operated by Rex Curry, Fallen Timber, R. D., was slightly injured Friday evening when the automobile collided with a Pennsylvania railroad freight train at a grade crossing at Houtzdale.

The car was approaching the crossing from the west or fireman's side of the train. Miss Thomas was treated at a doctor's office for lacerations of the face and foot. The car and front of the locomotive were damaged. The train was heading into Houtzdale on the Moshan-

Granted Patent

announced award of a patent to Ed-

for manufacturing propellor blades.

Manufacturing rights were assigned

to Aviation Manufacturing Corp-

oration of Williamsport, Pa.

The U. S. Patent Office Monday

Get State Aid

The early Swiss settlers in Penn-

Deisher, veteran museum curator, sylvania were partial to moon dials on the curb of the street in front of

can answer about any question off- and old Prof. Sebastian Munster. dwellings. There were also moon

tury. The old-time Pennsylvania

old blacksmith at my home town, had tide lines, the time being di- grandfather's clocks, shelf clocks

Kutztown, who can still turn out a vided into four 'tides' of three hours and watches. The Pennsylvania

The last old-time sun dial I saw in of stone with the four tides in a close and accurate observer and

my neighborhood was in Jonathan raised lines and told the time ad- when he was ready to manufacture

dents Are Receiving Assistance

A. H. Newman, of Philipsburg, R. A total of 4,451 Centre county

Three residents of nearby Philipsburg Philipsburg Residents received some form of ipsburg were injured early Sunday returning from a hunting trip, died the fatal highway accident in which state assistance during the month Edward S. Parks met his death on of September, the monthly detailed town on the Black Moshannon road of injuries received early Priday the night of November 21, by a cor-oner's jury which met at the West sents about 9% per cent of the Decatur P. O. S. of A. hall last county's population which com- of the road and overturned. pares favorably with the state-wide

the accident or who arrived at the scene immediately afterwards was 1.666. The report divides the Graife became patients at the Philcases as follows: general assistance, checked in every detail and reveal-

ipsburg and Pleasant Hill, Braking A total of 459 applications for asdistance indicated that the car was sistance was received in the counwell under control. Witnesses de- ty during the month covered in the clared that the driver did not have report. Of the total, 408 were for an odor of alcohol on his breath, general assistance, 23 for old age assistance, 25 aid to dependent chil-The coroner's jury was made up dren, and 3 for blind pensions. Toof Robert M. Dagen, Richard Ulsh, tal Centre county expenditures for Walter Smeal, Harry Hamer, Ray September amounted to \$43,820.21.

> Do not discount human emotions: IN TRAIN-CAR RUN-IN they may cause much suffering but Williamsport Lodge of generate life for the human race.

Three Injured As Altoona Hunter Auto Overturns Dies In Accident

Moshannon Road Early Sunday Morning

morning four miles east of that when the car in which they were riding hit the soft berm on the side Clearfield. The injured were Martha Graife

and Samuel Cartwright, both of left the highway and overturned A Total cases receiving some form Gearhartville, and Harvey Hummel, of West Decatur, Hummel and Miss dent caused Campbell's death. ipsburg Hospital. Mrs. Graife was cut on the face

and head and has a possible fracture of the skull. Cartwright received cuts on his face and head while Hummel, driver of the car, was badly cut on his right hand. Motor police said Hummel was driving towards Philipsburg at the time of the accident. A steering rod is believed to have broken, causing the driver to lose control of the car

Moose Home Burns.

A \$60,000 fire early Saturday seri- church. ously damaged the interior of the Moose. once controlled and directed they Twenty years ago the lodge lost its tising for charity have little knowla similar manner. edge of either.







