

NEWS OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA AND CITY'S SUBURBS

BIRDS DIE AT OSTRICH FARM

Nearly All of Stock of Old Hile African Feather Co. Is Starving to Death

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—Because there was no money to buy feed for them, ostriches on the farm of the Direct Supply Company, successor to the African Feather Farm and Feather Company at Espy, near here, in which more than \$100,000 was lost, were found literally starving to death by Charles H. Reice, of Bloomsburg, an agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The society is providing food until some means can be secured to feed them, which probably will be by court order, as the corporation is now in legal entanglement.

When Reice reached there he found two dead birds, while one after another of the carcasses of these wretched creatures had been turned into fertilizer. There was a time when there were fifty ostriches there, but now only a few gaunt skeletons of birds remain.

William H. Hile, a native of Columbia county, came to Bloomsburg more than eight years ago with four African birds, no end of excitement was created. He formed the African Ostrich Farm and Feather Company, with himself as president of the concern. Printing presses got busy and thousands of stock certificates were issued. Hile issued an elaborate prospectus and told of the millions that would develop from the business of raising ostriches in the North. The ostriches laid eggs, a dozen or more, but only two or three baby ostriches were hatched, and there never was one that grew to be over a few days old.

Branch farms were located at Harrisburg, Pa., and Cleveland, O., and the place at Espy was visited by thousands of persons, an admission being charged to view the birds. The concern went to smash, and Federal Judge Winter appointed Judge L. S. Walter, of Mt. Carmel, receiver, and the business was closed. The investors never got a cent.

PERRY COUNTY DEATHS

Blain, Pa., Dec. 18.—George Baltzer, son of Stinson Baltzer, of Jackson township, died Monday evening of pneumonia, after an illness of four weeks. He was about 25 years old. He was living with the family of George F. Stine in this place when he took sick and went to his home two miles from Blain. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stinson Baltzer, and two sisters, Mrs. George E. Anderson, of Jackson township, and Mrs. Walter Moore, of Northeast Madison township.

Mrs. William H. Zimmerman, aged 66 years, of near Andersonburg, died on Sunday at her home. She is survived by the following children: Miss Grace Zimmerman, at home; Charles Zimmerman, of Lewisburg; Mrs. M. N. Y. Poma, wife of Noah Getz, of Lancaster county; Dr. George Zimmerman, in the United States Army; Miss Laura Zimmerman, of Scranton; Mrs. and Clarence Zimmerman, of Harrisburg; and Mrs. Elizabeth Zimmerman, of Harrisburg.

RED CROSS DAY

Blain, Pa., Dec. 18.—Red Cross Day was observed on Sunday by the Red Cross Auxiliary at Blain by holding special services in the Zion Reformed Church. An interesting program of exercises was rendered. Mrs. Newton Kerstetter, president of the Red Cross society, presided. Postmaster D. P. Stokes, offered prayer and a number of recitations and children's exercises were given. The church was pretty well filled. By the result of the meeting an offering of one dollar was lifted and twenty new members were enrolled.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES

Milroytown, Pa., Dec. 18.—The first session of a farmers' institute is being held here this afternoon and other sessions will be held to-night and to-morrow. This is the first farmers' institute to be held in this county this year. Another institute will be held at Landisburg on Friday and Saturday, and on January 9 and 10 at Green Park.

WORKMAN SEVERELY INJURED

York Haven, Dec. 18.—George Rife was injured on Monday at the plant of the York Haven Water and Power Company, where he is employed, being rendered unconscious when a piece of iron struck him in the face. Mr. Rife was engaged in opening a car when the mishap occurred. An ugly gash was inflicted below his left eye.

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Elijah S. Krone Dies Three Weeks After Brother

Lewisberry, Pa., Dec. 18.—Elijah S. Krone, aged 86 years, died at the home of his son, B. P. Krone, several miles from the borough. Funeral services were held Sunday at 10:30 in the Emanuel Church near Lewisberry. The Rev. Charles H. Helges, pastor of the Church of God, New Cumberland, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gable. The hymns were sung by five members of the Lewisberry Methodist Episcopal Church: Mrs. J. H. Shettel, Mrs. H. C. Hetrick, Miss Bessie Kunkel, Miss Edith Cline and J. F. Sutton. The pallbearers were his three sons, Andrew, Bartlett and Harvey Krone and nephew, George Krone. He is also survived by a son, George, who lives near Mechanicsburg.

The deceased's brother, Newton T. Krone, of York Haven, was buried three weeks ago. Services were held in the same church. The deceased, Elijah Krone, attended his brother's funeral that day.

DIES IN ILLINOIS

Dillsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—News of the death of Milton Miller in Saunemin, Ill., has been received here. Mr. Miller was formerly a resident of Carroll township and conducted Miller's mill. Later he moved to York, where he was engaged in the milk business, but for several years he has been in Illinois. He died at the home of his daughter Thursday evening. The body will be brought here from Illinois for burial.

SOLDIERS HEARD FROM

Dillsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—Letters continue to arrive telling of the safety of those in the service. S. H. Klugh has received a letter from his son, Bruce Klugh, dated after November 11. Pierce Knaub has had a letter from his son, Benjamin Knaub, and Targel Hees has heard from his son, Frank Hees, in France.

BANK CASHIER RESIGNS

Dillsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—L. B. Bentz has resigned as cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of Dillsburg, to devote his time to the management of the hosiery mill. A large brick building is to be erected on the site when completed. More machines and more employees will be added. John A. Goudy, teller at the bank, has been appointed cashier.

MRS. WILSON KITNER BURIED

Louisville, Pa., Dec. 18.—Funeral services for Mrs. Wilson Kitner, 90 years old, who died on Saturday at her home near Center from a complication of diseases during the summer she had been kicked in the face by a horse. Per jaw was broken and became infected, from which she never fully recovered. Services were held from her late home and burial was at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Madison township.

MRS. ALFRED POGGY DIES

Hummelstown, Pa., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Alfred Poggy, aged 24 years, died at her home in Prospect avenue on Monday evening after an illness of several days of pneumonia. Her husband and two children survive. Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Herbert S. Garmes, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Hummelstown cemetery.

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C. V. NEWS

Well-Known Mechanicsburg Minister Resigns Charge

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—The Rev. John S. Adam, pastor of the St. Paul's Reformed Church for the past four and one-half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of St. Mary's Reformed Church, at Silver Run, Carroll county, Md., from which congregation he received a unanimous call. He expects to enter his new field of labor the latter part of the present month.

The Rev. Mr. Adam, who has been a faithful and successful pastor, is interested in the public affairs of the town and was in demand as a speaker for conventions and many public meetings. His resignation will be acted upon at a meeting of the church consistory.

Cumberland Valley R. R. Schedule to Be Restored

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 18.—Indications are that the former schedule on the Cumberland Valley Railroad will be restored and that the road will soon be on a pre-war passenger train basis. The Carlisle Chamber of Commerce has been informed that Trains Nos. 5 and 8, through trains at noon, discontinued some months ago will soon be run again. The change in trains was modified here by a readjustment of the local train schedule between this town and Harrisburg, but was not ideal for further travel west and south.

GOLDEN WEDDING DINNER

Columbia, Pa., Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Heise last night celebrated their golden wedding with a dinner at the Carlisle Hotel. Children and grandchildren. The aged couple were married at Reading in 1868, and from that time until about sixteen years ago, lived on the Heise homestead, near here. Mr. Heise is a retired farmer and is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Lancaster county.

BOY DIES FROM BURNS

Marietta, Pa., Dec. 18.—Charles Weit, aged four years, son of Samuel Weit, of near Lancaster, died from burns received yesterday when a kettle of hot liquid spilled over the little sufferer. The child was on the porch at the home of the Heise household. He had just been rendered from a butchering.

WOMAN DIES FROM STROKE

Marietta, Pa., Dec. 18.—Miss Emma Heidebaugh, 44 years old, of Green Tree, fell dead from a stroke while at work at her home. She was found dead on the floor by her aged mother, Mrs. Annie Heidebaugh. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and besides her mother, is survived by a number of sisters and brothers.

\$5,000 IN CHRISTMAS CHECKS

Liverpool, Pa., Dec. 18.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Liverpool will be held at the bank building on Tuesday, January 14, for the election of directors and transaction of business. Over \$5,000 in Christmas checks was sent out this week by Cashier H. A. S. Shuler, to the various members of the Christmas Club.

KILLED IN FRANCE

Marietta, Pa., Dec. 18.—Private Martin E. Cover, member of Company L, One Hundred and Fifty-first Massachusetts Battalion, son of Aaron Cover, of near Mountville, has been reported killed in France. He was in the service since May, 1917. He was 26 years old.

CHILD FIRES HOUSE

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 18.—A considerable section of Carlisle was again threatened in a stroke by a child playing with a lamp. The blaze occurred in East Chapel avenue, at the home of Nellie Lane, colored, when the 6-year-old daughter of the house carried a lighted lamp to a window and set fire to the curtains. Other children seen in an alarm and the fire was extinguished with minor damage to the house. This section is composed