

## News of Persons

### SNOW SHOE

Lee Smith of Milesburg, spent Sunday with his brother Frank at this place.

M. D. Kelly transacted business in Philadelphia last week.

Wm. Shope has resigned his position as chief clerk at the Mountain City hotel, to accept a more lucrative one with the Bon Ton Supply Company.

Miss Eva McGowan Sundayed with her friends at Moshannon.

Miss Ethel McKernan spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Irwin.

E. N. Irwin of Boyer, W. Va., and brother Paul of Watson, were called home last week on account of the serious illness of their sister.

Chas. Schultz of Williamsport, was a business caller in our town.

W. F. Richards and wife of Williamsport, spent several days at the home of Geo. Fravel last week.

Miss Tipton of Tyrone, visited Miss Maria Confer last week.

Gideon Beightre of Fountain, while attending a sale at State College was suddenly stricken with paralysis and was brought to his home last week in a very serious condition.

Clarence Swartz returned home last week and expects to assist his father in the blacksmith shop.

Thos. Budinger of State, and brother Philip of Kiski, are home to spend their Easter vacation.

Norman Casher a student at Villanova, Col., is spending his Easter vacation with his mother.

Jos. Reese of Rhoads, was in town last week.

Mrs. Frank Loeb of Clearfield, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Irwin.

H. W. Rabert attended the M. E. conference at York.

W. M. Hoover transacted business at Williamsport last week.

W. C. Baum of Dubois, transacted business in Snow Shoe.

Edward Gleason of Moshannon, was a pleasant caller in the Mountain City.

W. C. Snyder transacted business in Blue Ball one day of this week.

Rev. R. F. Ruch of the Methodist church, has been returned to this appointment for another year.

Austin Shope who has been suffering with a severe attack of pneumonia for the past few weeks, was removed to the L. H. hospital.

Miss Helen Irwin of Wayne, was called home on account of the illness of her sister Gussie.

Miss Gussie Irwin has been seriously ill for the past few weeks. Many friends join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Curtis the meat man, was in town this week.

### MOSHANNON

Chas. McGowan was a Clearfield visitor this week.

James and William Lucas took in the Johnson sale at Hoover Settlement, on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Roy Spangle of Blandburg, spent a few days of this week at the home of her father, Hugh Ward.

Clarence Weaver of Viaduct, was in Moshannon between trains one day of this week.

Brady Beightol and family were recent visitors with friends on the Cooperside.

H. L. Borger and daughter Alice, and Roll Borger and wife, attended the Johnson sale at Hoover Settlement, on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Arnold Poorman, popularly known as "Cricket," of Viaduct, was a recent visitor in our town, looking after some of the fair damsels.

Clarence Lucas proprietor of the Times, made a business trip to Kartaus, Keating and Lock Haven, during the week.

Clinton Cramer was laid up for a day or two of this week, with neuralgia.

John Cordell of Patton, was a guest over Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Leeder.

Chester Beightol and Richard Viedorfer of Pine Glen, were recent business visitors in Moshannon.

Miss Rhoda Weaver, teacher of the primary school, made a trip to Lock Haven on Saturday.

Miss Clementine Cramer attended the Epworth league social at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. G. Hoover at Pine Glen, on Friday evening.

Mr. Israel Hoover's brother of Penfield, visited him at this place, a day or so of this week.

Miss Laura Williams a student of the Lock Haven C. S. N. S., was home during the Easter vacation.

### PINE GLEN.

Oscar Mulhollan of Woodland, who has been spending a few days under the parental roof at this place, departed on Saturday.

Chester Berghtol and Harry Beates attended Johnson's sale at Cooper on Wednesday. Mr. Beates purchased a fine young horse near Cooper, the same day.

George Conoway came home from Winburne on Wednesday.

Samuel Hoover bought a fine team on Thursday. That means farming.

Work is progressing nicely on the new public building. When completed the building will be a credit to the place.

William Watson is having his store room raised and a new foundation placed under it. Increase of business necessitates improvements.

Jacob Collar while working in mine No. 5, was severely injured by a fall of rock. He has been confined to his bed since. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Jack Loy and family have been spending the week with his parents at this place.

The Pine Glen school will give an entertainment on Friday evening, April 1.

The Epworth league met at H. G. Hoover's home on Friday evening for a business and social session.

Clementine Cramer of Moshannon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hoover, at this place.

### News From Our Neighbors

Mrs. Hugh Boyle and daughter were visitors at her grandparents, Geo. B. Johnston and wife.

Mr. J. B. Mayes of Lemont, spent Sunday with his son, J. W. Mayes.

Mr. Fred Leathers and sister Lucy, are visiting at Northumberland.

Mr. John Yearick had sale on Friday and is about to leave for his new home in Greensburg.

C. C. Lucas one of our merchants, made a trip to Williamsport and Sunbury this week.

We are glad to see Mr. Harvey Mann on the street once more, after such a protracted illness. Hope he will continue to improve.

Mrs. George Williams is spending the week in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Lester Bowes is convalescing after a rather serious illness.

Some of our out-of-town students have returned for their Easter vacation.

A Miss Burley of Williamsport and worker for the W. C. T. U., gave an interesting talk to the ladies of our town.

Mr. John P. Harris of Bellefonte, transacted business in our town one day of this week.

Ward Thompson has come home from Renova and is making preparations to move his family, for which we are sorry.

Harry Wolfe of Pitcairn, is visiting his grandmother and aunt of this place.

Many movings are in order this week.

### FINDS VALUABLE SERUM

Rockefeller Institute Physician Discovers Cure for Spinal Meningitis.

New York—Dr. Simon Flexner of the Rockefeller institute, who has been laboring for years to find an antidote for spinal meningitis, has at last succeeded in perfecting a serum, that in early stages of the disease is as effective as the antitoxin which has swept the fear of death from diphtheria.

This was learned when medical men all over the city were discussing the statement made secretly to a private gathering of physicians by Dr. Flexner this week, that after recent experiments in New York hospitals it had been conclusively proved that the new serum was an almost certain cure of the disease.

It is stated that out of 123 cases of the ailment treated with the serum before the third day of advancement of the disease 107 recovered. This gives a mortality of 16.5 per cent, where formerly the percentage of deaths was from 75 to 80 per cent.

### Found Guilty of Embezzling.

Lorain, O.—Loring J. Smith, former manager and secretary of the Ohio Milling and Elevator Company, was found guilty of embezzling the company's funds. His shortage is alleged to be over \$12,000. Smith was at one time treasurer of the Marion Ball club in the Ohio-Pennsylvania league.

# PENNSYLVANIA

## Interesting Items from All Sections of the Keystone State.

### FARM RUINED BY COAL CO.

Berkey Sues for \$15,000 for Damage Barn and Sugar Grove.

Somerset—Before Judge Francis J. Kooser the \$15,000 damage suit of Henry A. Berkey against the Berwind-White Coal Company was heard here. Berkey, a Paint township farmer, sold his coal when Windber was founded by the Berwind-White concern. He alleges the B vein has been removed carelessly by the defendant.

It is asserted that no pillars were left to support the surface, resulting in depressions of his fields; that his barn, sugar grove and water supply have been damaged and that he had to abandon his dairy. Berkey claims the coal company should have provided artificial support for the surface after removing the pillars.

His case is the first of a series to be heard in court. He alleges 67 acres of land have developed huge cracks and holes while the rest of his farm is resting on wooden props which soon will decay. The jury returned from an inspection of the farm.

### DRUGGISTS FOUND GUILTY

With Two Other Dispensers of Intoxicants He Is Sentenced—Four Await Trials.

Washington—Three men in court pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the liquor laws. Each was sentenced by Judge J. F. Taylor to pay the costs, a fine of \$500 and to spend three months in the county jail.

One was Robert G. Doyle, proprietor of the People pharmacy in Washington. With several other druggists, Doyle was indicted by the last grand jury. Three Washington druggists already are serving time in the county jail, while four more are awaiting trial.

The two others who pleaded guilty were Oscar Dempsey and Walter Brown, arrested at Marianna last Saturday. Dempster, a negro, is a brother of Elmer Dempster, who was hanged here three years ago, for the murder of a family near Canonsburg.

### TREASURER MUST PAY FOR BANK'S SHORTAGE.

Gilpin Township Wins Suit Against Official, Whose Depository Failed.

Leechburg—A verdict of \$1,368.68 was returned by the jury in a suit brought by the supervisors of Gilpin township against the township's treasurer. The amount is the full claim against him and represents money lost through the failure of the Leechburg Banking Company, with which the funds were deposited.

The treasurer along with the other creditors received dividends for about 78 per cent of their claims, and he asked that these dividends be taken in full payment for the account. The township contended that the failure of the bank did not excuse the treasurer from his liability.

### Y. M. C. A. CELEBRATES

Butler Organization Will Erect New \$100,000 Home.

Butler—The Butler Y. M. C. A., with a membership of 500 and owning property valued at 50,000, celebrated its twenty-fourth anniversary March 20th. The anniversary address was delivered at the First Presbyterian church in the afternoon by Acting State Secretary J. B. Carruthers of Harrisburg, who was one of the first secretaries of the local association.

The large building, erected 16 years ago, is inadequate, and a movement has been started to erect a \$100,000 home.

### GIRL IS FATALLY SHOT

Alleged Rejected Admirer Fires From Window of Home.

Lewistown—William Sharder shot and instantly killed Bertha Singley, aged 26, of Derry township.

The girl, with a female companion, was riding and stopped for a drink of water, where Shrader boarded. The latter fired from an upstairs window, and the girl fell dead from her horse. Shrader fled but was later captured by the girl's brother and taken to jail. It is said the cause of the shooting was the refusal of the girl to receive Shrader's attentions.

### Wanders to Her Death.

Butler—Miss Caroline Pepper, 79 years old, died near Middle Lancaster as the result of exposure. Miss Pepper was seized with delirium at night, stole out of the house and wandered through fields. She swooned and lay in a stupor for several hours before members of the family found her. Pneumonia developed. One brother, William Pepper, with whom she lived, survives.

### Coal Plant Damaged \$100,000.

Wilkes-Barre—The Mineral Springs coal breaker and all its machinery at Parsons, near here, was destroyed completely by fire. It was a massive structure owned and operated by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Several hundred men and boys are out of employment. The origin is not known.

### TRAINS CRASH AND CARS ARE BURNED

Wheeling Division of Baltimore & Ohio Is Blocked All Day by Freight Wreck.

Washington—A Baltimore & Ohio freight train ran into the rear end of another three miles from Claysville, derailing an engine and wrecking three cars and a caboose, which caught fire and were consumed.

The first train was traveling slowly up a heavy grade with one engine. The rear train, with two engines, in descending a grade a mile behind, gained great momentum to climb the other grade, and when the engines began to ascend the hill the first train was seen around a curve too late to avoid a wreck. Crews of the double-header and of the caboose jumped and escaped injury.

### CHURCH OFFICIALS SUED

George Fechtig of Somerset Charges Law Is Not Obeyed.

Somerset—Judge F. J. Kooser heard mandamus proceedings instituted by George W. Fechtig against the Wellersburg Lutheran and Reformed church to compel the election of trustees and a treasurer annually.

The two congregations were incorporated as one in 1840. A provision of the charter of consolidation was that church officers should be elected yearly. Two trustees were to be chosen by the Reformed element, two by the Lutherans and a treasurer on joint ballot.

Fechtig alleges there have been no annual elections, new trustees and treasurers having been selected only irregularly in case of resignation or death.

### BIG COAL DEAL PLANNED

Total of 17,000 Acres of Westmoreland Is Optioned.

New Kensington—A big coal deal is pending in northwestern Westmoreland county where options on 17,000 acres bordering on both the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas rivers have been taken by a syndicate of Philadelphia financiers making tests and preparing to begin operations in earnest.

P. Y. Hyde and others leased about 2,000 acres of this coal 30 years ago, but business depression caused them to give up their lease, and this is included in the tract now under option. The coal is principally of the Freeport vein. The property is said to be optioned at \$50 an acre.

### VETERAN EDITOR DEAD

George T. Swank of Johnstown Tribune Passes Away.

Johnstown—George Thompson Swank, aged 73, for nearly a half century editor of the Johnstown Tribune, died at his home here. He was one of the active Abolition editors before the civil war and served with distinction in that war, resuming newspaper work later.

Mr. Swank, who was a personal friend of Horace Greeley, was a brother of James M. Swank, secretary of the American Iron & Steel Association. He was a forceful and fearless writer.

### Wireless Sends First Messages.

Altoona—The wireless telegraph station recently opened by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the grounds of the Altoona Cricket club succeeded in establishing communication for the first time with the outside world. It sent and received wireless messages with several stations located along the Atlantic coast.

### Negro Shot in Shanty.

Johnstown—Tom Dorsey, a Virginia negro employed by a contractor sinking the new slope for the Sonman Shaft Coal Company, is alleged to have shot and instantly killed his negro friend, Charles Waddy, in their shanty at Sonman. He escaped to the mountains and officers are on his trail. Both men had been drinking.

### Murderer Chapler to Be Hanged.

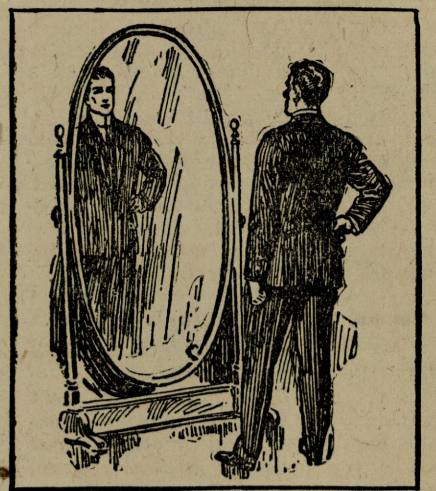
Joseph Chapler, convicted of first degree murder for killing Albert Deering at Shoemaker's mines last May 16, was sentenced at Ebensburg by Judge Francis J. O'Connor to be hanged on a date to be fixed by the governor. Chapler declared he acted in self-defense.

### Second Poison Victim Buried.

Grove City—The funeral of Raymond Cleland, who died from what local physicians say was ptomaine poisoning, was held in Ivy chapel, Grove City college. The body was buried in Woodland cemetery beside that of his classmate, Frank Shumaker, who died last Thursday from the same mysterious malady. All the students attended the funeral and marched to the cemetery in a body.

### Aged Presbyterian Divine Dead.

Harrisburg—The Rev. John H. Groff, aged 67, a prominent Presbyterian minister of Central Pennsylvania, died on the 22d. Dr. Groff was a native of Lancaster county and held several charges here and in Middletown. He was for a time an officer of the Carlisle presbytery.



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### SIX MEN DROWNED

Tug Founders Off Vancouver in High Sea.

Vancouver, B. C.—The tug Arthur B., from Tacoma to Vancouver, foundered off Frazer river lightship. Six men were drowned. A stiff westerly wind prevailed in the Gulf and off the San Heads a big sea was running. The lightkeeper in charge of the lightship of Frazer river saw the tug laboring heavily and while he was watching she foundered and went down. The tug was used in the cement and plaster carrying trade between Puget Sound and British Columbia ports.

### NO FIREMEN'S STRIKE

Agreement Providing for Settlement of All Points in Dispute Is Signed.

Chicago—All danger of a strike of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen on 49 western roads is past.

An agreement providing for settlement of all the points in dispute was signed by the firemen and railroad managers after a series of conferences last for eight hours. The man who is responsible for this happy ending, Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neill, left Chicago for Washington, utterly worn out.

County option reduced Ohio saloons 1,001 last year, according to Auditor of State E. M. Fullington. The loss was in the first half year. In the last six months there was a gain of 33, due largely to the activity of inspectors in listing speak easies in "dry" territory. Total liquor tax paid was \$6,794,637.13, a loss of \$833,084. The state's share was \$2,041,539.06, a loss of \$243,000.