

## FISH WARDENS' WAR OF PROTECTION

John W. Criswell chief warden has made his first annual report to Fish Commissioner Meehan. There are seven regular wardens including himself and 166 special wardens. Five regular wardens and 65 specials made arrests in the year for violation of the fish laws.

The arrest from December 1, 1905, to December 1, 1906, numbered 495. There were 441 convictions, 54 acquittals, 29 committed to jail, \$14,362.50 imposed fines, and \$8322.50 collected. Forty-two cases were appealed to the county courts, 14 were otherwise disposed of, and 4 were appealed to the Superior Court. Of the 495 arrests 260 were made by the regular wardens, 203 by special wardens and 32 by the State police and constables. The regular wardens obtained the conviction of 231 and the collection of \$4637.50 in fines. State police and constables brought about 23 convictions and the collection of \$995 in fines.

In many of the counties, some of which a year or more ago the enforcement of the fish laws was opposed the people seemed to realize the good that is being derived from the work of protection and urged further protection. The resistance to wardens was greatly diminished among native citizens, but a class of the unaturalized foreign element is still very persistent and defiant, and must be approached with care when arrests are necessary. Many put up stubborn fronts to secure arrest, and it is often a hazardous undertaking to take them into custody. During the year one warden was murdered and two others seriously wounded while arresting unaturalized foreigners.

### Make Use of New Year.

When one comes to the last day of the year solemn thoughts are apt to intervene. The birth and death of a cycle of time and the attendant memories that crowd upon us at this season of the year tend to make us retrospective and thoughtful and if the thoughts are not all that they might be, we are apt, for a while, to be sad. The end of a year, the beginning of another, what does it all mean? New Year's day is not a bit different from any of the rest of the days of the year, in reality. One year is ended and another is begun simply by an arbitrary division of time, and one might as well make good resolutions on the first of June as on the first of January. And yet, this arbitrary division of time does make an impression upon the most stolid mind.

With the close of a year one seems to make an ending of some definite division of time and to be ready to begin all over again. And if it is really true that one is possessed with thoughts of amendment more strongly at the beginning of the year than at any other time, it may be a gracious dispensation of providence that we are given this recurring chance to rectify our conscientious scruples, and take a fresh start in the battle of life. The most of us need new chances at rather frequent intervals. Certainly once a year is not too often for any man to go apart with his conscience and talk to it face to face. He who is too proud for that sort of thing does not put the end of one year and the beginning of another to the best use.

### D. J. Rogers' Heavy Contracts.

D. J. Rogers, who has been awarded the contract for paving and street construction in this city, has no less than four important contracts on hand for next summer with the possibility of receiving a couple in addition.

During the fall he has been working on a contract in Shamokin, which embraces the paving of Independence, Market, Centre, and Shamokin streets of that town. Some three-fourths of a mile, embracing one half of the whole job, was completed when winter set in and work was suspended.

Mr. Rogers has also been awarded the contract for constructing a mile of macadam road in Dauphin county, and will enter upon the work in March. In Lebanon county, he has been awarded the contract for a Telford road, which will be completed next summer.

In two other instances Mr. Rogers is the lowest bidder, but in view of the work he has on hand he is not sure that he will accept the contract.

### WIFE BEATERS.

Commenting upon the dogmatic declaration that Butler murderer that he "had the right to kill his wife if he wished to," the Bradford Era declares that he "is certainly a person of brilliant talents." It adds: "Many husbands believe that they have the right to blacken their wives' eyes, compel them to struggle in domestic slavery and to make their lives a small edition of Joel, but it remained for the Butler individual to discover that a husband's ownership of a wife includes the death as well as the life of the woman." The fact is, a country which admits to its shores thousands of men who honestly believe their wives are their property, just as though they were beasts, is going to reap the whirlwind presently.

### ONE ON THE MINISTERS.

Some of the State papers are chuckling over an incident which is said to have occurred not long ago at Sunbury. An attorney was invited to address the ministers at their weekly meeting. He accepted the invitation and proceeded to tell them that "they ought to leave the higher criticism, art, politics and outside subjects generally alone; that men who work all week and go to church on Sundays generally want to hear the holy word. They are anxious to hear it and when they do not they go away disappointed." It was his opinion that sermons should be carefully studied out and then delivered extempore and not from the written manuscript. It is said that few of the preachers agreed with the speaker, a statement we can readily believe.

## CUT WIFE'S THROAT WITH RAZOR

Another cell in murderers' row at the county prison, Sunbury, is now occupied and a most cruel and premeditated murder has been added to the already long list of crimes in the history of Northumberland county.

Unlike the many similar crimes recently committed in that county, in which the cruel stiletto or the leaden missile of death were guided by the hand of some desperate bloodthirsty foreigner, and those whose lives paid forfeit were also aliens, the principal actors in this last tragedy are both American born, descendants of good families, and above the average intelligence.

About two years ago William Whitaker was married to a daughter of Robert Williams, who is a former well known Mt. Carmel hotel keeper, now engaged as a contractor. The young wife was one of the town's most popular young ladies and the marriage seemed to be a very happy one. In a short time differences arose, but by forgiving and forgetting these little ripples that appeared on the sea of matrimony were smoothed out and happiness resulted. Two children came to more strongly unite the couple, but later the husband took to drinking and the life of his faithful wife was made miserable. Two weeks ago, being on a long stand list at home, Mrs. Whitaker left her husband and returned to her parents. Whitaker then made overtures for a reconciliation, but all to no avail, as his wife's patience had been sorely tried and she refused to renew her unhappy existence with him.

On Friday evening about five o'clock Whitaker, accompanied by his mother, went to the home of his wife's parents in a last effort to have his wife return to him. Arriving at the house they were admitted and he met his wife and her mother in the hallway. Going up to his wife he asked her to go back home with him, but she again refused. He partly forced her into the parlor and then closed the door. Several minutes' time elapsed when the women remaining in the hallway were startled by hearing a piercing scream. Hurriedly opening the door the young woman's mother was horrified to see Whitaker with his knee on the chest of his wife's prostrate body and just in the act of arising, having a razor in his hand dripping with blood. When he fully arose he was covered with his wife's life blood which was gushing and ebbing from a terrible wound in the throat which extended from ear to ear.

After committing the deed Whitaker rushed from the house, and physicians were hastily summoned to care for the injured woman, but she was past all hope and her death ensued about seven o'clock. Assistant District Attorney Thomas Burke was called at the time that Mrs. Whitaker died.

A search was then instituted for the murderer and he was found at his home having made no effort to escape. When placed under arrest and informed that his wife had died from the injuries he had inflicted, he replied, "I am glad she is dead and I am satisfied." He gave no reasons for committing the crime, merely to state that when she would not come back to him he became desperate and could not control his jealous rage. He did not show the least sign of being sorry or of any nervousness.

He was placed in the Mt. Carmel lockup and taken to the Sunbury jail Saturday morning on the early train over the Reading road. After being placed in jail and all during Saturday he did not betray the least emotion. He is aged 22 years and his wife was one year older.

Coroner Dreher held an inquest over the remains of Mrs. Whitaker on Saturday morning, and the jury rendered a verdict that she came to her death due to having her throat cut by her husband. The fact that Whitaker carried a razor when he called on his wife shows the premeditation of the crime and it does not seem possible that he will be able to escape the hangman's noose.

### Married New Year's.

Miss Pearl Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, Upper Mulberry street, and Augustus Lehmann, also of Danville, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at high noon on New Year's day.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert J. Allen, of Freehold. Miss Emma Smaltz, of Williamsport, was bridesmaid and Charles Lake, of this city, acted as best man.

After the wedding a fine dinner was served. The bride was the recipient of a number of beautiful and useful presents.

Those present at the wedding were Mrs. Eli Hoover and Mrs. Oliver Hoover, of South Danville; Mrs. William Hartzell, of Berwick; Mrs. Charles Quick and daughter Ruth, of Bloomsburg; from Danville there were present: Miss Jennie Shires, Joseph Udelhofen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Udelhofen and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Burns, Mr. and Mrs. John Burns and daughter Jennie, Mrs. William Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. William Lowrey and son James.

Tuesday evening the bride and groom were entertained by Mr. Francis Brady with his phonograph, and last evening a tea was given in their honor at the home of Charles Udelhofen.

### Will Remove to Riverside.

The old Blosser property, corner of Second and Leonard streets, in this town, was sold last week to Thomas P. Hennessy. In this deal Mr. Hennessy has one of the finest corners at that end of the town. Mrs. O'Blosser and daughter Mary have purchased a home at Riverside where they will make their future home.—Bloomsburg Daily.

### Test the Fire Plugs.

Now that the cold weather is at hand it would be well for the proper authorities to see that the fire plugs are put in serviceable condition. This is an important matter and should receive prompt attention.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hummer was very pleasantly celebrated at their home, on Dewart street, South Danville, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hummer are among the oldest and best known residents of the south side of Mt. Pleasant, which will be taken up at an early day. The fact has now been discovered that while the scale is not as bad as in some counties, yet there is not a section of Montour county that may be said to be wholly exempt from the pest. The orchard inspectors arrived here just in the nick of time to catch the scale before its ravages assumed the most dreaded form. The orchard owners will be able to exterminate the scale, but to accomplish this they must accept empty, following directions implicitly, employing all the means placed in their hands by the State.

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Mr. Stephens speaks very highly of the farmers of Montour county. He finds them intelligent and progressive, inclined. He was everywhere received in the most kindly and hospitable manner and when he leaves he will carry away with him one of the most pleasant recollections.

Mr. Stephens gave his last demonstration in Rush township at the farm of Amos A. Geary near Rush church. This farm is located on the outer edge of the peach growing section of Rush township, where every farm for several miles is a peach orchard of greater or less dimensions. Especial interest, therefore, attached to this demonstration, as it was expected to reveal whether or not the San Jose scale has begun its ravages among the fine peach orchards.

The demonstration was generally attended by the farmers owning peach orchards, nearly all bringing with them specimen branches from their peach trees for examination by the expert. The result of it all was that not only was the scale found in Mr. Geary's orchard, but in nearly all the fifteen orchards represented by farmers that were present.

That the state of affairs discovered was a revelation to the peach orchard owners goes without saying and the task which these men have now addressed themselves to is the extermination of the pest. Mr. Stephens says that the owners seem very much in earnest and with the slight foothold that he has gained as yet he thinks that if they carry out instructions and enter upon a systematic work of spraying they will have no difficulty in getting rid of the scale.

### Death of Mrs. Aaron Sober.

Anabel, wife of Aaron Sober, a woman most highly esteemed and beloved, departed this life at 2 o'clock Monday morning after a siege of suffering covering a period of several years.

Mrs. Sober was in her seventy-third year. Before marriage she was Miss Anabel Murray. She was born and spent her early life near Dewart, Northumberland county, and was the last survivor of a family of twelve children. Along with her husband she was a resident of Danville for nearly fifty years. For about the same period of time she was a member of the Baptist church of this city.

Mrs. Sober's whole life affords a beautiful example of Christian womanhood. She was a fond and devoted wife and mother and yet her kind ministrations were felt beyond her family circle. In homes darkened by sickness and sorrow, where help and sympathy were needed the most, there Mrs. Sober was always found. Her kindly ministrations and gracious motherly influence was felt throughout the entire community. That such a woman will be sorely missed, that her death will cause poignant grief, not only in her own family circle, but among all those who knew and loved her, is a fact scarcely necessary to add.

Mrs. Sober was afflicted with an ailment of the heart, the especial type of the malady which resulted in death, being the Stokes-Adams disease of the heart, which was the identical affection which caused the death of A. J. Cassett, president of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The deceased is survived by her husband and six children: Dr. Harry M. Sober and Mary (Mrs. W. W. Davis) of this city; Louisa (Mrs. Henry Bierman), Bloomsburg; Margaret (Mrs. John Armstrong) Grace (Mrs. William Jones) of West Pittston, and Judson Sober, who lives in the west.

### Miners Best Paid Workmen.

According to the statistics presented in the annual report of the secretary of internal affairs of the State of Pennsylvania only two classes of labor in Pennsylvania are as highly paid as the miners. Last year the hard coal miners received, on an average, \$690.34 each. The average annual wages of the skilled and unskilled employees of 84 manufacturing industries, representing 710 establishments, were tabulated; in only two of them, the tool steel and steel pump industries, did the wages of the employees exceed those of the anthracite miners although they are popularly supposed to be underpaid. In 32 out of the 84 industries cited the average earnings of the workers fell considerably below those of the anthracite miners, and 42 pay their employees at least \$290 less a year than the coal companies pay the miners. The miner pays much less for rent than the employee of a factory who generally lives in a city.

## SAN JOSE SCALE'S FIRM FOOTHOLD

A. W. Stephens, orchard inspector, called at this office Saturday and gave some account of the progress of his work and the exact state of affairs discovered as it relates to the ravages of the San Jose scale in Montour county.

Mr. Stephens has now covered every section of the county with the exception of Mayberry township, which will be taken up at an early day. The fact has now been discovered that while the scale is not as bad as in some counties, yet there is not a section of Montour county that may be said to be wholly exempt from the pest. The orchard inspectors arrived here just in the nick of time to catch the scale before its ravages assumed the most dreaded form. The orchard owners will be able to exterminate the scale, but to accomplish this they must accept empty, following directions implicitly, employing all the means placed in their hands by the State.

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### Stuart's Cabinet Undecided.

Governor-elect Stuart will announce none of his appointments until he takes office January 15.

Stuart has advised applicants for certain important positions under his administration of his decision. Despite the pressure for place under him, he feels that nothing is to be gained by announcing his appointments at this time.

Both Governors Hastings and Penny packer announced the selection of their cabinet officers more than one month in advance of their inauguration. After Stuart's election it was thought he would follow their example so as to be relieved of the demand for these choice offices.

Governor Stone did not complete the formation of his cabinet until a few hours before he was inaugurated, but that was because of the inauguration which arose over the contest for United States senator to succeed Matthew S. Quay in the legislature of 1899.

Stowe wanted Quay re-elected, and his cabinet was formed with a view of helping his candidacy. Frank M. Reeder, of Easton, who was slated for secretary of the Commonwealth, was dropped at the last moment. His place was taken by William W. Griest, who controlled the two senators and six representatives from Lancaster county.

### May Ask Scarlet to Run.

There is talk among Republicans of Schuylkill county of going outside the district to get a candidate for judge to fill the vacancy which will shortly occur in that county. James Scarlet, of Danville, the well-known attorney, is favorably mentioned.

## BEST FOR THE BOWELS

If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're ill or will be. Keep your bowels in good condition. For the relief of constipation, the best and most reliable remedy is to keep the bowels clear and clean is to take **CANDY CATHARTIC**. **THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP.** **EAT 'EM LIKE CANDY** Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good. Do not hurt the stomach. For the relief of constipation, the best and most reliable remedy is to keep the bowels clear and clean is to take **CANDY CATHARTIC**. **KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN**

## D. J. ROGERS AWARDED CONTRACT

Information was given out by the State Highway department at Harrisburg last week and reprinted in the columns of the effect that Berghans & Moffitt of Harrisburg were the lowest bidders for the paving and macadam to be constructed in this city with State aid. Since then, it appears, the schedule of bids has been revised and that D. J. Rogers, of this city, is the lowest bidder.

The schedule of bids both for the brick paving and the macadam was forwarded to this city Friday, accompanied by a communication from the assistant highway commissioner, addressed to the borough council, which pointed out that the bids submitted by D. J. Rogers "are not excessive." The assistant highway commissioner forwarded two copies of the agreement, which the law requires to be entered into between the State and the borough, asking that council sign the same, if it approves of it, and forward the papers to the State highway department.

Following is the schedule of bids for brick paving, 1200 feet in length: Berghans & Moffitt, Harrisburg, Pa.—\$5,922.18. Slag block; Guise No. 1 brick top. Shamokin Construction Co., Shamokin, Pa.—\$10,833.00. Slag block; vitrified brick, approved by State Highway commissioner, top. D. J. Rogers, Danville, Pa.—\$6,124.00. shale Mack block; \$5,400.00, Mack Clay block; \$5,211.00, Guise shale block; \$5,400.00, Clearfield clay block; \$5,400.00, James Potter block.

Schedule of bids for construction of road in Danville borough: Shamokin Construction Co.—\$2,942.30. Limestone bottom, Dewart or Mansdale limestone, two top courses. James L. Frazer, Philadelphia—\$9,169.75. trap rock throughout, including 1200 feet brick paving. Berghans & Moffitt—\$1,769.38, local limestone throughout; \$1494.07, slag bottom; McMahon limestone, two top courses. D. J. Rogers—\$1,700.45, native stone bottom. Turbotown limestone, two top courses; \$1881.45, native stone bottom, trap rock, two upper courses.

Mr. Rogers is awarded the contract for the paving on the bid of \$5,211.00 for Guise shale block for the macadam road on the bid of \$1,881.45 for native stone bottom, trap rock, two upper courses. The total of the contracts awarded him is \$7,092.45. The Harrisburg firm was the next lowest, with \$922.18 for the paving and \$1494.07 for the road, a total of \$7,416.25. The other firms bidding, it will be seen, simply were not in it.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the paving and the road have been awarded to a local contractor. Mr. Rogers has laid all the paving thus far put down on Mill street. He has excellent facilities for doing such work and possesses one of the finest steam rollers in this section. He is also gifted with the requisite energy and executive ability and has shown himself qualified along all lines to handle large propositions of this sort.

Mr. Rogers states that he is also the lowest bidder for the construction of a macadam road at Summit Hill, Crawford county. The bids for the contract are as follows: F. H. Roberts, Meadville, \$8951.59; E. M. Love, Corry, \$10,119.14; Herman Henderson, Pittsburg, \$10,408.90; W. W. Kelly, McKeesport, \$10,439.55; South Shore Construction Co., Erie, \$10,714.12; D. J. Rogers, Danville, \$8919.10.

### CHICHESTER'S PILLS

DIAMOND BRAND. Beware of Counterfeits. Refuse all Substitutes. LADIES! Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S PILLS. These pills are sold in Gold and Silver boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbons. Do not buy cheaply. Buy the best. Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S PILLS. For twenty-five years CHICHESTER'S PILLS have been sold by all Druggists. CHICHESTER DRUGS CO., Philadelphia, Pa.

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### Married in New York.

Announcements have been received in this city of the marriage of William Emerick Eggert, of New York City, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eggert, of Danville, to Miss Grace Bender, of New York, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bender, of Oneonta, New York.

The marriage took place in New York Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Eggert will be at home at 428 West Twenty-third street, New York City, after the fifteenth of January.

## SLAKE COLLECTORS CAN MAKE MONEY

An interesting correspondence is on foot between Major Gearhart, our district Attorney, and Professor Surface, State Zoologist at Harrisburg, relative to the mooted question whether or not snakes swallow their young for protection.

Our district Attorney, who is quite a naturalist and has observed snakes under some circumstances do swallow their young. The State zoologist concedes the subject as very valuable and in a letter received Friday invites his co-operation in carrying the research to a point that will establish the fact beyond all controversy.

Professor Surface has made the fact known that if any person in Pennsylvania will be able to kill and send him a snake which has been seen swallowing its young he will be well paid for his trouble. Surface says he wishes the snakes sent dead, but with the young in the stomach just as they were swallowed at the time the observation was made and the parent killed.

"The many stories that are told concerning serpents swallowing their young for protection must have truth as their basis," said Surface, "but by the most careful efforts we have been unable to find any evidence of this, excepting from the reports of other persons. In more than 200 specimens which we have examined at my office we have never yet found any young in the stomach of the parent."

Surface also said the stories sometimes told about garter snakes attempting to choke persons are entirely without foundation and that there is no reason why superstitious and ignorant persons should combine to crush out the life of this animal, which is perfectly harmless and unable to inflict any injury whatever upon mankind.

### ABOUT THE YEAR 1906

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Dr. Osprey of Germany, confirmed Loeb in the chemical creation of life. Beebe of Cornell, found a cure for Gray's disease, and Balloune of Italy, identified the germ of rabidism. At John Hopkins matter was found to be synonymous with electricity. Navy of Michigan, found the germ of the sleeping sickness. Ernst of Harvard, photographed live disease germs. Cobalt was disclosed as the basis of Edison's revolutionizing electrical battery.

Simplified spelling was taken up by President Roosevelt. The Nobel peace prize was awarded by Norway in December to President Roosevelt, and the \$40,000 proceeds was devoted by him to the creation of a permanent Board of Labor Arbitration at Washington.

The nation's statue of McKinley was unveiled at Columbus. The American people showed a lot of interest in the marriage of the President's daughter Alice to Representative Longworth, which took place at the White House February 17.

The soil gave us an output valued at \$6,794,000,000, a total of \$34,000,000,000 bigger than last year's. In the crop realm, corn was king at a valuation of \$2,811,000,000. Agricultural reports reached the highwater mark of \$976,000,000.

The railroads did the biggest business in their history, increasing dividends, and making vast improvements. The coal operators and miners came together and made a three year's truce. Wages were increased by the big railroads, steel and oil trust, cotton and other manufacturers.

The Simplon tunnel, under the Alps was in operation January 25. The Steel Trust bought land for the erection of the greatest plant in the world on the lake shore in Indiana, the place to be known as Gary. Lines were laid for the Lake Superior and Hudson Bay canal; Chicago inaugurated its new freight subway August 15. The New York Central ran its first suburban electric train October 1, and started the system December 11.

A surprise party was tendered Mrs. Alonzo Krum at her home, East Danville, on Saturday evening in honor of her 30th birthday anniversary. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Krum, Mrs. Ralph Lighthow, Mrs. Oscar Kocher, Mrs. Ralph Ritter, Mr. John Shank, Misses Lizette Kocher, W. W. Krum, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snyder, and son Walter, Curry and Dennis of Mansdale. Mrs. Peter Kasiner and daughter Carrie, of Boyd's Station; Mr. and Mrs. George Prescott of Bloomsburg; Miss Alice Thomas, of Bloomsburg; Mrs. George Thomas and daughter, of Grovania, and Rev. C. D. Lerch, of Danville.

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WM. L. SIDLER, Register's Office, Danville, Penn'a., Dec. 15, 1906.

## A SESSION OF COURT

A session of court was held Friday afternoon with his Honor, Judge Evans, and Associates, Dice and Wagner, on the bench. The object of meeting was to hear argument on changing the route of public road at the farm of J. C. Benfield in Limestone township.

The matter at issue involves only a short section of highway 121 rods in length, on the road leading from Limestoneville to California. It is long enough, however, to stir up considerable feeling, to cause a vast amount of controversy and invite exceptions from several different sources, which have resulted in holding up the matter for over a year.

On March 2, 1905 viewers were appointed on a petition from citizens, which set forth that a section of highway at Mr. Benfield's was "inconvenient, useless and burdensome" and prayed for a re-location of the same. The viewers reported in favor of changing the route of the road, re-locating it so as to intersect the farm of J. C. Benfield, thereby avoiding the hill which at present makes the road "burdensome". The report of the viewers was filed May, 1905, and confirmed nisi, and the width of the road fixed at 33 feet.

On September term following a petition was presented to court praying for a re-view, which was granted. To the report of this re-view exceptions were filed from two different sources, one being citizens or tax payers of Limestone township and the other the county commissioners. Hon. R. S. Ammerman represented the exceptions and Hon. H. M. Hincley and Charles V. Ammerman, the original petitioners.

The argument Friday did not enter into the merits of the case—as to whether or not there are grounds for changing the route of the road as proposed—but was restricted to the single question of whether or not as the case stands exceptions can legally be filed.

Mr. Ammerman opened the argument, contending that there are errors of record, which are fatal to the whole proceeding. Mr. Hincley followed assigning a number of reasons to show that the petitioners have no grounds for asking for rule. Mr. Gearhart appeared for the county commissioners.

The court took the papers and will hand down an opinion on the phase of the question involved at the earliest possible date, after which another date will be set for argument on the merits of the case.

### J. C. Benfield and Ambrose Cromis of Limestone township were interested spectators at court during the progress of the argument.

### A New Year's Surprise.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hartman, Derry township, was the scene of a very pleasant surprise party on New Year's day. The occasion was given in honor of Mrs. Hartman's 50th birthday and was a complete surprise. A fine dinner was served and the day was spent with music and dancing. Late in the afternoon the guests returned to their homes wishing Mrs. Hartman many returns of the day and a Happy New Year.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Delste, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Arley, of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spotts, Mr. and Mrs. Latimore Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hollabaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dietrich, Mr. and Mrs. William Hollabaugh, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Cotner, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Phillips, Mrs. G. M. Werle, of Danville; Mrs. Frank Whipple, of Montgomery; Mrs. Augustus Ortmann, Mrs. Samuel Linton, Mrs. Harriet Stackhouse, of Pine Summit; Misses Mabel Foust, Katherine Dietrich, Sarah Whipple, Anna Weir, Anna Cotner, Mrs. George W. Krum, Alonzo Phillips, Lester Werle, Lou Arley, Albert Ortmann, Thomas Stackhouse, Reuben Lohach, Charles Shappell, of Ohio; William Brittain, Ralph Ware, William Lormer, Harvey Whipple, Francis Delste, Charles Dyer, Lester Cotner, Edward Delste, Paul Cotner.

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### TEMPERANCE LAWS.

One hears almost anything these days. There is a story afloat that two local option bills have been prepared by the temperance people