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## BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM IN NORTHERN CAMBRIA COUNTY.

### DEATH ANGEL WAS BUSY!

Four Well-known People Have Been Called Home.

### NOCORONER'S INQUEST

Was Necessary in the Case of Jacob Stiger—An Angel Woman Joins Two Infants in the Great Beyond—Loved Ones Who Have Crossed the Great Divide.

The funeral of Jacob Stiger, who was found dead in the road near the Fairview cemetery last Thursday afternoon, as noted briefly in the last issue of the COURIER, was held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at St. Mary's R. C. church. The interment was in the Cassidy cemetery.

Coroner Miller, of Johnstown, came to Patton on Friday noon for the purpose of investigation, but after being apprized of the facts in the case decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Mr. Stiger was in the habit of going from his home near the Pardee No. 3 mine to his farm in Chest township every day for the purpose of getting hay for his cow, and was returning from the farm when he dropped dead, as a bundle of hay which was found by his side in the road when the body was discovered.

He was found by Henry Swope, a farmer, who was on his way to Patton. The body was lying face downward on the St. Lawrence road and his mouth was almost full of dirt and gravel. There were a number of scratches on his face, which led some people to think that the case might be one of violence and the coroner was summoned.

Mrs. Stiger told the coroner that her husband has not been well for some time and that the attending physician had told her he had heart trouble. Once before he had a fainting spell at the bedside, but it was not serious. He had an attack of erysipelas in January.

Dr. W. I. Dowler told the coroner that he had been attending Mr. Stiger for the past two years and that the erysipelas left him in rather bad physical condition; also that he had a weak heart. The physician thought heart trouble caused the man's death and Mrs. Stiger expressed herself as being satisfied that her husband had died from natural causes.

Mr. Stiger was a native of Huntingdon county and was seventy-four years of age. Besides his wife, he leaves four sons and two daughters, all of them adults. Charles, one of the sons, resides at home.

Joseph, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Supert, died on Saturday morning of membranous croup. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, with interment in the Cassidy cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Graham died at the home of her son, Robert Graham, on Terra Cotta avenue, on Monday morning of a complication of diseases, aged 76 years. She is survived by two sons and a daughter. The funeral was held at the residence on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Potter, the Episcopal clergyman of Barnesboro. Interment in Fairview cemetery.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmons died on Tuesday of pneumonia after a short illness. The little one was five months old. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence on East Magee avenue, conducted by Rev. Ernest Frycklund, with interment in the Fairview cemetery.

Good & Co.'s Big Contract.

Geo. S. Good, of the firm of George S. Good & Co., railroad contractors, who has been spending a few days at his home in this city, expects to return to New Mexico Sunday. The firm has now under way the construction of 135 miles of railroad from Tucuman, to the Dawson coal fields, where coal veins seven feet thick have been opened and coke ovens built. The contract of Messrs. Good & Co. includes the building of the road, complete laying of tracks and erection of telegraph lines. Nearly all of this year will be required to complete the work. The climate in that section of the country is delightful. The elevation is 5,500 feet above the sea level and the work can be rushed summer and winter.—Look Haven Express

Special Notice.

All persons owing county taxes for the years 1900 or 1901 must pay the same within ten days of the date of this notice or costs will be added.

W. P. JACKSON, Collector.  
Patton, Pa., March 27, 1902.

### PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Fifty Pointed Possibilities Pertaining to People and Place.

—Since the snow has gone the backyards, and some of the front ones, are revealed in all their naked hideousness of dirt. It therefore behooves the property owner with an eye to the beautiful to commence the annual cleaning up. Nothing adds to the attractiveness of a town so much as well-kept yards. Let the man with the rake, the shovel and the bonfire begin work at once.

—Ament the demands made by the miners at the Altoona convention, a son of the Emerald Isle, whom Patton is proud to claim as a resident, asserts that it is simply a question of whether bipeds or quadrupeds are to be utilized in pushing cars.

—Patton's paved streets would look a great deal better if they were cleaned. If every merchant had civic pride enough to keep the pavement in front of his store free from dirt the result would be obvious.

—Any citizen of Patton who feels charitably inclined cannot find a better vent than by presenting the public school library with some new books. A number have already done so, and the opportunity is still open.

—Candidates for county offices who want to reach the sturdy constituency of the north of the county can do no better than to put their announcements in the COURIER.

—Geo. H. Curfman and W. H. Sandford are the lay delegates from the Patton church at the Methodist conference being held at Bellefonte this week.

—It is not too early for base ball cranks to formulate a plan for a good nine in Patton this year. The material is here, and why not "play ball."

—There will be a sale of some household goods at the residence of Mr. E. E. Helmbold on Beech avenue Saturday morning, March 29th.

—Rev. Dr. Deaver is attending the conference at Bellefonte and no preaching services will be held by the Methodists on Sunday.

—It is said that Tax Collector Walter J. Weakland will resign soon and that Jas. Mellon will be appointed to the position.

—Did you see that new line of hosiery in Patton Supply Co's window? In all colors, styles and prices.

—If this town ever has a dog show it won't have to depend on importations to make a respectable showing.

—Mrs. Wm. Garland, of Sandy Ridge, visited relatives in town the first of the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCormick, of Cerrilltown, were visiting relatives in town over Sunday.

—Mrs. H. A. Ford, of Janesville, Wis., is a guest at the residence of Hon. W. C. Lingle.

—Mrs. Chas. C. Greninger and Miss Byrd Hurd are visiting friends in Pittsburg this week.

—The Patton public schools will be closed to-morrow—Good Friday.

—C. W. Hodgkins was in Oak Grove several days last week on business.

—Howard C. Dinmore was visiting relatives in Gallitzin over Sunday.

—Al. Leib, of Nicktown, was a Patton visitor on Sunday.

### NO STRIKE THIS YEAR.

Scale has Been Signed According to a Message from Altoona.

Up to the time of going to press this (Thursday) afternoon noon no settlement had been effected by the miners and operators at the joint conference at Altoona, although the indications are that the present scale will be signed and a strike averted.

The meeting convened Tuesday morning, and was in session at intervals Tuesday and Wednesday and today. A special message from Altoona to the COURIER at 3 o'clock this afternoon stated that the old scale would be ratified.

The operators presented the scale of 1901 as their final ultimatum. It was made possible by L. W. Robinson, of the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron company, who opposed a settlement on such terms unless concessions gained by him during the past year were granted, agreeing to sign the old scale. This removed one obstacle in the way of a settlement and the old scale was presented to the miners.

The proposition was discussed at considerable length by the miners' representatives behind closed doors yesterday morning. The conservative element seemed inclined to accept it, while the more radical desired to wait the outcome of the trouble in the anthracite fields before deciding on a settlement. A recess was taken at noon and at 1 o'clock the miners reconvened and continued wrangling over the question until 2 when an adjournment was taken without any action on the operators' proposition.

The two scale committees went into session at 3 o'clock. During the afternoon they talked over the situation. The eight-hour day, one of the chief demands, came up and practically became a dead issue. The operators say they would consider the eight-hour day when all the other districts considered it and determined upon it. Until that time they said that in fairness to all concerned the question should not be made an issue.

At 8 o'clock the scale committee adjourned without reaching a settlement to meet at 10:30 this morning. The committee was in session when the COURIER went to press at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

LATER—An unofficial message from Altoona states that the scale has been signed and there will be no strike.

### A NEEDED REFORM.

The New Council can Easily Make Them selves Solid.

If the Patton borough council want to confer an everlasting favor on themselves and all who are obliged to do business with them they will provide decent quarters to meet in without delay.

The present council room is a disgrace to any third rate municipality, and every resident of the town will agree that Patton does not come in that category. Hot, foul smelling and inadequate in summer, it can only be reached in winter and spring by wading through snow, slush or mud up to the shoe tops or farther. The tax payers of the town do not ask or want their legislative body to meet in quarters like this, when a suitable room can easily be procured for the purpose at a small outlay each year.

Strangers coming into town and having business to transact with the honorable board can not fail to be unfavorably impressed with the place if the councilmanic chamber be taken as a criterion.

Situated as it is in an old isolated frame building, without a safe to store the books and papers of the borough, a fire would have small opposition in destroying everything of value if once started. It is false economy to compel the councilmen and others to meet in quarters like this, and the city fathers would be upheld by public sentiment if they made a change in quarters.

Why not do it, gentlemen?

Committees Appointed.

President Donnelly, of the Patton borough council, has appointed the following committees. The first named of each is chairman:

Fire and Police—Probert, Ardell and McCormick.

Finance—Prindible, Gould and McCormick.

Street—Lingle, Gould and Ardell.

Keep It So.

Patton has entirely freed itself from contagious diseases and if it is to remain in this shape the sanitary condition of the town must be remedied at once. Dirt and filth are the greatest disease breeders and the best precaution against an epidemic of any kind is a clean town.

### POLICEMAN HAD TO PAY!

Burgess Monteith Was Found Not Guilty, but

### "ZEKE" WAS SOAKED

For Twenty-Five Dollars and the Costs of Prosecution—Verdict did not Give Universal Satisfaction—Motions and Petitions Presented to the Court.

In the case at Court last week wherein Frank W. and Joseph L. Cunningham sought to recover \$1,000 damages for alleged false arrest and imprisonment from Burgess Alex Monteith and Ex-Policeman Wesley Merriman, of this place, the jury awarded Joseph \$25 from Merriman and nothing from Monteith, while Frank got nothing from anybody.

The defense was that Frank Cunningham was drunk and disorderly, and his arrest necessary, and that while he was in the lock-up Joseph got to loading around his place of imprisonment until he became a nuisance, and so he was also incarcerated.

The plaintiffs alleged that in April, 1901, they were in Patton, and that Merriman arrested them and locked them up for an hour or so, refused to grant them a hearing and said he arrested them because he could. The case was tried before Judge Savage, of Northumberland county.

The case of Lewis Barkhart vs Jacob Thomas et al, trespass, was put on trial Friday. The plaintiff demanded triple damages because the defendants cut timber on a tract he owns in Elder township, after one year of an agreement had expired. It was proven the defendants had agreed to work the tract for two years, a mistake having been made. The verdict was for the defendant.

In the case of Thomas J. Stiffler vs R. C. Osborne and Reuben Hildebrand, before Judge O'Connor, the plaintiffs, after the trial was well on, applied for a non-suit, which was granted.

Judge O'Connor handed down a new rule to govern the transfer of liquor licenses in Cambria county. Briefly, it is that applications for the transfer of licenses may be presented during any regular Court, on motion day, or in chambers during vacation, the facts in the petition to be set forth the same as in the original petition, and to be filed in the Prothonotary's office for ten days. Notice must be given in two papers for ten days of the time and place when the application will be presented to Court. In case of death of the licensee such transfer may be made forthwith. The new rule differs from Judge Barkley's rule in that the saloon does not have to be closed for ten days prior to the transfer.

The following motions and petitions were presented:

Bond of Joseph A. Gray, guardian of Bernette Dumm and Caroline Dumm, minor children of Valentine Dumm, deceased, approved and filed.

T. H. Hasson, Esq., appointed auditor to report distribution of the funds in the hands of M. D. Kittell, Esq., executor of the last will and testament of Ellis M. O'Friel, deceased, late of Allegheny township.

Philip N. Shettig, Esq., appointed auditor to pass upon exceptions to the report of distribution of the funds in the hands of Thomas Bishop, the executor of the last will and testament of Valentine Bishop, Sr., deceased, late of Allegheny township.

Petition of H. I. Sharabaugh, administrator of James Sharabaugh, late of Carroll township, deceased, for discharge; granted.

The Prudential's Annual Statement.

No other life insurance company whose age is the same as the Prudential's has ever made such an increase in its business in any one year as has been shown by the Prudential insurance company of America for the year 1901. Over \$27,000,000 of life insurance was written and placed, making the total amount of insurance in force over \$703,000,000. Big increases are shown in the amount paid to policyholders; in the assets of the company; in the yearly income; and in the surplus of assets over liabilities.

Altogether, the first year of the new century was a most successful one for the Prudential. It is quite clear that such results have been achieved only by the most vigilant management and the most upright and honorable business methods in carrying out the work of providing life insurance protection for the people. Write to the home office of the company, Newark, N. J., for information concerning its policies, which furnish guaranteed protection to the family, as well as dividends to the policy-holder.

### YOUNG MAN AN OR ELDERLY MEN READ THIS! INNOVATION IN CLOTHING.

We have bought an assortment of Suits, ALL HAND MADE. Vitals and outsides are Made by skilled tailors, even to HAND MADE BUTTON HOLES, ready to wear.

Same will be ready to sell ere you read this.

These Suits will fit you same as any tailor-made suits.

The Price will be 8 or 9 Dollars less than the tailor home-made suits.

We are always looking out for the best goods for our customers.

The Prices will range from \$13.00 to \$20.00.

You want to come and

### LOOK AT THEM!

We have our SPRING HATS, SHIRTS, and SHOES.

The Best Dollar Shirt in Town "The Globe."

Our "ON TOP" \$3.50 Shoe is \$5.00 worth.

All the new styles and leathers.

FOR THE LATEST AND BEST COME HERE.

### CASH—ONE PRICE.

That Means the Lowest.

### Keystone Clothing Co.

Directly Opp. Bank.

### Engagement Rings

are charming symbols of a promised future. The loveliest hoops that ever served as prophecies of marriages are shown in our assortment of rings. We are prepared to meet every engagement magnificently, as we have organized a ring that will not be broken. There is nothing in Rings not here, and nothing either in



### FASHIONABLE JEWELRY

for that matter, or clocks, or watches, or silverware.

WE HAVE A FINE LINE OF SPECTACLES.

Eyes tested by the celebrated "Retinoscopic Test" and glasses correctly fitted. Lenses changed, free of charge, at any time, in spectacles sold by us that cost \$2.00 and over.

### J. C. SNYDER,

Jeweler and Optician, Patton, Pa.

### EASTER DEMANDS NEWNESS IN ATTIRE.

Our Superb Stock of Spring Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings for Men, Youths and Children Gives Ample Scope for Personal Adornment.

A visit to our store this week or a glance at our show windows will reveal the fact that our previous efforts to gratify the eyes of stylish dressers and meet the pocketbooks of close buyers have been far outdone.

Everything that is objectionable in makeup or suspicious in wearing qualities has been omitted, and every new find in cut, color and fabric that will tickle the fancy of the style-seeking youth has been secured.

Come this week while lots are unbroken.

MIRKIN & KUSNER, Good Building.