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HERSHEY, HOME OF CHOCOLATE KING.

Opening of Camp of 1st Regiment at Mount Gretna, Baltimore's Attractive Surroundings.

MRS. AMANDA L. XANDERS.
The town of Hershey stands almost in the center of 1700 acres of fine farming land, with here and there tracts of timber, away off to the north stretches the Blue Mountains, shrouded in hazy mist. The country is like rolling parson, beautified by stately trees and fine farm homes. All the land within the range of ordinary vision is owned by the chocolate manufacturer, Hershey, who started in business in New York, but owing to a combination of unfortunate circumstances, he was obliged to throw up the idea of making that place his permanent home. He returned to his native state, to Lancaster, in the vicinity of his present home, where, after some years of trials and successes, he finally sold out at a handsome figure and at once began to invest the proceeds in farms until now he owns and controls 1700 acres in the center of which is the pretty new town of Hershey. There are Hershey houses, Hershey stores, Hershey Trust Co. or bank, Hershey public schools, eighteen miles of Hershey railway, an immense Hershey garage, a fully equipped, up-to-date fire department with 150 members. The second floor contains a combination billiard and pool table, reading table and writing table, all free for the exclusive use for the firemen. A fine large park full of attractions. This day the Sunday Schools of Myerstown were holding their annual picnic in the park. Myerstown is east of Lebanon, as the schools came on the steam cars.

It was a bright, beautiful day and many people from the towns and country around, came to the picnic so that there was little wonder, that after leaving our marketing at a nearby Hardware Store, we found the big summer trolley car, crowded from end to end and all along the sides. At first glance, we thought it hopeless to try to get aboard, but after some desperate effort on the part of a few kindly disposed passengers, we succeeded in finding standing room. Many people were compelled to wait an hour for the next car. We stood until we reached Annyville, quite a large town and known far and wide for its co-educational institution of College, under the jurisdiction of the United Brethren church.

Another ride of four miles, up hill (Continued on last page.)

COUNCIL ANNALS EARLY'S FRANCHISE.

Revokes it Because no Work Has Been Done. Sells After it Again.

J. W. Early's electric lighting franchise was annulled at a meeting of the city council held last Friday. Early was granted a franchise last May. The council at first asked for a \$500.00 forfeit. Early asked that it be lowered to \$100.00 and the council after some consideration of the matter consented. He was given sixty days in which to commence the erection of his plant. His sixty days was up the 10th of July. On August 18th at his request he was given thirty days from that date. That gave him until the 18th of September to commence his work or about four months from the time his franchise was granted. He has done nothing and gave no indication of doing anything up to the time of the council meeting last week so the council voted to annul his franchise on the ground that he had

not fulfilled his agreement to commence work on the dates stated.

O. P. Sells, of Sterling, Col., has a proposition before the council and it is quite probable that he will be granted a franchise. His franchise this time gives the city better rates than any franchise he has submitted before.

CONFIDENCE MAN AWAITING TRIAL.

Man Who Changes Names Often to Secure Goods Without Paying for Them is in Jail.

Sheriff Kennedy returned last Friday morning from Levanon, Missouri, where he went the Monday previous to get a man who was here on June first and claimed to represent a commission firm in Denver. When the man was here he claimed that his name was F. E. Parker and that he was out representing Parker Bros. Commission firm of Denver and was shipping produce to them. He obtained \$46.00 worth of eggs from Walter Harris and wrote him a sight draft on the Parker Commission firm of Denver. When the draft reached Denver, the bank marked it no funds and informed Harris that no such firm was doing business in Denver. He also ran a hotel bill of about \$15 at the Grand Central and paid it with one of his worthless sight drafts.

Information was received here which indicated that he was under arrest in Levanon and was serving a jail sentence. Harris went to Levanon on September 5th and identified him as the man who had gotten his eggs on June 1st. Sheriff Kennedy went to Jefferson City with requisition papers and returned Friday morning with his man.

When here in June he claimed that his name was F. E. Parker. In Missouri he went under the name of F. E. Bell, and it is reported that he has been operating in Kansas under the name of F. E. Green. Judge Shinn is looking after his case and his preliminary trial will not be set until he can get an attorney from Lincoln.

ANSLEY BURGLARS EASILY CAUGHT.

Arrested in this City and Confession Secured by Sheriff Kennedy.

Property Returned.

E. H. Gaines store of hardware and groceries in Ansley was broken into last Sunday evening. About thirty knives, six razors, three or four boxes of cigars, some smoking tobacco and three dollars in cash was taken. The men took two of Dr. Hanna's horses and his saddle and a saddle from the Chrisman livery stable. They rode out of town a short distance and noticed a freight train approaching. They then unsaddled the horses, turned them loose and rode to Broken Bow on the freight. They sold Chrisman's saddle to J. H. Spain for \$6.50 and disposed of Hanna's to Robinson & Tuttle for \$5.00.

Sheriff Kennedy and Deputy Sheriff Craig received word of the robbery and began searching for the men. They arrested one of them at the stock yards and the other was found in the feed rack of a stock train passing through the city Monday evening. When arrested they gave their names as Harry Lueck and Elmer Johnson.

The men were kept in separate cells in jail and not allowed to see each other until they had confessed to the robbery and told the story as given above. They had twenty-seven of the knives, some cigars and tobacco on them when arrested and they claimed the rest of the stuff was hid in Ansley and in Broken Bow.

They entered the store through a rear window. All of the stolen property has been found by the officers and everything will be returned to Mr. Gaines.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE (AN EYEFULL)



When Harry waddles down the street, It's certainly great to watch his feet, His legs flourish to + fro, In pride of making Harry go.

Chakabear.

SOCIETY ITEMS.

By Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders.

LINEN SHOWER.

Next Saturday afternoon from three to six o'clock, the Ladies of the Presbyterian church, will be at home with Mrs. J. G. Brenizer in honor of Miss Irma James, who will leave shortly for her home at Mays Landing, N. J. Sixty invitations have been issued. The affair will be a linen shower in appreciation of Miss James' services as pianist for the Presbyterian church. That Miss James will be fairly deluged with handsome, useful and ornamental linen there is no question. Very elaborate refreshments will be served. The decorations will be flowers and autumn foliage.

CHOIR ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kern entertained the members of the Presbyterian choir at their pleasant home in the north part of town Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Libbie Brenizer, who will leave next week for the east. There were four musical contests. The decorations were sweet peas and autumn vines.

Refreshments were served at a late hour. Musical designs decorated the small cakes. Mrs. Kern was assisted in serving by the Misses Doris Porter, Ruth Papineau and Margarite Nicholas, members of the choir.

P. E. O MEETING

The regular monthly meetings of the P. E. O. were resumed last Friday afternoon with Miss Mary Beck as hostess. There was a large attendance of members. Mrs. Addie Hall, of Sidney was the guest of honor. The afternoon was spent in a social way. Dainty refreshments were served.

NATIONAL P. E. O.

Mrs. J. E. Wilson will leave next Monday for Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where she goes as state delegate to attend the national meeting of the P. E. O. The first chapter was organized by seven young ladies, students at the university at that town. Mrs. Wilson will also visit in Bloomfield and Red Oak before her return to Broken Bow.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The semi-monthly meetings of the Ladies' Library Association will be resumed next Wednesday, Oct. 6th, with Mrs. Sullivan.

HOTEL SUPPER.

Last Friday evening a party of six young ladies took supper at the Grand Central Hotel, a table being reserved for them. Later they took in the moving picture show.

DANCE AT MERRA.

Last Saturday a number of young people went to Merrra to attend the dance gotten up by Frank Cutler. They were the Miss Hazel Molyneux, Willa Bean, Abbie Wilson and Mary Morgan and Messers Earl and Homer Molyneux.

LINGER LONGERS MEET.

The ladies of the Linger Longers Club held a business session last Friday afternoon with the president, Mrs. J. K. Hermon. At this meeting it was decided to meet forte nightly. The first meeting to be with Mrs. Holcomb. Dr. Buckley and Herbert G. Myers were elected members of the Club. Every alternate week the ladies of the Club will have a meeting to be known as the Koffee Klotch Annex. The first meeting will be held with Mrs. Dorothy Maulick.

C. R. SOCIAL.

Last Friday evening the Christian Endeavor Society gave a social at the Presbyterian manse. There were about forty-five Endeavors with their friends present. Games formed the evening amusement. Dainty refreshments were served.

DINNER PARTY

Last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenkins entertained at 6 o'clock dinner, in their apartments in the Dierks block, in honor of George and Laucks Xanders who have since left for the east. Covers were laid for eight. During the evening the party attended the moving picture show.

NOT CLAMORING FOR ALL REVENUE.

Paid Out of County Treasure, Facts Show that Broken Bow is Not Hogging Everything.

If the Broken Bow fellows are so much interested in the welfare of the tax payers of the county, why is it that they are clamoring for all the revenue in sight?—Callaway Queen.

If the above statement was founded on fact a man might be led to believe that he ought to vote for division in order to change conditions, but it is not a statement of fact. Let us see what the facts in the case are.

What sources of revenue are there for which the people of this city may clamor? There is the bridge fund, the road fund, the use of the county's money which is deposited in banks, the printing of the supplies for the county, and the publication of the road notices and board proceedings.

What was the total amount of money drawn from the bridge fund in 1908? The stubs of the warrants in the county clerk's office show that the total amount paid out by the county for bridges and repairs was \$16,758.06. How much of this amount went for bridges and repairs in Broken Bow township? The warrants show that only \$689.95 of this amount was paid out for bridges and repairs in Broken Bow township.

What was the bridge levy for 1908? 2 1/2 mills.

What was the valuation of Broken Bow township and city in 1908? \$735,120.

How much, then, did Broken Bow city and township pay into the bridge fund? \$1837.80.

Broken Bow paid in \$1837.80 and drew out \$689.95, then how much did Broken Bow pay towards the building and repairing of bridges in other parts of the county? \$1147.85

The county road fund is used to pay the expenses of plotting, surveying, advertising and laying out roads in the county. What was the total amount paid out of the county road fund for this purpose in 1908? The stubs of the warrants in the county clerk's office show that \$1045.25 was paid out of the road fund in 1908.

How much of this amount was spent in Broken Bow township and city? The warrants show that \$28.30 was used in Broken Bow city and township.

The county road levy was 1/4 mills in 1908 and the valuation of this city and township was \$735,120, so that Broken Bow township and paid \$183.78 into the road fund and drew out \$28.30, then, how much went to pay for roads in other parts of the county? \$155.48.

The facts then show that instead of Broken Bow hogging all of the revenue as charged, she is getting the benefit of only 35 per cent of the money she pays into the bridge fund and only 15 per cent of the money she pays into the road fund. She is helping to support other parts of the county instead of making anything off of them.

How about the county's money—where is it deposited? A statement made by County Treasurer Cavenee, on September 21st, showed that \$30,384 was deposited in banks in Broken Bow on that date and \$68,774 was deposited in banks of the county located in other towns in the county. Broken Bow was, on that date, then getting the benefit of the use of only 30 per cent of the money on deposit and it will be noted that the checks in payment of warrants are drawn on the Broken Bow banks and the amount of money in them varies, while the money in other banks in the county is about the

same. How is the contract for printing the county supplies let? The board of supervisors advertises for bids, and the contract is let to the lowest bidder. The newspapers outside of the county seat, then, have the same opportunity to get the business as the papers in Broken Bow. If the printers in Broken Bow get the business it is because it is financially to the county's interest to give it to them.

How did the county board decide the question of who should get the publication of the road notices and the county board proceedings for this year? Bids were submitted by the newspapers of the county. It was given to the Custer County Beacon because its bid was lower than that of the papers outside of Broken Bow. Had the business been given to papers outside this city, it would have cost the county from \$250 to \$500 more than it now costs.

On the whole, it is evident, then, that Broken Bow helps to build the bridges and roads in other parts of the county; that only 30 per cent of the county's money is deposited in Broken Bow banks; that the printing of county supplies and the publication of the road notices and the board proceedings by papers in this city is due to the fact that the county saves money by doing it. The charge of the Callaway Queen is without foundation.

TRIAL LIST IN DISTRICT COURT.

The following cases have been set for trial during the first week of the October term of court which commences next Monday morning at 9 o'clock:

Monday, October 4.

B J Tierney vs Wm D Amsberry
Dierks Lum. & Coal Co vs O B Q R R
W E Talbot vs Custer County
Harwyn State Bank vs Omas W Adams

Tuesday, October 5

Kearney Tel. Co vs Oconto Tel. Ex.
Maria Campbell vs Custer Nat'l Bank et al

Wednesday, October 6

Wm R Young vs John Dale
J S Case T M Co vs T G Robinson
James Loughran vs Ford Shaw
D O Konkel vs E P Groat

Thursday, October 7

Henry E Muesel vs A J Elliot
M E Vandenberg vs Thomas A Jackson
Lee Palau vs Homer McKelvie

Friday, October 8

Mathew H Glassey vs Jackson Dye
State of Nebraska vs Wm E Wittlard

Saturday, October 9

State of Nebraska vs John Butler
State of Nebraska vs Wm Edwards
State of Nebraska vs Charles B Moore

REPUBLICAN WILL CHANGE HANDS.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Amsberry Will Take Charge of Paper Next Week.

My first years lease on the Custer County Republican expires tomorrow. I have the privilege of leasing it for a longer time but do not care to do so. I also have an option on the purchase of it, but the price I consider much too high.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Amsberry will take charge of the editorial work next week. Mr. Amsberry has published a paper in this county for twenty-five years and the people of the county are familiar with his editorial work.

During the last year the paper has grown from a four page to an eight page home print, the subscription list has jumped from 1000 to 2250 and the advertising patronage has increased threefold. I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of this city and county for the kindly assistance which has made this growth possible. Without their assistance and words of encouragement it would have been impossible. I owe my friends a debt of gratitude and I retain a feeling of kindness toward those who have at one time or another criticised my editorial policy. I could not possibly satisfy everybody and I have pursued the policy which I believed to be right and to the interest of the majority of the people of the county. HERBERT G. MYERS.