

SHE'S A FOUR TIMES GRANDMOTHER NOW

On 101st Birthday Mrs. Shrake Has 152 Descendants.

Wyalusing, Wis.—Mrs. Lydia Shrake of this village has just celebrated her one hundred and first birthday, a large number of relatives being present.

Mrs. Shrake was born in Pennsylvania in 1812 and when a child moved with her parents to Coshocton county, O., where in 1831 she was married to Mr. Ault, to which union two daughters and three sons were born.

Five years later she married Jacob Shrake, and they moved to Wyalusing. To them five children were born, one daughter and four sons.

She takes walks about the neighborhood with the aid of a cane.

SPARROWS TREE THIS TABBY.

Cat Goes After Birds and Catches Tarts Instead.

Los Angeles.—Tired by a great flock of angry sparrows a badly frightened cat was rescued here by officers of the Humane society.

Every time tabby tried to leave the birds fought it back with their sharp beaks, and the rescuers had to beat off the spiteful sparrows before they could reach the cat.

CUBA'S NEWEST PRESIDENT.

Menocal Receives Special United States Mission at Inauguration.

Havana.—At the inauguration here of General Juan Mario Menocal as president of the Cuban republic the United States was represented by a special mission, who conveyed the official congratulations of President Wilson to Cuba's new chief executive.

The inauguration ceremonies and the festival that followed it were magnificent. The city was decked with flowers, and bands played in the plazas.



GENERAL JUAN MARIO MENOICAL.

Following the official oath which formally made Enrique Jose Varona vice president of the island Republic, the oath was administered to General Menocal in the presence of a great crowd of foreign dignitaries, government officials and other folk.

General Juan Mario Menocal, the new president of the republic of Cuba, was born in 1866 at Jaguay Grande, Matanzas province. He was educated in the United States and was in the Military college of Washington, where he obtained the rank of captain.

He returned to Cuba as an engineer for a French company which projected the construction of a railroad from Santa Cruz del Sur to Camaguey. While making the preliminary studies at Santa Cruz he joined the revolutionary forces as a private and rose rapidly until he became general of division.

COURT

Convened At Nine O'clock Thursday Morning

When Regular Assignment Was Taken Up

Some Items Of Interest From The Probate Court

Judge Jewell convened common pleas court at nine o'clock when the regular assignment of cases for the day was taken up.

Distributive Account—Edith Mitchell, executrix of W. S. Mitchell, has filed a distributive account in probate, showing the following: Amount for distribution \$394.

Administrator Appointed—S. C. Horn has been appointed administrator of Ratio Core giving bond in the sum of \$600 with L. McCammet and C. V. Horn as sureties.

Guardian Appointed—Park B. Blair has been appointed guardian of Edgar T. and George W. Wright, giving bond in the sum of \$1,600 with Birta Blair and Columbus Ewalt as sureties.

Appointed A. Guardian—S. T. Brock has been appointed guardian of Elizabeth Brock and George Brock, giving bond in the sum of \$2,500, with Thompson Dows and S. B. Dows as sureties.

Deeds Filed—A. W. Greer to William Kaylor, 1-4 acre in Jefferson, \$1. D. F. Ewing to Carlton Hamilton, 3 acres in Monroe, \$600.

COUNTY

Christian Endeavor Convention June 3 And 4

To Occur In Fredericktown ---State Workers To Be Present

A convention of unusual interest and merit will be the Knox county Christian Endeavor convention to occur in the Presbyterian church of Fredericktown, June 3rd and 4th.

A program has been arranged which includes in it addresses by some of the best men of our county and state.

The convention begins with a popular address on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock by Rev. Edward M. McMillin, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Mansfield.

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QUESTIONS

Answered By Cong. Tavenner Relative To Filling

Of Fourth-Class Postoffices In United States

(By Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner) Washington, May 29.—The mail of nearly every member of Congress is being clogged with requests for information relative to the filling of fourth-class postoffices. Here is the information most sought:

Q. What was the Taft order pertaining to 4th class postmasters? A. It was an executive order made on Oct. 15, 1912, placing all fourth-class postmasters under Civil Service without an examination.

Q. What was the effect of this order? A. It meant each 4th class postmaster in the U. S. then in office would hold the office indefinitely regardless of his fitness or qualifications, vacancies of course to be filled based on a competitive examination.

Q. Wherein was this order unfair? A. It put postmasters under Civil Service who had received their appointment by virtue of political considerations and took no account of merit whatsoever.

Q. What is the "Wilson Way"? A. President Wilson, on May 7, 1912, issued an executive order, amending the Taft order, which provides that in all 4th class post offices where the compensation is \$180 per year or over, there shall be held an open competitive examination by the Civil Service Commission, the result of which shall be certified by the Commission to the postmaster general.

Q. How are they appointed when the compensation is under \$180? A. By the postmaster general based upon a report made by a post office inspector.

Q. Who holds these examinations? A. Local examining boards are appointed by the Civil Service Commission to conduct the examination.

Q. When will these examinations be held? A. It is impossible to tell at this time; but they will be held as soon as the department can take care of the work, and as the needs of the service require.

Q. Where are examinations held? A. At the most convenient point.

Q. How does one make application for examination? A. After an examination is announced the applicant secures, upon request, at the local post office, form 1753, which is the proper blank to be filled out and which contains full information pertaining to the examination.

Q. What is the nature of the examination? A. It covers elementary arithmetic, penmanship, letter writing, copying tests, together with statement as to facilities for transacting the business of the office.

Q. How can one get more complete information pertaining to this matter? A. By writing to the "Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.," asking for copies of form 1753 and 1755, which contain instructions to applicants and rules and regulations governing appointments, or by writing your member of congress.

ARRESTED

For Running Auto Without The Proper Lights

Ed Gaskins was arrested by Officer Hough at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening for running an automobile without proper lights. He pleaded guilty when arraigned before Mayor Perrine and was fined \$5 and costs.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

BELLEFONTAINE—Clay Farrow, who lived between St. Paris and Piqua, was found dead in his home yesterday by relatives, and there is talk of foul play. Farrow had evidently been dead three or four days.

NEWARK—Eighty young men and women will be graduated from the Newark High school June 12.

BELLEFONTAINE—Big Four officials here say that the work of double-tracking the railroad, a distance of 40 miles, between this city and Marion, will soon begin.

BELLEFONTAINE—The annual regatta of the Indian Lake Yacht Club will be held at Indian Lake June 14.

BELLEFONTAINE—Although this city is a dry community, the police were called early today to remove 14 empty beer bottles, which had been placed on the front porch of a fashionable home by unknown persons.

"MAN TIGER"

Must Expiate His Crimes On The Gallows

After Staying His Execution For Five Years

San Francisco, Calif., May 29.—After staying his execution for more than 5 years, by availing himself of every legal technicality and every court, Jake Oppenheimer, "the criminal of the century," will be executed at Folsom prison within the next two weeks unless the governor intervenes and commutes the sentence. Oppenheimer, whose ferocity and murderous tendencies have gained for him the name of "Man Tiger" and have made him the terror of guards and prisoners alike, is considered one of the most remarkable criminals ever known in this part of the country. He has a long record of crime and is known to have committed at least four murders.

Oppenheimer began his career of crime in this city many years ago, when he was employed as a messenger boy for a telegraph company. One day he was discharged by the superintendent and promptly reentered himself by shooting the superintendent. Three years later he was sentenced to 50 years imprisonment for robbing a drug store. A man named Ross testified against him. Oppenheimer was sent to Folsom and later, when Ross was also sent to that institution for some other crime, Oppenheimer awaited him at the prison gate and stabbed him to death.

Some time after that Oppenheimer murdered a guard named McDonald at the prison. As a punishment he was placed in solitary confinement, but obtaining a file and cutting his way out he made a murderous assault on a fellow convict named John Wilson with a butcher knife. In 1901 the state legislature of California had passed a law imposing death punishment upon any prisoner who should make an assault upon a prison official or a fellow convict. Under this law Oppenheimer was tried in October, 1907, for his attack upon Wilson, who had died from the effects of the stab wounds. Oppenheimer was found guilty and was sentenced to death. The execution was set for June 6, 1908, but Oppenheimer, through his counsel appealed and fought his case through several courts and finally the Supreme Court of the United States. Every court decided against him and the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the validity of the California law. Oppenheimer made another attempt to save his life by obtaining a writ of habeas corpus and bringing his case before the United States District Court upon the plea that the statute under which Oppenheimer had been sentenced to death is retroactive and contravenes section 10 of the Constitution of the United States, which forbids the passage of ex post facto criminal laws. This case also was dismissed and with that all resources of the law were exhausted.

While awaiting the decision of the courts in his efforts to save himself from the gallows, Oppenheimer was kept in strict confinement at the Folsom prison. There he continued his criminal career with unequalled cunning and ferocity. In company with two other prisoners, J. W. Finley and Francisco Quijada, Oppenheimer made an attempt to break out of the prison at midnight on January 6, 1910, by sawing the bars of their cell. They would have succeeded had not Night Captain Quigmore detected them sneaking along a corridor. He called several of the guards and subdued the prisoners.

Quijada, a half-breed Yaqui Indian, had attached some of the prison guards several years before and had also been sentenced to death under the law of 1901. He also appealed to the courts and his case was pending at the time when Oppenheimer began his fight for his life. There was considerable ill feeling between the two prisoners from the very beginning and their mutual hatred increased in the course of time. The climax came in September of 1911, when one morning Quijada challenged Oppenheimer to a combat for life, while the prisoners were permitted to exercise in the corridor of the prison. Oppenheimer who had secretly prepared himself for such an emergency, flung himself upon the Indian and stabbed him to death with a sharp piece of steel which he had picked up in the prison yard several months before and which he had secreted in his mattress ever since.

Although there was never a lack of "bad men" in the prison, Oppenheimer was always considered the most dangerous of the prisoners. He was greatly feared not only by his fellow prisoners but also by the prison guards and officials and for several years it was considered necessary to have him watched and guarded by two guards armed with loaded rifles. Oppenheimer

was the most sullen and refractory prisoner in the penitentiary and on many occasions it became necessary to discipline and severely punish him.

DAWSON

Won't Drive In The Race At Indianapolis

Former Mt. Vernon Boy Out Of The Contest This Year

Indianapolis, Ind., May 29.—Joe Dawson, winner of last year's 500-mile Memorial day automobile contest here, will not drive in the race Friday. The especially constructed car, Delta, whose owner and inventor was refused permission to drive in the event because of inexperience, showed a defect, due to shipping, under the grueling workout Dawson gave the machine yesterday, and the driver announced late today that the car would be unable to start in the contest. The damage was to the starting crank, and, in coming loose yesterday, it so greatly disabled the socket that starts the motor that it was found impossible to repair the machine. This leaves 28 entries in the race.

Only nine cars qualified yesterday. The failure of more cars to qualify was said to be due to the lack of time. An hour in the forenoon and another in the afternoon were allotted for the elimination tests. More time could not be allowed because the time was needed for the other drivers to work out.

The remaining 10 cars, 18 having passed the tests, will make the runs tomorrow. Using the speedway for elimination work on the day preceding the race is a departure from former strict rules.

The day before the event the track must be closed to allow washing and preparations to get into the best possible shape.

BRANDON

Friday evening Mr. John Burns was surprised by a number of friends who gathered at his home for a social time.

Mr. Wm. Burns purchased a number of sheep of Mr. O. L. Hissong.

Mr. Caleb Groves, of Columbus, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wood.

Rev. Theodore M. Hofmeister will deliver the afternoon address at the annual Rally and Roll Call of Fairview Christian church June 8th his subject is "Becoming a Christian."

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Harmon were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Winland, of Utica.

Mr. Clyde Wineland and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williams at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Harry McKenzie and Miss Pickering of Newark are visiting friends here.

Peroy Haswell will open her fourth season of summer stock performances in Toronto about the end of this month.

Society News

Entertained With Social

The Woman's Guild of the First Presbyterian church entertained with a social at the church Wednesday evening. A large crowd was present during the evening which was spent in an enjoyable manner. A special feature of the evening was a guessing contest open to all present. Over one hundred photographs of members of the church taken many years ago were arranged in a row. The person who identified the largest number of the portraits was the winner. The prize was won by Mrs. Daniel McFeeley. Refreshments were served.

BLADENSBURG

Mrs. Ettie Melick and daughters, Esther and Helen, of Warsaw, Indiana, are visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cochran of Hunt Station spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents.

Mrs. Jennie Nichols is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Rinehart, near Colesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tydings of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shrontz of Martinsburg spent Sunday afternoon with Cary Crumrine and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Colgin spent Saturday night and Sunday with A. B. Cummins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Horn spent Sunday at New Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall and daughters, visited Mr. and Mrs. Laird Ashcraft Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berry spent Sunday with relatives at New Guilford.

Miss Iva Melick of Dennis spent a few days last week with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Hall took dinner Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. C. W. Heas.

Jennie Loece is spending the week with her brother and family.

Howard Russell and wife spent Saturday night with Mrs. Sarah Russell.

Rev. Sims and wife of Palmyra were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stonebocker Sunday night, Rev. Sims being called here Sunday to preach the funeral of Mrs. Core.

DEATHS

Mrs. Ellen Trimble

Mrs. Ellen Trimble, widow of the late Thomas H. Trimble, died at her home at 305 West High street at about 10:15 o'clock Wednesday night after an illness of over six months' duration caused by a complication of diseases. She was well advanced in age and is survived by one son, Mr. Joseph D. Trimble, of this city.

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