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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Reports from Pennsylvania are to the effect that the dry weather is injuring the corn crop.

The Bellefonte public schools will reopen for the fall term on Tuesday, September 5th.

Miss Emma Holiday has been seriously ill for the past week with an ailment that seems to baffle the physicians.

A. S. Grow, at one time connected with the Bellefonte Republican, has left Lock Haven to accept a position on the Record in Philadelphia.

The Y. M. C. A. boys will conduct the religious services on Sunday evening in the Bellefonte Evangelical church. Come, and give interest to the meeting.

Dr. H. C. Holloway having returned from his vacation of three weeks services will be held as usual in the Lutheran church on Sunday.

Mountain fires have been raging near Bellefonte. They assumed serious proportions on Monday evening when they swept down on the Morris line plants and threatened their destruction for a while.

Mrs. William Steele, of Axe Mann, was delivered of a boy baby last Friday evening. It was a fine, big boy, but unfortunately died soon after its birth. Mrs. Steele was quite ill but is recovering nicely.

The gross receipts for the two nights performance of "The Brownies in Fairyland," presented in Phillipsburg last Friday and Saturday evenings, amounted to \$235. Half the amount goes to the sisterhood of St. Paul's church.

An alarm of fire called out the department about two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. A colored boy had thrown a lighted match into some straw near Robert Miller's stable in Pike alley, but the fire was extinguished before it had spread to any of the adjacent buildings.

The first cider of the season was made at the Axe Mann press last Friday afternoon, when 118 gallons were run for John Rishel. Adam Hasel, who fixed up the machine and made the first run, says that the apples will not turn out the average amount of cider this year unless we get rain soon.

L. L. Weaver, of Woodward, and a young lady who was driving with him had a miraculous escape last Sunday night. His horse became unmanageable and ran away, upsetting the buggy, throwing both occupants out under it, but they escaped serious injury. The buggy was all smashed up.

A musical will be held in the Presbyterian church at Boalsburg, Pa., Tuesday, Aug. 15th, at 8 p. m., under the direction of Prof. Edgar S. Place, dean of the school of music of Mission Valley college, Marshall, Mo. Admission, adults 15 cents; children 10 cents. Proceeds for benefit of the church. The public are cordially invited.

The Harvest services will be held in St. John's Reformed church at Boalsburg, Pa., on Sunday, August 13th, at 10 o'clock and on the same day at Houserville at 2:30. Rev. A. C. Whittmer, superintendent of the Home Missions will preach on both occasions, as also on Sunday evening at Boalsburg. The public are cordially invited to attend these services.

Mrs. G. Murray Andrews gave a picnic at the top of Nittany mountain on Saturday night. Owing to the threatening rain it was necessary to have the supper spread in the old farm barn up there, but that did not detract from the pleasure of the evening. It was in honor of her guests, the Misses Hale, and Miss Stone.

Capt. Taylor and Lieut. Jackson and Taylor, of Co. B, attended the election of regimental officers which was held in Altoona last Thursday. Col. Rufus C. Elder, of Lewistown, was the only nominee for lieutenant colonel, and, of course, was elected to succeed himself. There were five nominations for major. Captain John S. Bare, of company A, Huntingdon, was elected on the second ballot, and captain John H. West, of company C, Hollidaysburg, was chosen on the fifth ballot. Captain Taylor, of our own Co. B, was one of the candidates for the office of major.

President John Knisely, of the Bellefonte window glass company, stated a few days ago that while the matter of increasing the capacity of the factory before the time for lighting the next fire had been frequently discussed the members of that concern had decided that they would not undertake it at this time, preferring to wait until their present business gets established on as firm a basis as possible. A number of repairs are being made about the factory and the fires will be relighted on September 15th.

Wm. Burnside has retreated to his hermitage on the top of Muncy mountains and is seen now only when he comes down for his mail. He lives the life of a recluse up there in his cabin, that he has furnished with odds and ends from everywhere, and the two weeks spent in solitude among the mountains are the two happiest of his year, so he says, but a great many of us think differently, for certainly his greatest pleasure must be when he sees the throbbing hum of industry out at the Standard works that has been so largely instrumental in building up.

JUDGE LOVE'S DECREE SAVES THE VICTIMS OF A FLIMSIFY INSURANCE COMPANY. For the time being, at least, the policy holders of the defunct Iron City Mutual fire insurance of Pittsburg who number 186 in Centre county are safe from the demands of the defunct company or the receiver who was appointed to settle up its business. On Friday Judge Love handed down a very lengthy opinion on the certiorari carried before him in which he reversed the judgments which Justice Keichline had found against a number of the policy holders and in favor of the company.

The history of the case is interesting because it shows to what great extent flimsy business enterprises can be imposed upon the people of our county, who we know are of more than average intelligence. Several years ago there were a number of insurance companies doing business in this county that have since been discovered to have been worthless. Among them the Iron City, of Pittsburg; the Inter-State Mutual, Philadelphia; Williamsport Mutual, Williamsport; Central Pennsylvania Mutual, Williamsport; and the Builders' Mutual, Philadelphia.

The first named of the above companies was most pernicious in its practices and secured 186 policy holders in the county. Agents began working this section as early as 1895, with the result that a good business was gathered up.

Those holding policies in the Iron City paid their premiums right along until it became noised abroad that the company was not paying its losses. Some of the men sent their policies in for cancellation, while others stopped paying premiums. In 1897 the company passed into the hands of a receiver, Elmer M. Moore, who was appointed to settle up the business. Immediately all the policy holders in this section, being at a loss to know just what to do, ceased paying and thought there was an end of a bad job.

They were destined not to be thus easily rid of the contract they had made for they signed the following unlimited note which had been adroitly incorporated in the application for insurance.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, and in consideration of a policy of insurance to be issued to me by the Iron City Mutual fire insurance company, upon the approval of my application for insurance in said company, of this date, I promise to pay said company such sum or sums of money, and at such time or times, as the board of directors of said company may require and assess for losses and expenses, to be paid to the company at its office in Pittsburg, Pa., or to a duly authorized collector, within three days after notice is made.

Now the company had been receiving premiums but paying no losses so when it came to paying its obligations the receiver had nothing to do but collect from the policy holders. Accordingly he notified Reeder & Quigley, in this place, of his intentions and sent a batch of claims along. Suit was brought on the claims last January and Justice Keichline gave judgment in favor of the Iron City Mutual. The policy holders at once organized and retained J. C. Meyer and A. O. Furst to represent them in their fight to be released, for they saw that if they quietly consented to paying such an assessment it would be a tacit acknowledgment of their obligation to this company, when, in reality, all of them had forfeited their policies—which action, by the way, didn't release them from that note.

Messrs. Meyer and Furst arranged the cases in two classes viz: certiorari and appeals. Under the former were included Jacob N. Everts, Mrs. P. M. Smith, Jacob Keller, W. D. Port and wife, W. B. Ward, Mrs. C. Smith, Jas. R. Smith, trustee, Geo. E. Harper, Jesse B. Piper, J. Edward Kline, Chas. H. Martz, Jacob D. Wagner, Harry C. Shirk and James M. Moyer.

Under the appeals were grouped the following: Jas. A. Decker, Jac. Krumrine, Mrs. S. Goodhart, John F. Gray, J. B. Ard & P. F. Bortoff, J. N. & S. Krumrine, D. C. Martz, Jas. L. Murphy, trustee, and Adam H. Krumrine.

The certiorari was carried before Judge Love and his ruling reverses the decision of Justice Keichline. The appeals will be tried at the coming August court and the attorneys have no fear as to their outcome, as they say the cases for appeal are far stronger than were the ones carried up on certiorari.

In the event that the judgment of the justice is set aside in the appeals it will leave all of those named above free. Of course there are many others in the county, but suits were not brought against all of them, some having been known to be worthless, and others paid the assessment rather than bother with the matter. Among the latter were M. C. Spigelmyer, J. W. Glasgow, G. H. Loug and J. W. Decker.

Among those who were in it with the amounts assessed to them were: J. B. Ard & P. F. Bortoff, Pipe Grove, \$45.93; Trustees of J. O. U. A. M., 1.54; Mrs. Mary Ritter, Pottery Mills, 12.25; Jas. A. Decker, Pipe Grove, 23.61; Samuel A. Dunlop, Pottery Mills, 11.62; Emma J. Decker, Lemont, 3.47; Mrs. Bethany U. B. Char., Tusseyville, 15.54; Jacob N. Everts, State College, 28.76; J. B. Gentry, Spring Mills, 2.31; James W. Glasgow, Colburn, 20.32; Mrs. Seline Goodhart, Millheim, 2.97; John F. Gray, State College, 14.45; Geo. E. Harper, Pipe Grove, 1.41; Andrew J. Horner, Colyer, 5.92; James B. Horner, " " 5.92; J. Edward Kline, " " 14.26; Jacob Keller, Pipe Grove, 11.25; Spring Mills, 1.41; Mary J. Krupke, " " 7.24; Ira C. Korman, Oak Hall, 7.24; Jacob Krumrine, State College, 8.68; Adam H. Krumrine, " " 13.94; J. N. & S. Krumrine, Spring Mills, 12.95; Geo. H. Long, " " 12.05; D. C. Martz, Shingletown, 9.00; F. O. M. E. church, Pipe Grove, 14.08; Rebecca Murphy, " " 5.62; Chas. H. Martz, Tusseyville, 15.63; Henry Moyer, " " 12.96; Wm. D. and Lido Port, Pipe Grove, 13.94; James B. Piper, Penn Hall, 2.81; Mrs. Catharine Smith, Pipe Grove, 10.28; M. C. Spigelmyer, Millheim, 90.78; C. Decker, Colyer, 5.28; Philip M. Smith, Bellefonte, 15.83; Harry C. Shirk, Tusseyville, 25.30; A. S. Williams, Port Matilda, 7.97; Charles Wright, Pipe Grove, 12.75; William B. Ward, " " 3.37; Jacob D. Wagner, " " 3.37.

Another phase of the trouble has lately presented itself which some claim throws the whole matter back where it started originally. In March of the present year the Dauphin county court, Judge Simonton presiding, granted Mr. Moore, as receiver of the defunct company, the right to levy one final assessment on all policy holders to clean up the entire liabilities of the concern. He proposes doing it and, in fact, on the very day that Judge Love's ruling was filed setting aside the judgments on the first assessment, another batch of bills came to town bearing the assessment which receiver Moore has made under the instructions of the Dauphin county court.

It is likely to become a very much complicated case before it is settled, but Grant Hoover, who has fought it thus far, says he will fight it to the end and is of the opinion that their side has drawn first blood, at least, in the victory of last Friday's ruling.

The Huntingdon car works have been sold to the Keystone boiler works, an industry in that place that is branching out and intends beginning the manufacture of radiators.

One hundred and forty four people went from Phillipsburg and Morrisdale last Thursday to participate in the Methodist day of the Altoonas at Lakemont. There were about five thousand people there.

The Huntingdon water company, which has interest bearing bonds out to the amount of \$60,000, has offered to sell its plant to the borough for \$1, subject to a mortgage of \$100,000 bearing interest at 5 per cent.

Harry T. Cooke has sold his Meadow Brook colliery near Phillipsburg to H. McD. Loraine who will increase its capacity. Mr. Cooke is kindly remembered by friends at his old home here who wish him success in whatever new venture he might have in contemplation.

B. J. Bower, who has been principal of the Mill Hall schools for some time and was recently elected to the principalship at Salona, has resigned the position to accept a similar one at Chester Hill, near Phillipsburg. The Chester Hill vacancy was caused by A. C. Thompson's resignation.

The Chester DeVonde stock company, rehearsing their season's plays here, numbers nineteen people and among them some very clever ones. The company is rarely equipped with scenery and costumes. In fact it took a special car to carry the first invoice of scenery that arrived here on Tuesday.

In the diocesan assignments recently announced by Rt. Rev. J. W. Shanahan, bishop of the Harrisburg diocese of the Catholic church, Rev. P. A. McArdle, of this place, has been given two very important places. He has been made one of the consultants and a member of the building committee, both of which positions are complimentary to his business and ecclesiastical acumen.

A reunion and basket picnic of the teachers and pupils of the Hartlog valley school, in Porter township, Huntingdon Co., will be held on the summit of Warriors ridge, three miles west of Huntingdon on the Williamsburg road, on Thursday, Aug. 24th. All former students, teachers and friends of the school, with the public in general, are cordially invited to go and take part in the day's social enjoyment.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has appointed A. R. Barr, of Tyrone, lieutenant of rail-road police on the middle division and has established a regular patrol service for freight and passenger trains. The intention is to break up the practice of tramps riding from one place to another on trains. The public will be interested in the outcome of the undertaking as if the practice can be stopped it is likely to have a diminishing effect upon the tramps.

This morning at 7:45 o'clock a special train will leave this place for Tyrone. It will carry the Logan and Undine companies and at Milesburg the Citizens hook and ladder company will join the party. The Coleville band will accompany the Logans, while the Undines will have their own band. They are going to participate in the parade and sports of the Central Penna. district firemen's association convention in session at Tyrone today. The Undines have entered their engine for the steamer contest.

Frederick Leitzell, a son of Philip Leitzell, of Millheim, died with diphtheria on last Thursday night. His death was directly caused by imprudence such as most any person is likely to indulge in and should be a sad reminder to others that too much care cannot be taken, especially when overheated. Frederick was a member of a wheeling party from his home to Penns Cave, a distance of eight miles. When they arrived at the cave they were all more or less heated up and went right into it. The place is as cool as a refrigerator and the boy was seized with a chill that developed pneumonia and his death.

The post-office department has issued orders to postmaster Montgomery to be ready to receive mail at the office here from the 9:25 a. m. train and to dispatch mail on the 4:44 p. m. on Sundays. The new order went into effect on August 6th. The office will be open for a short time after the arrival of the morning mail so that those who want to call and get their own mail. There will be no incoming mail on the 4:44 and no outgoing on the 9:25. The new order will do away with keeping the office open after eight o'clock on Saturday evenings as that mail can be lifted hereafter on Sunday mornings.

SIMON HARPER.—Simon Harper, president of the Pennsylvania banking company, one of the leading merchants and a representative citizen of the county, died at his home in Centre Hall a little before noon on Monday. He had been in delicate health for several years and upon more than one occasion his friends thought he would succumb to the pulmonary troubles with which he suffered, but he would rally and in a few days be on the streets again. Each attack, however, reduced his vitality until at last he was no longer able to withstand the ravages of the disease and his death came.

Funeral services and burial took place at Centre Hall yesterday morning. Rev. H. S. Eisenberg, of the Reformed church of which Mr. Harper was a member for many years, officiated, assisted by the ministers of the local churches and the following from a distance: Rev. Wolf, Spring Mills; Rev. A. A. Black, Boalsburg; Revs. Krider and John Evans and Rev. Moses George, Rebersburg. The pall bearers were C. M. Bower Esq., Bellefonte; W. B. Mingle Esq., Hon. H. M. Allison, B. H. Arney, James A. Keller and Dr. G. W. Hosterman.

Mr. Harper comes of an old family and was born July 31st, 1842, at Spring Bank, Miles township, Centre county, the youngest child of George Harper, who was born in Berks county, Pa.

Deceased received his education in part at the schools of the Harper district, in Miles township, in part at those of Rebersburg, whither the family had moved when he was about fourteen years old, and as a farmer's boy his boyhood days were passed.

At the age of seventeen we find him, for the first time in the arena of business life, in the capacity of clerk for Thomas Wolf, at Wolf's Store, Brush valley, his first salary being \$75.00 per annum, with four weeks vacation during the harvest season, although the usual amount paid a new clerk was \$50.00, so valuable already were his services, and so well appreciated.

Later he clerked for W. J. Hosterman, in Rebersburg, from there coming to Bellefonte, where he was in the employ of John Awle, when the Civil war being at its height, he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company A, 148th P. V. I. In this regiment he served faithfully until compelled by sickness to retire into the veteran reserve corps, much against his inclination, for he persisted in remaining with his company longer than his health warranted. At the close of the war he was a member of Company E, 3rd veteran reserve corps. After the war was over he was sent to Augusta, Maine, to muster out Maine troops, and he then returned to Rebersburg.

On May 18th, 1866, Mr. Harper and his widowed mother removed to Bellefonte, where, along with his two brothers, Jonathan and William, he commenced the general mercantile business, with which he was identified some fourteen years. During that long period of activity, his natural industrious disposition and consequent hard work impaired his health so much that he had to retire from the firm. In March, 1880, he took up his residence in the village of Centre Hall, where he recuperated, buying a nice home, to the improvement of which he spent no little time and money. At this time there were but two stores in Centre Hall, and after four years Mr. Harper decided to open a third. In 1884, in partnership with W. H. Kreamer, he opened a general merchandise store, which ere long became the leading one of the kind in the vicinity. In April, 1896, our subject disposed of his interest therein, and retired from active business life. He owned a one-half interest in the store building; a one-fourth interest in the bank building and bank at Centre Hall; a substantial residence in the same village, and 350 acres of land in Potter township.

On December 28th, 1879, at Bellefonte, Simon Harper was married to Miss Maggie E. Klingler, who was born at Buffalo, Pa., May 29th, 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Harper have one child, Harry W., born Oct. 17th, 1882, living at home. In politics Mr. Harper was a life long Democrat, always interested in the success of the party, but never an office seeker. For one term he served as Burgess of Centre Hall, and has been elected to other offices, which, however, he declined to accept. Socially, he was a member of the F. & A. M. lodge at Centre Hall, and of the I. O. O. F. lodge, 153, at Bellefonte.

Jacob Shultz, aged 79 years and 4 months, answered the last summons on Tuesday morning and passed into that mysterious bourne whence no traveler returneth. He had been prostrated with paralysis for some time so that his death was in reality a release from an afflicted old age, made especially welcome to him because he was a good christian man and ready to go to his Father. For thirty years he had been head furmaceman at the old Eagle iron works at Curtin's and during the rebellion he served with Co. B, 148th P. V. Surviving him are his widow Fanny I. Shultz and the following children: W. H., of Milesburg; Mrs. Geo. H. Knisely, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Fernan Reed, of Mountandale; Mrs. Miles Doughman, Henry S., and Daniel E., of Roland, and Mrs. Melissa Lyon, of near Bellefonte. Rev. Allan Rhen, of the United Brethren church, conducted services at the house, on east Howard street, Wednesday afternoon, and the body was taken to Curtin's Works for burial.

The residence of James Leitzell Jr., between Spring Mills and Penn Hall was burglarized one night last week. The lower floor was ransacked with the result that the robber or robbers carried away some money, silver spoons, knives and forks and other valuables.

News Purely Personal.

Mr. Richard Filbert and her two children are guests at the home of Col. J. L. Spangler on A. Lehighy street.

Gregg Curtin returned to his work in Pittsburg on Sunday afternoon. He had been home on a two week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Furst, of Williamsport, spent Sunday at the home of John's father, Hon. A. O. Furst, in this place.

Mrs. Margaret Portune, of Cincinnati, O., and Mrs. Sarah Matern, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of P. Gray Meek.

Bond Valentine, of Philadelphia, is in town for a few days vacation and while here is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. R. V. Pugh, of Curtin street.

Miss Helen Hendrickson, of Middletown, little niece of Dr. and Mrs. Holloway, is here making them a short visit and seeing Bellefonte for the first time.

The Misses Irene and Myrtle Christ, of Jersey Shore, are guests at the home of John Walsh, on east High street. Mr. Walsh's family with their visitors spent Monday at Hecla park.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cooke, of Jeanette, with their children are at the home of Mrs. A. B. Snyder, on west Bishop street, for their usual summer visit and that means that there are gala times at the picturesque home on the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Harris, of Philadelphia, with their daughter, are visiting at the home of John P. Harris, on west Linn street. Mrs. Harris, of Philadelphia, is a cousin of her hostess and was a frequent visitor to Bellefonte when as a girl she was known as Miss Phoebe Snowden.

Richard Winner and Robert Waite, the former the husband of a Bellefonte girl and the latter a Bellefonte boy, who had been here for some time with their families, left for their homes in Anderson, Ind., on Wednesday afternoon. They had been visiting Mrs. Adam Waite and other members of the Waite family in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shuey, with two of their daughters, left for Niagara Falls on Monday for a two weeks sojourn in Canada. At the Falls they met Henry Schrom and family of Greenville, Pa., at whose place on the St. Lawrence they will be guests during their stay. Mr. Schrom is a brother of the late Jacob Schrom of this place.

Harry T. Cooke, so well and pleasantly known here, has been in town for a few days on his first business lay off in fourteen years. Harry has sold his home near Phillipsburg and has an idea of going west. In fact he has the tender of a government place in New Mexico, but isn't sure whether he would like it.

Among the Democrats from Centre who were in Williamsport to the Democratic notification meeting on Wednesday were: Col. J. L. Spangler, J. C. Meyer Esq., who was a member of the notification committee, Col. W. C. Heinle, Hon. Robert M. Foster, prothonotary M. I. Gardner, Hon. John T. McCormick and P. Gray Meek.

Doctor and Mrs. Charles Shaffner, of Philadelphia, who had been visiting the Thomases and Mitchells in this place for two weeks returned to their home in the city on Monday morning. The Misses Ann and Bertha Shaffner will remain until after the Mitchell-Lyon wedding, which has been announced for some time next month.

J. W. Houser, of Bishop street, returned from Philadelphia on Friday evening, having been down here to bring Mrs. Houser home from the University hospital where she has undergone an operation for appendicitis. The operation was quite successful and the lady is recovering as rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances.

Miss Elise Halderman, of Harrisburg, was in Bellefonte for a few days during the past week as the guest of Miss Blanche Hays. She was on her way home from Bedford Springs which is still the popular summer retreat for many of Harrisburg's oldest families. Mrs. Richard J. Halderman is at Mrs. Mary Linn's, on north Allegheny street, for a short visit.

John K. Thompson, of Phillipsburg, who is not letting the Republican nomination for county treasurer interfere in the least with the large business he does for Platt, Barber & Co., was in town on Wednesday, on one of his regular trips. Of course he is always a more or less interesting visitor to Bellefonte but there is an additional importance to him now that he is lined up with the Hastings end of it.

Former mayor Frank Crawford and Gross Mingle, of Centre Hall, were in town on Monday afternoon, having come over to represent their town at the meeting of the business men's picnic association. The meeting was the means of bringing together a number of other men who out pretty wide swathe in the business circles of their home communities. Among them were W. H. Noll, of Pleasant Gap; Phil D. Foster, of State College, and Budd Thompson, of Martha.

W. Finley Shugert Esq., of Washington, D. C., with Mrs. Shugert are guests at the home of his brother, J. D. Shugert, on west Linn street. Mr. Shugert has been in the patent office for years and is reckoned an authority on matters pertaining to that department. Henry Mitchell, a West Point student and a son of Gen. Mitchell, who was on Hancock's staff, is also at the Shugert home and Mrs. Burchfield, of Phillipsburg, is among the visitors for the week.

John Todd Jr., of Phillipsburg, the gentleman who has won the WACHMAN'S first Seashore trip prize, was in town yesterday attending to some business here. He was on his way to the Tyrone firemen's convention, where he expects to help the Phillipsburg boom for the next meeting place.

Mr. Todd is president of the Reliance company of that place and stated here that their engine would be in the race to-day at Tyrone for the \$50 prize. They won at Curwensville and think they can do it again.

George Poorman, of Houtzdale, was in town the latter part of last week shaking hands with his old friends here and last looking around among our bustling industries to see if there might happen to be an inducement to lead him to move back to his old home here. Mr. Poorman is a relative of the Centre county family of that name and left here twenty-three years ago. At that time he was a boy in the Loebs stores and with the passing of all these years he has not forgotten Bellefonte or her people.

Mrs. M. Mendels and her daughter, Miss Juliet, who had been visiting at the home of M. Fauble, on east High street, for ten days left for their home in Baltimore on Monday. The Misses Ida and Carrie Bloom, of Huntingdon, nieces of Mr. Fauble, and Miss Emma Hersher, of Philadelphia, are at the Fauble home for a part of the summer. With Miss Blanche Fauble, who is again at the Medico-Chi hospital, but home for her summer vacation now, they have quite a house party up there and with picnics to the College, the Cave and other interesting excursions into the country they are having about as jolly times as summer visitors are wont to have in Bellefonte.

H. E. Duck Esq., of Millheim, one of the representative citizens and active Democrats from the mountains, was in town on Wednesday. He drove up quite early in the morning with Mrs. Duck and said that they actually got quite chilly during the trip. He stated that while they have had a few apologies for rains down their way everything is drying up and that the corn looks very much shriveled. But that isn't what Mr. Duck came up to talk about. He was devoting his spare time to politics and while he had the reassuring news of the usual good work in Pennsylvania he wanted to know how it will be up here this fall. All the reply he could give to such a inquiry was that Pennsylvania will do its best and while we could not hope to match such a peerless Democratic community we will certainly do the best we can.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and their daughter Miriam went to Phillipsburg Wednesday to visit the Cadwaladers.

Morris Yeager was an arrival from Brooklyn yesterday morning, called home by the serious illness of his father.

Richard Lane and Fred Blanchard were two Bellefonters who went down to the dance in Lock Haven last evening.

Mrs. J. H. Pickle and her two children are up from Millersville enjoying a visit at her parents', Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Twitmore, on Water street.

Mail carrier E. E. Ardrey, Mrs. Ardrey and their children took their vacation last week and spent the time pleasantly with Mrs. Ardrey's parents, John C. Stover's, in Aaronsburg.

Dr. W. A. Stephens is going to Newton Hamilton camp meeting next Tuesday to take part in the meeting and help along with the finances, both of which he can do as well as any one we know of.

Robert McKnight Jr., with Mrs. McKnight, Robert III and the baby sister Dorothea came up from Philadelphia, on Monday, to spend a week at the family home at Fillmore. Robert is still in the customs service in Philadelphia and quite well satisfied with his place.

Former Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin, of Philadelphia, was an arrival in town on Monday night and is now the guest of Gov. Hastings at the Nittany country club. They will spend Sunday together at that resort. The visit has no political significance.

Harry Fenlon, of the Bush house, spent the Sabbath at his home in Eberstburg, where his father is lying critically ill with a general breakdown. The Hon. John Fenlon is in his ninetieth year and has been one of the most remarkable figures in Cambria county's history.

Mrs. Harriet Foster Leyden, of Omaha, and her two sons who have been visiting her relatives at State College since the first of June were in town yesterday on their way home to Nebraska. Her brother-in-law, Edward Leyden, the only one left of her lamented husband's family in this section, was up from Beech Creek to see her safely off and while here they were all guests of Mrs. Margaret Alexander.

Mrs. Ada Fairbank, Mrs. Martha Given, her daughter Alice of Philadelphia, and Miss Jennie Weaver, of Clearfield, who thoroughly enjoyed the week of their vacation which they spent here among their old friends while staying at the Brockerhoff house, left on Tuesday for Clearfield to continue their visit at Mrs. Crisman's. It is not so many years since Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver died but it is a long time since their daughters made their home here and their visit recalled events that had long been forgotten. Their visit to Mrs. Crisman will be something of a reunion as they all, six of them, expect to be there this week and with some of their children will make quite a house party.

Henry Yeager, the veteran proprietor of the Braut house, has been lying between life and death for the past few days as a result of an operation he underwent on Monday. He had been suffering with a corn on his little toe for some time. It grew so sore as to effect another toe and seemed to give indications of spreading further when the doctors thought to arrest it by the amputation of both affected members. This was done but he has scarcely enough vitality to survive the shock, as he had been a sufferer with Bright's disease for a long time. Yesterday afternoon, however, he was reported to be somewhat better.

WILL PLEASE THE ESHERITES.—Bishop Esher, of Chicago, will be present at the Sugar-valley Evangelical camp-meeting which will open at Booneville on Wednesday, August 16th. He is expected there for the first Sunday.

CARD.—Bellefonte and Centre county citizens visiting in Philadelphia during the G. A. R. encampment and the exposition the coming fall can have their mail and packages directed to my care and it will be properly looked after until called for. Ira D. Garman, Jeweler, 101 S. Eleventh St., 1st door below Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Ask your grocer for our flour. "Finest" and "Fancy Patent" brands lead all others.—Phoenix Milling Co.

Philadelphia Markets.

The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Corn, Flour, and other market items.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

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Bellefonte Produce Market.

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