

Mrs. Hezekiah Ewing is so seriously ill with dysentery at her home at State College that her family have been summoned to her bedside.

Former Judge D. L. Krebs and wife, who were called here by the illness and death of his mother, returned to Clearfield on Tuesday afternoon.

John Porter Lyon has ordered one hundred and fifty thousand cedar shingles from Michigan to re-roof his farm building near Pennsylvania Furnace.

The venerable Peter Louck, of this vicinity, is reported to be at death's door, with heart disease. Dr. Glenn hopes to pull him through, though, as he has done many times before.

Miss Carrie Musser, who has been visiting Centre county friends for the past month, has returned to her home in Orangeville, Ill., where she has been teaching very successfully for several years.

Our young friend, Charley Walters bid farewell to his associates last Friday and started out to follow Horace Greely's advice. When last seen he was whistling very disconsolately "The girl I left behind."

W. C. Corman, of Spring Mills, has moved into the Musser house and will assist Mr. Tressler in running the big mill. Mr. Corman is another acquisition to the Bryan ranks and we cordially welcome him and his family.

Miss Mary Hess returned home Monday from Clearfield, where she had been for some time helping care for her nephew, George W. Weaver, whose untimely death caused genuine sorrow throughout the entire community. He was respected and admired and carried to success anything he undertook.

At the recent meeting of the school board, S. E. Goss was elected to teach the Baileyville school, a position which had not been filled. All of the schools open on Monday with the exception of the one at the Glades which is to be taught by Alfred Bowersox, who is just convalescing from an attack of fever.

DAVID HARPSTER.—The venerable David Harpster died at his home near Tadpole, on Thursday Aug. 30th, after a short illness with dysentery. He was born at the old David Harpster homestead, August 10th, 1822, and lived his entire life within sight of his birth place. Some years ago he was crushed in the ore banks at Toe Hill and lamed for life. He was a good citizen and a staunch Democrat and is survived by six of his children, Mrs. Harriet Graizer, of Tyrone, Mrs. Rosanna Philips, of DuBois, John, Miles, Stewart and William, of Pennsylvania Furnace. Two sisters and one brother also survive him, Mrs. Samuel Goss, of this place, Mrs. Elizabeth Gates, of Gatesburg, and Alexander Harpster, of Buffalo Run. Interment was made in the Gatesburg grave yard on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 10 a. m., Rev. C. T. Aiken officiating.

DEATH OF MRS. CATHERINE KREBS.—By the death of Mrs. Catherine Krebs, on Saturday, September 1st, at the residence of her nephew, O. B. Krebs, in this place, Ferguson township loses its oldest citizen. Mrs. Krebs was ninety one years old but physically was well and strong for one of her years until she took dysentery a few days before her death. Her memory, though, was so clouded that when her tired eyes closed in their last sleep there was no cause for grieving or sorrow, for she had been set free from a great affliction and was the last of her generation.

Catharine Linebaugh was born in Northumberland county on the 21st of Dec., 1809 of German parents. When twenty one years of age she married Henry Krebs, of Northumberland, and came with him to Ferguson township. For almost three quarters of a century she presided over the Krebs home just west of town, and by her thrift and management made it a garden spot in the valley and the haven for a large connection and acquaintanceship. Early in childhood she chose the better path and united with the Lutheran church and throughout her long pilgrimage she was a faithful attendant at its services and a generous supporter of its work. Her husband died several years ago, and of her five children, four sons and one daughter, only one is living, former Judge David L. Krebs, of Clearfield.

Her funeral took place on Monday, the 3rd, at 4 o'clock, with Rev. Aikens officiating. Six of her grandsons were the pall bearers who carried her into the old cemetery and laid her there to rest by the side of her husband and family.

#### Philipsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hagerty were among the Bigler campmeeting guests last Sunday.

There are twenty-five cases of typhoid fever in Chester Hill borough at this writing.

Thirty people took in the excursion to Patton, Monday, on account of Labor day.

A new coat of paint is doing much to improve the appearance of the N. Y. C. station here.

Dr. W. W. Andrews made a flying trip to Lock Haven and points east last week, returning home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lansberg have returned to their home on Seventh street after a week's vacation in Western New York and points in Canada.

Mrs. Gibbons, who has been visiting relatives here for the past five weeks, returned Tuesday, to her home in Denver, Col. Mr. Gibbons will meet her in Chicago.

R. K. Cless returned Friday to Pittsburg after one month's stay with his mother in town. Kimber is employed as a jeweler in one of the large establishments in that place.

Many hundreds attended the 17th annual encampment at Bigler, Sunday, September 1st. The excursion trains in the morning and afternoon were crowded to their utmost capacity.

The Methodist people are making strenuous efforts to make the remodeled church habitable before it will be necessary to use steam heat. The out look does not appear very promising at present.

The bottom seems to have fallen out of the coal trade and consequently the total collapse of the McKinley prosperity which, at its best, was practically nominal. Many mines, and, in fact, all but one or two have been idle for over two weeks.

It is inexplicable that those in authority in this borough are powerless to effect the capture of the daring horse breakers, and petty thieves who have, unmolested, broken into at least three residences a week for the past six weeks and as yet no arrests.

#### How They Celebrated the Fourth in the Philippines.

A Bellefonte Soldier in the Philippines Writes of the Manner in Which Independence Day was Celebrated in Those Far off Islands.

The following letter from Corporal Samuel K. Solt, Co. K, 47th U. S. V. Inf. is interesting not alone because it is from a Bellefonte boy but also because it tells of the manner in which our new fellow countrymen observed the first Independence day they have ever known. The author is a son of Mrs. Dennis Monghan who lives at Verona, a Bellefonte suburb, and will be remembered by many of our readers.

SORSOGON, P. I., July 9th, 1900.

Editor Bellefonte Watchman:—  
The Fourth of July being gloriously celebrated here by the soldiers, as well as Uncle Sam's new subjects I will give our friends at home, as well as the readers of the WATCHMAN, a short description of our festivities. The merchants of Sorsogon contributed one thousand pesos, or five hundred dollars in American money, to be divided between two companies and a section of Battery "G," Third Artillery. This was for our dinner, etc. The business places were all gaily decorated with flags and bunting displaying the United States colors from all windows, irrespective of their own nationalities. The Filipinos, Spaniards and Chinos all entering into the celebration and exhibiting enthusiasm. The young people had their fireworks and like true Americans kept things banging along lively throughout the entire day.

The morning broke with threatening clouds and distant thunder, most of us despairing of a pleasant celebration. At 5:20 a. m. reveille sounded and we had a fine day for our sports. Both companies had been training for a month past in field and athletic sports. The base ball match for ten dollars in gold and the championship was the program for the morning and was a closely contested and interesting game. Company "K" winning by a score of 6 to 4. It was quite a novel sight a gathering of fully 1,500 people of four distinctly different nationalities, the manner of dress, features and other characteristics noticeably different, assembled in the opening with banana paddock on one side and coconut palms on the other. Of course it was necessary to maintain the guard over players, as well as spectators, and the sentinels patrolled the lines outside of the diamond, the players being ready at a moment's notice to grab their guns in case the Insurrectos took advantage of the day to give us a surprise.

Mess call sounded at 12 a. m., and the boys all enjoyed a good dinner, which consisted of oysters, chicken pot pie, bread, butter, pickles, jam, pie, cake, tea, chocolate and beer. There were no intoxicating drinks allowed to be sold during the day, and everything passed off in a pleasant way. There being no drunks, accidents or disorderly scenes to mar the pleasures of the event. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves in a good natured way and helped others to do likewise. We certainly set an example for our new subjects in celebrating National Holidays.

In the afternoon we had a long list of contests. Three boxing matches, tug of war, running, jumping, kicking, sack races, etc. Company "K's" men won the most number of prizes and were declared the champions of the day.

We all missed the familiar face of our old friend Lieutenant Jackson, whose presence was all that was required to have made a perfect day.

In the evening the officers held a banquet at headquarters. Dancing and music were indulged in until midnight.

We have not had many engagements with the Insurgents for the past month, the only one of importance being about three weeks ago. They had captured our mascot, a young Filipino lad who acts as interpreter and scout for us, at Bacon. We formed two searching parties of 10 men each to try and locate him. We were to meet at a fixed time at a point between Gutbo and Gubat. Our party marched until two o'clock in the morning when we discovered the lost one of our reports. He was a prisoner, bound hand and foot and sentenced to death, being confined in a house between Lugod and Gutbo. We made an attempt to surround the house, there being 16 Insurgent officers holding a council there at the time, but their sentinels were on the alert and gave the alarm. We killed two, a Captain and Lieutenant and wounded their leader General Balbin, also capturing one prisoner. After liberating our mascot we proceeded to join our other detachment and returned to post. Our prisoner did not remain with us long. He, in company with another native prisoner, making their escape from the guard house by prying out the bars. We have about 15 natives confined here. Captured three natives a few nights ago attempting to smuggle rice to the Insurgents.

The rainy season is commencing here and there is already much sickness in this vicinity, the boys all having been worked pretty hard and when they get down sick, have nothing to build up on; the food, climate, etc. all being against them. The city is rapidly being rebuilt since the big fire and everything promises a prosperous future for Sorsogon. The mail steamer "Atlanta" is in the harbor, having just brought us a large mail from the transport from the States. The day that mail arrives here is welcomed as much as pay day.

Yours,  
SAMUEL A. SOLT,  
Co "K" 47th Inf. U. S. V.

#### The Other Side of the Question.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Sept. 4th, 1900.  
EDITOR DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN—

Dear Sir:—Will you kindly grant us space in the columns of your valuable paper to make reply to the second public attack made on us by "the pugnacious little editor of the Centre Democrat." The first being made in Council Chambers in our absence and not knowing just what was said we considered the source as the Irishman did when the mule kicked him. Will state at the outset that "we have no malice towards" Mr. Kurtz or any one else who sees fit to censure our actions as public servants—provided it is done in the right spirit and not from selfish motives—as they have a perfect right so to do. In fact we consider it their duty, but we also believe in justice and fair play, otherwise we would have treated in the same way as we did the first attack the article which appeared in the Centre Democrat of Aug. 23rd, under the head of "Some Hopes for Relief."

The Water Committee has nothing whatever to do with fixing the rate or prices charged for water consumed in the Borough for domestic or household use. Nor have we been able to find out what the rates are. All that we know is that the Water Register, elected by Council, makes a canvass of the town, notes the facilities people have for consuming water, number of rooms in house, etc. The Clerk of Council then fixes the price according to the facilities people have for using water, as found and reported by the Register, and not for the amount consumed. Then comes the board of appeals composed of the Mayor, President and Clerk of Council. So that we are not the cause of any "disatisfaction" that may grow out of these prices.

Nor let us see what was done by the "notorious set of contrary men who when elected to a small office" have the audacity to "assert their views" (when opposed to mine) "annoyed" and "persecuted" Mr.

Kurtz and caused so "much dissatisfaction in regard to the water rates." Now the only place the Committee has anything to do with fixing the rate or price for water is in signed contracts by and between the Committee and consumers of water for boiler, elevator, or other mechanical purposes in the Borough and also with parties outside the Borough who have the water piped to their premises. In all there are about fifty of these contracts, which are renewed each year. The entire Committee considered the list, one at a time, and was unanimous as to the price to be named in each contract before it was drawn and we considered that in equity it was our duty to make changes in a number of cases and did so. Out of the entire list there were, as far as we know, four or five who were dissatisfied.

Terrible state of affairs? But the most terrible of all is the fact that we increased Mr. Kurtz's price \$5.00 per annum, or from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for water to run his presses. True, Mr. Kurtz has a gas engine to assist him at times. Now had we rated him by the system that is used for fixing the price for consumers for domestic purposes, i. e. according to facilities regardless of the amount of water consumed, should we not have increased his to \$35.00, the same as paid by "printing establishments down town," or reduced theirs to \$20.00? We will state here for Mr. Kurtz's benefit that we were never approached by either of the down town establishments. Neither have they ever, to our knowledge, refused to sign their contracts or thought they were paying too much at \$35.00.

We also increased Mr. Harter's of the Gazette from \$20.00 to \$25.00. He acted like a gentleman and as far as we know signed cheerfully, but then you know Mr. Harter is not married (?) and does not pay for water at his residence for household purposes (?) nor does he pay property tax (?) Consequently he had no kick coming. Mr. Kurtz does all the above (?)

We also increased Mr. Henry Brockerhoff's \$10.00 for water to run the elevator in Temple Court—By the way Mr. B. is an old member of Council and we think has "done time" on the Water Committee—He also acted like a gentleman and signed cheerfully and did not accuse Messrs Potter & Hoy, who run the elevator down town, of having his rates advanced.

But why should he have a kick coming? We all know the Brockerhoffs pay no other taxes (?) Mr. Kurtz does (?)

One word to the voters who made the "unfortunate mistake." Don't, please, do it again. Before you cast your vote hereafter for Councilmen consult Mr. Kurtz, get his advice and then after you have elected your man and for fear you have made a mistake have your Councilmen-elect consult Mr. Kurtz before you allow him to take the oath of office and see if they will "assert their views" or his, and especially on the water question. It doesn't matter about any other, this is the only one that Mr. Kurtz is interested in. We would also suggest that in the future the President of Council consult Mr. Kurtz before he names his Water Committee, so that no "unfortunate mistakes" be made in naming the Committee.

In case it is found that with all these precautions they annoy and persecute Mr. Kurtz let him come into Council when the Committee is absent and assert his views and berate the Committee. It will act as a sort of a safety valve to his pent up feelings. The first blow-off lasted about three weeks. Then he saw "Some Hope for Relief" and thought he would write an article about it. He had not one far when the hope vanishes. He was not so certain about it. Keeping on a while longer finally the safety valve got its work in again and all is serene and his advice is to his pent up feelings, they will end the trouble."

Why has Mr. Kurtz nothing to say in regard to the balance of the Committee? We all agreed unanimously on the price and none have changed their views or at least not openly. Why has he nothing to say in regard to Council standing by the Committee on all contracts. It was by order of Council, without a dissenting vote, that he was given twenty-four hours to sign the contract or have the water shut off. Yet he says not a word. Did he think he could control the Committee and when he found he could not he is now having revenge? "It is cruel to censure," Mr. Kurtz for having such a "disposition" but it is too bad that "men of such temperaments" are in positions where they would exert influence, or at least try to, on the opinions of men.

Thanking you for your kindness in the matter we are,  
Yours truly,  
P. H. GERRITY  
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