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Improvement Funds for Academy Grounds.

Table listing names and amounts for improvement funds for Academy grounds, including J. F. Ryman, Miss Julia L. Reed, The Index, Geo. R. Meek, etc.

For an Attractive Town.

The WATCHMAN has always advocated every movement that has had the beautifying of Bellefonte as the object and it is therefore heart and soul in the present plan to raise money, by popular subscription, for making the grounds around Bellefonte Academy as attractive as possible.

In connection with this movement for beautifying the Academy grounds the WATCHMAN has just received a letter from Dr. Thos. R. Hayes, who is now in Pasadena, Cal., in which he has offered his check for \$25, as well as expressed his approval of the course of this paper in supporting public improvements of all kinds.

HON. P. GRAY MEEK:

Dear Sir:—I am very glad to make a contribution for the improvement and adornment of the Bellefonte Academy grounds and accordingly subscribe \$25. I am pleased that your valuable paper, the WATCHMAN, is so much interested in such an important matter.

What of the Water Department?

The drawing to a close of another fiscal year in the affairs of Bellefonte prompts us at this time to call the attention of the taxpayers to the condition which the forthcoming auditor's statement will probably show the water department to be in.

For the year ending March 2, 1902, the department expended \$9,083.30, the extra amount of which was expended in the purchase of new pipes. During that year the coal cost \$3,187.52.

During the year ending March 2, 1903, the total expenditures of the water department were \$10,470.30; an increase of approximately \$400 over those of the preceding year. But during this year the coal strike was on and the fuel at the water works cost \$4,570.75.

For the year ending March 7, 1904, the total expenses of the department were \$10,178.40; or \$291.90 less than the preceding year. During this year the borough paid \$3,213.86 for coal. The extraordinary expenses were \$213.80 for a new stack at the water work; \$2,614.29 installing the new Phoenix pumping station, and \$550.58 for a coping on the reservoir wall.

The year that will close on Monday, March 6th, will reveal a changed condition of affairs. While it is impossible at this time to say what the total expenses will be it can be stated that the coal bills will not exceed \$1000; a new pump at the old plant costing \$1,200 will have been installed and paid for, over \$1,000 worth of meters bought and placed and the deficit not increased a single cent; in fact we imagine the statement will show it to be reduced.

To summarize, let us take the coal bills alone during the three years and compare them with those of last year, during which time the new pumping station has been in operation.

Table comparing coal bills for the years ending Mar. 2nd, 1902, Mar. 2nd, 1903, and Mar. 7th, 1904.

To make this comparison fair we

must add to the coal bill of the year just ending \$1,200, which is the annual rental of the new Phoenix plant. With this done it will be seen that a saving of \$987.52 has been effected over the lowest of the three years during which the Phoenix plant was not in operation.

Senator Dryden's Insurance Bill.

Another step in the direction of centralization is expressed in the bill introduced by Senator DRYDEN, of New Jersey, placing the regulation of insurance companies under the control of the government at Washington. Senator DRYDEN is President of one of the great insurance corporations and one would imagine that he would be averse to surrendering the control of his vast interests to a political machine.

A cursory glance at the provisions of Mr. DRYDEN's bill, as interpreted by himself, however, reveals the reasons which influence him to his present frame of mind. The recent action of Kansas in declaring war against the Standard Oil monopoly and of Illinois and Texas in resisting the encroachments of other monopolies appears to have admonished Senator DRYDEN that in view of the frenzied finance which obtains in the big insurance corporations there is danger that some of the States will put a ban on the operations of the most daring of them and safety against such a condition might be found in a decision by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor that insurance is interstate commerce.

One thing may be accepted as a certainty and that is that such a transfer of the control of the insurance corporations from the States to the government at Washington will not increase the liability of the corporations or benefit the States. At present the property of such corporations is liable to taxation for local purposes and the State has a right to tax them on their business. But if the control of them is given over to the federal government that source of local and state taxation will be lost and the corporations will snap their fingers at any demand for contributions to the support of local governments, though the local authorities will be obliged to protect their property.

Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford Dead.

HONOLULU, March 1.—Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, of San Francisco, widow of former United States Senator Leland Stanford, died last night at the Moana hotel here. Suspicious circumstances surround her death. Mrs. Stanford had told a friend here that an attempt had been made to poison her in San Francisco and that was her reason for sailing on the steamer Korea for this place February 21.

Before retiring last night Mrs. Stanford took a dose of bicarbonate of soda, which she purchased at San Francisco. It is reported that the soda contained strychnine, but this report cannot be verified. An autopsy on the remains was performed this afternoon. The physician who conducted the autopsy said that the cause of death was tetanus of the respiratory organs, but that he cannot state how the tetanus was brought about until after an examination of the contents of the stomach. No inquest will be held until High Sheriff Henry receives the report of the chemist.

Battle Raging Along Front of Hundred Miles.

Fighting on a large scale is in progress between the Russian and Japanese armies in Manchuria. General Kuropatkin, after meeting with initiative of the Japanese in the eastern part of the Shalke valley, assumed the aggressive in the western portion yesterday and under cover of a heavy artillery fire, from Poustilloff Hill and Novrogod Hill, succeeded in driving the Japanese from a position in the outskirts of Sandiapa. Simultaneously the Russians attacked and captured a railway bridge on the Japanese center.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—The Verna May company, which has been playing at popular prices to full houses, at Garman's this week, will be on the boards tonight and close their week's engagement tomorrow night.

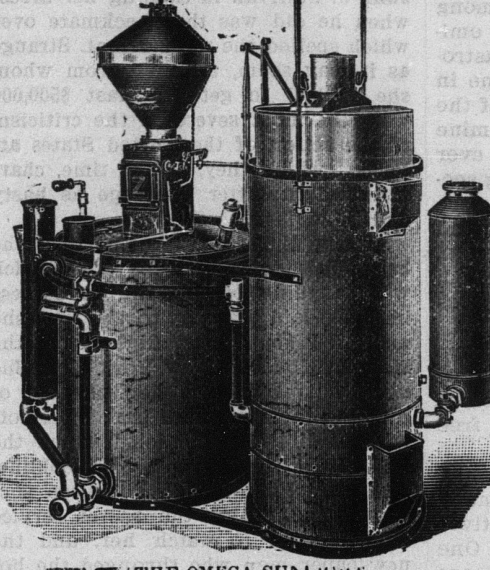
—Lewis Markle, who works for Alfred Grove, of Spring township, is sick with scarlet fever and consequently the Grove home has been quarantined. An effort was made to have Markle taken to the Bellefonte hospital or the poor house, but owing to the contagious nature of the disease the officials of both places refused to receive him.

—County chairman Phil. D. Foster has issued his call for the Republican county convention for the nomination of county officers to be held in the court house, April 18th, with the primaries the Saturday previous. As under the rules all are now required to register with the chairman three weeks prior to the convention, all those who contemplate trying for a place on the Republican ticket will have to get a hustle on.

Acetylene Growing in Popularity.

An Economic Light that Has Now Passed the Experimental Stage and is Coming into Use in All Sections.

A few years ago when it was rumored that A. G. Morris was going to build a plant in Armor's gap for the manufacture of acetylene gas machines and also for the manufacture of the carbide from which the gas is generated nearly every other person who heard of the plan inquired: "What is acetylene?" At that time it was largely an experimental proposition.



THE OMEGA SUNLIGHT.

It costs only about half as much as gas at \$1.50 per thousand feet and about one-third as much as electricity at the rate prevailing in most places.

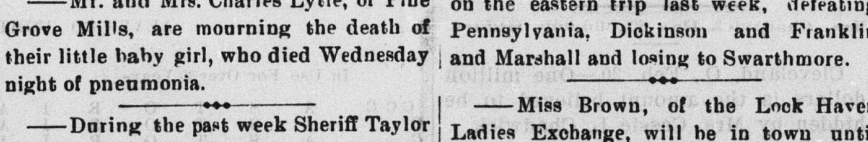
The great advantage of acetylene, however, is that it can be used in isolated communities where there are no lighting corporations. A farmer may have it in his home, miles from any town, the cross-roads store or village church may be lighted just as brilliantly as the more pretentious ones in the city.

The installation of an acetylene plant costs in proportion to the number of lights desired; one of the good smaller ones being purchasable at as low as \$35. Of course in addition to this there must be added the cost of piping the rooms to be lighted, but there the expense is ended; except the purchase of carbide as it may be consumed. The operation of the machine is as simple as that of a kitchen stove.

The new gas has been in use at Soolia, State College, Centre Hall, Boalsburg, Howard, Mifflensburg and other places in the county for some time, but only lately has it been brought into commercial use in Bellefonte. It would seem that where we have coal gas and electric lighting corporations there would be little field for the new gas, but a number of plants have already been installed and more are to follow.

We publish in conjunction with this article pictures of the two machines that are being used with the best results in this section. It is done merely to give those unacquainted with the way of acetylene gas-making an idea of their size and construction.

THE COLT GENERATOR.



—The fire brick works at Osceola are now being run day and night to keep up with the orders coming in from all parts of the country.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lytle, of Pine Grove Mills, are mourning the death of their little baby girl, who died Wednesday night of pneumonia.

—During the past week Sheriff Taylor turned out five of his temporary boarders so that now he has but seventeen prisoners in the county jail.

—Thirty young people from Salona had a most enjoyable time at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McCloskey, at Nittany, last Saturday evening.

—The appointments for this section recently made by the Evangelical Association are as follows: Sugar-valley, W. A. C. Eby; Penns-valley, S. G. Hass.

—Bishop Garrey, of the Altoona Diocese of the Catholic church, will be in Bellefonte Sunday evening, will be present and speak at the Catholic Mission, in St. John's Catholic church.

—Protracted meeting services in the United Brethren church were re-opened on Wednesday and this week the pastor, Rev. A. Davidson, is being assisted by Rev. David J. Davis, of the Lemont charge.

—Don't forget that tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock is the time set for the sale of the effects in the Burns side home, at the corner of Curtin and Spring streets. Many desirable articles of furniture and furnishings will be put under the hammer and among them might be some things that you need.

—A few friends of the Bellefonte Academy have been heard from the past week with substantial subscriptions to the grounds improvement fund but the list of contributors should be growing far more rapidly than it is. Spring will soon be here and if the Academy grounds are to be fixed up in time for the reunion in June work will have to be begun just as early as the weather will permit; and, though the Academy people are very much gratified at the liberal responses so far made, the fund is hardly more than started and those who intend contributing to it should do so at once.

A BIG EXODUS TO DAKOTA.—Tuesday evening a party of twenty-three people from Haines township passed through Bellefonte on their way to South Dakota, where they expect to permanently locate and engage in farming. Included in the party were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boone and five children; Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Hess and six children; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hess, of Feldler, and William Muser, of Coburn, all of whom will locate near Scotland, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weitzel, also of Feldler, who will locate at Mennu. Several other families from that neighborhood also contemplate going to Dakota later in the year.

—The Millheim knitting mill is now in full operation.

—The house of John Eckert, of Union township, was entirely destroyed by fire on Monday. None of the contents were saved and there was no insurance.

—Candidates for the various county offices next fall are beginning to loom up. The first republican in the field is Henry Kline, of Spring township, for sheriff. Among the Democrats J. C. Rowe will, of course, be a candidate for a second nomination for recorder.

—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Howard Canning company the following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: W. P. Davis, Jackson Kline, George Weaver, J. W. Maves, Alf. Schenck, D. A. Irwin, William Weber, Joseph Leathers and Joseph Diehl. The company paid 9 per cent dividend the first year.

TWIGG—AUMAN.—Armstrong Twigg, of Look Haven, and Miss Sadie Auman, of Woodward, were married, Tuesday evening, at the home of the groom's father, David Twigg, by Rev. E. O. Irvin. The ceremony was witnessed by about twenty-five invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Twigg will make their home in Look Haven.

FLOWERS FROM JERUSALEM.—Mr. John P. Harris, a few days ago, received an interesting little album from Jerusalem which contains numerous specimens of the flowers of Palestine. The covers of the album are made of olive wood and the work of transferring the flowers to the inner pages is exquisitely done, preserving the shape, colors and texture of the leaves and blossoms as perfectly as in the natural state. It is a curious and interesting bit of art. A letter accompanying the album stated that the sender was a poor man who supported his family by making and selling these books.

TWENTY-NINE SQUIRRELS IN ONE TREE.—A number of men are now engaged in cutting paper wood up along Spring creek, in Benner township, among them being Stanis Charles who vouches for the following story: One day last week the men cut down a large birch tree which proved to be hollow. The fall broke it in two and out scampered just twenty-nine squirrels, of the red or "piney" variety. The tree was felled a couple days after the fall of a fresh snow and yet not a squirrel track led to or from the tree while not a nut or any other kind of squirrel food was found inside the tree, facts which prove conclusively that squirrels do hibernate; and yet the little animals were in no wise dormant, as one of the woodchoppers found out to his sorrow when he caught it and had his finger bitten through and through.

Resolutions of Respect.

The following resolutions respecting the Rev. Dr. Holloway were adopted by the Ministerial Association of Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 20, 1905:

WHEREAS, After seven years of active, most successful ministerial service, as pastor of the Lutheran church of Bellefonte, our esteemed brother and co-laborer, the Rev. H. C. Holloway D. D., has resigned from the pastorate of said church, therefore be it

Resolved, That the ministerial association of Bellefonte hereby express its highest appreciation of Dr. Holloway as a courteous, scholarly, christian gentleman a minister loyal to every interest of the kingdom of Christ, intensely interested and active in the moral and spiritual welfare of this community.

Resolved, That as long as he shall remain in Bellefonte we will cordially welcome him as a brother beloved and an active member of our Ministerium.

Resolved, That we assure him a warm place in our hearts. And our prayer is that a gracious Providence will guide him in all his future, enriching his life crowning his work with success and that the peace of our God may ever abide with him.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the press for publication.

HUBBERSBURG.

Mr. Jacob Crow returned to his home in Liverpool on Friday.

Mr. John S. Hosterman spent Saturday and Sunday at Lancaster.

Mrs. Wm. Markle, who was seriously ill, is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller transacted business in Bellefonte on Tuesday.

Another social event—a party at the home of Chas. Fravel, last Friday evening.

Mr. John Hoy and Mr. Beck loaded a car of wheat at this place on Wednesday.

Prof. C. L. Gramley visited some of the schools of Walker township on Thursday.

Madeline Spayd entertained a number of her schoolmates at her home on Wednesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. S. S. McCormick entertained a number of their friends at their home on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Harry Clevenstone, of Bellefonte, is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Mary Clevenstone, of this place.

HUBBERSBURG No. 2.

Jacob F. Weaver left here on Wednesday for Hagerstown, Md., where he goes as a lay delegate to the United Evangelical conference.

Lemont.

Jacob Klinger is improving very slowly. Mrs. James Rice is quite ill this week.

R. N. Wasson is finishing the term of the Boalsburg High school.

Levi F. Roan and family landed Saturday, but their household goods have not come yet.

William Ralston took part of a car of fine milch cows to Harrisburg the fore part of the week.

The Methodist social, last Thursday evening, was well attended and everyone had a pleasant time.

Robert Miller moved his family to Tyrone from Oak Hall, Saturday of last week. He has a good fat job in that city.

March came in like a lamb so by the old saying it will go out like a lion.

Mrs. P. S. Dale and daughter, Mary, who have been suffering with the grip the last two weeks, are slowly improving.

Robert Hoy, the hustling bicycle man, is moving his repair shop to town and from spring on will be found ready to repair automobiles or bicycles.

S. C. Bathgate and his scholars entertained the patrons of the school on Washington's birthday by rendering some beautiful music and declamations.

The warm weather the latter part of last week took the ice off Spring creek and that without doing the least bit of damage. But with the ice it took our sleighing.

The banquet held by Lemont Lodge No. 717, I. O. O. F., Friday evening, brought together about one hundred and thirty of the jolliest people from the town and surrounding country and each one enjoyed the beautiful recitations and the music furnished by R. F. Erey's zophonone. And last but not least, all were ready to do justice to the ice cream, oysters and other dainties that the tables were roaring in order, and when the hour for parting came they were loath to part.

Howard.

Orvin Allison, who is located at Beech Creek, spent a few days in Howard last week.

J. F. Fletcher, operator and ticket agent at Clearfield, spent last Sunday with his parents here.

W. H. Long has concluded to use steam power at his grist mill as he has been unable to supply the wants of the farmer, in consequence of low water.

We have been informed by good authority that Frank Getz has rented the sheriff Cooke farm, in the township of Howard, and we certainly welcome tenants like Mr. Getz.

Summer Wolfe, determined to shake off the fumes of smoke from the store loafers and enjoy pure air, took his wife along and spent a few days with friends at Tylersville last week.

Aunt Jane Tate, who everyone respects and sympathizes with as she has been a sufferer from paralysis for several years and of late has been afflicted with a sore foot, is improving at present.

Charles Yearick and brother Earl, of Walker, were out sleighing last Monday. They were not full—but the sleigh certainly was when one of the occupants is a 285 pounder.

Geo. Williams, the sign painter, who can paint your name so prettily that you won't recognize it, started for Philadelphia last Monday. George is constantly employed and receives the "dough" for his work.

W. E. Confer and wife hid themselves away to Mt. Joy for a week of pleasure. Billy was one of the boys that ex-Governor Curtin provided for their educational wants as orphans, and expects to attend the reunion at the above named place.

Summer Biddle, the man that supplies Beech Creek people with sweet juicy beef, drove a fancy steed to the town of his birth last Friday night, what evil spirit entered the brain of the steed cannot be pictured, but it started near the diamond to run away and instead of keeping the street, made a dash for the picket fence, at the residence of Joe Shank, passed around the house at break-neck speed changed its mind in the rear of the lot and returned to the street on the opposite side of the house where it stopped. Little damage was done to the horse and sleigh, but the picket fence was a total wreck.

Pine Grove Mentions.

Geo. E. Harper is busy as a beaver sawing first-class pine shingles.

Walter Woods, of the University of Pennsylvania, is home on sick leave.

Mrs. John Fagan, of Altoona, is visiting the home of her youth here this week.

H. M. and C. D. Krebs transacted business in Clearfield the beginning of the week.

Miss Sadie Keichline spent several days with her cousin, Mrs. Maggie Hess, on the Bouch.

Mrs. Aggie Krebs, of Oak Hall, visited her sister, Mrs. Weaver, the beginning of the week.

After several weeks visit in Philadelphia Miss Mary Woods returned home with a full share of zip.

Grandmother Ward, of Baileyville, had been a very sick woman the past week with pulmonary trouble, but is some better now.

Harvey Beckey, one of Patton township's young Democrats, spent last week with Grandpa Bowersox here.

Mrs. J. S. Herman with her sister, Phoebe Miller, are visiting relatives in the city of Brothly Love this week.

Oscar Stover, Geo. Woodring, M. S. Moore, J. F. Herman and Sam Everhart registered at the St. Elmo, Monday.

John H. Bailey, G. W. Keichline and Jas. A. Decker are among the sick. A. J. Fortney and wife are also on the list.

The J. A. Kline sale next Wednesday ought to bring a big crowd. Everything he has is good and in due order and should bring top prices.

The Ladies Missionary society will hold a special meeting in the Bethel church, next Sunday evening, to which everybody is cordially invited.

A four-horse sled load from here sledged to John Reed's home at Grayville, Friday evening, to enjoy the hospitality of the Reeds, and were not disappointed.

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