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Dedication of the Soldiers' Monument and Curtin Memorial.

There will be a public meeting of the citizens of Centre county in the court house in Bellefonte, on Tuesday evening, April 24th, 1906, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of making arrangements to dedicate the monument and memorial on the 8th day of June next.

To this meeting all citizens of Centre county are invited and it is hoped the attendance will be very large.

The old soldier is fast passing away and the dedication of this monument and memorial to commemorate his deeds and services will be the last call made upon the citizens of the county for such purposes.

It is hoped that love for the country they preserved and the patriotism exhibited by our citizens on all such occasions will manifest itself greatly, and that they will assist in every way possible to make the dedication of this monument and memorial a great success.

Addresses will be made by Hon. John G. Love, Gen. James A. Beaver and other citizens.

- JAMES A. BEAVER, For Curtin Commission.
W. H. MUSSER, Sec'y. Monument Ass'n.
JOHN I. CURTIN, Chair'n of Com. on names.
JOHN L. DUNLAP, C. A. WEAVER, JNO. G. BAILEY, County Commissioners.

The President Changes Again

The President has taken another tack on the rate bill, according to the Washington dispatches. The latest report is that he is electioneering for the SIMMONS' amendment. It provides for a sixty day review by the courts of rates established by the Interstate Commerce commission.

That is to say, in the event of the North Carolina Senator's motion being enacted into law a rate promulgated by the Commission would not go into effect for that period of time and during the interval the railroad concerned could procure a judicial declaration as to its fairness.

There is no such thing as "keeping tab" on the President's mind in emergencies. It is as inconstant as an April day.

On this rate question he has been especially chimerical. Less than two weeks ago he declared unequivocally for the KNOX amendment. It was simply a subterfuge to turn the whole subject over to the railroads for determination through the medium of their agents, the courts. The announcement provoked indignation and volubrious protest and the President turned "about face," and announced himself for the BAILEY amendment. This was an unsatisfactory to the railroads as the other was to the people.

Another protest brought out another reversal and now the President favors the SIMMONS' compromise. As a matter of fact the President doesn't know what he wants with respect to the subject and is flopping about like "a hen with her head off." He began this agitation without understanding it and influenced by no other consideration except his lust for power.

Let the Trees Stand.

During the past week quite a number of residents of Bellefonte expressed themselves in hearty accord with the article in the WATCHMAN last week protesting against the proposed cutting down of the trees in front of the court house, and the majority of them were even more emphatic in their declarations, stating that the people should demand that not even one more of the trees be removed.

No person who has ever been in Bellefonte on a hot summer day and has strolled around in the vicinity of the court house could help but notice what a delightful spot the court house yard was, with its few square rods of green grass, with the fountains throwing up their jets of spraying water, and that dozen or more maple trees throwing their shadow over all.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.

Almost Half the City of San Francisco in Ruins. Upwards of a Thousand Lives Lost and \$200,000,000 in Property Destroyed. The City's Most Costly Buildings Topped Over.

Fire Broke Out in a Score of Places and with the Water Plant Destroyed the City was at the Mercy of the Flames, which were Fought with Dynamite.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Earthquake and fire today have put nearly half of San Francisco in ruins. At least 200 persons have been killed, a thousand injured and the property loss will exceed one hundred million dollars. Thousands are homeless and destitute and all day long streams of people have been fleeing from the stricken districts to places of safety.

FLIMSY STRUCTURES COLLAPSE. One shock apparently lasted two minutes, and there was almost immediate collapse of flimsy structures all over the city. The water supply was cut off and when fires broke out in various sections there was nothing to do but let the buildings burn. Telegraph and telephone communication was shut off for a time.

PENNSYLVANIA STUDENT KILLED. Following the first shock there was another within five minutes, but not nearly so severe. Three hours later there was another slight quake. Reports from districts outside of San Francisco indicate widespread damage.

BAY TOWNS DAMAGED. The court house at Redwood City and other buildings collapsed. Menlo Park, Burlingame and other fashionable suburban towns suffered. Santa Rosa to the north, Napa, Vallejo and all towns around the bay were damaged.

GREAT WHARVES DESTROYED. The sheds over the Southern Pacific long wharf on San Francisco bay have completely collapsed. Many of the bankers fell into the bay carrying with them thousands of tons of coal.

LOFTY DOME TOPPLED. The Call editorial and mechanical departments were totally destroyed in a few minutes and the flames leaped across Stevenson street to the 15 story stone and iron Claus Spreckles building, which with its lofty dome, is a most notable edifice in San Francisco.

GENERAL FUNSTON BURNED OUT. The Porritt building, in which were located the chambers of the supreme court, the lower floors being devoted to an immense department store, was ruined.

though its massive walls were not all destroyed.

A little further down Market street the Academy of Sciences, the Jennie Flood building and the History building kindled and burned like so much tinder. Sparks carried across the wide street, ignited the Phelan building and the Army headquarters of California, Gen. Funston commanding.

Nearing the bay the waters of which did the firemen good service along the docks, the fire took the Rialto building, a handsome sky-scaper, and converted scores of solid business blocks into smoldering piles of bricks.

Fire has done the greatest damage. An area of thickly covered ground of eight square miles has been burned over and there is no telling when the fire will be under control.

OFFERINGS OF AID POUR IN. A finance committee, with James D. Phelan at the head, was appointed and Mayor Schmitz was instructed to issue drafts for all funds needed on this committee.

WHERE THE BURNED DISTRICT LIES. The burned district extends from the water front south of Market street and west to Eleventh street.

COMPLETE LIST OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The following is an incomplete list of the buildings totally or partially destroyed: Call building, entirely destroyed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—At 10 o'clock tonight the fire was unabated and thousands of people are fleeing to the hills and clamoring for places on the ferry boats to cross the bay.

In its greatly augmented state it now embraces a complete three-ring circus, an East Indian Perabera or Hindoo festival and Hagenbeck's original trained wild beast exhibition, with added features.

Hagenbeck's Great Animal Shows. Cheap round trip excursion rates have been made in Lock Haven Friday, May 4th, when the Carl Hagenbeck Greater Shows exhibit for one day only in that city, giving afternoon and night performances.

trative with its many open dens of animals. Surely here is enough to make for a glorious and glad holiday.

ABOLISH THE CARD OF THANKS.—A gradual sentiment opposing the card of thanks, which almost invariably appears on the death of a friend or relative, is rapidly becoming apparent, says an exchange.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS. —Miss Lillian M. Phelps, of Ontario, Canada, lectured in Petriken hall last night.

—Mrs. Witmer Smith, of Thomas St., has been confined to the house several days this week with a bad case of grip.

—At a meeting of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church, Monday evening, all the old vestrymen were re-elected.

—The Henry Beahn heirs recently purchased the farm of T. A. and C. N. Meyer, in Haines township, for \$4,500.

—The warm weather of the past few days is bringing out the buds on the trees as well as rendering the streets quite dusty.

—Last Saturday's Philadelphia papers announced the engagement of Miss Mary Teresa Peters, of that city, formerly of Bellefonte, to Robert G. Foster.

—Ed. C. Beizer, with his mother, brother and sister, have moved from Clarence to Philipsburg. Ed. is now agent for the Philipsburg brewing company.

—Mrs. G. S. Hartranft was taken to the Williamsport hospital on Wednesday and yesterday underwent quite a serious operation by the elder Dr. Klump.

—Wednesday afternoon the pupils of Miss Marie Walsh gave a private musicale at the Walsh home on east High street, to which a few intimate friends were invited.

—Davy Stuart won the prize of a checker board in the checker tournament at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Tuesday evening, and the next night landed a 15 inch trout.

—Jas. Gleason Esq., the tall sycamore of Clearfield county, intends to move his law offices from Houtsdale to DuBois, though he will still keep open a branch office in the former place.

—This afternoon the Lebanon Valley college base ball team will play State College on Beaver field and tomorrow State will open the Tri-State season in Johnstown by playing last year's champions.

—Merty Cunningham on Monday took the measurements for the new paving around the court house yard made necessary by the erection of the soldier's monument, which looks as if the commissioners intend to have their part of the work done in ample time for the dedication and unveiling on June 8th.

—While playing around the cars at the Humes farm quarries of the American Lime and Stone Co., Wednesday evening, John Temple, aged 11 years, fell and was sun over. One leg was badly mangled and he was otherwise seriously injured.

—The Potter-Hoy Hardware company's store in this place is now one of the finest in Bellefonte. If you don't believe it go over and take a look in their window and you will see four fine young foxes, about one-third grown.

—The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Woodring and was born at Port Matilda forty-seven years ago.

—The deceased was a member of the Jr. Order United American Mechanics, the Union Identification company, and the Paper Mill Relief department.

—The funeral will take place today. There will be brief services at his late home on west Fifteenth street, Tyrone, at 10 o'clock, and the cortege will go on the noon train to Port Matilda, where services will be held in the Presbyterian church, Revs. George T. Gunter and W. R. Picken officiating.

—C. P. Hewes Esq., is forging to the front in the city of Erie, as last Thursday he was elected to the office of city solicitor, a fact his many friends in this place will no doubt be pleased to learn.

—Mrs. Katharine McEwen, who has been ill for the past week, is improving slowly.

—Quite a number of young people from our burg attended commencement at Howard on Friday evening.

—Edward Meyers accompanied by William Eckley, of Milesburg, spent Sunday at the home of J. D. Miller.

—John Best, a highly respected citizen, died at the home of his son, on Monday night, after a lingering illness.

—Pearce Miller returned to Punxsutawney on Monday morning, after spending a few days with his parents at this place.

—Nearly everybody has been doing a little gardening of late, and planting onions. Of course it will now stop until the onion snow is over—if it comes this way—and then garden making will commence in earnest.

WITH THE BOROUGHS DADS.—Eight members were present when borough council convened Monday night, the absentee being Mr. Keller, the president, and Dr. Kirk was chosen to fill the chair.

The various committees made their regular reports of routine matters and in addition the Street committee stated that the County Commissioners declined to join with the borough in repairing High street bridge over Spring creek.

W. B. Rankin was present and asked that a grade be given him for Curtin street, as he wanted to put down a flagstone pavement in front of his property.

At this juncture in the proceedings Mr. Keller arrived and took the chair. J. Irvin Kluse was granted the privilege of sprinkling the streets from the railroad up High street to Spring as far as the residence of John Olewine; he to be subject to the direction of the Street committee.

A note was ordered drawn in favor of borough treasurer for \$1,662.50 for four months at five per cent. to pay the interest on the \$95,000 of borough bonds due April 3rd.

Complaint was made regarding the dumping of ashes and paper in the alley between Warfields and Merrimans on Curtin street. The matter was referred to the Sanitary committee with power to act.

J. Henry Wetzel was re-elected borough engineer without opposition.

Mr. Hamilton submitted a proposition to pave the Diamond with brick. To do this would require about sixty-five thousand brick and the cost would be about \$1,300.

The following bills were approved and orders drawn: Police pay roll..... \$50.00

Table with 2 columns: Bill description and Amount. Total: \$2963.50

KILLED BY THE KICK OF A HORSE.—G. Frank Woodring died at his home in Tyrone, Tuesday afternoon, as the result of injuries received by being kicked by a horse at his stable Monday night.

—Golla Osman spent Easter at the home of James Osman.

—Hamill Bathgate spent Sunday at the home of his mother.

—Tuesday was pleasant and it reminds us that spring will come around by and by.

—George Meyers moved on Wednesday and John Mitchell on Thursday of last week.

—Trout season opened on Monday but very few of the speckled beauties were taken.

—The farmers are busy turning the soil over but the backward spring has been against them.

—Miss Eva Bathgate went to Lancaster, Monday, where she intends attending business college.

—Charles Klinger and children, and Martha, his sister, departed for West Virginia Monday forenoon.

—Rev. Sechrist will preach the anniversary sermon for the Lemont Lodge, I. O. O. F., Sunday morning at ten o'clock, in the United Evangelical church.

—William Eichel and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a big son. Suppose William is planning on putting him to work with a hammer and tongs in the near future.

—Robert Hoy, who has been on the sick list for about ten months, is now able to walk up town by the help of two crutches, but has very little use of his hands and feet.

—John Fishel, wife and mother, and Jesse Klinger, wife and children were entertained over night last week, by George Roan, with his new phonograph, and all were delighted with the music.

—The lady who lectured in the Presbyterian church last Friday evening, on India and China, was listened to by a large and interested audience and no one was, or could have been disappointed, as the lecture was interesting. She told of the habits and customs of the people of the two countries.

—The following officers were installed to serve for the ensuing term in Lemont Lodge, No. 717, I. O. O. F., by P. D. G. M., J. C. Eitner: N. G., J. H. M. Stover; V. G., J. D. Wirtz; W. L. F. Mayes; Chap., W. E. Grove; Secy., Orin Grove; Con., Clayton Eitner; R. S. to N. G., H. K. Hoy; L. S. to N. G., J. C. Eitner; R. S. to V. G., James Briggs; L. S. to V. G., Thomas Houtz; O. S. G., H. F. Grove; I. S. G., Willis Houtz; R. S., Philip Grenoble; L. S. S., George Grooble.

—On account of the coal strike the Bellefonte Central R. E. Co. will curtail the train service on its line: On and after Thursday, April 19th, trains Nos. 3 and 4 will be discontinued, except on Saturday of each week when the full schedule as at present will be run.

—April 17th, 1906. Superintendent. Train leaving Bellefonte 10:15 discontinued. Train leaving State College 11:50 discontinued.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.