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An Impartial View of Affairs at State College.

Last Saturday a committee of the State Grange visited The Pennsylvania State College on a tour of inspection so that they would be qualified in petitioning the next Legislature for just and adequate appropriations for that institution. In the party were C. C. Hess, of Philadelphia; W. B. Packard, Granville; G. G. Hutchinson, Warriorsburg; C. E. Chubbuck, Rome, and D. H. Yankey, Altenwald. With the committee was Richard J. Beamish, a staff correspondent of the Philadelphia North American. In an article in his paper published on Tuesday Mr. Beamish expressed the sentiments of the committee in no uncertain terms and, because it is the first instance that ever a metropolitan paper has seen fit to give of its space to advocate the rights of the College, and because there is so much of truth in what the writer says, we republish his article as it relates to the College and with him voice the hope that the incoming Legislature will redeem the pledge the State made over a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Beamish writes as follows:

Shameful neglect of the Pennsylvania State College by previous bores-ridden Legislatures will be atoned for at the approaching session if the demands of the united farmers of the State shall have weight. Since Saturday morning a committee, appointed by the State Grange, has been investigating conditions at the only institution of higher education that is owned absolutely and only half maintained by the State.

That investigation shows disgraceful conditions. Students in the agricultural courses are housed in a temporary frame shack, utterly unsuited and inadequate for the purpose to which it has been put. There is the merest shell of a permanent fireproof agricultural building, the total cost of which is to be at least \$150,000.

Because of the niggardliness of the State, as expressed through Governor Pennypacker's veto, only \$75,000 have been spent on this building, and it has remained in its present unfinished, useless condition for more than a year. A frame shed houses the college of mining and metallurgy. Former Governor James A. Beaver, chairman of the Board of Trustees, begged from personal friends the money to erect and partially equip the structure. The State owns it, but did not pay a dollar for it.

Absolutely inadequate quarters and equipment are provided for the colleges of mechanical, electrical and civil engineering, of chemistry and of the agricultural experiment station and farm. Conditions are about as bad as they can be without serious permanent injury to the college. Students have been turned away because the great State of Pennsylvania would not pay the money necessary for their education in this State institution.

Some students who had succeeded in obtaining admission have been obliged to wait for more than a year for the beginning of a certain course, such, for instance, as that of forestry, and they are still waiting. Four thousand farmers and farmers' sons have enrolled in a correspondence course in agriculture, but the course is not accomplishing the results it should accomplish simply because the State has made no provision to pay the cost of erecting the answers sent to the college by the earnest students, nor the cost of mailing the corrections and supplementary instructions to the farmers.

At the result of Pennsylvania's parsimony, the Board of Trustees, for six years, has been compelled to borrow money with which to pay for the coal that serves to heat and light all the buildings and furnishes power for the numerous machines. For two years the trustees and other friends of the college have been compelled to dip deeply into their pockets to pay the cost of keeping in order the eighty-three acres of campus.

A resident of Ohio, seeing the tedious efforts of men equipped with antique mowers, made a gift to the college of a modern motor, which did the mowing.

In short, the State of Pennsylvania is paying just as little as it can for the technical education of its students, while the trustees beg for funds, and private citizens like the Ohio benefactor, like Charles M. Schwab, who built the auditorium, and Andrew Carnegie, who donated the library, have given hundreds of thousands of dollars to supply the deficiencies.

The committee of five appointed by the State Grange will arrange to State authorities for this long and shameful neglect in a report which was presented to the convention of the State Grange in Dubois this week. Back of the demand which will be voiced by the State Grange this week, and later organizations of miners, mechanics and other workers, is the determination to force the Legislature to make good the pledge given in 1863, when the State accepted for State College its share of the land grant fund created by Congress and approved by President Lincoln the preceding year.

How this pledge has been kept by Pennsylvania is shown by comparison of State College appropriations with those of land-grant colleges in other States. While Governor Pennypacker was chipping off \$75,000 of the appropriation of \$150,000 for an agricultural building, New York State was appropriating \$250,000 for a new architectural building at Cornell, the land-grant college of the State. New York last year gave \$2,500,000 to Cornell.

Illinois University, the land-grant college of that State, received \$1,250,000 last year and a half dozen other States gave about as much in proportion to their population and resources. Pennsylvania gave to its State College last year about one-twentieth of the sum given to Illinois University by the Legislature of that State. The income from the Federal land grant fund was applied only to the cost of actual teaching.

The students at State College pay no tuition fees. In round numbers there are about 1000 of them. Were there adequate

facilities, Cornell's 4000 would be equalled. About a score of young women have enrolled. There will be several hundred if the Legislature shall do the square thing in making adequate appropriation on the course in domestic science that is being demanded by the women of the State. There is no graft here. Be assured of that. Everywhere is seen the pinch of embarrassing and enforced economy.

One Fare Granted.

The Trunk Line Association has granted an open rate of one fare for the round trip from all stations in Pennsylvania to State College, on account of Farmers' Week, December 27th to January 2nd. Good going December 26th to 28th, returning up to January 4th inclusive.

Schedule giving names of 16 lecturers, and the subjects for over 40 lectures and demonstrations in practical agriculture is now ready for mailing, and may be secured from Prof. H. E. Van Norman, State College Pa.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

ACCOUNTS FILED.—State Senator-elect George M. Dimeling, of Clearfield, has filed his account in the probatory's office in this place in which he says that it cost him \$2,633.68 to secure his election. Of the above amount \$700 were given to the Centre county finance committee and \$560 to the Clearfield county committee. He paid \$1,100 for printing, traveling expenses, stationery, advertising and postage; \$42 for political meetings, speakers and transportation, \$98 clerk hire; \$38 for watchers at the polls and \$155.68 for transportation for voters.

Henry C. Quigley in his account stated that he received \$45 toward his campaign expenses. That he gave \$200 to the Clearfield county committee and that for printing, traveling expenses, etc., he spent \$263.48, or a total of \$463.48, with less than \$50 worth of bills yet unpaid.

W. D. Zerby, treasurer of the Democratic finance committee, filed his statement which shows that he received in contributions \$1,400 and paid out \$1,413.06.

J. Thomas Mitchell, treasurer of the Republican finance committee, stated that he received \$1,283.00 and spent \$1,289.61.

THE WATCHMAN last week published a statement of the account filed by Hon. John Noll, elected to the Legislature. Up to this time neither Col. H. S. Taylor, Democratic candidate for Congress, nor C. T. Fryberger, Republican candidate for the Legislature, have filed any accounts. Capt. Barelay, who was elected to Congress, filed his account in Cameron county.

NEW FIRE BRICK COMPANY.—On several occasions in the past few months we have made mention of the fact that J. C. Meyer Esq., and recorder John C. Rowe, of this place, had secured leases on a large tract of fire clay land in Clearfield county with the intention of promoting a company and building a plant for the manufacture of fire brick.

Recently they associated with themselves James A. and Samuel M. Bickford, of Look Haven, experienced fire brick manufacturers, and last week organized their company, which will be known as The Bickford Fire Brick Company. The officers are as follows: President, J. C. Meyer; treasurer and general manager, J. A. Bickford; secretary and general sales agent, S. M. Bickford.

The company is capitalized at \$500,000, five thousand shares at \$100 per share, full-paid and non-assessable. It is the intention to build their plant at DuBois, owing to the railroad and coal facilities, and to make it the biggest plant in the State. As now planned their main building will be 100x600 feet in size. They will build six pans and thirty-two kilns, which will make the capacity 110,000 brick per day, or the enormous total of 33,000,000 per year. Though nothing will be done this winter it is the intention to start work on the building of the plant as early in the spring as the weather will permit.

—Tuesday afternoon Miss Marie Walsh's class gave a musicale at the Walsh home on east High street which was greatly enjoyed by the limited audience of guests invited to hear it. Miss Walsh is not only a skillful performer but an able instructor, and the members of her class who took part Tuesday afternoon were Martha Shoemaker, Catharine Allison, Marjorie Jackson, Sara Hastings, Madeline Rowe, Adaline Rankin, Martha Barnhart, DeSales and Margaret Walsh and Miss Hendrickson.

—This evening the victorious Bellefonte Academy football team will hold their annual banquet at the Brockerhoff house and the event will be made one of double significance. It will not only be the annual feast for the boys but be a celebration of Rev. James P. Hughes' eightieth birthday anniversary, as he will be eighty years old tomorrow. A very limited number of friends have been invited to join the Academy boys around the banquet table.

—On Monday jury commissioners Frederick Robb and John D. Decker began the work of filling the jury wheel with the names of the men who will be drawn to serve as jurors during the coming year. If they complete the work before the first of the year the jury for the February term of court will be drawn by them. If not the work will be done by the present jury commissioners elect, Adam Hazel and Clement Granley, who will be sworn in the first day of January.

—For the past two or three days rumors have been flying thick and fast that the murderer of Josiah Dale had been arrested. We can state upon reliable authority that up until the WATCHMAN goes to press there have been no arrests, and possibly no nearer one now than two weeks ago. So pay no attention to false rumors.

ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING CLYDE AUMAN.—Peter Rider, who lives about one-half of a mile below Coburn along the railroad, was arrested on Monday, brought here and put in jail for the shooting of twelve-year-old Clyde Auman on the afternoon of October 3rd. The arrest was made by detective A. L. Millard, of Philadelphia, and two men of his force, Harry Bauer and Frank Nugent, who had been at work on the case for two weeks previous. But though the arrest was made by the detectives the real credit for ferreting out the author of the crime belongs to none other than district attorney W. G. Runkle, of this place.

When the shooting occurred it appeared very much of a mystery, and to none more than to the people of that section of the county. Several persons were suspected but as after events proved they were entirely innocent. Several days after the shooting Mr. Runkle went to Coburn and spent some time there. He discovered the fact that on the day of the shooting Peter, John and Joe Rider, brothers, had been at William Vonada's threshing. That they finished about noontime and that Peter was not only the first one to leave for home but that he took the road which led through the woods, past the Auman home and by the chestnut tree on which the Auman boy was when he was shot. That subsequently Joe Rider walked down the railroad as far as Greenbriar, which is just opposite the chestnut tree on the public road and not over an eighth of a mile distant, and there he sat on a pile of railroad ties and was talking to John Mullen when the fatal shot was fired. That he heard the boy cry "Oh! Oh! Oh!" three times then ran up through the woods to see what was wrong and found him lying under the tree unconscious. That John Rider was the last to leave the Vonada farm and he took the road taken by Peter and arrived on the scene just about the time Joe and John Mullen did.

Neither of the latter men had a gun and they all declared that Peter did not either. Mr. Runkle, however, was not satisfied that their stories were all true so he went to see Peter's wife. She stoutly averred that she did not see her husband take his gun with him that morning and, upon being questioned further, admitted that he had left before she was out of bed as he had gone to Vonada's for his breakfast. Finally, when the district attorney told her that he knew her husband had his gun with him she admitted that she saw him bring it home in the evening.

Some time later Mr. Runkle, accompanied by Joe Rider, went to see Peter who was chopping wood in the mountains. At that meeting the district attorney and Joe talked about what would happen to the man who did the shooting; that he would not have an hour's peace of mind until he confessed his crime. During the talk Mr. Runkle watched Peter closely and he showed signs of great fear and nervousness, so much so that there was little doubt but that he was the man.

The district attorney informed the county commissioners of what he had learned and it was decided to secure detective help to see if a confession could be obtained. Accordingly the Millard agency was communicated with and Harry Bauer and Frank Nugent were sent here. They went to Coburn as hunters and tried to get next to Peter by wanting to hire him as a guide. He was too wary, however, and would not go with them once. They did secure the services of Bob Rider, a son of Joe, but got no information from him.

Finally they decided to make the arrest on the evidence in the possession of Mr. Runkle and notified their chief, A. L. Millard. He came to Bellefonte on Saturday and went to Coburn Monday morning and arrested Rider, bringing him to this place that afternoon. They also arrested his brother John on suspicion of knowing something about the shooting but he was afterwards discharged. After being brought to Bellefonte Peter Rider made a confession which in substance was as follows: He stated that he left home early on the

morning of October 3rd and walked up the railroad past Coburn station and Greenbriar to William Vonada's to help with the threshing. That, knowing it would not take them the whole day he thought he would hunt for squirrel on his way home, so he took his gun along. Not wanting to take it to the barn he hid the weapon under the bridge over Penns creek, on the opposite side of the railroad from the Vonada home. After dinner, when they were through with the threshing, he was the first man to leave the Vonada home and going across the railroad got his gun from under the bridge and took the public road, which ran through the woods, on his way home. He passed the Auman home and after going about thirty or forty rods came to the chestnut tree on which the Auman boy was. Rider saw some chestnut burrs fall to the ground and as he was on the hunt of squirrels naturally thought the burrs were being cut off by a squirrel. He looked up into the branches of the tree, which were thick with foliage, and seeing the branches move drew up and fired without even seeing what he was shooting at. The report of his gun had not died away until he heard a voice cry out in agonized tones "Oh! Oh! Oh!" then a groan. Realizing at once that he had shot a human being Rider stated that he started to run. Almost immediately he heard the fall of the boy from the tree to the ground and this, instead of inducing him to turn and give a helping hand, only had the effect of making him run the faster. He said the only thing he felt was fear that if he was found out that he would be lynched. He ran until he came in sight of where his brothers live in the mountain when he walked up to the house and stayed there until both John and Joe came home and told about the finding of the boy. Then he secured his gun and went on home arriving there before dark that evening, so that there was no one at all knew he had his gun with him that day aside from his wife who saw him bring it home.

Rider is about fifty-seven years old and a typical backwoods man. He can neither read nor write and is as superstitious as a sailor. He most vehemently declared that he fired the fatal shot on the supposition that he was shoot-

ing at a wild animal and not with the least idea that there was a human being on the tree. And that after he had shot the boy, and ever since, he has suffered all kinds of pangs of remorse and wanted to tell that he did it, but the fear that the people of that locality would do him bodily harm, or that he would be hung for the shooting, kept him from telling. He made the above confession without any compulsion and admitted that it was a relief to do so.

That his story is undoubtedly correct is borne out from the manner of the man while telling it. He cried like a child during the recital of what he had done and talked with that simplicity and straightforwardness that carries with it the conviction of truth. While the affair all through has been a most deplorable one the only real cause that can be attached to Rider is for his recklessness in shooting before he knew what he was shooting at. And because of this fact he stands amenable to the law for the crime he committed. But the most that he can be convicted of is involuntary manslaughter, which carries with it imprisonment for a term of two years.

—Ladies and boys Arties \$1.19 at Yeager & Davis. —It will be recalled that at the fall meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery action was taken regarding the employment of an evangelist to begin his labors within the Presbytery January first. At the time Rev. S. L. Boston, of Pittsburg, who did such good work in Bellefonte two months ago, was recommended as the right man. Rev. Boston has accepted the position and will enter upon the work January first. He has decided to make his home in Bellefonte and will move here early in the spring.

—Men's roll-soled Arties \$1.48 at Yeager & Davis.

Pine Grove Mentions.

All kinds of weather—summer-like to zero. John E. Goheen, of Rock Springs, transacted business in town Saturday.

Edward Goss is home from Pittsburg to recuperate his shattered health.

Harry Musser has laid by his saw and square and is housed up with a bealed face.

Blaine Bloom is speeding his new driver—a handsome Red Wilks b. g. He is a beauty.

Mrs. Jos. Heberling is with her sick daughter, Mrs. Harry Ebbs, of Halfmoon valley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Tate spent Sunday with Andy Jackson Tate at his home at Shiloh.

Mrs. Linn D. Musser is a very sick lady and her life is despaired of by her family and friends.

Lumberman Wm. Wertz has been confined to his room several days with pulmonary trouble.

Miss Laura Benner, of Oak Hall, has been a visitor at the Corman home near town the past week.

Mrs. Thomas Gramley, of Juniata, has been a most welcome visitor at the Ross Louder home the past week.

E. S. Goss, one of the typos on the State College Times, has resigned his position on account of ill health.

Our stores have on their holiday dress. Presents fit for the kings can be had for children and older folks.

County superintendent D. O. Eiters has been wielding the birch in the Kepler school several days as a substitute.

Extensive W. Kepler is looking after his lumber and coal interests in Forest and Cambria counties this week.

Harold McWilliams very satisfactorily handled Uncle Sam's mail matter several days at the branch.

Pickets are out for the moonlight hunters who are robbing the hen roosts and larders of late. Firearms are primed and loaded.

Mrs. Michael Hess, of Bellefonte, spent last week among the scenes of her youth on the Branch, looking well for one of her years.

The Kingston Vaudeville company will give their mid-winter entertainment December 21st, and 22nd in the I. O. O. F. hall.

L. H. Wian, of Bellefonte, Rockefeller's right-bower in the oil business, supplied his customers in this section in the beginning of the week.

Next Sunday evening Rev. J. I. Stonecypher will preach to the three-link men in the Lutheran church. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Butcher stories follow closely on the hunting stories. Thus far Enoch Sweeney killed the boss porkers—two weighing 516 and 518 pounds respectively.

William McWilliams, a postal clerk running from New York to Pittsburg, with his wife, visited his grandfather, J. J. Goheen, who has been quite ill the past week.

Wm. J. Meyer and wife, of Alexandria, were greeting old-time neighbors and friends in and out of town last week. Mr. Meyer did a little business in the carriage line.

Mrs. A. W. Oliver was among the Saturday evening passengers to spend Sunday with her sister, Mrs. VanTries, in Bellefonte. Only to find that she had died that afternoon.

The famous bird, the stork, hovered over the Emory Johnson home at Pine Hall last Thursday, leaving a nice little girl. It is the first born and the young parents are happy and proud.

John Isler and wife, of Peru, braved the cold weather, Friday, for a drive through the valley, keeping a close watch on the sign boards pointing to Fred Meyers, at Fairbrook, for a good square meal.

Miss Ella Bottorl, of Lemont, was royally entertained at the Mrs. Fisher home in Boolsburg Sunday, and so was Will Fisher and wife, of Sunbury, and sons Joseph and Charley Fisher, of Harrisburg.

The members of Capt. J. O. Campbell Post, No. 272, G. O. A. R., are requested to meet at the I. O. O. F. hall tomorrow at 2 o'clock for the election of officers and such other business as may need attention.

Miss Laura Cole, one of the much sought after seamstresses in this part of the county, has been very busy of late at the A. M. Brown home. Of course the wily merchant of Bellefonte made frequent calls and the youngsters are watching the license list closely.

Little Marjorie, daughter of Harry Shugert, had a close call on Saturday. While her mother was out of doors looking after her work the little one climbed on the window sill from where she fell to the floor, striking her head on a sharp corner and cutting an ugly gash on her head.

The hum of the busy thresher is no longer heard. All have pulled in to their winter quarters. Hess & Co. threshed over 54,046 bushels; Meyers & Albright 50,576 bushels, and A. H. Cressler over 30,000 bushels. About one-half of the above amount is wheat, the balance barley, oats and rye. It proved the largest yield of wheat for many years. It was a common thing to hear of a yield of 30 bushels per acre on small farms. Probably one of the best yields for large farms was that of Henry McCracken. On 61 acres he raised 1701 bushels by the thresher's measurement.

Notice. Editor DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN: Will you kindly remind your readers that the Centre County Bible Society keeps on hand a stock of the publications of the American Bible Society. Bibles at cost, 15cts. and upwards. Testaments, 5cts. and upwards. A limited supply for grants to the needy destitute. A sample copy of a bible for preachers, teachers and bible students, than which, all things considered, there is no better in the world.

Y. M. C. A. Building, Bellefonte, Pa. R. CHITTENDEN, Depository. JAMES HARRIS, President. —Great bargains in Misses' and Children's warm lined slippers and shoes at Yeager & Davis. —Owing to the unusual demand on our columns for holiday advertising some correspondence and other important matter was unavoidably crowded out.

The Christmas Dinner.

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—that is to hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

New Advertisements.

HORSE FOR SALE.—Five years old, sound, kind and well broken for farm work, weighing about 200 pounds. Can be purchased on reasonable terms. Inquire at this office. 47-11

FOR RENT.—Two good farms near Spruce Creek. One contains 313 and the other 120 acres of clear land. Also have a farm for sale. For particulars inquire of GILNEY T. BSETT, Spruce Creek, Pa. 41-45-41.

FOR SALE.—Hound pups—9 months old. Fine stock. Broken. RUSSELL BLAIR, Bellefonte, Pa. 51-42-11.

CHARTER NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor and the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania on Friday, the 29th day of December, A. D. 1906, by Geo. W. Homan, Newton E. Hess, Geo. F. Miller, John Homan, George Grimes, James Glenn and G. E. Cori, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "an act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations approved April 26th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called 'The Farmers Rural Water Company of Ferguson township, Centre county, Penna., the character and object whereof is to supply pure water to the public in all that portion of Ferguson township, contained within the following boundaries, to wit: beginning at a stone on the division line between Harris and Ferguson townships, at the foot of Tussey mountain, thence west along foot of said mountain four hundred and fifty rods to a stone on the division line between Harris and Ferguson townships, thence north one hundred rods to the Matternville road, thence following said road north five hundred and fifty rods to junction of said road with the Gatesburg road; thence along the Gatesburg road east five hundred and forty-eight rods to the division line between College and Ferguson townships; thence by said line and the line between Harris and Ferguson townships south twenty-four degrees east one hundred and eighty rods to a stone on the place of beginning, and for this purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and privileges of said Act of Assembly and its supplements. The application is now on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. FORTNEY & FORTNEY, Solicitors. 51-47-31

PROF. J. ANGEL

EYESIGHT SPECIALIST AT THE BROCKERHOFF HOUSE From Thursday morning until Friday noon, DECEMBER 20th and 21st.

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At the Brockerhoff house December 20th and 21st. 51-48-21

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Last Week of This Cut-in-two-price Sale.

CALL DAY OR EVENING THIS WEEK. CASH OR PAYMENTS.

Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 13.—Last week we had an advertisement giving our reasons for selling a limited number of pianos at factory prices and we are glad to say many persons in Bellefonte and vicinity took advantage and purchased pianos, in fact this sale was successful from the first day. This is the last week of these factory prices and we must urge you to call at once, see our pianos and our prices and we know you will buy if you think of buying during the next two weeks. Every piano is fully guaranteed both by M. C. Gephart and the manufacturers—they are of the world's best makes—as we have never been identified with the sale of cheap pianos. We offer you this week a saving of from \$100 to \$150, by buying now and saving all middle profits. Our stock is the best selected and largest to select from of any place in the State. Don't delay but call at once. Pianos from \$117 up to \$387. A small payment down and monthly payments secure one of these high grade pianos at factory prices. Is it not better to buy of your home merchant when you can save all these heavy expenses of city stores? A beautiful sofa and stool and one year's tuning free with each piano. Call now and let us convince you of the superiority of our pianos and let us give you a price that ordinary dealers pay for these pianos. We can do it. Let us show you. 51-49-11 M. C. GEPHART.