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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Next week will be court week. Mrs. W. C. Lingle entertained a number of friends at cards last evening. The Bellefonte Acadmy foot ball candidates are now practicing hard for the opening game of the season. Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy Johnston are the happy parents of another baby girl, who made her arrival on last Thursday. Knisely and Rhoads have secured the contract for building the abutments for the iron bridge over Peas creek at Allison's mill. An incandescent light has been placed at the rear of the court house in order to prevent so much loading in that locality at night. The two big events this week were the Granger picnic and the opening of State College, and in some respects the latter was the biggest. Mrs. Louisa Bush will give a dance in the hall in the Bush Arcade tomorrow afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Eleanor Stockman, of Canada. Friday evening at 8 o'clock in St. John's Reformed church, Rev. A. M. Schmidt will tell of his visit to Florence, Venice, Milan and the Italian Lakes. As usual during Grange picnics, work trains on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad have all been late this week; but thank goodness they ought to be on time now. Supt. Samuel Rice now has a large force of men at work putting down the sewers recently authorized by council to be laid on Allegheny, Howard and Bishop streets. A nice little daughter arrived on Sunday to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Fox, of Look Haven. Mrs. Fox was formerly Miss Josephine Haupt, of this place. The Brockhoff mill at Rouburg is being remodeled throughout and when completed will have its capacity for turning out flour increased at least twenty-five barrels a day. Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Augusta Merriman, of this place, and J. Andrew Beaver, of New York city; the wedding to take place early in October. The wedding of W. S. Mallen, manager of the Pennsylvania telephone company in this place, and Miss Florence Dennis, took place at the bride's home in Terbuttsville yesterday. A new lodge Patriotic Order Sons of America will be organized in the hall of the Logan fire company this evening. Everybody who wishes to join are urged to be present for the organization. About one hundred people, members of the Bellefonte Epworth League, attended the big corn roast at the home of William Carson last Thursday evening, and there is no argument but that all had a most enjoyable time. Mr. W. T. Dunning, who recently left Bellefonte after serving as organist in the Methodist church for nine months, has been offered the position of organist in St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Harrisburg, one of the best positions of the kind in that city. Edward Harper, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, in the Bellefonte hospital about a month ago, has recovered to that extent that he was taken to his home on Allegheny street last Saturday, where he is now recuperating his lost strength and vitality. While George Mallory has been a little indisposed the past week or two he wishes his friends and patrons to know that he still has full charge and oversees all the work in his blacksmith shop, which means that his customers can depend on getting not only a good job but prompt service. The Centre county historical society held quite an interesting meeting in the court house on Monday afternoon. Col. J. L. Spangler presided and among those who read papers and took part in the discussions were Mrs. H. C. Valentine, Mrs. Elizabeth Callaway, Mrs. J. L. Spangler, J. Thomas Mitchell, Clement Dale, G. W. Runberger and D. Paul Fortney. The Bellefonte furnace is certainly showing a clean pair of heels since it was relined and repaired throughout. On Saturday it turned out one hundred and forty-eight tons of number one iron and if it had been given a full and free blast could have turned out thirty tons more. This is considered especially good by those in charge while at the same time it speaks well for the management. The matrimonial fever seems to have become epidemic at the Curtin residence. Last week the WATCHMAN announced the engagement of Miss Adeline Harris to J. Mac Curtin and now it is said that both Miss Elizabeth Hazel and Miss Mary Flack, who have lived there for a number of years are to be married soon; the former to Harry J. Jackson and the latter to John O'Brien. Another wedding which is announced to take place in the near future is that of Christ Beezer and Miss Mame Kelley, while another is that of Gus Heverley and Miss Mary Cole.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT SANDY RIDGE.

The village of Sandy Ridge was stirred to its utmost depths on Monday noon when the alarm was sounded that a murder had been committed almost in the heart of the village and that the murderer had escaped. And consternation rapidly spread into the wildest indignation when the fact became known that the person murdered was Miss Jennie Neblings, the nineteen-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neblings; and it took but a few minutes for every man and boy in the town, as well as many women, to arm themselves with whatever weapon they could secure and start on a hunt for the fugitive. And it was a brief hunt, for in less than three hours the man was overtaken on the top of the mountain and either committed suicide or was shot by his pursuers. The facts in the case, gleaned from the most reliable sources, are as follows: About three months ago John Cronin, an Englishman, arrived at Sandy Ridge and applied for work in the fire brick works. He was given a job and in hunting for a boarding place went to the home of Thomas Neblings. The man had a pleasant and genteel appearance and was taken into the Neblings home-hold. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Neblings the only other inmate was their daughter Jennie, a remarkably pretty and attractive girl, who was really the acknowledged belle of the village. It was only the matter of a few weeks until Cronin fell madly in love with the girl and for some time she appeared pleased with his attentions. Cronin, however, was thirty years of age and the girl only nineteen and there being other young men in Sandy Ridge nearer her own age she eventually began to tire of Cronin's addresses. It is alleged that several times of late he urged the girl to marry him but was refused each time. Saturday night Cronin and Miss Neblings were together and apparently there was no indication of a quarrel between them. Sunday evening, however, Miss Neblings refused to have anything to do with Cronin and went out with another young man. Monday morning Cronin took her to task for her action but she merely laughed at him, and as far as known they did not even quarrel. About half past eleven o'clock, however, Cronin quit work and went to the Neblings home, which is located across the street from the depot and going into the house opened the door to go upstairs. Miss Neblings was just coming down the stairs and was almost at the bottom when Cronin drew a revolver and without a word, so far as anyone living knows, deliberately shot her through the heart. The body dropped to the foot of the stairs where it lay in a heap in the little entry-way. Hearing the shot Mrs. Neblings turned to see what had taken place when Cronin shot at her. He evidently fired two shots at the woman, the second of which struck her in the fleshy part of the left arm when she ran screaming into the next room. Cronin evidently must have thought he had at least fatally wounded the mother as he took time to empty his revolver and reload it, as three empty shells and two loaded ones were found on the floor of the room. He then deliberately walked out of the house and up the road to the woods, when he took to the mountain, in the direction of Tyrone. It was only a few minutes after the deed had been committed when Mrs. Neblings' cries attracted the neighbors who ran to the house, only to be confronted with the evidence of the awful tragedy. An alarm was at once given and when the inhabitants of the town learned the particulars there were many cries of vengeance and had Cronin been captured alive the officers would have had all they could do to have protected him from bodily harm. In order to allow their employees to assist in the search the fire brick works were closed down and upwards of one hundred armed men, boys and women started on the trail of the murderer, after telephoning a brief account of the murder to district attorney W. G. Runkle, in this place, who informed Sheriff Kline and he left here on the 1.05 train for Sandy Ridge. In the meantime the posse was hot after Cronin and it was just about two o'clock when he was overtaken in the woods, two miles from Sandy Ridge, by a party of men headed by constable Mike Hoover. The latter at once called on Cronin to halt but instead of doing so he turned and running backwards began shooting at his pursuers. Constable Hoover then gave the order to fire and after a brief interchange of shots Cronin turned as if to run away, threw up his right hand in which he held the smoking revolver and fell headlong to the ground. The posse quickly reached the place where he lay, but Cronin was dead, with a bullet hole in his right temple. Whether his death wound was self-inflicted or came from one of the shots fired by his pursuers will probably never be known, as there is no sure way of ever finding out. But even if the latter, the act was justified by the circumstances. Cronin's body was taken back to Sandy Ridge where it was kept until Tuesday morning when it was taken to Phillipsburg and turned over to an undertaker to prepare it for burial. So far as known the man had no relatives in this section of the State, it is said that he was a gentle looking man, quiet and industrious, and had always been well spoken of by those who knew him, and but for his mad infatuation of Miss Neblings the tragedy never would have been enacted. The funerals of both Cronin and his unfortunate victim, Miss Neblings, were held on Wednesday. Cronin's remains were buried in Phillipsburg while those of Miss Neblings were taken to Bristol for in-

MENT, THAT BEING THE FORMER HOME OF THE NEBLING FAMILY. Both funerals were largely attended, that of Miss Neblings especially so.

Yesterday was not very good picnic weather. The eleven months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Spieker died on Sunday and was buried Tuesday afternoon. W. C. Storm, the barber, will offer his residence on Spring street at public sale today and his house hold goods next week. It is his intention to go to Seattle, Wash., just as soon as he can settle up his affairs here, Mrs. Storm already being in that city. The Bellefonte Electric company are figuring on establishing a day current in this place, providing they can get enough users to justify them in doing so. They already have the promise of a number of parties to install motors so that the prospect looks quite encouraging. Lee Adams, son of the late county commissioner T. Frank Adams, has accepted a position as assistant instructor of electrical engineering at The Pennsylvania State College. He graduated from that institution in 1906 and since that time has been in the employ of the General Electric company, at Schenectady, N. Y. On Wednesday Clifford H. Thomas made public sale of most of his household goods and with his family went to Lewisburg where they will make their home when not traveling, as it is their intention to do for several years. L. C. Gettig has leased the Thomas house and will move there from the Van Tries house on October first. The many acquaintances in this place of Frederick K. Foster, who several years ago bought out the George L. Potter insurance agency in this place and conducted it a year or more, were surprised the past week to learn that he was married in Denver, Col., about two weeks ago. Mr. Foster has been in Denver for several months and expects to locate there permanently. Mrs. Nora McClain, of north Allegheny street, yesterday celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday anniversary, and is still one of the best preserved women for her age in the county. Though no pretense was made to celebrate the event with a gathering of any kind quite a number of her neighbors and relatives who knew of the occasion called to congratulate her on her good health and anniversary. Ex-Senator and Mrs. S. R. Peale, of Look Haven, will celebrate their golden wedding on Sunday, September 29th. Senator Peale is one of the best known men in this part of the State as well as the best preserved and his many friends congratulate him and Mrs. Peale not only on their fifty years of wedded life but on the splendid health they both now enjoy with the promise of many years of life in front of them. The Centre county fair premium list has been published and is now being distributed personally to the farmers and business men of Centre county by Col. John A. Daley, of Curtin township. By a glance at the book you can at once see how the premiums on exhibits have been increased this year over former years; in fact, almost doubled, and that it will now pay you to bring your best of everything to the big fair. The train crew of the local freight on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad have a well-founded complaint because the freight handlers at Sanbury in loading the cars with merchandise consigned to people along the line use no system in packing the freight but tumble it in anyway. Consequently when it is to be unloaded the train crew are much delayed because they have to handle the freight over and over in order to find what they want. The State College football team will open the season in Altoona tomorrow by playing the eleven of that place. The game will be interesting to the State supporters in that it will give a line on the new candidates trying for the various positions. Eight of the men who played on last year's team are in harness again but the important positions of centre and tackles must be filled by new men. There is ample material to pick from and the indications are for another winning team. Benjamin Hubbard, of Scranton, who was recently selected as the new physical director of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A., arrived here on Tuesday and is now in charge of that department. It is Mr. Hubbard's intention, in co-operation with the general secretary and management of the association, to make the gymnasium a feature of interest and benefit to all young men of the town, so if you are not now a member and want the advantage of the excellent physical training there offered you should join at once. Last week the WATCHMAN mentioned the fact of Harry Stackpole, of St. Mary's, a son-in-law of Hon. J. K. P. Hall, coming to Bellefonte in a twenty horse power Stanley steamer and being dissatisfied with the way the machine worked left it at John Porter Lyon's garage for sale. He had offers from two Bellefonte gentlemen for the machine and on Sunday he returned to Bellefonte and Monday sold the steamer to Charles R. Kurtz, editor of the Centre Democrat, and now our worthy competitor will have his share of outside troubles, too.

CENTRE COUNTY VETERANS REUNION.

No one thing more truly tells the tale of how fast the ranks of the veterans of the Civil war are being decimated than to attend their annual reunions. It is only a few years ago that a reunion of the Veterans Club of Centre county meant the assembling of hundreds of the boys who wore the blue in the early sixties while now those who gather yearly are a mere handful, comparatively speaking. But the reunion at Grange Park on Tuesday was better attended than usual and it was a good sized crowd that gathered for their yearly love-feast. Gen. James A. Beaver, president of the club, presided and the address of welcome was made by Hon. Leonard Rhoads. The only other business done in the morning was the appointment of committees on the election of officers and place of meeting, etc. In the afternoon another meeting was held in the auditorium at which addresses were made by Gen. B. Frank Fisher, of Philadelphia; Henry Moyer, of Kansas; George Heintzleman, of Illinois; Rev. William Gaumel, of Allenwood; G. T. Michael, of Look Haven; T. P. Rydier, of Erie, and Col. John A. Daley, of Romola. The committee on the nomination of officers reported the following who were unanimously elected; President, Gen. James A. Beaver; vice-presidents, W. C. Patterson, State College, and W. H. Fry, Pine Grove Mills; secretary, W. H. Muser, Bellefonte, and treasurer, Geo. W. Boal, Centre Hall. Bellefonte was selected as the place of meeting next year. CAPTURED AND TIED TO A TREE. Last Thursday evening W. S. Bolig, manager of the Western Union telegraph office in this place, was the object of an unwarranted attack at the hands of four Bellefonte boys. Bolig was on east High street talking to several girls when the boys made their appearance. Innocent of any harm to himself Bolig paid no attention to them and the first he knew he was seized from behind, his arms pinioned and a pair of hand-cuffs snapped on his wrists. He was then dragged out beyond the cemetery where he was tied to a tree. One of the girls he was with telephoned for a policeman and the officer went out and rescued the young man, but in the meantime his capturers had made their escape. A second attempt was made to do the same thing on Sunday night but Bolig was on his guard and outwitted the boys. It might here be added that Bolig knows the offenders and a third attempt to molest him in any way will lead to information being made against them and their arrest and punishment, which very naturally ought to follow such conduct. BLOCK SIGNAL SYSTEM. At 12:01 o'clock Sunday morning the block signal system was put into effect on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad between Tyrone and Mill Hall, with block stations at the west end of the passing sidings at Bald Eagle, Hananah, Port Matilda, Martha, Julian, and Unionville; east end of Snow Shoe Inter section passing siding at Milesburg station; west end of the passing sidings at Halters, Howard and Beech Creek; middle switches, Mill Hall siding; Look Haven telegraph office. New towers have been placed at the block station locations. There is a day and night operator at each station. Assistant engineer J. W. Stone made the plans and had charge of the erection of the block stations while division operator A. A. Witter installed the service, the entire work of installing the system being under the direction of trainmaster R. B. Freeman. The block signal system is also being installed in the Bellefonte yard and on the road between here and Milesburg, and as soon as it is completed it will be put into effect. "Woodman, Spare that Tree," did not appeal to the Methodist brethren of Bellefonte, as last Saturday they had the big tree which for years has been a landmark in front of their church, cut down and hauled away. Miss Minnie Hayes, who has been for the past two weeks with Mrs. Callaway and Mrs. Garber, left for her home in Philadelphia Tuesday. Miss Annie Curry, returned from Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday, where she has been for two weeks the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Monahan. Mrs. A. C. Gettlemann, of Wynedotte, Mich., left for her home last Friday after a three weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Saxton, on Bishop street. Mr. Page and his son George, of Oak Hill, spent Thursday in Bellefonte attending to some business interests and calling on their many friends in this section. Mrs. Harry Everhart was in Look Haven this week as a delegate from the Bellefonte Lutheran church to the missionary convention which was held there. Miss Ann Lyon is one of the young women of Pennsylvania who appreciates the advantages State College has to offer, as she this week enrolled herself as a student there. Dr. and Mrs. Coburn Rogers, who had been visiting the former's mother in this place, left on Monday for their home in Freehold. The doctor expects soon to locate in Drilling, Clearfield county. James A. McClain, of Spangler, and Mrs. Austin McClain, of Ridgway, with her son and his little child, came to Bellefonte yesterday for the special purpose of visiting Mrs. Nora McClain on her eighty-eighth birthday; the occasion thus being the meeting of four generations of the McClain family. Mrs. H. M. Hiller and Miss Laura Hemphill, of Erie, who has been visiting friends in Bellefonte for a fortnight, have been spending most of the week in Williamsport. 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News Purely Personal

Arthur Undercoffer left Monday for Howard. Mrs. Frank McClain, of Altoona, is visiting her many friends in this place. Mr. and Mrs. John Dugas, of Altoona, were over Sunday visitors in Bellefonte. Ambrose Sherry left last Thursday to resume his studies at Mt. St. Mary's college. Miss Minnie Cole was an over Sunday visitor at the home of her brother Frank, at Lewisburg. James Furst Esq., was an arrival in Bellefonte last Friday morning from his six weeks tour in Europe. Miss Rebecca Meese, of Coleville, returned on Monday from a delightful visit with friends at DuBois. Mrs. W. T. Twitmore arrived home last Friday evening from a delightful visit with friends at Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boyle, of Youngstown, Ohio, have been visiting friends in Bellefonte the past week. Sam McClure, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents in this place, leaving on Monday for Princeton College. Lieut. James G. Taylor left last Friday morning for Michigan where he has been assigned to duty at Fort Wayne. After a pleasant visit of a month with her many friends in Look Haven, Miss Julia McDermott returned home last week. Mrs. Nora Shelton and Miss Julia Curtin, who spent the summer at the Bush house, left on Monday for their home in Philadelphia. Sydney A. Kewer went to Eden Valley, Huntingdon county, on Saturday, where he attended a reunion of his old Sunday school class. Miss Etta Long, of New York City, is at present visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Long, at Wingate, and other relatives in Bellefonte. After a two weeks visit with friends in Bellefonte and Halfmoon valley Miss Edna Hartsock returned to her home in Phillipsburg last Saturday evening. After a pleasant visit among friends in this place Mrs. Alice Rishel with her two children, Alpha and Oscar, left the latter part of last week for her home in Pitscair. Theodore Thomas, of Pitsburg, was a day and night visitor in Bellefonte from Monday morning until Tuesday morning, with headquarters at the Brockhoff home. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lillidahl, of Altoona, arrived in Bellefonte last Friday evening and were over Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Lillidahl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Bartlett. Joseph Harris, after spending ten days in Bellefonte, with Mrs. Harris, a friend and Mr. Harris' three sisters, left on Sunday in his thirty-horse power Mitchell for their home in Pitsburg. Hon. Theodore P. Rydier, of Erie, passed through Bellefonte on Monday on his way to the Granger's picnic at Centre Hall, where he was one of the conspicuous figures at the Veterans' reunion on Tuesday. Miss Katharine Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, left on Monday morning for Washington, D. C., where she entered the Georgetown University for the purpose of studying for a professional nurse, with the especial aim to surgical work. Edgar Burnside, who has not been back in Bellefonte since he left here three years ago, is expected here today for a month's visit. Since leaving Bellefonte he has been stationed in Chicago and Denver, Colorado; the most of the time being spent in the latter city. During the past week Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Undercoffer entertained quite a household of guests in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Moyer, of Williamsport; William Beck, of Snyderstown; Mrs. J. W. Undercoffer, of Pitsburg, and Miss Mary Undercoffer, of Renovo. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Moyer, of Hiawatha, Kansas, but who are both native Centre countyans, are back on a visit to their old friends and acquaintances, the first in a number of years. Mr. Moyer is an old soldier, having enlisted from this county in company Y, 148th Pennsylvania volunteers. Jacob D. Valentine, of Pitsburg, was an arrival in Bellefonte last Friday and will spend a two weeks vacation among his friends in this place. Whether it is too much work or too little, he knows not the robust fellow he was when he left Bellefonte a number of years ago, when he was as healthily looking as a hickory limb. Mrs. S. Kline Woodring and little daughter left on the 1.05 train Tuesday for a two weeks visit at the home of her brother, Temp Cross and family, in Pitsburg; that is, providing Kline can stand baching it that long without her, as this is the first time they have been separated at night in the almost six years of their married life. Mr. John Brown, of Clarion, one of the leading Democratic politicians of Clarion county, with his son and daughter, Fred C. and Miss Marie V. Brown, and Misses Gertrude Burnard and Ruth Campbell, spent Monday night in Bellefonte. They were on a touring trip from Clarion to Chambersburg where Miss Brown will enter Wilson college. Mr. Jacob Kreider, of Gatesburg, attended to a little business in Bellefonte on Tuesday and made a brief call at the WATCHMAN office. He is one of the oldest and best known residents of the western end of the county and has seen many changes and improvements during his life, but he still hopes to see the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad built through from Lemont to Fairbrook. J. C. Harper Esq., the bustling insurance agent went away on a little business trip on Tuesday afternoon and took the trouble to tell us of that fact, which accounts for this notice. But when we asked him where he was going he said to put it anywhere we pleased, but if we would put it where John D. Rock-feller Wan, who was passing at the time, said he was going, we're afraid he wouldn't see this personal, as the WATCHMAN has no postoffice list there. On Saturday of last week Harry Weaver the telegraph operator at the Mill Hall station on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, and who, by the way, is a Centre county boy, having hailed from Centre Hall, was in Bellefonte looking up old friends. He is now taking a little vacation owing to a broken collar bone which he got in Milesburg about two weeks ago. He went to that place on a freight train and after the train stopped at tempted to get off and in doing so stepped on a rollingstone and fell, breaking his collar bone. Two much traveled visitors at the WATCHMAN office last Saturday morning were Judge George B. Orady and his young son, G. Phillips Orady, of Huntingdon. They came dressed in corduroy breeches and leggings and were in for her mother-in-law and the young women of Pennsylvania who appreciate the advantages State College has to offer, as she this week enrolled herself as a student there. Dr. and Mrs. Coburn Rogers, who had been visiting the former's mother in this place, left on Monday for their home in Freehold. The doctor expects soon to locate in Drilling, Clearfield county. James A. 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Philadelphia Markets.

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

Table containing market prices for various commodities including wheat, corn, oats, and flour. Columns list item names and their corresponding prices.

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