

Bellefonte, Pa., July 3, 1908.

To Correspondents.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

No Paper Next Week.

No paper will be issued from this office next week, as the entire force will take their usual mid-summer vacation of one week in order to rest up after helping to celebrate the Fourth. The next issue of the WATCHMAN, therefore, will reach you on July 17th.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

State College expects to have a big time tomorrow making the eagle scream.

Mrs. Daniel Gallagher was taken to Bellefonte hospital last Saturday for an operation.

Cherries are so plentiful down Nittany valley that they are being given away just for the picking.

The families of Witmer Smith and G. Oscar Gray are camping down at Hecla park and having a nice time.

The small boy will have to begin saving his pennies right after the Fourth in order to have enough for the circus on the 17th.

Mr. I. N. Gordon, formerly of this place, was married to Mrs. Savage, at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, in New York city.

A party of Bellefonte young women are at the Mason's camp near Curtin for a few days and are having a delightful time fishing, boating, etc.

Thomas Taylor, colored, is seriously ill at his home on Penn street and it is probable he will be taken to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Robert Woodring, who several weeks ago underwent an operation in the Bellefonte hospital, has recovered and was taken home on Monday.

The picnic season is now on and Hecla park is the same popular place for this form of outing and amusement that it has been in former years.

The match factory was closed down last Friday evening in order to make a few changes and repairs. Work will be resumed next Monday morning.

Michael Hazel has been doing the singing stunts at the electric theatre this week and proved far more of an attraction than some of the other singers.

A little baby boy made its arrival in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bullock on Monday morning, which they have already named Charles Montgomery Bullock.

One of the biggest crops of hay in this section has been cut on the farm of John Rihel, south of Bellefonte, almost two hundred loads having been cut and housed in the last ten days.

Tomorrow being the Fourth of July the stores and barber shops in Bellefonte will close at noon and remain closed the balance of the day. Therefore if you have any shopping to do you will have to attend to it either today or tomorrow morning.

WATCHMAN readers want to bear in mind the big picnic of the Snow Shoe base ball club at the new driving park at that place tomorrow. Snow Shoe picnics are always very enjoyable affairs and tomorrow's gathering promises to be the equal of any ever held.

A social item of interest to Bellefonters is the announcement of the engagement of Col. James A. McClain, of Spangler, and Miss Emma Holliday, of Bellefonte. Though the date of the wedding has not yet been announced it will likely be in the early autumn.

A meeting of the Democratic state committee will be held in Harrisburg Wednesday, July 22nd, for the purpose of electing a state chairman and seven division chairmen. This meeting will be the first to be held under the new rules prescribing election in July.

The Bellefonte Giants, an aggregation of colored ball players, went to Jacksonville last Saturday for a game with the team at that place, defeating them by the score of sixteen to one; evidence that when it comes to ball playing the ebony-skinned boys are giants in reality as well as in name.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Centre-Clinton counties base ball league it was decided to hold a big picnic at the new driving park at Snow Shoe on Thursday, July 23rd. The necessary arrangements were appointed to make all arrangements, which is to include excursion rates on all railroads leading to Snow Shoe.

While running at the rate of thirty miles an hour along the pike near Shiloh on Wednesday afternoon the back wheel flew off the automobile in which Dr. and Mrs. David Dale were driving and miraculously as it may seem neither one of them were injured in the least. The wheel ran away down into the woods and it took some time to locate it.

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. N. Hirst Appel, of Fort Russell, Cheyenne, Wyo., have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Marjorie Lindsay, to Dr. George Lewis Wickes, of the U. S. navy, on Wednesday, July 8th. Dr. Wickes has frequently visited in Bellefonte and this announcement will be read with interest by his friends here.

FORESTRY SQUAD OF STATE COLLEGE PURSUE INVESTIGATIONS ON VALENTINE TIMBER TRACT.

The first practical work by the forestry department of The Pennsylvania State College towards a preservation of the forests of the State and a reforestation of the denuded lands throughout the Commonwealth was done the past two weeks by Hugh P. Baker, head of the department at the College, and J. E. Ingram, R. H. Thompson, S. S. Sadler and R. C. Wagner, four Juniors, who established a camp on the Valentine timber tract about a mile and a half southeast of Bellefonte, and have been carrying on practical investigations relating to the work.

They had with them several days during their stay Prof. W. H. von Bayer, of the United States Department of Forestry, who assisted them in their work. Their investigations consisted in making a study of the various kinds of trees to find out just which varieties of wood were best adapted to the soil and locality, in respect to growth, hardness and longevity. In this connection they learned that the three native varieties, white pine, chestnut and white oak were the leading varieties. Hemlock, red oak and black oak also thrived but will not prove as thrifty growers or nearly as remunerative for reforestation as the three first mentioned varieties.

From an examination of the three first varieties it was learned that in from twenty-five to thirty years after planting they would grow into trees of marketable value, while each succeeding ten years would increase their value a good percent.

The only foe to the preservation of the forests in this section of the State, and which would apply to timber lands in all parts of the State as well, according to the investigations of the above expert foresters, is fire. The loss is not only the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of marketable timber destroyed by forest fires, but in the total destruction of the young trees which would in a few years be preserved become of immense value themselves.

The College forestry department does not intend to let their work for the preservation of forests end with the work done in their camp on the Valentine lands the past two weeks. While there they made a measurement of the lands and timber thereon and thus were able to give a very accurate estimate of the amount of timber of marketable size and the value thereof. These trees they have marked and they will be cut and manufactured into lumber. This will then give the young trees a better opportunity for rapid growth and it is the purpose of the department to keep in touch with this particular tract in order to more fully determine the exact period it takes to reforest denuded lands.

This was the first camp of this kind held by the forestry department of the College, but they intend to make it an annual affair, to be held each year in a different portion of the State until their investigations have been pursued on all the principal wooded lands in the Commonwealth.

In speaking of the forestry department Prof. Baker said: "It is our aim to make this department not only a place of study where young men can be taught forestry in all its branches but we intend it to be a help to the people of the State in preserving the forests of the State as far as it is possible to do so. This can be done in various ways, but the principal ones are the fight against fire, and this, by the way, is the most destructive of all; and by teaching the owners of timber when to cut it to secure best returns and at the same time preserve and foster the growth of the young timber on the land."

"The scarcity of timber in Pennsylvania has already become an all-absorbing question and anything that will tend to preserve what timber we do have until its greatest value can be secured and at the same time establish a sure means of reforesting the thousands of acres of mountain lands which are now practically worthless, is a subject worthy of deep consideration, and it is just this that the forestry department of The Pennsylvania State College purposes teaching. Reforestation is no experiment and it only needs landowners taking the matter in hand as they would any other business proposition and, while it will naturally take years to do it, the time will come when the now denuded mountains will again be covered with a good growth of timber."

Prof. Baker and his squad of students broke camp yesterday and returned to the College.

TAYLOR GETS MORE STATE ROAD.

R. B. Taylor, of this place, will have his hands full this summer building state roads. He is now working on the piece of road through Milesburg borough and also grading the new athletic field at State College, while on June 19th he was awarded contracts for building a piece of road in Harris township and one in Rush township. The former is 6,044 feet in length, for which there were four bidders, Taylor's bid being \$8,952.35. There were seven bids for the piece of road in Rush township, 7,507 feet in length, Taylor getting the contract on a bid of \$15,208.50. It might be interesting to state that there was less than eight hundred dollars difference in the seven bids for the Rush township road and less than five hundred dollars difference in the four bids for the Harris township road. Work on both roads will be commenced as soon as possible and the contract calls for their completion within sixty days from time of starting.

Centre countians who have been granted increases in pensions recently are as follows: James C. Stephens, of State College, special, \$30; Mrs. Sarah E. Wallace, Philadelphia, \$12; John B. Hotter, Howard, \$12; George Robb, Bellefonte, special, \$30.

A special train will be run from Howard to Snow Shoe to-morrow to transport the Howard base ball team and supporters to Snow Shoe where two games will be played at the picnic at the new driving park.

Ladies \$1.50 tan and vici oxford now \$1.00, at Yeager's shoe store.

Though she has gone about with very little fuss or splutter Miss Mame McGarvey is meeting with well-merited success in her photographic studio in this place, and she well deserves it because of the excellent quality of her work. And the fact that she is kept quite busy all the time shows that the public appreciate her efforts and are willing to extend her their patronage.

On Tuesday Harvey Shine shipped his household goods to State College and on Wednesday he and his family left for that place to make their future home. For many years Mr. Shine has been one of Bellefonte's most faithful drymen and by thrift and economy accumulated enough to buy a home at State College. He will continue the draying business there and also rent rooms to students during the college season.

Patent kid and doggola strap slippers for baby 25c, at Yeager's shoe store.

Rev. A. M. Schmidt, of the Reformed church, preached a very timely sermon on Sunday evening when he discussed the evils of young girls running the streets day and night and promiscuously making the acquaintance of every stranger they come across. He referred to this as one of the greatest social problems of the present day, for which a solution and remedy must soon be found if we would preserve the chastity and purity of young womanhood.

Beginning yesterday evening the majority of the stores in Bellefonte inaugurated the early closing movement, so that during the next two months they will close at six o'clock every evening except Wednesdays and Saturdays, when the usual hours will be observed. This (Friday) evening, however, they will keep open until a later hour owing to the fact that all the stores will close tomorrow at noon for the rest of the day.

W. R. Honser, who for a number of years was manager of the store of W. A. Gould & Bros., of Bribina, has resigned that position and moved his family to Bellefonte, into the house owned by Mr. Sechler on Willowbank street. Mr. Honser's health is such that he was compelled to get out of the close confinement of the store room and he has now accepted a position on the road for Colebourne Bros., of Baltimore, wholesale dealers in produce.

Ladies \$2.00 Russia calf oxfords now \$1.50; ladies \$2.50 Russia calf oxfords now \$1.75; ladies \$2.00 patent calf oxfords now \$1.25, at Yeager's shoe store.

And now it is rumored that the Pennsylvania railroad company contemplaning plates through freights from Altoona to Harrisburg by way of the Bald Eagle and Philadelphia and Erie railroads. By this route one train crew could do the work that three crews are now doing. The only advantage such an arrangement would have aside from benefiting the railroad company would be the probable placing of one extra crew both at Tyrone and Lock Haven.

While fishing from the foot bridge back of the spring about 9:30 o'clock last Saturday evening T. H. Harter caught a California rainbow trout which measured 22 1/2 inches and weighed 4 1/2 pounds. This was the largest trout of this species caught in this locality in years and considering the fact that it was caught on a No. 14 hook and Newville midge fly, and landed with a four ounce rod, the feat is an unusual one. Mr. Harter gave the trout to the Bellefonte hospital.

Beware of the toy pistol and blank cartridges tomorrow. Naturally every patriotic youngster, as well as some older people, will want to celebrate the Fourth in good old style. But while you are doing so don't fail to exercise due precaution when handling explosives. All over the country there is always a trail of injury and death following in the wake of July 4th, and for this reason you cannot be too careful. And while you are taking care of yourself remember that it is not only ungentlemanly and unkind but very dangerous to point a pistol at a person even if you are shooting blank cartridges only; and equally so to light a firecracker and then throw it into a crowd of people. In a word, don't act foolish.

Curtin township must be the abiding place of some very charming girls if the story from there of the severe pomelling two men gave each other because of one is correct. According to the story Jake Brickley and a young man by the name of Weaver got into an altercation at Robb's store, last Friday evening, over a girl and as they could not settle the matter amicably decided to have it out with their fists. Brickley was getting the better of Weaver when the latter's brother, Austin Weaver, interfered with the result that Brickley knocked them both out. In fact Austin Weaver was so badly hurt that he is now in the Lock Haven hospital where it is said his injuries are quite serious. One side of his face, even to the jaw bone was literally hammered into a pulp while the jaw bone on the other side of the face was broken. The man was taken to Howard where physicians fixed him up as well as possible after which he was taken to the Lock Haven hospital. So far no arrests have been made.

OH, WHAT A DIAMOND!—The above exclamation is heard scores of times every day, but it does not have reference to a precious stone, but the public square in front of the court house. Ruts and holes and mud are about the only words that describe its condition correctly. There is not in far better condition than the Diamond, and so far there is no tangible evidence of any intention to repair it soon.

Of course we are aware of the fact that an application is pending for a state road through Bellefonte, but said application has been pending so long that its being granted this year, at least, is problematical. The Diamond is not only a nightmare to all automobilists and drivers of vehicles but an eyesore to every man and woman who has the beauty of the town at heart. Even if it is not deemed expedient to repair it permanently it could be put in a passably fair condition with a few loads of crushed limestone which would be far better than allowing it to remain as it is.

And the pavement in front of the court house yard and soldier's monument is in little better condition than the Diamond. If the Street committee was to find such a pavement as that on one of the far out streets of the town they would compel the owner to repair it at once, while that pavement is allowed to be there, the most prominent spot in the town. If it is true, as alleged, that the county commissioners have signified their willingness to put down a new concrete pavement just as soon as council gives them a grade, then it is little less than criminal negligence or carelessness on their part that the grade is not given. The WATCHMAN does not wish to pose as a cranker, but complaints as to the above are heard so persistently on all sides that we cannot help calling attention to the matter.

NATIONAL GUARD CAMP.—Before another issue of the WATCHMAN reaches its readers company B, of this place, will be in camp at Gettysburg where the annual encampment of the National Guard will this year be held. If the boys in blue contemplate having an easy time at camp this year they had better disabuse their minds of that fact prior to leaving for camp, as the arrangements as now mapped out are for a week of very hard work along a different line from any heretofore pursued.

Since June 8th a detachment of men from the new engineer company, of Soranton, under command of Capt. Danney, have been at Gettysburg and have surveyed a stretch of ground covering twenty-four square miles, and which includes some of the most strategic points of the old Gettysburg battlefield. The ground is undulating with frequent stretches of timber, making an ideal country over which troops can maneuver under cover. Maps of the land have been made and it is the purpose during the week of the encampment to put the troops through a series of sham battles as near real warfare as it is possible to do without bloodshed. A detachment of regular troops will assist in the mimic warfare. The Second brigade, in which is the Fifth regiment, will this year be camped in the vicinity of the peach orchard, or the farthest away from Gettysburg of any of the troops. Advance details will leave for Gettysburg to prepare the camp on Tuesday, July 14th, and the entire division must be on the ground and thoroughly settled for camp life by the 17th.

TOMORROW'S BIG PICNIC.—Are you going to the big picnic of the Undine fire company at Hecla park tomorrow? Because if you are not you will be one of the very few stay-at-homes. Most everybody else is going and the indications are it is going to be one of the biggest picnics the Undines ever held. In addition to the usual line of amusements there will be two good games of baseball this year instead of one. The Milton and Watstown teams of the Susquehanna league will be the opposing nines both in the morning and afternoon and as both teams are playing fast ball the games alone will be worth spending the day at the park. Another extra attraction promised is company B in full uniform with a sham battle in the afternoon. One or more good bands will be present to enliven the day with music while the orchestra will play in the pavilion all afternoon and evening for those who want to dance. The usual excursion rates and good train service will prevail on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. Watch for the big street parade the Undines will give this (Friday) evening.

The complete program for the day is as follows:

FORENOON. 10.00 o'clock—Band concert. 10.30 "—Base ball, Milton vs. Watstown. 11.00 "—Sack race. 12 to 1.30—Dinner. AFTERNOON. 2.00 o'clock—Band concert. 2.30 "—Eating contest. 3.00 "—Base ball, Milton vs. Watstown. 3.30 "—Tub race. 4.00 "—Dressed pig race. 5.00 "—Military drill by Company B. 6 to 7 "—Supper. EVENING. 7.15 o'clock—Watermelon eating contest. 7.30 "—Sham battle by Company B. 8.00 "—Fireworks in great profusion.

REUNION OF LUTHERANS.—The annual reunion of the Central Pennsylvania Lutherans will be held at Lakemont park on Thursday, July 23rd. A splendid program has been prepared for afternoon and evening and a great social and intellectual treat is in store for all. The musical and oratorical talent is of the highest order and will prove to be a great feast to all Lutherans and their friends. The officers of the reunion association are: Rev. C. M. Arnaud, president; Rev. D. P. Drawbaugh, secretary; Charles Geesey Esq., chorister, and Woods Rilling, treasurer.

A few farmers in the county have begun cutting grain.

News Parly Personal

Mrs. F. Potts Green is visiting friends in Millburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Casebeer left on Wednesday for a ten day's vacation.

H. S. Ray went to New York city Sunday evening, returning on Thursday.

Mrs. Henry C. Quigley spent Wednesday at the Capt. J. A. Quigley home in Blanchard.

Mrs. Emil Joseph and son Emanuel returned last Friday from a six weeks trip to New York city.

Albert Hoy, of Providence, R. I., will arrive in Bellefonte today for his annual summer vacation.

Misses Della Clark and Sarah Foster left yesterday for a week's visit with friends in Altoona.

Mrs. W. B. Dix, of Dayton, Ohio, arrived in Bellefonte this week expecting to spend most of the summer here.

Mrs. Sue McMicken went to Clearfield last Friday where she expects to visit friends for some time to come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy Johnston and children spent Sunday with Mr. Johnston's parents near Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lukenbach spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Lukenbach and family in Tyrone.

C. T. Gerberich returned on Saturday from visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. C. Wetzel and family, at Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Doll and two children, of Altoona, are in Bellefonte for their annual visit among their many friends.

Mr. P. F. Ketchline and son William took a run to Tyrone on Sunday in their automobile and spent the day with friends.

Miss Ann Harris left this week to join a party from Tyrone for a week's outing and fishing at Longfellow on the Juniata river.

Mrs. George C. VanDyke, who with her daughter Mary are visitors at her parental home, Hon. and Mrs. John Noll.

Rev. J. Allison Platts was in Mt. Union on Sunday where he assisted in the devotional services of the New Presbyterian church.

After a pleasant week's visit with his sister, Mrs. D. L. Willard, Leslie T. Hayes left for his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday.

Iaac Chambers, who is employed in Philadelphia, was home over Sunday visiting his parents, Col. and Mrs. Edward R. Chambers.

Mrs. Harry Garbrick and little daughter Alice, of Coleville, left Wednesday morning for a two weeks visit at grandpa Crisman's at Pittsburg.

W. E. Mingle, cashier of the Pennsylvania Banking company, at Centre Hall, has gone to Mt. Clemens, Mich., for treatment for nervous trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ishler, of Pittsfield, Mass., have been in Bellefonte the past week visiting Mr. Ishler's parents, ex-sheriff and Mrs. W. A. Ishler.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Katz with their children and Mrs. Aaron Katz drove to Oak Hall on Sunday where they spent the day with the Edward Sellers family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Finkelstein, of Harrisburg spent the past week in Bellefonte enjoying their honeymoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Finkelstein.

Peter Robb, Jr., of Romola, was a Bellefonte visitor on Wednesday and left enough of good Curtin township money with us to buy an armful of fireworks for tomorrow.

Fred Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Lane, returned last Friday from Philadelphia where he had been the past three months attending the Pierce business college.

J. Thomas Mitchell, Esq., returned on Monday from a three weeks trip east. His time was spent in Boston and its suburbs, where Mrs. Mitchell is spending the summer.

The WATCHMAN office was favored on Tuesday with a call from Hugh P. Baker, professor of forestry at State College, and W. H. von Bayer, of the United States Department of Forestry.

Rev. John Victor Royer, of Bakerton, passed through Bellefonte on Monday to join his wife and child who have been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Faxon, at Rebersburg.

Miss Ursula Bayard returned home on Tuesday from a six months sojourn in Williamsport, and Miss Carrie arrived home on Wednesday from Unionville for her summer vacation.

Miss Margaret McKnight returned the latter part of last week from Philadelphia bringing with her Dorothy, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKnight, who will stay with her aunt until her parents come up for their regular summer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller are now in Bellefonte stopping at the home of Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Smith. As a side issue during the summer season Mr. Smith is canvassing the town in the interest of the Equitable Life Insurance company, of Iowa.

W. L. Daggett, landlord of the Bush house, with his son Randolph left on Saturday for a visit with his brother at Hughesville. Mr. Daggett's health has so much improved of late that he and his friends concluded a change would do him good hence he decided to take a little trip and see his brother.

Mrs. Anna H. Peifer, of Wilkesburg, widow of the late Grant Peifer, has been visiting Centre county friends the past ten days or two weeks and on Monday was a pleasant caller at the WATCHMAN office. Though it seems only a few years since the family left Bellefonte Mrs. Peifer has a grownup son (a fact you would not think from her youthful appearance) who now holds a good position in one of the Wilkesburg banks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Strawn and little daughter arrived in Bellefonte from Dawson last Saturday morning, having made the trip in their Franklin runabout. They left Dawson at six o'clock Friday morning and came by the way of Ligonier, Johnstown, Ebensburg, Loretto, Cresson, Altoona and Tyrone. They had a good run and would have reached Bellefonte the same evening but just beyond Tyrone they ran over a piece of glass and cut a big slit in one of the tires, and by the time the repairs were made it was late and they concluded to stay in Tyrone for the night. They have taken rooms at the Brookerhoff house and on Monday Mr. Strawn opened his broker's office in Citter's Exchange, representing Baxter & Co., of Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery Ward, of New York, arrived in Bellefonte last Thursday night after quite an eventful trip. They left Hempstead, Long Island, the Friday previous expecting to make a nice run to Bellefonte in their Maxwell car. On the way, however, they had a mishap by the breaking of parts of the motor and being unable to get the repairs anywhere Mr. Ward went to the factory at Tarrytown, N. Y., only to find when he returned to his car that he had gotten parts for a different model machine. In due time, however, he managed to get his machine fixed and they reached this place at eleven o'clock last Thursday night. The week was spent very pleasantly here as guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bell and yesterday they left on the trip home, taking with them Mr. and Mrs. Bell. On the way they will stop at Delaware Water Gap and other mountain resorts. Mr. Bell is going along merely for the automobile trip and will return by train as soon as they reach New York but Mrs. Bell will remain there several weeks of a month.

Francis Musser is visiting friends in Phillipsburg this week.

Miss Beatie Cooney is home from Middletown for her summer vacation.

George T. Brew, of Roncoveert, W. Va., was an arrival in Bellefonte yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Showers and Mrs. Catharine Gault have gone to Altoona for a week's visit.

Miss Edith Viehdoerfer, of Pine Glenn, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Miller in this place on Tuesday.

Miss Rebekah Lyon is home from Philadelphia for the summer and is stopping with Mrs. Fugh on Curtin street.

John Strayer, a former Bellefonte resident but now of Lock Haven, has been visiting old friends here this week.

Mrs. John Kottcamp, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is at State College for an extended visit with her father, Dr. W. S. Glenn.

Mrs. J. A. B. Miller and daughter Margaret left on Wednesday for a two weeks visit with the former's sister in Pittsburg.

Dr. and Mrs. Burns, of Toledo, Ohio, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Grimm and family on Thomas street; the doctor being a brother of Mrs. Grimm.

Mrs. W. L. Kurtz with her daughter's Annabelle and Emily, and sons, Wilfred and Jack, of Berlin, are at the home of Hon. and Mrs. Fred Kurtz in this place for a few weeks.

Mrs. L. C. Wetzel and children, of Toledo, Ohio, are here for a good visit at the home of Mrs. Wetzel's father, Mr. C. T. Gerberich; having accompanied the latter home last Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Bassett and three children, Miss Emily, Jean and Melvin, who have been visitors at the Hughes home at the Bellefonte Academy for some time, will leave today for their home at Sparrow's Point, Md.

Mrs. Hugh Boyle, with her little daughter Josephine, returned on Monday from visiting friends at Renovo and will spend this week with her mother, Mrs. Crislie Tanner, on Bishop St., before returning to her home in Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine left on Tuesday for a two weeks vacation. They will first visit their son Frank and family, at Reading, after which they will take in the sights at Atlantic City. They were accompanied to Reading by Mrs. Jessie Cox, who went there to join her husband, as they will make that city their future home.

BRIDGE PIER CONTRACT LET.—At a joint meeting of the commissioners of Centre and Clinton counties, held in this place last Thursday the bids for the building of the new concrete pier under the inter-county bridge at Beech Creek were opened and the contract awarded. There were three bidders, namely: Robert Meyers, of Flemington, \$9 per cubic yard. As it is estimated there will be ninety cubic yards of concrete the aggregate of his bid would be \$810. Kneisel and Rhoads, of this place, put in a bid for \$635 and G. W. Rockwell, of Sunbury, bid \$473. Being the lowest bidder he of course was awarded the contract. The pier is to be built at once.

FOURTH OF JULY TRAINS TO HECLA PARK.—On account of the Undine picnic at Hecla park tomorrow (Saturday) the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania will observe the following schedule:

Trains will leave Bellefonte for the park at 7:05, 9:00 and 10:30 a. m., and 12:45, 2:20, 5:30, 6:55 and 8:35 p. m.

Returning trains will leave Hecla park for Bellefonte at 9:15 a. m., and 4:41, 6:15, 8:00, 8:15 and 11:15 o'clock p. m.

The Bellefonte Academy camping party which has been in camp near the new driving park at Snow Shoe the past two weeks, broke camp on Tuesday and returned home. They report having had a most delightful time even though they were compelled to kill four rattlesnakes and a blacksnake. The reptiles were all large ones and as mementoes of the outing the girls in the party will have belts made out of the skins.

M. Rogers, of Baltimore, an expert shoe maker and repairer, has leased the room in the Cridder building formerly occupied by Charles Miller's cigar store and on Tuesday opened up a shoe store and a repair shop therein.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Potatoes per bushel, Eggs per dozen, Lard, Country shoulders, Sides, Ham, Fallow per pound, Butter per pound.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by C. Y. Wagoner.

The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes press:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Ground Flaxseed, Buckwheat, Cloverseed, Timothy seed per bushel.

Philadelphia Markets.

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

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Wheat-No. 2, Corn, Oats, Flour, Penna. Choice, Rye Flour Per Br., Favorite Brands, Rye Flour Per Br., Baled Hay-Choice, Mixed, Straw.

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