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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Centre county is represented at the West Chester State Normal school this year with five students, as follows: Clarence E. Farst, Buffalo Run; Lottie M. Harrison and Esther E. Noll, Pleasant Gap; Mabel M. Vonada, Madisonburg, and Vera Wynn, Phillipsburg.

We omitted to mention the fact last week that James K. Barnhart had been up Buffalo Run valley on a hunting trip and came home with six rabbits. Of course he was accompanied by both a good dog and a good friend, though he stoutly avers that he shot at least two of the rabbits himself.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swiler entertained thirty-eight members of Queen Temple Lodge, No. 51, ladies auxiliary to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, at their home on Beaver street. Of course it goes without saying that all present had a very pleasant time.

It is really remarkable what a large number of really pretty girls there are in Bellefonte who cannot read. At least they pay no attention to it when the "Ladies please remove your hats" sign is thrown on the canvass at the Seenic theatre, and the only inference is that they cannot read it, as those who can invariably take off their hats.

The stock market continues strong though the majority of opinions are for a sharp reaction. All the leading stocks have reached top prices in two years and some have made new records, while even little George Washington has started on an upward movement that is surprising, though pleasing, to a number of Centre county investors.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church will hold Home Missionary services in their church at Meyers cemetery, on Buffalo Run, on Thanksgiving evening, November 26th, for the benefit of the church. An excellent program has been prepared for the occasion. There will be a number of speakers present besides the local talent, together with the pastor, Rev. Harnish, who will assist in making it one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

Next Thursday, November 26th, will be Thanksgiving day and already the thrifty housewife (who has the money to afford it) is looking around for the Thanksgiving turkeys, which by the way, are more plentiful this year than they have been for some time and consequently much lower in price. Within the week turkeys have sold in Bellefonte for fourteen and fifteen cents a pound, though there may be a slight advance in the next few days. Turkey or no turkey, those of us who have good health have much to be thankful for anyway.

If you feel kind of blue and out of sorts with yourself this evening go to the Seenic theatre and the half hour's entertainment will not only cheer you up mentally but fix you up physically. A great big program of interesting pictures and a delightful song by Mr. Joe Smith all for five cents. Nothing like it in this or adjoining towns. T. Clayton Brown, the manager, is making good his promise to give the people of Bellefonte the very best that can be secured in the motion picture line, and this is the reason the Seenic is always crowded. Don't miss tonight and tomorrow night's exhibitions.

The will of the late William L. Steele was probated this week. In it the testator leaves his wife the income from his entire estate during her life, as well as all his personal property and the lots on Logan street recently purchased from the Burns estate. At her death his daughter, Miss Olive Steele, who for a number of years has been his bookkeeper, is to receive four hundred dollars and the balance of the estate is then to be divided equally among all his children. Mrs. Steele and James K. Barnhart are named as executors and Dr. M. A. Kirk, C. K. Kieken and C. Y. Wagner appraisers of the estate. At the time of his death Mr. Steele owned eighteen houses.

A well filled house greeted Clifton L. Mallory in "David Garrick," at the opera house Tuesday night for the benefit of the Logan fire company. The play was well staged and costumed and Mr. Mallory played the star part very well and to the entire satisfaction of his audience. His ability was perhaps all the more noticeable because his support was not up to the standard. The gross receipts of the house were about \$175 and the Logans will clear out of their share between fifty-five and sixty dollars. Mr. Mallory is no stranger in Bellefonte and it was under his direction that the play "Vermont" was produced by a home talent company in this place some eight or ten years ago. For the past five or six years he has been engaged in playing the part of David Garrick which naturally accounts for his proficiency now.

CUPP.—On Thursday afternoon of last week John Cupp died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Price, in Tyrone. He was stricken with paralysis last January and never fully recovered, although he was able to be up and around until about three weeks prior to his death, when he grew worse and gradually became weaker until the end.

Deceased was born in Dauphin county, July 31st, 1834, so that he was 74 years, 4 months and 11 days old. When a boy his parents moved to Centre Line, this county, where his early life was spent and where he followed farming until the breaking out of the Civil war when he enlisted in the 103rd regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, serving three years and three months. At the close of the war he returned to Centre county where he lived until 1881 when he moved to Tyrone, where for a number of years he was employed in the motive power department of the Pennsylvania railroad company. He was a member of the United Brethren church and of the G. A. R.

His wife died a number of years ago but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. Joseph A. Price, Perry Cupp and Howard Copp, of Tyrone; William, of Springdale; H. B., of Altoona; Mrs. Hattie Reighart, of Kittanning; Mrs. Ella Boyer, of Williamsport, and David Copp, of Vandegrift. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Henry, Perry, and Samuel, of Centre Line; Frank, of Port Matilda; David, of Marengo; Joseph, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Susan Myer, of Thomas-town. Rev. T. P. Orner officiated at the funeral which was held on Sunday afternoon, interment being made in the Grandview cemetery, at Tyrone.

ALTENDERFER.—At eight o'clock on Monday morning Mrs. M. L. Altenderfer died at her home on Howard street. She had been ill with heart disease the past six months and on Friday suffered a slight stroke of paralysis which resulted in such serious complications that her death followed at the time above stated.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brown and was born at Jersey Shore about forty-three years ago. She was married to M. L. Altenderfer in 1890 and in 1892 the family moved to Bellefonte and this has been their home ever since. When ten years of age she became a member of the Presbyterian church and up until sickness overtook her was a faithful attendant and active worker in both the church and Sunday school. Though of a somewhat retiring disposition she was a woman much beloved by those whose privilege it was to know her in her own home. To mourn her death are left her husband and four children, namely: Girard, Elsie, Margaret and Ruth. She also leaves two brothers and two sisters, as follows: Harry L. and G. B. Brown, Mrs. A. L. English and Mrs. T. C. Digler, all of Jersey Shore. The funeral was held from the house at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. J. Allison Platte officiated at the services and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

HICKS.—J. Bayard Hicks died at his home in San Francisco, California, on Tuesday, November 11th. He was a son of the late Edward and Mary Hicks and was born at Londongrove, Chester county. Bellefonters will be especially interested in this announcement because of the fact that the deceased was at one time a resident of Bellefonte when he was associated with his brothers, Harry K. and Thomas R., in the hardware store of H. K. Hicks and Bro., located on Allegheny street in the room now occupied by Naginey's armiture store. When the firm failed in the latter eighties and was bought out by H. A. McKee & Co., Bayard Hicks went to California, Thomas to Philadelphia and Harry K. to Kennett Square. Of the three brothers Harry is the only one now living as Thomas died just about six weeks ago. The nature of the disease that resulted in Mr. Hicks' death has not been learned at this writing.

WESNER.—Isadore F. Wesner died quite suddenly at his home in Tyrone on Monday morning. He had been well as usual on Sunday but Sunday night he had a slight attack of indigestion and early Monday morning he had a severe stroke of paralysis from which he never rallied but died about seven o'clock that morning.

Deceased was born at Bald Eagle and was forty-nine years old. Some years ago he moved to Tyrone and had been employed in the paper mill ever since. He was married in 1900 to Miss Malinda Packer who survives with no children. He also leaves his aged father, four brothers and three half sisters. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Tyrone and Rev. George T. Gunter officiated at the funeral which was held on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in Grandview cemetery.

PETERS.—On Monday afternoon Mrs. Blanche Peters, wife of Joseph Peters, died at her home on the W. T. Speer farm near Pleasant Gap after an illness of about three weeks. She was a daughter of John and Mary Kline and was born in Howard township about forty years ago. For the past sixteen years the family has lived near Pleasant Gap. She was a member of the Methodist church and a conscientious christian woman.

Left to mourn her death are her husband and five children, namely: Lewis, Cora, Homer, Nellie and Leonard. Three brothers, Samuel, Charles and Albert Kline, also survive. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. David Sowers officiating and interment being made in the cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

EDMUNSTON.—A sad death at State College at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon was that of Walter Edmunston. Early last week he contracted a bad cold which rapidly developed into pleura-pneumonia and death resulted after only five days' illness.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edmunston and was born at State College about thirty years ago. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade and has followed that occupation since. About a year ago, while working on the new agricultural building at the College the scaffolding broke and Mr. Edmunston fell to the ground, sustaining injuries that laid him up for some months. He was a member of the Methodist church, of the State College Lodge I. O. O. F., and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

About ten years ago he was married to Miss Ida Cole a daughter of Mr. Roberts Cole, of this place, who survives with five small children. He also leaves his father and step-mother, one brother, Harry, and a sister, Miss Cora, all of State College. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Charles Snavely officiated at the house and burial in the Branch cemetery was made according to the ritual of the Odd Fellows.

AIKEY.—Mrs. Cora May Aikey, wife of George Aikey, died at her home at Parvin on November 8th, after a lingering illness with tuberculosis. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harter and was born near Bellefonte, being 28 years, 10 months and 1 day old. In addition to her husband she is survived by two children, Thomas and Catharine; her mother and the following brothers and sisters: Clement, of Jacksonville; Harry of Nigh Bank; Geo. of St. Louis; Albert, of Reno; Franklin, of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Bella Hile, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Laura Breen, of Axe Mann; Mrs. Edna S. Stamm, of Parvin. She also leaves the following half brothers and sisters: John, of Clintonville; William, of Eagleville; Mrs. Susan Bank, of Williamsport; Mrs. Jennie Fatzinger, of Milton; Mrs. Sadie Woerner, of Chicago, and Mrs. Emma Dale, of Houserville. The funeral was held on November 11th, interment being made in the Zion cemetery.

PLETCHER.—Miss Eliza G. Pletcher was born near Howard, Centre county, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and died in the Proctor hospital, Peoria, Ill., November 10th, 1908. She was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Baker Pletcher. In 1854 she removed with her parents to Kendall county, Ill., where she has made her home ever since. In July she went to Chatsworth, Illinois, to visit her sister, Mrs. John Brickley, and was taken sick while there. An operation being deemed necessary she was removed to the hospital where she died.

She is survived by three sisters and two brothers and hosts of other relatives and friends. She will have many relatives in Centre county who had grieved to learn of her death.

DUNCAN.—Robert H. Duncan, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday of last week, after a week's illness. He was born at Spring Mills, May 1st, 1831, hence was 77 years, 6 months and 10 days old. For many years he conducted a general mercantile business at Spring Mills and later moved to Phillipsburg. He was a resident of that town about eight years and then moved to Washington, D. C. He is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter, as follows: D. Wallace Duncan, of Washington; A. H., of Phillipsburg, and Mrs. E. G. Kennedy, of Sioux Falls, S. D. The funeral was held on Friday, the remains being taken to Milton for interment.

LONG.—William Long, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Long, of Blanchard, died at his home in Blanchard on Wednesday of last week. He had been ill for a number of months with stomach trouble and of late had become so bad that it was decided to take him to a specialist in Philadelphia but death ensued before arrangements to do so could be completed. He was forty-nine years old and was born at Blanchard where the earlier years of his life were spent. Surviving him are his wife and several children; one brother, Charles Long, of Mill Hall, and a sister, Mrs. William Austin, of Blanchard. The funeral was held on Saturday, burial being made at Blanchard.

EDMUNSTON.—Mrs. Nannie J. Edmunston, wife of Wilbur E. Edmunston, of Tyrone, died on Sunday morning after four years' illness with tuberculosis. Deceased was thirty-two years old and was born at Fowler, this county. She was married to Mr. Edmunston in 1894 and has since made her home in Tyrone. She is survived by her husband and three small children; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Nearhood, one brother and three sisters. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, interment being made in the Grandview cemetery, Tyrone.

Rev. James B. Stein on Sunday preached the first of a series of sermons on fools, his subject being "The Unbelieving, or Atheistic Fool." A sermon on fools of one kind or another will be preached each Sunday evening and if the reverend intends to continue these discourses until he has covered all kinds he will have to get a special dispensation from the church to extend his time limit if he wants his Bellefonte parishioners to hear the finish.

Misses Anna and Caroline Valentine, of this place, with Miss Mary Valentine, of Baltimore, will in a short time sail for Europe, expecting to spend the winter traveling.

WHO WROTE DAVID GARRICK?—In the notice in last week's WATCHMAN of the play of "David Garrick," which appeared at the opera house on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Logan fire company, it was referred to as a Shakespearean play. The item, by the way, was from a sheet of printed notices furnished by the agent and the statement of its being the work of Shakespeare slipped through notwithstanding the vigilance of the editor. Our attention being called to the error during the week we desired to make a correction this week and, not being certain of the author's name naturally supposed it would be a small matter to look it up. The New American encyclopaedia was referred to but in vain. Then inquiry was made of various individuals in Bellefonte, including booksellers, bookworms, teachers and professors, lawyers and others and it was really surprising what a lot of people wrote the book. One or two declared that Shakespeare wrote the book even though he was dead a century and a half before Garrick was born. Others gave Goldsmith, Johnson, Robertson, etc., and at this writing we have not obtained definite information as to the author.

A book called the "Memoirs of David Garrick" was written in 1833 by P. Davies, an apparently unknown writer as his name does not appear in the encyclopaedia. In 1868 another book dealing with the life of David Garrick was written by Arthur Murray and he also must have been comparatively unknown as no reference to him is made in the encyclopaedia. The play "David Garrick" was written in 1863 by T. C. Robertson but whether it was dramatized from Davies' "Memoirs of Garrick" or the product of the author's brain alone we have been unable to discover. Therefore if any reader of the WATCHMAN can throw any further light on the subject we would be glad to have it.

FIRE BRICK COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS.—Just forty-nine stockholders were represented at the annual meeting of the Hays Run fire brick company at Orvis last Friday morning. An exhaustive report presented by Karl Legner, an expert auditor, showed the company to be in a sound and flourishing condition. They now have twenty kilns in operation and have in course of erection an extension which, when completed, will make the main building 70x500 feet in size and will give the plant an output of one hundred thousand brick per day. Business during the past month or so has been fairly good and the indications are for continued improvement, as the company is now booking orders daily.

When it came to the election of officers for the ensuing year it was deemed advisable to increase the board of directors from five to seven and the following were chosen: Judge Ellis L. Orvis, of Bellefonte; John R. Stevenson, George R. Thompson, B. F. Brown, W. O. Bentley and W. I. Harvey, of Lock Haven, and Charles R. Kurtz, of Bellefonte. The board then elected the following officers: President, Ellis L. Orvis; vice president, John R. Stevenson; secretary, W. O. Bentley; treasurer, I. L. Harvey. Carroll Keller was elected general manager to take the place of W. I. Harvey who resigned on account of ill health.

STOLEN IN ORDER TO VISIT SICK MOTHER.—Charles F. Wanner, a substitute mail carrier in Greensburg, Pa., is under arrest and now awaiting the action of the United States district court on the charge of stealing a mileage book from the mails. On October 21st George Wiley, of Alverton, mailed a letter in which was enclosed a mileage book to George S. Ramsey, at Greensburg. Ramsey never received the book and an investigation disclosed the fact that the book had been used by someone who had ridden from Greensburg to Snow Shoe. Wanner's home was known to be at Snow Shoe and he was arrested after which he broke down and confessed. He stated that his mother was very ill and wanted to see him and as he had no money he yielded to temptation and took the mileage book from the letter. He declared it was the only thing he had ever stolen from the mails and would not have taken the book but for the reason given. His case and confession is in the hands of United States commissioner William T. Lindsey, of Altoona.

ASSISTANT PRIEST LOCATED HERE.—Rev. Father McArdle has been given an assistant priest to assist him in the work of the parish of St. John's Catholic church in the person of Rev. Father Alois O'Hanlon, who came here last week from Savannah, Ga. Father O'Hanlon will devote most of his time to the work at State College where there are now sixty-eight students, members of the Catholic church and where services will be held regularly each Sunday. It is very likely that the Howard district which has heretofore been covered by the priest at Lock Haven, will be transferred to the Bellefonte parish in the near future when Father O'Hanlon will divide his services between that place and State College as well as assist Father McArdle in the work here. Father O'Hanlon is a native of Pittsburg, is a young man of fine appearance and an eloquent and forceful speaker.

BELLEFONTE HOSPITAL DONATION.—The annual donation day for the benefit of the Bellefonte hospital will be observed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26th, and contributions are respectfully solicited. Money, fuel, music for band-ages, provisions, clothing for patients and other useful articles of any kind will be thankfully received. Address all letters and packages in care of the superintendent of the hospital; or if notified same will be called for. If more convenient donations may be made in advance of the 26th inst.

THE FIRST SNOW.—The first snow of the season fell last Saturday and just to emphasize the fact that it was a snow about six inches of the beautiful came down. While snow in November is not an unheard-of thing by any means yet six inches of it on the 14th of the month is rare enough to cause more than passing comment. And if the weather man had just stopped at the snow he undoubtedly would have been considered in a more kindly manner but when he followed it up with the real winter weather of Sunday night it combined to make a weather condition of such rarity as to date history from. In the event that WATCHMAN readers forgot to look at their thermometers on Monday morning we will just state that the lowest the mercury reached in Bellefonte was two degrees below zero and that point was indicated on three thermometers at widely different parts of the town. The coldest in the county, so far as the writer learned, was at Snow Shoe where it was seven degrees below zero.

If the old saw that we will have as many snows during the winter as the day of the month on which the first snow fell holds good in this case, then we will have just fourteen snows and the forepart of the winter will be the severest. But while the average citizen may not take very lovingly to the snow and cold at this time of year the former was no doubt appreciated by the hundreds of hunters who went out on the mountains on Saturday for the opening of the deer season Monday, as they, for once, had a good tracking snow to begin the season with.

SIS PERKINS COMING.—"Sis Perkins" is a happy combination of rattling good comedy and thrilling dramatic scenes. It is built up of the material that appeals to theatre goers who admire the simple virtues. The villain can always be relied on to merit the honest hatred of his audience and the comedians have iron-bound contracts with the audience which guarantees a laugh every thirty seconds. The play admits of novel scenic effects and the company presenting it has a well established reputation for capable work. Sis Perkins will be at the opera house Monday evening, November 23rd, and the owner, Charles Jay Smith, will give a guarantee with every reserved seat ticket that any purchaser not satisfied with the performance at the end of the first act can go to the box office and get their money back.

HOSPITAL NOTES.—Misses Susie and Sadie Dannelly, who were hurt in the wreck on the Bellefonte Central railroad several weeks ago, have entirely recovered and were sent home from the Bellefonte hospital on Tuesday.

Pietro Bocarolo, an Italian who had his right foot crushed at the Armor Gap quarry of the American Lime and Stone company, is getting along very well.

Raymond Baird, of Milesburg, who had his hand crushed in the printing press at the match factory last week, will lose all his fingers, only the thumb remaining.

Mrs. Boyd Nolan was operated on Tuesday and Miss Violet Longacre, who underwent an operation last week, is getting along very nicely.

STATE'S BASKET BALL SCHEDULE.—Manager Lindemuth, of the State College basketball team, has completed his schedule for the coming season, which is as follows, subject to the ratification of the faculty committee and graduate manager: Dec. 11—Harrisburg Athletic Club at State College. Dec. 14—Open. Dec. 15—University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. Dec. 16—George Washington at Washington, D. C. Jan. 15—Wyoming Seminary at State College. Feb. 3—Allegheny College at State College. Feb. 6—Franklin and Marshall at State College. Feb. 15—Pittsburg Collegians at State College. Feb. 19—Swarthmore at State College. Feb. 20—Bucknell at Lewisburg. Feb. 22—West Point at West Point. Feb. 23—Manhattan at New York city. Feb. 24—Swarthmore at Swarthmore.

MEN'S MASS MEETING.—The monthly men's mass meeting under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the court house next Sunday at 3:30 o'clock p. m. A special feature of this meeting will be a monologue recital of Ralph Connor's work, "The Doctor," by Prof. Earl G. Thornton, an instructor at the Ithaca Conservatory of music. Mr. Thornton's adaptation of "The Doctor" emphasizes a sermon from the lives of two male characters which the author has carefully woven into this excellent story. There is no doubt but that this service will leave a helpful influence on the lives of all who attend. Every man is invited.

EVANGELIST B. F. CAMPBELL.—The annual revival services of the United Evangelical church will begin Sunday, December 6th. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Hower, will conduct the services alone the first week but from the 14th to the end of the month he will be assisted by Evangelist B. F. Campbell, who comes to Bellefonte very highly recommended as both a sweet singer and an earnest minister of the old truths. He has had fifteen years of successful evangelistic work in various denominations. Remember the date, December 14-31.

Interesting Facts About Oklahoma.

From an old Centre counsiler, who has traveled over many States in this Union and is now a resident of Oklahoma, we have received the following letter descriptive of the youngest State in the Union. It contains so much of interest and news, even to those who may think they know much about Oklahoma, that we are glad to publish it in full, and will welcome any further letters the writer may see fit to favor us with:

MUSKOGEE, November 7th, 1908. Editor Watchman: Thinking possibly some of your readers might care to know some facts concerning this booming new State, I offer some observations and data, from reliable sources. Although the sound of the Indian whoop has scarcely died away from our ears, yet this giant, with her million and a half of white people, had to stand waiting for admission to the Union, through fear it would become a Democratic State. That fear was well founded because at first settlement over half the immigrants, especially in the southern half of the State, were from further south. But now that land has gone up high a large share of these southerners are selling out to northern men, and the Texans are returning to cheaper lands.

At first, in the southern half of the State, cotton raising was the main crop. That is called a "nigger" crop, because it requires so much hand labor, which has become so scarce that the farmers are turning their attention more and more to wheat, corn, hogs and cattle.

The dividing lines between the whites and the blacks are sharply drawn in this State, and three considerable towns, or cities, as westerners say, do not allow negroes to live in them. I mean Blackwell, Norman and Hobart.

Of all the States I have traveled in I do not know of any, all things considered, that I like so well as Oklahoma. The climate is simply grand, the soil is fruitful, the productions are varied and many, the people are more exclusively American than anywhere I have ever been, the laws are the boiled down essence of older States, without their mob-bait notions. If you want to see how the "guarantee deposit" works, look at Oklahoma. The people put their money in these banks with the same confidence as if they were trusting it to Uncle Sam.

In other States the banks may be protected against outside robbers, but not against scoundrels inside. There is scarcely a town of upwards of five hundred people that has not its electric plant or natural gas supply, water works and sewerage. Last June, while I was on a visit to Centre county, an old-time friend told me that if I wanted to see a "monster" store, I should just step into a certain one in Bellefonte. Well I did so, and told him the fact that it is a mere toy-shop as compared with any one of three in Hobart, Oklahoma, before the town was a mere dot—and the same applies to a hundred other towns in this State.

The official records show that the State's taxable property is a little over eight hundred millions of dollars, that there are over five thousand miles of railroad. Last year's wheat crop was forty million bushels, and that of corn seventy-two million bushels; cotton a little over six hundred thousand bales, bank deposits, forty million dollars. The schools are largely supported from the rentals of school lands, valued at thirty-five million dollars at present. Of course this income will augment as the lands increase in value.

It has a State university, agricultural college, colored university, an Indian school and three State Normal schools, besides many preparatory grammar schools.

The summers are no hotter than in Centre county, and they have southern breezes that temper the sunshine, while the nights are always cool. Alfalfa is fast becoming the hay crop, but only a small percentage of it is fed at home, being chiefly shipped north. When fall comes the farmer turns his horses, cattle, etc., on the growing wheat where they pasture until spring. Very little ice forms during the winter, and the ground freezes but little, plowing goes on all through the winter.

The coal mines are mostly in the eastern part of the State, and are simply immense. The principal oil field is likewise in the eastern part, and the daily yield is in excess of ninety thousand barrels. This part is also the gas field, and it is piped in every direction, hundreds of miles. Kansas City and other large cities get their gas for cooking, heating, lighting, etc., from the Oklahoma field mainly.

Fruit raising is but in its infancy, yet it is very promising. A cotton field is a very pretty sight, the dark green leaves, the ragged blossoms and the ripe balls, like snow balls.

A word now about health: From some years of residence here, and also from observation, I consider that, generally, it is as healthy in Oklahoma as any place I have lived. All things considered I believe it beats most places for a lay farmer—one who wants nature to do much while he does little himself.

I have seen a great deal of the State, and could tell enough about it to fill a pamphlet. I have not written to advise anybody to make his home in the new State, but his chances are fair where he now has his home, for, although a wanderer myself, I am firmly of the belief in the truth of Poor Richard's saying, more than a hundred years ago:

I never saw an off removed tree, Nor yet an off removed family, That thrives so well as one that settled be." DANIEL McBRIDE.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.—On Wednesday afternoon Herman Lucas, the nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lucas, of Clarence, committed suicide by drinking laudanum and carbolic acid. The young man of late had frequent fits of despondency and on Wednesday morning made a threat that "he would do something to-day," though no one thought he meant to do anything rash. Shortly after dinner he drank the fatal dose and though everything possible was given him he died about four o'clock after several hours of terrible suffering. His parents, two brothers and one sister are left to mourn the death of their unfortunate relative. At this writing arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

The Leathers brothers, of Howard, have secured ninety-seven lots on the Foster farm at State College which they are now offering for sale.