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Possibly within the past half century a more impudent proposition than one this office has just received from Philadelphia, under date of June 16th, may have been made to the reputable newspapers of the State, but if so, the WATCHMAN has no knowledge or remembrance of it.

If the WATCHMAN needed commendation from such a source, or if the reputation of its editor was such that it required the affidavit of a paid affidavit maker to have the public believe his statements there might be some reason why he should enter into this deal.

But as he don't he can only express his contempt for the company or individual making such a proposition and his pity for the publisher whose reputation and word are at such a discount that a \$15 affidavit is needed to give them standing.

The WATCHMAN is not in that class.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Bishop W. H. Darlington, of Harrisburg, will be in Bellefonte over Sunday and will hold confirmation services in St. John's Episcopal church.

John Sebring Jr., yesterday delivered to Dr. Walter C. Kurtz, at Howard, an Oldsmobile touring car, the third of the kind he has sold within as many weeks.

A big delegation of students from Lock Haven Normal school held the first picnic for the season at Hecla park yesterday. Christie Smith's orchestra furnished the music for the dancing.

A meeting of the officers and directors of Centre county association in Philadelphia was held at the office of the president, Dr. Roland G. Curtin, on Monday evening and arranged for the holding of their annual summer basket picnic at Belmont mansion, Fairmount park, Saturday, June 26th, was named as the date, and while no invitations are issued all Centre countians are welcome to attend the same.

The most of the stores in Bellefonte are now closing at six o'clock in the evening which gives everybody an hour more spare time than they have heretofore had, and the one good place to spend it is at the Seenic. The room is always cool and pleasant and well ventilated and you are always sure of being very pleasantly entertained.

Motion picture makers are now putting out a better class of films than they did some months ago and T. Clayton Brown, manager of the Seenic, sees to it that he always gets the best on the market. This includes the product of the nine leading picture makers in the country, and are composed of splendid feature films as well as wholesome comedies. Will G. Laye continues to sing the illustrated songs and will be there for two weeks yet, and it is worth your while going just to hear him.

AUTOISTS IN DEEP WATER.—On Tuesday after seeing the great endurance run of the Quaker City Motor club H. S. Ray decided to make a little endurance run of his own in his Franklin car, and with Geo. A. Bezer, Charlie Keller, of Altoona, and Max Lindheimer, of Williamsport, he left shortly after dinner for the Lumber city. The run to Williamsport was made in good time and leaving Mr. Lindheimer at his home they decided to return home the same evening. They came along without a mishap until they reached Cedar Springs and there the old bridge over Cedar creek had been taken out for the purpose of replacing it with a concrete structure to conform with the state road being built there. It was then about ten o'clock at night and instead of going a half mile around to cross the creek the autoists decided to go through the ford. They got into midstream where the water was deep enough to reach the magnets with the result that the machine stopped, leaving them stranded in over two feet of water, ten feet from each shore and with nobody within hailing distance. Of course they exchanged a few not altogether complimentary condolences, inasmuch as it looked if they would have to camp there all night. Finally Keller removed his clothes and waded ashore, then dressing he went in search of a horse and eventually got the machine towed safely to dry land, but all efforts to get it to run proved fruitless, notwithstanding the men worked at it until three o'clock the next morning. They then gave it up, footed it back to Mill Hall and spent the night at the hotel and Wednesday had a man come out from Lock Haven and put the machine in running order, but it was five o'clock in the evening before they reached home. And now they all conclude that their endurance run was not much more of a success than that of the Quaker City club.

CALHOUN.—Mrs. Norman A. Calhoun, better known here as Miss Verna Lebkuecher, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lebkuecher, at Snow Shoe, at 10.40 o'clock on Sunday morning, after a lingering illness with heart trouble. She was born in Bellefonte and was within two days of being twenty-one years old. Her childhood days were spent here but a number of years ago her parents moved to Tyrone and later to Snow Shoe. Just about one year ago, or in June, 1908, she was married to Norman A. Calhoun, of Unionville. For six months the young couple resided in Snow Shoe but last January they moved to Tyrone where Mr. Calhoun secured a good position in the paper mill. Mrs. Calhoun became sick several months ago and soon after went to the home of her parents in Snow Shoe but her illness gradually became of a more serious nature with the result that her death ensued on Sunday.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her parents, one sister, Mrs. Joseph Shope, of Tyrone, and one brother, Edward, at home. Rev. George T. Gunter, of Tyrone, officiated at the funeral services which were held at the Lebkuecher home in Snow Shoe on Tuesday morning, after which the remains were taken to Unionville for interment in the cemetery at that place.

WILLIAMS.—Foster Claire Williams died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Williams, at Curtin, on Sunday evening, and his case was a peculiarly sad one. He was born at Port Matilda and was 25 years, 6 months and 5 days old. When but ten years of age his parents moved to Curtin and after completing his education in the public schools he took a course in the Bellefonte Academy. In 1903 he entered Potts business college in Williamsport for a course in short hand and stenography but had not been there a year when he was stricken with rheumatism and compelled to return home. He became so bad that he was compelled to stay in bed and for five years he had not been able to be up and around. From rheumatism his ailment developed into tuberculosis and that disease caused his death.

In the days of his young manhood he was a youth of great promise and his sad affliction and ultimate death is a hard blow to his family and friends. In addition to his parents he is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. J. Brooks, of Curtin, and one brother, Abednego, at home. Rev. R. S. Taylor, of the Methodist church, officiated at the funeral which was held at one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Curtin cemetery.

CONFERR.—Following an illness of four months or longer with diabetes and heart trouble Mrs. Emma S. Confer died at her home in Howard township at 11:30 o'clock last Thursday night.

Deceased was a daughter of John and Martha White and was born in Howard township December 18th, 1865, thus being 42 years, 5 months and 22 days old. She was united in marriage to G. Antis Confer in 1886 and all her life has been a resident of the vicinity in which she was born. She was a consistent member of the Fairview Evangelical church and a devout christian woman.

In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. Leonard Confer, Tessie Z., Florence G. and J. Gaylord, all of Howard; she also leaves her mother, Mrs. Martha White, and two brothers and one sister, namely: Charles W. and Joseph B. White, of Beech Creek, and Mrs. Mary E. Swartz, of Howard. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Sunday morning from the Fairview Evangelical church. Rev. J. R. Schriest officiated at the services and was assisted by Rev. W. W. Rhoads. Interment was made in the Schenck cemetery.

EVERHART.—On Thursday of last week John Everhart, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Seven Stars, Huntingdon county, after a short illness with paralysis. He was born in Pennsylvania and was sixty years of age. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a good substantial citizen who will be greatly missed by the community in which he made his home.

In addition to his widow he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Harry Gates, of Marengo; Mrs. Edwin Kocher and John H. Everhart, of Grayville; Samuel, of Boalsburg; and Mrs. M. B. Kocher, of Gatesburg, and Benjamin and Martha, at home. Funeral services were held at 8 o'clock at Seven Stars on Saturday afternoon. Rev. R. M. Campbell, of Seven Stars, officiated at the services. Burial was made in the cemetery at Seven Stars.

IRWIN.—Thomas J. Irwin died on Sunday at the home of his brother, Ed. Irwin, of Bellefonte, after a prolonged illness with a brain disease. He was born near Millburg, Pa., and was 55 years of age. Funeral services were held at his home on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. W. Rhoads officiated at the services and was assisted by Rev. W. W. Rhoads. Interment was made in the Schenck cemetery.

KNIFE.—William Knifemaker, who was the proprietor of the Spring Creek saw mill, died on Wednesday of last week at his home in Green Valley. He was 70 years of age and had been in the saw mill business for many years. He was a well known and respected citizen of the community in which he lived. Funeral services were held at his home on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. W. Rhoads officiated at the services and was assisted by Rev. W. W. Rhoads. Interment was made in the Schenck cemetery.

he had lived since. Surviving him are the following children: William Knoffinger, Mrs. William Irwin and Mrs. John Samsell, of Pleasant Gap, and Mrs. Ida Miller, of Bellefonte. The funeral was held at ten o'clock yesterday morning interment being made in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

BEZER.—BOOR.—A wedding in which Bellefonters will be interested was that of Edward C. Bezer, of Philipsburg, but well known in this place, and Miss Mary E. Boor, of Altoona. They were married at St. Mark's rectory in the latter city at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, Rev. N. J. O'Reilly performing the ceremony. The bridegroom is so well known in Bellefonte that nothing we could say would add to his desirability as a husband. He is now engaged in business in Philipsburg and is quite prosperous. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Philip Boor, manager of the Gem grocery store, in Altoona, and is well known as a vocalist, being a member of the choir of the Grace Lutheran church. After a honeymoon trip to New York, Boston and other points in the east they will take up their residence at Philipsburg.

GENOHER.—HAMILTON.—On Monday evening of last week Edward Genogher and Miss Edna Hamilton were quietly married at the Genogher home on High street, by Rev. D. Barshinger, of the United Brethren church. The attendants were Charles Taylor and Miss Blanche Genogher, and the young people succeeded in keeping the wedding a secret until Thursday evening. The young bridegroom went to Pittsburgh the day after his marriage where he secured a position, Mrs. Genogher expecting to leave for the Smoky city just as soon as her husband secures suitable apartments.

DAWSON.—NIXON.—Matthew L. Dawson and Miss Sara Nixon, both of Philipsburg, were quietly married at the parsonage of the First United Brethren church, in Altoona, at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Stiversen. The young couple will make their home in Philipsburg.

BRIDE OF TWO DAYS SHOT.—On Tuesday of last week Warren Nearhood, son of J. D. Nearhood, of Spruce Creek, but formerly of Rock Springs, this county, and Miss Mary Casper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Casper, of Franklinville, Huntingdon county, took a quiet little trip to Cumberland, Md., where they were married. They returned on Thursday and went to the home of the bridegroom's parents for the parental blessing. They were met on the porch and after the first rush of congratulations the bridegroom took off his coat and gave it to a younger sister to take into the house when a revolver in one of the pockets was discharged, the bullet entering the bride's back near the shoulder. She was taken to the Altoona hospital the same day and while the wound is a bad one it is not considered at all dangerous.

TRIAL LIST FOR SPECIAL COURT.—Following is the list of cases on the calendar for trial at the special session of court to be held next week, Judge Clinton B. Savidge, of Sunbury, presiding:

Pen Chemical company vs. Henry Kline and Mary C. Ammerman, et. al.
W. B. Mingle vs. Joseph M. Fetzer, two cases.

C. M. Bower's administrators vs. Joseph M. Fetzer.
John Bowden et. al. vs. The New York and Pennsylvania company.

E. C. Humes estate vs. Michael Hemmers, et. al.
George A. Bezer vs. Bellefonte borough.
Frank P. Blair vs. Glenn Harris Lumber company, two cases.

THAT BOROUGH ELECTRIC PLANT.—By the time this issue of the WATCHMAN reaches its many readers in Bellefonte the contract for the building of that new hydro-electric plant for the Bellefonte borough will very likely be let, as the special water committee expected to close the matter up last night. The contract will call for work to be begun at once, and this, it is expected, will be within a week or ten days. While no figures can be given this week in regard to what the plant will cost, it is stated upon reliable authority that the price will be within the original estimate of the borough engineer and considerably lower even than the lowest bid submitted for the construction of the entire plant, which was \$35,000.

BASEBALL NEWS.—The Central Pennsylvania baseball league is now under full sway, notwithstanding the fact that quite a number of games were postponed on account of rainy weather. The Bellefonte team played their second game last Saturday with Jersey Shore, at that place and were defeated by the score of 6 to 3. The Jersey Shore team defeated the Altoona team on Saturday at Altoona by the score of 4 to 0. Lock Haven and Bellefonte are scheduled to play a game here yesterday but, as usual, it rained all afternoon and there was no game.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.—At a meeting last Saturday of the county committee to select places for holding farmers' institutes the coming season but one application was presented, and that from the citizens of Aaronsburg, where the best meeting of last season was held, and it was promptly selected for the coming season. Inasmuch as the department at Harrisburg must know at once if there are any other localities desiring an institute next winter please notify, at once,

JOHN I. OLEWINE, Secy., Bellefonte, Pa.

JOHN ROBINSON COMING. THE CHILDREN ENJOY IT.—"Yes, the children wanted to come, and after much persuasion I consented to bring them."

How often has every American heard this remark in the managerie tent of the circus? Sometimes the speaker was perhaps a crusty old bachelor, who had escorted his little nephews and nieces to the wild beast of the jungle. Again, it was the proud parent, whose face beamed with paternal or maternal love, as the case might be, while watching the antics of the future congressmen or future stately matrons of society, as they beheld the swaying, ponderous form of the elephants. Of course, the old folks care not for the managerie. Far be it from the average man or woman to admit that he or she cares to tread the tanbark or sawdust and watch wild animals parading up and down their cages. This form of entertainment does not appeal to the adult. This is why many with children go to the circus. They want to see the show in order to tell the neighbors' children about it, or write to some little ones in another part of the country in order to delight the sunshine of some household. No, the old folks do not care for the bareback riders, the clowns and the hundred and one attractions of a three-ring circus. Still they go every time that they have a chance, and usually they remain when the announcement is made: "You can now secure your tickets for the grand concert as our gentlemanly agents pass among you." One American circus has just completed a five years' tour of Europe and the continent. Kings, emperors, dukes, lords, duchesses and queens drank red lemonade, and those of royal birth, who had no little ones, went simply to enjoy the antics of the children of others.

The John Robinson shows regard the attention and care given to ladies and children as the first consideration. The circus is distinctly American. Side show wonders never run out. One freak follows another, and there is always one extraordinary feature in the annex to interest every one. The big shows will be here Wednesday, June 23rd.

PENNINGTON METHODIST MEMORIAL.—The Penningtons and other early settlers organized the first Methodist class in Pennsylvania in 1786, and erected the first Methodist church in Pennsylvania in 1814.

The event will be properly observed and commemorated by the Methodists of the Pennsylvania charge, the Penningtons and descendants of the early settlers by an all-day gathering at the Pennington cemetery, and site of the first Methodist church in Pennsylvania, near Centre Hall, on Wednesday, June 23rd, to which all are cordially invited. The following program has been arranged:

10:00 a. m.—Meeting general committee.
10:30 a. m.—Formal opening conducted by Rev. J. Max Lantz, minister in charge.
Business meeting.
Report of superintendent.
Reading of communications from friends.

Pennington historical addresses.
12:00 m.—Noonday recess.
1:30 p. m.—Addresses by Rev. Lantz, Rev. J. Emory Weeks, of the M. E. church, Mifflinburg, and others.

An interesting feature of the services will be singing of old-time Methodist hymns. Members should bring their hymnals with them, and join in this song service with old-time devotion.

Hacks will run regularly between the railroad station and the cemetery, which is about one mile from the station. Should Wednesday be rainy services will be held the next day.

BELLEFONTE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.—The Bellefonte school board held a meeting on Wednesday evening and organized for the ensuing year by re-electing all of the old officers, as follows: President, H. C. Quigley; secretary, James K. Barnhart, and treasurer, G. Ross Parker.

The bids for the erection of the new school building were opened but as they all were somewhat in excess of the estimate of the architect they were referred to him and the bidders for revision. There was naturally considerable discussion relating to the work upon the new building and all the facts will be given to the public as soon as possible in an official statement by the board. They mean to be perfectly free and candid with the public, and the taxpayers of the town will be fully informed of the character as well as the cost of the new building at the earliest possible moment.

The treasurer's summing up for the year showed a balance in his hands of \$380.73, with \$3,614.60 in the sinking fund, and \$5,158.01 in uncollected taxes and tuition and in tax liens. The liabilities are given as \$30,407.80, which includes the \$25,000 bonded debt, a \$5,000 temporary loan and outstanding bills to the amount of \$407.80.

NEW APPOINTMENTS AT STATE COLLEGE.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of The Pennsylvania State College held June 14th, 1909, the following appointments were made:

E. S. Moore, of the University of Chicago, to be professor of geology and mineralogy.
E. E. Anderson, of the Government Mining School in Wuohang, China, to be associate professor of mining.

J. B. Hill, of Cornell University, to be instructor in botany.
Robeson H. Allport, of Philipsburg, to be assistant in the mining laboratory.

W. G. Ross, of Honolulu, to be assistant in agronomy.
F. B. Bennet, of Newmarket, Pa., to be assistant in dairy husbandry.
E. K. Hilsbman, of Ephrata, Pa., to be field assistant in experimental agriculture.

A large delegation of Bellefonte Odd Fellows went to Sunbury yesterday to attend the dedication exercises of the new Odd Fellows home.

STATE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.—One of the largest crowds ever attending commencement exercises at State College was there this week for the annual exercises, which were prolonged from Friday evening last until Wednesday evening of this week. The baccalaureate sermon on Sunday was preached by Rev. Walter M. Walker, D. D., of Scranton. The rest of the exercises during the week were merely the routine program of former years up until the graduating exercises of Wednesday morning when Julian Kennedy, of Pittsburg, delivered the commencement address. Wednesday afternoon the new mining museum was dedicated and the week's exercises closed that evening with the Junior's farewell reception to the Seniors, which was the big social event of the week.

The list of graduates this year numbered one hundred and forty-five and among the number were the following from Centre county: Walter Benedict Furst, Bellefonte; Frederick S. Welsh, Orlando C. Bowers, A. A. MacDonald, Paul M. Erters, Thomas R. Hoy, Joseph F. Rodabaugh, of State College; Theodor A. Cook and Robeson H. Allport, of Philipsburg; Harry F. Burkholder, Spring Mills; David L. Markle, Hubersburg; James E. Martin, Nittany, and Pearl E. Thomas, Howard. Allport and Welsh were among the first honor men and Markle among the second.

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE APPOINTED.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the State College horse show, composed of W. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte, A. F. Markle, W. F. Foster, and T. I. Mairs, of State College, the secretary was authorized to appoint a general committee for consultation and an advisory board for the show to be held on Beaver field, October 23rd, 1909. The secretary has requested the following to act on such committee: J. L. Montgomery, J. M. Shugert and M. F. Fable, of Bellefonte; G. L. Goodhart, of Centre Hall; T. D. Boal and F. McFarlane, of Boalsburg; Dr. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills; F. H. Clemson, of Buffalo Run; C. Naginney Hood, C. H. Foster, N. E. Hess, D. A. Grove, W. K. Cori, D. B. Thomas, E. C. Musser, T. H. Hunt, Alva Aage, and C. L. Goodling, of State College.

Pine Grove Station. The new barn of Jacob Reish is about ready to raise.

Miss Estella M. Heberling is spending this week at State College.

The new house of Daniel Dreiblebis is ready for the bricklayers.

J. H. Bailey spent Sunday with his brother, Dr. F. W. Bailey, in Milton.

Harry Collins and wife and little William, of Pittsburg, are at grandpa Collins.

Mrs. L. H. Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McWilliams spent Saturday in Tyrone.

Children's day services will be held in the Lutheran church next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Alice McLaughlin, of Boalsburg, is spending a week at the Dr. Woods home.

Miss Ella Livingstone and Master Fay Randolph are visiting relatives at Salsburg this week.

Mary Port Smith and little Eliza and Maude Decker, all of Altoona, spent Sunday in our town.

Ed. Kocher, of Graysville, was in town on business and dined with his old neighbor and friend, John Mong.

Last Sunday evening was Children's day at Gatesburg and the large edifice was filled to hear the little folk's services.

Mrs. Sarah Gardner has opened her quarters in the Glades for the summer, after spending the winter in Altoona.

Rev. and Mrs. Bergstresser came down from Altoona to visit their old parishioners, who are always glad to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, of Moorsville, came over Saturday and took in the State College commencement exercises.

Dr. H. C. Campbell, of Philadelphia, is here attending commencement exercises at State and greeting old chums of his youth.

Mrs. George Homan and daughter, Mrs. Maggie Cori, were visitors at the George Harpster home at Centre Line, over Sunday.

M. M. Kocher, who has been having trouble with one of his eyes the past year, went to Altoona last week and had the left one removed.

Miss Hannah M. Williams, who has been ill in Altoona the past month, is recuperating her shattered health at her parental home at Rock Springs.

Oliver and Silas Gibboney, two representative men and successful farmers over in Shaver's Creek valley, passed through town Monday en route for Boalsburg.

Mrs. John G. Rider returned from Denver, Col., last week and expects to spend the remainder of her days in the old Keystone State. She was accompanied by her son, Alfred.

Our new school board organized by electing J. D. Neidigh, president; Ira Harpster, treasurer, and W. S. Ward secretary. There is about \$300 in the hands of the treasurer and about \$400 uncollected.

Last Tuesday while Mrs. Bert Musser was out at the barn in quest of eggs she was confronted by a big black snake. Her screams brought Mr. Musser to her aid and he shot the snake. It was a six footer. The same day Mrs. John Osman in her yard in Shingletown killed a racer that measured over nine feet.

Last Sunday evening the Presbyterian church was filled to standing room with people eager to see and hear the little tots render an inspiring program of Children's day exercises. Each one performed his or her part very creditably. Dr. G. H. Woods had charge of the service. Rev. W. K. Harnish made the address.

Lemont. Mary Blazer, of Oak Hall, is ill with diphtheria. Rev. D. Barshinger, of Bellefonte, preached for the Houserville congregation on Sunday and every one was pleased with his discourse.

John Williams returned from Altoona on Monday.

Irvin Dreeser's father came up to town for a few days visit.

John C. Hoy and wife are visiting among friends in Perry county.

Ten took the teacher's examination at this place Wednesday of last week.

William Garner, of Buffalo Run, was seen on our streets on Saturday evening.

Prof. R. U. Wasson, of Aaronsburg, was a pleasant visitor in town Monday of last week.

Jesse Shuey and wife have been moving this last week into Mrs. Leah Osman's house.

Mrs. George Shuey has been very ill the past week with heart trouble and Bright's disease.

Daniel Weaver, who has been suffering from a sunstroke, is now able to be out in the evenings.

Mrs. Ellen Garbrick and grandson visited among friends in and around town the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Henry F. Erey and granddaughter Pearl came up from Watsonstown for a few weeks' sojourn in town.

Clarence A. Houtz has taken from his strawberry patch one hundred and fifty baskets of the finest berries, up to this time.

This last week brought heavy rains for these parts and the damp weather is bringing on all the crops including the weeds.

James Kustaborder and family and Milton Carver and family drove to Warriorsmark, Saturday, to visit with Daniel Kustaborder.

The school directors of College township met the first Monday of the month and organized by electing the following officers for the year: President, Clayton Eilers; secretary, William Dougherty; treasurer, Henry Thompson.

It was noted by last week's paper that Michael Hazel brought a stalk of alfalfa to the office that measured three feet and two inches and it was thought a tall stalk, but by actual measurement we find stalks in this neighborhood that measure three feet and eight inches.

Spring Mills. Willis Rishel, hotel proprietor at Montgomery, formerly of this place, made us a visit of a day or two last week.

Children's day service will be held in the M. E. church on Sunday next. The managers have arranged a very interesting program, and no doubt the entertainment will be largely attended.

It is reported that in some fields the potato bugs are sitting on the fence rails waiting for the potato stock to mature before commencing business. So we might just as well put in an order for the Paris green bucket for their benefit without any delay.

Magistrate Jamison has his new office neatly fitted up and very conveniently arranged for transacting his legal business. Since his appointment he has had several rather intricate cases to handle and adjudicate by his magistracy was equal to the task.

The creek road above and below the post-office building for a considerable distance is quite low, and in wet weather is in anything but a good condition. Last week our energetic roadmaster, Andrew Corkman, filled the road to a level with crushed stone and gravel, which is a great improvement.

Rain and wet weather more or less last week, of course blocking farm work considerably. Garden truck is advancing rapidly. Apple and cherry trees look well and give promise of a large yield. In some remote counties it is said that cherries are decaying on the trees. Nothing of the kind has been reported in this valley.

Flies are becoming very annoying but how to exterminate the pests is a puzzling question. They say if you kill a hundred a thousand will attend the funeral, rather astounding that. About like the waiter in a restaurant: A gentleman in opening his napkin discovered it full of holes. The waiter, astounded and annoyed at the mishap, commenced to apologize, when the guest quietly remarked, no apologies necessary, the holes are the only clean things about it—the waiter collapsed. It was said that the butter could be heard combing itself in the pantry—that was really astonishing.

E. P. Shook is one of our enterprising and successful farmers. His large farm about one mile northeast of town is in a high state of cultivation and receives every care and attention. No twigs, dirt heaps nor rubbish of any kind can be discerned anywhere consequently the crops are abundant and yield a handsome revenue. The immense strawberry bed is a sight well worth seeing with its thousands of quarts just ripening. They are not of the common variety, but being highly cultivated, are large, of an elegant flavor and very choice. He will have his delivery wagon in action in a few days and continue every day or two until the close of the season to deliver this delicious fruit to his patrons in Peon and Brush valleys. His apple and paragon chestnut trees look remarkably well and give large promises; corn and potatoes seem to be fairly jumping out of the ground. Mr. Shook is evidently every inch a farmer.

Mother's Grief Over Boy's Weak Mind Leads to a Double Shooting. Salem, O., June 8.—Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, a society woman, and wife of G. V. Sharp, a politician and manufacturer, killed her twelve-year-old Harold and herself with a revolver.

The boy had been mentally deranged from birth, and his mother grieved deeply over his affliction. It is believed her grief caused the tragedy.

\$12,120 Necklace Awaits Owner. New York, June 8.—The customs authorities have in their hands a diamond collar and bracelet, appraised at \$12,120, which the owner apparently did not value sufficiently to claim.

The jewelry was seized on April 24, when Celso Del Villar, a wealthy Mexican, who had arrived from Havana on the steamer Morro Castle, in company with a well known Mexican actress, failed to declare it.