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For Auditor General,  
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For Jury Commissioner,  
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## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—George A. Ertley, of Marion township, has a flock of young ducks that are almost worth their weight in the new Lincoln pennies. Mr. Ertley has a drove of eight or ten calves pasturing in a piece of meadow-land and the ducks, about two dozen of them, also make the meadow their runway. When the calves lie down the ducks gather around them and catch the flies off of the calves. They thus not only keep the calves from being tormented by the flies but secure insect food for themselves and the result is that both calves and ducks are fat as butter.

—The Odd Fellows picnic and reunion at Hunter's park on Monday was very largely attended; in fact one of the best ever held in the county. There was a full program of sports to take up the time of everybody and one of the most amusing features was the baseball game between two nine composed of ladies of the Rebekah lodges from Bellefonte and State College. The Bellefonte ladies won the game. In the pretty baby contest the prize was awarded to the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Owens, of this place. The gathering was in the shape of a basket picnic and everybody on the ground had plenty to eat and a royal good time.

**ALTOONA DISTRICT CONVENTION.**—The annual convention of the ministers of the Altoona district Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference will be held in the Methodist church at Howard next Monday and Tuesday, beginning with the Monday afternoon session. Practically every minister in the Altoona district is expected to attend and a very complete program has been prepared for the occasion. Among the speakers for Monday evening are Revs. Morris E. Swartz, of Clearfield, and S. D. Wilson, of Philipsburg. Rev. Wilford P. Shriver, of Lock Haven, will be one of the speakers on Tuesday morning. The public is invited to attend all the sessions with the exception of a brief executive session on Tuesday morning, which will be for ministers only.

**FRUIT THIEVES ACTIVE.**—Since peaches, pears and plums, not to say apples, have begun to ripen in Bellefonte fruit thieves have become quite active and the result is that more than one property owner who viewed with satisfaction well-laden trees in the evening would get up the next morning to find all his luscious fruit gone. Among those who recently had their peach trees robbed are John Lambert and Harry Winton. And not satisfied with carrying off over a bushel of nice peaches from the latter the thieves also stole eight chickens. Mr. Winton knows most of the parties and has sworn out warrants for the arrest of three boys and unless his fruit is left alone other arrests will follow.

But Mr. Winton and Mr. Lambert are not the only ones to suffer. Complaints have come to the writer from over a dozen different property owners of their fruit trees being likewise pillaged. And in some cases the thieves looted gardens and carried off whatever vegetables they could get hold of. This kind of stealing in Bellefonte has about reached its limit and the patience of property owners is so near exhausted that a number of them are now watching their fruit trees with a loaded shot gun in hand and the probability is somebody will get hurt.

**MILLHEIM COUPLE CAUGHT IN LOCK HAVEN.**—On Sunday the police department of Lock Haven had a telephone call from Millheim and upon answering were informed by a Mrs. Campbell that her daughter, Miss Viola Campbell, aged about eighteen years had gone away with a man by the name of Boyd King and as she believed they had gone away to get married, she asked the police to detain them.

About the middle of the afternoon the couple were discovered emerging from Beck's restaurant and going toward the Bald Eagle Valley railroad depot. They were taken into custody but denied that they were on an eloping trip. King exhibited tickets for two to Beech Creek and said that they were merely on the way to visit his brother at Pine Glenn. That they had driven to Mill Hall on Sunday morning and taken the trolley into Lock Haven to spend the time until the afternoon train west.

His explanations, however, did not satisfy the Lock Haven police and the couple were detained there until Monday morning when Mrs. Campbell arrived from Millheim and took her daughter home. King was discharged but Mrs. Campbell stated that she would bring action against him in the Centre county courts for enticing and attempting to elope with her minor daughter.

**MILLER.**—Mrs. Mary Magdalene Miller, one of the oldest women of Pennsylvania, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tammie Keller, at Linden Hall, on Thursday morning, August 26th. She had been an invalid for many years and her death was the result of a worn out constitution. She was a daughter of Michael and Hannah Moser and was born near Penn Hall March 24th, 1823, thus making her age 86 years, 5 months and 2 days. On December 28th, 1823, she was united in marriage to George Miller, who preceded her to the grave eighteen years ago. She was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom survive as follows: John H. Miller and Mrs. Ida Williams, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Charles, of Williams, Iowa; James, of Lena, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Crawford and Robert, of Freeport, Ill.; Howard, of Rebersburg; Mrs. Sue R. Wolfe, of Woodward, and Mrs. Tammie Keller, of Linden Hall. She also leaves one brother, John L. Moser, of Orangeville, Ill.; twenty-two grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

Since childhood she had been a member of the Lutheran church and was always a faithful attendant. Rev. A. A. Black officiated at the funeral which was held on Saturday, August 28th, burial being made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

**JOHNSTON.**—Henry Johnston, one of the best known residents of Bellefonte, died on Sunday morning after more than a year's illness with dropsical affection. He was born in Liberty township and was fifty-six years of age. For more than a score of years he conducted an undertaking establishment at Blanchard and in addition conducted a small farm in Liberty township. He was energetic and industrious and a progressive citizen in every way, so that his death is a loss to the community in which he lived.

Surviving him are his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Hugh Gloesner, of Blanchard; and Mrs. Shuman Williams, of Pleasant Gap. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Charles and Mrs. Jacob Snyder, of Blanchard; William, of Johnsonburg; Mrs. Jane Harleman, of Beech Creek; and Mrs. Levena Winslow, of Blanchard. The funeral was held at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Disciple cemetery.

**KLINE.**—Mrs. Susan Kline, widow of the late Henry Kline, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Stover, of Tusseyville, on Monday morning. She suffered a stroke of paralysis last Friday and grew rapidly worse until her death. She was one month and a day over eighty years old. When a young woman she became a member of the Reformed church and always lived a good, christian life. Her husband died just two years ago but surviving her are one daughter, Mrs. Stover, and the following step-children: T. C., Daniel, J. H., Mrs. Emma Tresler and Mrs. James Parks, of Bellefonte; W. F. and Mrs. Catharine Avena, of Cleveland, Ohio. She also leaves one brother, Moses Clark, of Tusseyville. The funeral was held yesterday morning, burial being made in the Tusseyville cemetery.

**BAILEY.**—Rachel, wife of S. H. Bailey, died on Wednesday at her home in Harris township after a long illness with tuberculosis. She was sixty-two years of age, was a daughter of the late David Krebs and was born in Ferguson township. Her husband, two sons and two daughters survive, as well as a number of brothers and sisters. She was a member of the Boalsburg Presbyterian church and a woman of exemplary christian character. Rev. W. K. Harsh will officiate at the funeral which will be held at ten o'clock this morning, burial to be made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

**MCCORD.**—Richard McCord, a well known resident of Black Moshannon, died on Monday evening, aged 63 years, 5 months and 20 days. His death was caused by cancer with which he had suffered for months. In addition to his wife, who was Miss Rhoda Nason, he is survived by one son and three daughters: Mrs. Henderson, of Monson; Osborne, Bessie and Phoebe at home. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. J. C. and Mrs. Osborne Nason, of Julian, and Miss Alice, of Philipsburg. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, burial being made at Beaver Mills.

**GARDNER.**—After suffering for several years with tuberculosis Lloyd Gardner, son of Mrs. James Gardner, of Blanchard, died last Saturday morning, aged twenty-one years. He was a member of the Baptist church and a young man of exemplary character. In addition to his mother he is survived by two brothers and one sister, Raymond, Luther and Miss Olive. Interment was made in the Baptist cemetery Monday afternoon.

**LUCAS.**—After suffering for months with a complication of diseases William Potter Lucas, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lucas, of Holt's Hollow, died on Monday of last week. He was 17 years, 3 months and 1 day old. In addition to his parents he is survived by five brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held on Wednesday of last week, interment being made in the Stover cemetery.

**CALDERWOOD.**—Mrs. Eunice Calderwood, wife of M. F. Calderwood, and mother of Miss Lois Calderwood, superintendent of the Bellefonte hospital, died at her home in Dennison, Ohio, on Monday afternoon, aged sixty years. The Calderwoods formerly lived in Altoona and the remains were taken there for burial in the Fairview cemetery on Wednesday morning.

**PARRISH.**—John S. Parrish, a brother of Dr. C. M. Parrish, of this place, died at his home in Pittsburgh on Wednesday morning of paralysis, aged forty-seven years. This is the third death in the Parrish family within a few months, the parents of the deceased following each other inside a few weeks. Mr. Parrish was secretary of the Mt. Shasta Gold Mining and Milling company.

**HAYES.**—Mrs. Belle Hayes died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Youcum, on the Northside, Pittsburgh, on Tuesday. She was sixty years of age and was born in Centre county, having gone to Pittsburgh to live only a few years ago. Her only survivor is her daughter, Mrs. Youcum.

**BELLEFONTE'S BASEBALL SEASON ENDED.**—The baseball season in Bellefonte is over and while it did not end in the proverbial blaze of glory it at least came to a close with the team, the management and everybody connected therewith having the highest respect of the people of Bellefonte for the gentlemanly way in which the season was conducted.

Since the last issue of the WATCHMAN the Bellefonte team played four games, with Renovo in this place last Friday when they were defeated by the score of 6 to 4. But the game, at that, was especially interesting because of the remarkable stick work of pitcher Kaufman. In four times at bat he made a single, two-bagger, triple and a home run, by the latter winning the gold cuff links offered by F. P. Blair & Co., and pair of shoes offered by Henry Kline to the Bellefonte player making the first home run. And it is a good thing he made it that day because on Saturday at Tyrone, after two men were down in the first inning Sunday knocked a home run, Kaufman followed with a triple and Jacobs hit for another home run, scoring the three tallies which won the game, Tyrone being able to cross the home plate but twice.

At Renovo on Monday Bellefonte won the first game 6 to 4 and lost the second 2 to 1. The team returned the same night and was paid off and disbanded Tuesday morning.

Naturally there is a lot of talk about another league next year in which Bellefonte will figure and fans are already speculating on what towns shall be represented, but it is all a little premature. Bellefonte don't want any more of the kind of game that broke up the Central Pennsylvania league one week ahead of time and went stand for it. But if a league is formed of teams that will play good, clean ball for the sake of the sport Bellefonte will just as enthusiastically for its success as this year.

**BELLEFONTE MOTOR CLUB ENDURANCE RUN.**—The first endurance run of the Bellefonte Motor club was made on Tuesday when nine cars made the trip to Lewisburg, thence to Huntingdon, Alexandria, Spruce Creek, and by way of Franklinville, Grayville and Pennsylvania Furnace home, a distance of about one hundred and twenty miles.

The nine cars making the trip were as follows: E. M. F. Robert Hunter, pilot; Chalmers-Detroit, John Porter Lyon; Franklin, George A. Beezer; Oldsmobile, Hugh N. Crider; Franklins, John P. Sebring and Dr. David Dale; Fords, W. A. Moore and P. E. Naginy; Thomas-Forty, Don S. Potter. The party left Bellefonte about 10:30 o'clock and made the run to Lewisburg for dinner. From there they went to Huntingdon where several hours were spent taking in the Old Home week display. The party took supper at Alexandria and arrived home at anywhere from ten o'clock at night on, with the exception of Dr. Dale, who made the run without any stops of consequence and was home in time for supper, even though he did not start until 12:30 o'clock.

The only men who encountered any trouble on the trip was Hugh N. Crider, who had six blow-outs, and Robert F. Hunter, who ran into a cow up at Pennsylvania Furnace, knocking one of his lamps out of shape and bending his fender. But the cow was damaged beyond repair as one of the animal's hind legs was broken in two places and it had to be shot. Mr. Hunter naturally claims that the accident was no fault of his. It was after dark and the cow was lying quietly alongside the road until he was almost up to it when it jumped up and ran in front of his car, too late for him to stop. The man who owned the cow wanted ten dollars for it, but at this writing he has not been paid the money.

**SALVATION ARMY HARVEST FESTIVAL.**—The Salvation Army purposes holding Harvest Festival services September 18th to 21st inclusive, to which the public in general is extended a hearty invite. The work of the organization in this town is well known, in raising the fallen and cheering the downcast. God has wonderfully blessed their efforts in the conversion of a number of young men and women, all of whom are standing true. The people of Bellefonte will be waited upon by the comrades of the Army and a generous response is earnestly solicited. Donations of farm produce can be sent to the Army hall over the Centre county bank by the 17th instant, or contributions will be called for by notifying Ensign and Mrs. Harvey by postal card. All donations will be very thankfully received.

—The estate of the late Daniel C. Grove, of Zion, was amicably divided among the heirs last week. Frank C. Grove purchased the farm at Zion for \$5,700; John W. secured one of the farms in Benner township for \$5,305, and Michael the other Benner township farm for \$3,800. Each of the sons also secured ten acres of timber land additional.

# COMMANDER PEARY ALSO NAILS FLAG AT THE NORTH POLE

## Reached World's Top on April 6, 1909.

## SENDS BRIEF MESSAGES

## The World Breathlessly Awaits Further Details.

## FOUND NO TRACE OF DR. COOK

## Two American Flags Now Floating in Arctic Ice Packs.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 7.—Commander Robert E. Peary, who announced that he had discovered the North Pole on April 6 of the present year, found no trace of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, who reported to the world five days ago that he had made the same discovery in April of the preceding year. This news reached here through Captain Robert Bartlett, of the Roosevelt, Peary's ship, enroute to Chateau bay, Labrador.

Captain Bartlett telegraphed to relatives here that Peary had found nothing to indicate that Dr. Cook had reached the pole. While Peary does not expressly repudiate Dr. Cook's contention in so many words, his statement may have an important bearing upon determining the extent of Cook's explorations.

The Roosevelt was in good condition and the crew all right, wired Captain Bartlett in addition, and he reported that the schooner Jeanie, carrying supplies for the expedition, had met them off the coast of Greenland.

Coming south, the Roosevelt passed Etah and Upernavik, Greenland, where Dr. Cook had preceded Peary.



ROBERT E. PEARY.

"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 6.—To Associated Press, New York:  
"Stars and Stripes nailed to North Pole."  
(Signed) "PEARY."  
"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 6.—Herbert L. Bridgman, Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"Pole reached. Roosevelt safe."  
(Signed) "PEARY."  
"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 6.—To the New York Times, New York:

"I have the pole April 6. Expect arrive Chateau bay Sept. 7. Secure control wire for me there and arrange expedite transmission big story."  
(Signed) "PEARY."

New York, Sept. 7.—"Peary has succeeded!"  
"Stars and Stripes nailed to the North Pole."

From out the Arctic darkness there was flashed this message which stunned the scientific world and thrilled the heart of every layman. From the bleak coast of Labrador Peary gave to the world the news that he had attained his goal in the far north, while at the same moment in far off Denmark Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, was being dined and lionized by royalty for the same achievement.

Yankee Grit Conquers. Undeniedly Yankee grit has conquered the frozen north and there has been created a coincidence such as the world will never see again. Two Americans have planted the flag of their country in the land of ice which man has sought to penetrate for four centuries; and each ignorant of the other's conquest has flashed within a period of five days a laconic message of success to the waiting world.

Peary's conquest has flashed within a period of five days a laconic message of success to the waiting world. Cook in his first message to his countrymen was brief but non-committal; Peary was even briefer, but specific.

"Stars and Stripes nailed to the North Pole," he said. That was all, but never before have so few words conveyed to a people a greater meaning or a greater patriotic satisfaction.

Five days ago, on September 1, Dr. Cook sent out from the Shetland Islands the first message of his success—a message which has aroused a storm of controversy around the world. On Monday Robert E. Peary, lost from view in the land of ice and unheard from since August, 1908, startled the world by a similar message sent from Indian Harbor, Labrador. There was no qualification; it left no doubt. It announced unequivocally that he had reached the top of the world. Thus two flags with the Stars and Stripes of the United States are floating in the ice packs, proving the courage of intrepid Americans.

With but a word from Peary the world waits breathlessly for details, but until he arrives at Chateau Bay, Labrador, waiting must suffice.

Both the old and the new worlds were thus apprised of his great achievement practically at the same moment and the excitement which followed attests to the high pitch of interest aroused over this climax of man's perseverance.

Like Dr. Cook's first message, Peary's was tantalizing in its brevity, and the waiting public, stimulated by Cook's success, was left unsatisfied. For, as did Dr. Cook, Peary resumed his homeward voyage immediately after filing the curt news of discovery.

"Pole Reached—Roosevelt Safe." A few words were added to this meager information when there was made public this additional information sent to Herbert L. Bridgman, of Brooklyn, secretary of the Peary Arctic club:

"Pole reached. Roosevelt safe."  
(Signed) "PEARY."

This gave assurance that the vessel in which Peary departed had passed through the ice unscathed, but details of his home coming and the date of the discovery were still lacking. It was not until the New York Times had received a dispatch later that these vital points were cleared up. The message said:

"I have the pole April 6. Expect arrive Chateau bay Sept. 7." With this information at hand it was a comparatively simple matter to ascertain that the April 6 referred to was April 6 of the present year, as his expedition did not start from New York until July 7, 1908.

April 6, 1909—the date that Peary planted the flag at the pole—and April 21, 1908, the day that Dr. Cook unfurled the Stars and Stripes a year before, consequently become the cardinal dates upon which exploration of the far north will rest hereafter. Though separated by nearly a year, the same feat was accomplished by two Americans, neither of whom was aware of the movements of the other. Cook says that he found no traces of Peary in the moving ice, and according to word which was received here through Captain Robert Bartlett, of Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, Peary likewise found no signs of his reputed predecessor. However, this phase of Peary's experiences will not be thoroughly cleared up until a statement is obtained from his own lips.

**Strange Coincidences.** Just as Dr. Cook notified his wife, so Commander Peary took advantage of the brief stop at Indian Harbor to assure Mrs. Peary of his safety. This message, almost overlooked during a day of excitement over his achievement, reached New York from South Harpswell, Me., where Mrs. Peary has been spending the summer. It contained both a touch of pathos and a quaint reference to his success. "Have made good at last," says the explorer to his wife. "I have the old pole. Am well; love. Will wire again from Chateau." The message is signed simply "Bert," an abbreviation of Robert, Commander Peary's first name.

Mrs. Peary sent a wife's characteristic reply, with love and a blessing and a request for him to "hurry home."

By another strange coincidence in this chapter of coincidences, Mrs. Cook, too, was in South Harpswell, Me., when she received the first news of her husband's success. Both she and Mrs. Peary had gone for months without word of their husbands, but had hoped and prayed, first for their safe return, and secondly, it may be guessed, for the planting of the flag at the pole.

Cook's achievement has been questioned and he has been charged by staunch supporters of Commander Peary with conduct unethical for what they termed his following in secrecy a route which Peary had in view. Each faction now, however, has its laurels, and with animosity buried the world at large will profit therefrom.

## Dr. Cook Immensely Pleased at News.

## ARE FRIENDLY RIVALS

## Says Peary's Reports Will Confirm His.

## TOOK DIFFERENT ROUTES

## Should Furnish Large Additions to Scientific Knowledge.

Copenhagen, Sept. 7.—Copenhagen was electrified by the report of Commander Peary's announcement that he had reached the North Pole. Dr. Cook was immensely interested and said: "That is good news. I hope Peary did get to the pole. His observations and reports on that region will confirm mine."

Asked if there was any probability of Peary's having found the tube containing his records, Dr. Cook replied: "I hope so, but that is doubtful on account of the drift."

Dr. Cook told the correspondent that he had seen nothing of the expedition of Commander Peary.

Dr. Cook then described his journey. Regarding his discovery he said: "Then came April 21. That was the great day. We looked for the sun. As soon as we got it I made several observations. Great joy came over us. We were only sixteen miles from the desired spot. I said to myself, bully for Frederick, then we went on."

"The last stretch was the easiest I ever made in my life, although I had still to make two observations and the ice was very broken here. My



DR. FREDERICK A. COOK.

spirits were high and I shouted like a boy. The Eskimos looked at one another, surprised at my gaiety. They did not share my joy.

"My feelings? Well, I was too tired, really, to feel any sensation. I planted the Stars and Stripes in the ice field, and my heart grew warm when I saw it wave in the wind."

"How does the North Pole look?" was asked.

"Well," said Dr. Cook, smiling, "it amounts to the size of a twenty-five cent piece. There is nothing to see but ice, ice; no water, only ice. There were more holes here than at the 87th degree, which shows there is more movement and drifts here, but this and other observations I made afterwards—when I got more settled. I stopped two days at the pole, and I assure you it was not easy to say good-bye to the spot."

**Buried A Small Brass Tube.** "The only thing I can put up against this is what the Eskimos have told Knud Rasmussen. Let the skeptics who disbelieve my story go to the North Pole. There they will find a small brass tube which I buried under the flag. That tube contains a short statement about my trip. I could not leave my visiting card because I did not happen to have one with me."

Describing the return journey, Dr. Cook said:

"Fortune now smiled. We did twenty miles per day until we reached the ominous 87th degree. Then I felt the ice moving eastward, carrying us with it. A terrible fog swept round us and kept us for three weeks. We got no further than the 84th degree. Then began a heavy walk towards Heiberg's Land and another three weeks of fog. When that cleared I saw we had drifted southwest to Ringsted and where we found open water and tower-high ice, which stopped our way eastward."

"The day we reached our provision stores at Etah was a greater day than April 21. I long to get back to civilization, to move among my fellow men; I long to press my wife to my heart. I am the happiest man living. Tell the whole world I thank God I am back."