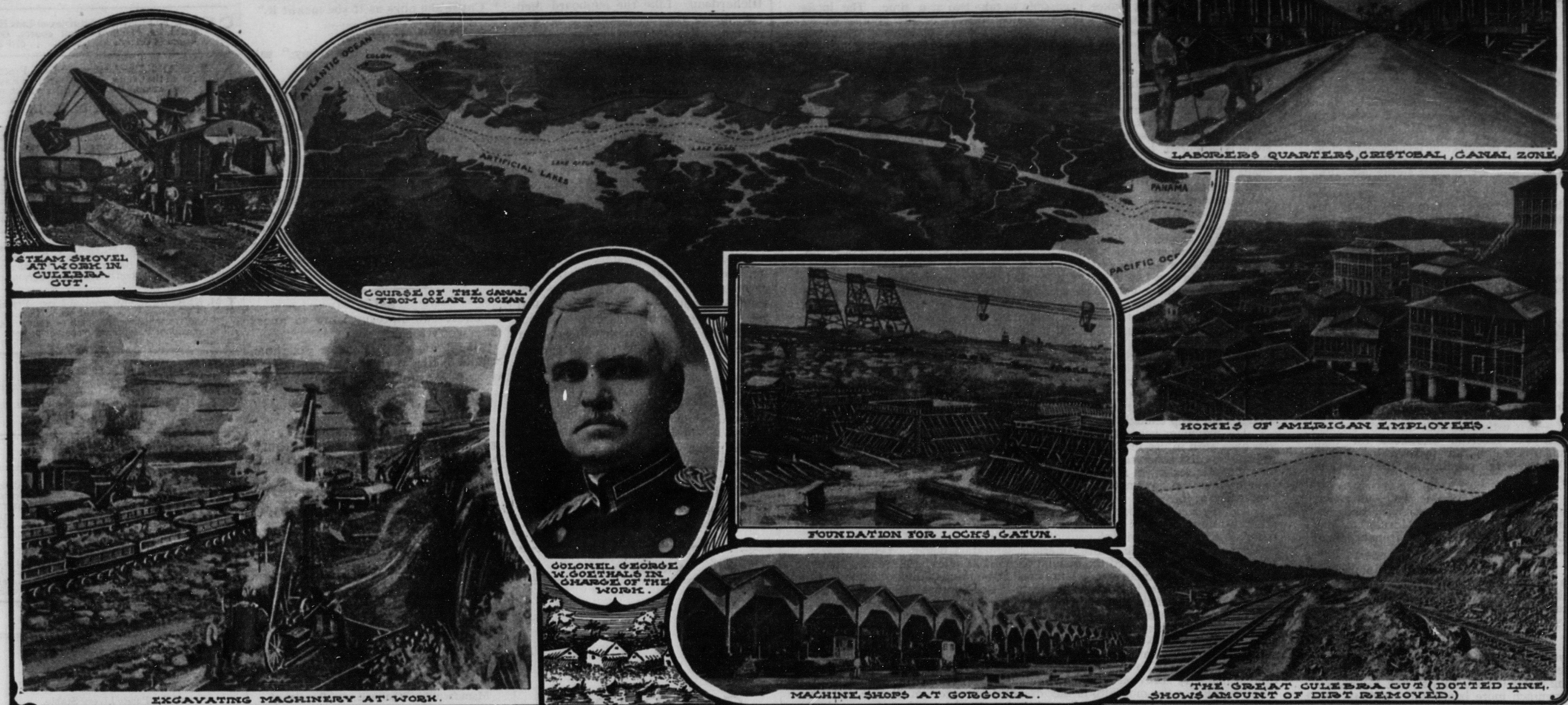


Scenes on the Panama Canal.



These illustrations on the article of the Panama Canal which will be found on page 2 of this edition, are made possible through the courtesy of The Pennsylvania Grit, and are published because they afford such a comprehensive view of the great work now going on on the Isthmus. The bird's eye view at the top of the group shows the entire scheme and after examining it carefully you will understand what is meant in the article on page 2 when it says that there is very little actual ditch to be found in the plans for the "big ditch." The illustration of the foundation for the locks at Gatun shows the immense conveyors at work. They are carrying concrete from the automatic mixers and dropping it into the collapsible steel moulds or forms that are seen below them.

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

THE GAY SOUBRETTE TONIGHT.—While the advance sale of seats for The Thespians of State College in their performance of "The Gay Soubrette," at the opera house this (Friday) evening, is quite large there are still plenty of good seats for sale but those desiring to attend should reserve their seats before the opening of the ticket office tonight in order to assure getting a good location. The following Bellefonte ladies will act as patronesses: Mrs. Cameron Burnside, Mrs. Joseph Ceader, Mrs. Wells S. Daggett, Mrs. H. E. Fenlon, Mrs. A. O. Furst, Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes, Mrs. John Hewitt, Mrs. John Lane, Mrs. James H. Potter, Mrs. W. F. Reynolds, Mrs. Thomas A. Shoemaker, Mrs. W. Miles Walker, Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. J. L. Montgomery, Mrs. Harry Keller, Mrs. Ellis L. Orvis, Mrs. J. O. Canfield and Miss Mary Gray Meek.

The Thespians gave their initial performance at State College last week and it was universally conceded that they far exceeded anything they have so far attempted, even their exceedingly clever rendition of "Popocatepillar VII" of last season. "The Gay Soubrette" was written especially for The Thespians by W. H. Foster, '10, who appears as "Mimi" in the title role, and his clever acting and dancing were encored repeatedly. In fact everybody who took part and all the musical numbers and dances were roundly applauded and Bellefonters can be assured of a good entertainment. The Thespians this week have appeared in Bloomsburg, Sunbury and Clearfield and will close their trip with their performance here tonight.

AT THE HOSPITAL.—The pupils of the public schools of Bellefonte, the parochial school and the schools of Centre Hall were quite generous in their Easter donation to the Bellefonte hospital, they having contributed forty-six dozen of eggs, eleven bushels of potatoes, twelve jars of canned fruit, butter, vegetables, etc., for all of which the hospital people feel very grateful.

At four o'clock on Saturday afternoon the new ambulance was formally presented to the hospital in the presence of the superintendent, staff of nurses and most of the Bellefonte physicians. The presentation speech was made by Rev. John Hewitt and the vehicle was accepted on the part of the hospital by W. Harrison Walker Esq. Considerable credit is due the ladies of Bellefonte, and especially Mrs. John N. Lane, for their interest in the hospital in securing the ambulance for the institution. It was through their individual efforts that the vehicle was purchased, fixed up and presented to the hospital and it is another evidence of how faithfully the ladies of Bellefonte and Centre county work for the welfare and support of the institution.

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GEORGE VALENTINE.—George Valentine died at his home at Ruxton, a suburb of Baltimore, on Saturday afternoon, March 26th. He had not been in the best of health for some time previous; having suffered somewhat from heart trouble yet his condition had not been regarded as alarming. Deceased was the sixth of the children of George and Mary Downing Valentine and was born in this place in 1834. He was of the second generation of a family of agriculturists and iron makers who came to this county in 1815 and with his brothers Jacob and Reuben and his cousins Robert and Abram continued the business enterprises established by them until the modern blast furnace superseded the charcoal stacks of the earlier days.

He was the last to go of the group of men who played prominent parts when Centre county was making history in the industrial world. He was a conservative, though genial gentleman of broad mind and keen intellect. After his retirement from active engagement in the iron business he remained in Bellefonte until 1893 when he became a resident of Baltimore, in which city he resided until the present home of the family at Ruxton was completed in 1895.

His widow, Emily Jacobs Valentine, survives with their daughters Jane H., Mary D., Sarah W., and Emily J. The remains were brought to this place Sunday evening and taken to the home of Mrs. Jacob D. Valentine where services were held Monday morning and interment was made in the Friend's burying ground that was established here by his ancestors.

The pall bearers were his nephews George, Joseph and Charles Fox, of Philadelphia, and George Valentine, G. Murray Andrews and John Blanchard. The carriers having been men in his employ in the old Valentine Iron Works.

HAZEL.—In the death of Mrs. Teresa Rose Hazel, relict of the late Michael Hazel, what has for years been known as the Spring creek settlement lost one of its best known and beloved women. Although her death was in a measure the result of a general breaking down it was hastened by a stroke of paralysis with which she was stricken some time ago.

Deceased was born in Alsace, Germany, and was 74 years, 1 month and 12 days old. She came to this country with her parents when she was but nine years old and the family were among the pioneer settlers on Spring creek. When a young woman she was united in marriage to Michael Hazel. Their wedded life was confined to only about ten or twelve years as her husband died on August 25th, 1865, leaving her with five small children. With unceasing maternal care and love she raised them from childhood to sturdy manhood and womanhood, respected and honored by all who know them. They are Mrs. Michael Shields and Mrs. Harry J. Jackson, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Jacob Snyder, deceased; Mrs. Joseph Klesias, Altoona, and Michael at home. She also leaves three sisters, namely: Mrs. Jesberger, of St. Marys; Mrs. Barbara Gross and Mrs. Anthony Dusling, of near Bellefonte.

Mrs. Hazel was a strict member of St. John's Catholic church and was as sincere in her friendships as she was earnest in her church life. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Monday morning from the Catholic church. Mass was said by Rev. Father McArdle and burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

CHEESMAN.—Major Roland Curtin Cheesman died at his home in Washington, D. C., last Friday of cerebral hemorrhages following a stroke of paralysis, aged seventy-one years. He was born at Curtin and worked at the furnace there until the breaking out of the Civil war when he went to the front as a member of the old Bellefonte Fencibles. When their three month's term of enlistment expired he re-enlisted as a private in Company A, 45th regiment. At the battle of West Hill he lost a leg and received bullet wounds in the neck and shoulder. When he recovered he was given an honorable discharge with the brevet of major. Some time after the close of the war he was appointed to a position in the pension department at Washington which he held until about five years ago when he was suspended by pension commissioner Warner. He was reinstated by order of President Taft only three weeks ago and went back to work on Saturday, March 19th. He worked until Wednesday of last week when he complained of not feeling well and went home. Thursday he was stricken with paralysis, which caused his death.

He was president of the Forty-fifth regiment association and attended the meeting of the survivors held at Williamsport March 2nd and 3rd. He was a member of the G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion. He was married while in Bellefonte to a Miss Hillibish who survives with three children, namely: Mrs. Joseph C. Ison; Mrs. Catharine C. Twitchell and James N. The funeral was held on Monday, burial being made in the National cemetery at Arlington.

FISHEL.—Henry Fishel, an old soldier and one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of College township, died at two o'clock last Thursday afternoon of diseases incident to his advanced age.

He was born in Pennsylvania and was seventy-four years and twelve days old. He was a miller by occupation and during his life worked at the McFarlane, Centre Furnace and Pine Grove Mills flouring mills, though for a number of years he had lived a retired life. During the Civil war he served as a private in company E, Pennsylvania volunteers, under Col. J. M. McCarter. He was severely wounded during the Virginia campaign of 1862 and as a result was discharged in November of that year. He was a member of the Reformed church and of Capt. Robert Foster Post G. A. R.

In 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Dewey who survives with five children, namely: John, Thomas, Mrs. William Houtz and Mrs. Albert Ralston, all of Lemont; and Irvin, of Indiana county. His old comrades in arms had charge of the funeral which was held on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. A. A. Black, of Boalsburg, and burial was made in the Houserville cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Charles J. T. Williams, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Williams, of Howard, died in the Lock Haven hospital early last Saturday morning. He was taken to the hospital on Friday for an operation for an intestinal obstruction but peritonitis had already set in and his death ensued in a few hours. The remains were taken to his late home at Howard Saturday afternoon from where the funeral was held on Monday.

THOMAS.—Mrs. Letitia Poulney Smith Thomas, widow of Jacob V. Thomas, died at her home in Philadelphia at one o'clock on Tuesday morning, after a few weeks illness, in the eighty-third year of her life.

She was a member of a prominent Philadelphia family and married Mr. Thomas in 1848. Shortly after their marriage they came to Bellefonte and this was their home until the death of Mr. Thomas in 1895. She then moved to Philadelphia in order to be near her sisters and had just made arrangements to return to Bellefonte to spend the remainder of her life when her final illness overtook her. Of her five children one son, Richard, died about twenty years ago and the others survive, as follows: Mrs. Charles Shaffner, of Philadelphia; Mrs. James B. Lane, Clifford S. Thomas and Miss Mary S. Thomas.

During her life in Bellefonte Mrs. Thomas made many friends and, notwithstanding her long absence and enfeebled health during later years, she kept so much in touch with the interests here that her death is deeply regretted and her memory will be pleasantly treasured by all who knew her.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte last evening and taken to the home of John Porter Lyon, on Curtin street, from where the funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon. The services will be in charge of Rev. John Hewitt.

HOCKENBERRY.—A sad death during the past week was that of Ralph Hockenberry, son of Mrs. Alice Hockenberry, which occurred at his home early last Friday morning after only a week's illness with pneumonia. He was employed at the match factory and worked up until one week before his death. He caught a bad cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia and from the first the disease assumed such an aggravated form that it could not be combated.

Deceased was born in Bellefonte and was seventeen years of age. He was an unusually industrious boy and aided very materially in the support of his mother and younger sisters, so that his death is a severe blow to the family. He was a young man well liked by all who knew him. In addition to his mother he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Andrew Thal, Catharine, William, Joseph, Minnie, Edward, Ruth, Margaret and Sarah, all at home. Funeral services were held in the United Evangelical church at two o'clock on Monday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Hower. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

POORMAN.—J. Edward Poorman, the well known merchant and postmaster at Runville, died on Monday morning of catarrh of the stomach. He had been sick for several months but had been confined to bed only about three weeks.

He was born in Bald Eagle valley and was fifty-nine years old last November. For the past twenty-five years he kept store at Runville and was postmaster fifteen years. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Bessie Bedient, of Oak Hall; Mrs. Mabel Lucas, Snow Shoe; Mrs. Flora Walker, Mrs. Edna Walker and Carroll, of Runville; Madge and Esther at home. The funeral was held from the United Brethren church Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery near Runville.

MASSEY.—Word was received in Bellefonte yesterday of the death of Charles T. Massey, of Philadelphia. He had been ailing for almost two years with Bright's disease but his condition had not been considered critical until a few days before his death. He was married in Philadelphia eleven years ago to Miss Kate Powers, of this place, who survives with one little daughter, Anna.

FOR AN OLD HOME WEEK.—The WATCHMAN'S suggestion that an Old Home week be held in Bellefonte some time this summer is being given more consideration every day and there is now strong likelihood of such an event taking place. But there is a mistaken impression among some of the people of Bellefonte that the preparations and arrangements for an Old Home week can be made in two or three weeks, as such is not the case. It is a work of months to get up a successful Old Home week gathering. This is the case because one of the essential things in connection therewith is to advertise the affair at home and abroad, more especially the latter, in order to get the crowd, and it will take time to do this.

Various suggestions have been made regarding a probable program. With our remodeled court house, new High school building and new hospital all to dedicate there ought to be no trouble arranging a program. Take one day to dedicate the court house and have a gathering of prominent jurists. Take another day and dedicate the school house and have prominent educators here, and on the day for dedicating the hospital let physicians be the guests of honor. Then there could be a civic day and a military day to fill up the week. Now is the time to give the matter careful consideration and if we are going to have an Old Home week let us start work in ample time to have a good one.

BIG FORTUNE CHANGES HANDS AT PUBLIC SALES.—With the first of April the public sale season has come to an end and it has been a remarkable one in every way. There was no limit to the prices paid for farm stock of all kinds. Horses brought anywhere from \$150 to \$300 a head. Good cows sold as high as \$75 and \$80, while a few blooded animals went for over \$100. But the hog was a prince among all the stock when it came to high prices. Most any kind of a hog brought \$15 and \$20, while brood sows sold for \$40 to \$50, and the record price for a sow and six three weeks old pigs was \$84. Farm implements also brought prices almost up to the first cost mark.

In fact so high did prices soar that the smallest sales aggregated from \$1,200 to \$1,800, while what was termed as good sized farm sale would total from \$2,500 to over \$4,000. It is calculated that there were in the neighborhood of one hundred public sales in Centre county this spring and as a very conservative estimate of the average value per sale would be two thousand dollars, it can be seen that over two hundred thousand dollars worth of farm stock and utensils changed hands this spring, quite a snug fortune, by the way. And in the majority of cases sales were made because the farmer intended retiring from active work. Is there any need to ask the question, "Does farming pay?"

—The commencement exercises of the Benner township High school will be held in the High school room next Tuesday afternoon, April 5th.

STATE MODEL ORCHARDS.—The farmers and fruit growers of Centre county will next week be given an opportunity to see the most approved methods of horticultural management and suppression of insect pests and fungous diseases that damage and destroy fruits and trees. Owing to the rapidly advancing season the dates have been changed from the latter part of April to next week, when meetings will be held on the afternoon of the dates given and at the following places: Monday, April 4th, in the orchard of Newton Neidigh, near State College; Wednesday, April 6th, in the orchard of J. J. Arney, near Centre Hall; Friday, April 8th, in the orchard of Col. W. Fred Reynolds, in Benner township. Should the weather prove unfavorable on the dates given the meeting will be held on the following day.

At least two experts from the division of zoology will be present to give practical instruction and Prof. Surface expects to be present at one or more of the meetings held. A section of the orchard in which these public meetings will be held will be conducted as a permanent model orchard and at the first meeting trees will be pruned, sprayed, and perhaps planted, insect pests and fungous diseases identified, different types of apparatus shown, and lectures delivered and questions answered. Everybody interested in fruit culture and in saving the trees from injury, whether by insects or diseases, should attend the meeting nearest his home; and, also, take with him specimens of pests for identification. It is understood that any questions asked as to such pests and on orchard management will be cheerfully answered.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA.—On Thursday evening of last week, March 24th, a new Camp Royal Neighbors of America was organized in the Maccabees hall by district deputy Mrs. Mary E. Hinestead, of Juniata. The following officers were elected and installed: Past oracle, Mrs. Mary E. Struble; oracle, Mrs. Alta M. Foreman; vice oracle, Mrs. Cordelia Johnson; chancellor, Miss Mona V. Struble; recorder, Mrs. Mary J. Gray; receiver, Mrs. Elsie L. Yeger, marshal, Mrs. Jessie M. Johnson; inner sentinel, Mrs. Ida M. Barnhart; outer sentinel, Mrs. Emma M. Sasserman. A delegation of members from the State College camp was present and following the installation of officers refreshments were served.

COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING.—The last meeting of the season of the Centre county Horticultural society will be held at State College in the afternoon and evening of April 8th, 1910. The afternoon session will be given up almost entirely to practical demonstrations of the making and application of lime-sulphur, Bordeaux mixture and other spraying materials, and also demonstrations on orchard pruning. The evening session will be held in connection with the College Horticultural club and will consist of illustrated lectures on horticultural subjects. A good program has been prepared.

—Jacob Smith has resigned the position in Williamsport he went to fill several weeks ago and has returned to Bellefonte. He and his family are now located in apartments in Crider's Exchange. Dennis McFadden and two sisters have also returned from Wilkesbarre and gone back into their old home on the road to Coleville.