

P. GRAY MEEK. EDITOR. TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.—Until further notice this paper will be furnished to subscribers at the following rates:

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS. TAKE CARE OF YOUR TREES.—The High school auditorium was comfortably filled on Monday evening, notwithstanding most inclement weather, to hear the illustrated lecture on "The Town Beautiful" by Mr. John T. Withers, of Jersey City.

Mr. Withers is evidently a recognized authority on tree culture. His talk revealed an intimacy with the subject that proclaimed a wide experience and his illustrations were selected with a view of conveying to the minds of his auditors convincing proof that there is a right and wrong way to care for trees and that the matter of their care is an important one to all.

The suggestions he made that might be adapted to use in this community might be summed up in the following hints: In taking off large limbs always first cut them off at least a foot from the trunk; this to prevent the limb from stripping bark from the trunk when it falls.

In planting trees make the hole four or five times larger than actually necessary to hold the roots as the soil will be enriched by a stirring up. Then do not set the tree more than an inch deeper than the soil mark on its trunk indicates that it had been imbedded before.

In pruning always make the cut as close ahead of a bud as possible. This bud will eventually cover up the scar and leave no unsightly stumps to rot.

For street trees plant only narrow branching trees on streets running east and west. Wide branching trees like oaks and elms on streets running north and south.

Do not board up or tin over a cavity or scar on the trunk or limb of a tree. Clean the decayed wood out like a dentist would a bad tooth then fill it full of ordinary concrete—cement (1), sand (2) and crushed stone (3 parts)—just to the level of the underside of the bark.

In supporting trees with forks that seem likely to split apart never girdle or band the branches. Better bore a hole through the centre of each end and run a bolt through with a plate at either end neatly countersunk so that new bark will form over it.

No matter how badly the trunk of a tree may be rotted it can be strengthened and made durable for years by filling the trunk with re-inforced concrete done in the way scars are advised to be treated above.

If you have a yard or garden don't dot it all over with flower beds. Look your place over, select the most effective background you can get from shrubbery or tree foliage then place your flower bed so that it will appear as a bright picture in an effective setting.

All of these hints appear most practical and easy of accomplishment. We have no doubt that if followed out in the care of your trees you will have many reasons to feel grateful for the visit that Mr. Withers paid to Bellefonte and for his most instructive talk on the care and culture of our ornamental and fruit trees.

In this connection it has been suggested by several residents of Bellefonte that the people of this community take special interest in preserving the large pine trees in the Union cemetery. Centre county, and especially this section of it, a century or more ago was noted for the magnificence of its pine forests, and the trees still standing in the cemetery are some of the very few virgin pine trees in the county, and this is the reason that care should be taken to preserve them.

TATE.—Mrs. Angelina Tate, relict of the late A. J. Tate, died at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon at the home of her son Wesley, near Peru, as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained about a month ago. Deceased, whose maiden name was Angelina Boop, was born in Union county almost seventy-eight years ago. She was united in marriage to A. J. Tate, of Shiloh, and their married life was spent on the farm at that place and at Pine Grove Mills. After the death of Mr. Tate three years ago she continued to live on the old homestead on the Bellefonte pike until last fall when, her health failing, she went to live with her son Wesley and family. She was a devoted member of the Lutheran church and was interested in all that pertained to the moral welfare of the community. Her many acts of kindness and charity helped to bring a bit of sunshine into many homes in the community in which she lived.

Surviving her are the following children: Thomas and Mrs. Edward Smith, of Illinois; George, of Pittsburg; Mrs. Margaret Lee, of Nittany; A. J. and William, of Pine Grove Mills, and Wesley, of Peru. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Klechner, of Millburg; Mrs. Emil Kerstetter, of Coburn, and Mrs. E. Musser, of Coburn. One half-brother, Ammon Shirk, also survives. Rev. J. I. Stoneypher officiated at the funeral which was held at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made at Shiloh.

HILLIARD.—Mrs. Stephen Hilliard died at her home in Bellwood last Saturday morning after a protracted illness with stomach trouble. Her maiden name was Hutton and she was born and reared in Stormstown, this county. When seventeen years of age she was married to Stephen Hilliard, of Glen Hope, and for many years the family have lived at Bellwood. Mrs. Hilliard was the mother of twelve children, seven of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. C. W. Kester, of Galeton; Guy, of Bellwood; Mrs. J. K. White and Mrs. L. A. Antis, of East Altoona; Stephen, of Fostoria; Mrs. J. H. Miller and John at home. One brother, William Hutton, of Osceola Mills, and one half-sister, Mrs. Caroline Price, of Bald Eagle, also survive. Rev. J. B. Stein, of Tyrone, officiated at the funeral which was held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Logan Valley cemetery.

EMERICK.—After an illness of some months with dropsy Mrs. Henry Emerick died at her home at Centre Hall on Monday morning, just about three weeks after the death of her husband. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weaver and was born at Penn Cave over seventy-six years ago. Most of her life after her marriage to Mr. Emerick was spent in the vicinity of Centre Hall. She was a member of the Lutheran church and a pious christian woman. She is survived by a number of children, all of whom are scattered through the west. Daniel Weaver, of Gregg township, is her only surviving brother. The funeral was held yesterday morning. Rev. B. F. Beiber officiated and burial was made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Owen Williams, a well known resident of Altoona, died on Monday afternoon after a year's illness with a complication of diseases. He was born in Bellefonte on December 22nd, 1855, and for the past thirty years had made his home in Altoona, following his occupation of a blacksmith, for a number of years being employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company. He was a member of St. John's Catholic church, of Altoona, and is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son, namely: Mrs. Carl Scheffer, Mrs. C. R. Snyder and John J., all of Altoona. One brother and several step-brothers and sisters also survive. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

MARKLE.—After being a sufferer the past two years or longer with Bright's disease Franklin Markle died at his home in Blue Ball, Clearfield county, on Wednesday of last week. He was born in Harris township, this county, and was 68 years, 7 months and 4 days old. Thirty-two years ago he with his family moved to Blue Ball where they have lived ever since. Surviving him are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Goss, of Buffalo, N. Y.; also one sister, Mrs. Mary Markle, of Boalsburg. The funeral was held on Sunday.

MERRIMAN.—The funeral services of little Dewitt Merriman, aged 7 years, 1 month and 22 days, was held at his home in Philipsburg. The little one had lived from his infancy with his grandmother and was lovingly cared for. The Salvation Army soldiers had charge of the meeting, while the sermon was delivered by Rev. Z. Z. Adams, Free Methodist pastor, who spoke from First Samuel 3:18 "It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good." Interment in the Philipsburg cemetery.

THOMAS.—Mrs. William Thomas died at her home in Austin, Potter county, last Friday, of typhoid fever. Her maiden name was Woodring and she was born at Port Matilda, this county. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and the following brothers: William, of Tyrone; Abraham and H. E., of Port Matilda, and G. W., of Bluefield, W. Va. The remains were taken to Port Matilda on Monday for burial.



ABOVE ARE THE PICTURES OF CAPT. AND MRS. F. WILLIS, OF THE SALVATION ARMY, WHO HAVE TAKEN CHARGE OF THE WORK IN BELLEFONTE. DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS THEY HAVE FILLED APPOINTMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES AND THEY COME TO BELLEFONTE WELL EQUIPPED FOR THE WORK IN HAND. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS NIGHTLY AT THE ARMY HALL.

In Memoriam.

George Fye was born February 6th, 1829, died February 4th, 1911, aged 81 years, 11 months and 29 days. He was one of our well beloved and much respected citizens of Centre county. He peacefully passed away at his home in the German Settlement, where he spent the greater part of his life. He leaves an aged wife, several children and many friends to mourn his death.

GORDON.—Benjamin Gordon, a well known resident of this community, died at the Bellefonte hospital on Monday evening. While in the act of repairing a locomotive boiler in the Bellefonte Central railroad shops two weeks ago he was badly scalded by escaping steam from a bursted flue. While his burns were bad enough they were not considered fatal and his death on Monday evening was very unexpected.

Deceased was born at Hollidaysburg on December 26th, 1864, hence was past forty-six years of age. He learned the trade of a boiler maker and followed that occupation most of his life. He came to Bellefonte about twenty years ago and worked at the Maitland boiler works as long as they were in operation here. In 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Gay who survives with the following children: Henry, John, Rebe, Marie, Eva and Sara. Two brothers, John and Elmer, of this place, also survive. Rev. C. W. Winey officiated at the funeral services which were held at his late home in the Brown Row yesterday morning, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

MERRIMAN.—George W. Merriman, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Wilkensburg on Monday afternoon, after a brief illness. He was born in Taylor township, this county, sixty years ago, and spent the early part of his life in that locality. Fourteen years ago he went to Wilkensburg and that had been his home ever since. He was an active member of the First United Presbyterian church of Wilkensburg and had been a class leader the last twelve years, and for some time a member of the board of trustees. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Melcher Merriman, and five children, namely: Mrs. John Smith, of Irwin; Edward, Blair and John at home, and William, of Irwin. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

SHOWERS.—On Tuesday evening of this week Mrs. Julia Showers, widow of the late Henry D. Showers, passed away at her home in Walker township after a lingering illness with cancer. Her maiden name was Swartz and she was sixty years of age. She was a member of the Lutheran church and was a good faithful woman in every way. Her husband died eighteen years ago but surviving her are the following children: J. C., of Indiana; George, in Illinois; William, in the west but exact whereabouts unknown; Edgar, in Montana; Herbert, at Pleasant Gap, and Merrill, at home. Rev. Minnemyer will officiate at the funeral which will be held this morning, burial to be made in the Zion cemetery.

—We regret to note that Mr. J. W. Conley is very ill at his home at Centre Hall; in fact so critical is his condition that his son Will was called home Wednesday morning.

—A nice little baby girl made her arrival in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Franks, of Pitscarn, on Sunday. Mrs. Franks was formerly Miss Helen Hamilton, of this place.

—The Public Ledger of yesterday reviews the boggy of two years ago about the University of Pennsylvania gobbling up The Pennsylvania State College. It is machine politics, pure and simple, and the State won't stand for it a minute.

LOCAL SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.—Monday morning and afternoon a local Sunday school institute was held in the Presbyterian chapel to which all the county and district officers had been invited.

The morning session was called to order by the county secretary, Mr. L. W. Nuttall, of Philipsburg. In the absence of the president, C. L. Gramley, the Rev. Dr. Schmidt was called to the chair.

Mrs. M. J. Baldwin, the State superintendent of Elementary Grade work, gave a very helpful talk at this session on the "Front Line Movement." Ten points of excellence are required to bring Centre county up to the "Front Line" now held by thirty-seven counties in the State. Centre county lacks three points, viz.: Fifty of the schools of the county must have cradle roll departments; thirty of them must have home departments, and twenty of them must have teacher's training classes.

At 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Baldwin gave a practical talk on the various phases of work in the elementary grades and then conducted a conference on the same subject. It was decided to hold the forty-second annual county convention at Aaronsburg, August 21st and 22nd, 1911. The executive committee adopted the following points for recognition of individual schools as "Front Line" schools at the annual county convention.

- 1.—Monthly teachers meeting. 2.—Cradle roll. 3.—Home department. 4.—Teachers training class. 5.—Report to county secretary. 6.—Offerings to county association. 7.—Delegate sent to district convention.

Every district in the county attaining to the standard of ten points required for "Front Line" schools in the State, will be entitled to recognition at the annual county convention April 17-22, 1911. Miss Robinson, one of the State field workers, will visit and address many of the districts in this county. The schedule for this trip will be published in due time.

BELLEFONTE MOTOR CLUB HOLDS MEETING.—The Bellefonte Motor club, or to be exact five regular and one honorary member, held a meeting in the office of N. B. Spangler Esq., in Crider's Exchange on Wednesday evening.

The object of the meeting was to take action on the movement inaugurated by the DuBois Motor club for the building of a state road across the mountain from Port Matilda to Philipsburg. The proposition is considered a good move and on motion the president of the club was empowered to appoint a committee of two or more representative citizens of Bellefonte to go to Harrisburg about February 15th, with committees from Philipsburg, Clearfield and DuBois to confer with State Highway Commissioner Hunter and if the matter is deemed practicable and advisable to have Hon. J. C. Meyer, Representative from this county, present at the Legislature asking for a special appropriation to bear the expense of building the road.

Other matters discussed were the coming to Bellefonte on Thursday of next week of Dr. Thos. C. Van Tries' new lecture entitled, "Matters Matrimonial, or Getting Married," to be delivered in the High school auditorium on Thursday evening, February 16th, at 8 p. m. This lecture is said to contain much wholesome advice and considerable fun. We wish also to emphasize the importance of the benefit for the Bellefonte hospital to be given on that occasion. Everybody invited. Admission free. A collection to be taken, every cent of which goes to the hospital. Both lecture and benefit are to be given under the auspices of the Bellefonte High school.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.—Andrew Stansho, a young Austrian coal miner, was run down by a train on the New York Central railroad near Clarence, last Saturday evening, and instantly killed. He was about twenty-five years of age and so far as known had no relatives in this country. He was buried from St. Michael's church, Clarence, at 4:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

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THE GHOST STILL STALKS AROUND.—There are at least thirty or more Bellefonters, ladies and gentlemen, who very well remember Mrs. Charlotte W. Elliott, of New York, who was in Bellefonte along about May, 1909, and promoted the American University course, at the same time selling each member the book series entitled "Crowned Masterpieces of Literature." Of course these were taken by the members with the understanding that a series of lectures went with them and the members naturally anticipated a feast of intellectual literature and instructive lectures. But the latter never materialized and the members quit paying their monthly stipulation for the books.

The result was that some months later a man was sent here to make collections but the members declined to pay up. About a year ago Mrs. Elliott herself returned, but even she could not induce the Bellefonters to part with any more of their money for what they claimed was a skin game. Time passed and the accounts were sent to a Bellefonte attorney for collection, but after investigating the matter he declined to take any proceedings and returned the accounts. The matter has been resting so long that the Bellefonte people had almost forgotten it when they were very forcibly reminded that the ghost still stalks abroad by the appearance on Tuesday of a man who had all the contracts and demanded either the return of the books or the payment of the balance due according to the contracts. But even his bravado failed to jolt any more money out of the pockets of the Bellefonters or get a return of the books without refunding the amount already paid on them. It is quite possible that legal action may be taken to compel the Bellefonte members to pay up, but they are determined to fight the matter to a finish and have engaged an attorney to look after their interests. In the meantime there is some uneasiness among the Bellefonte members over what may happen next.

GOOD ROADS TRAIN COMING TO BELLEFONTE.—The good roads train which is now traveling through the State will be in Bellefonte on Thursday of next week, February 16th. It will arrive here about 12:10 o'clock and at 1:30 o'clock a meeting will be held in the court house at which lectures on good road building will be delivered by Prof. John Price Jackson, of State College, and others equally conversant with the subject. The train will be here until 3:30 o'clock when it will leave for Lock Haven.

The good roads train is operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad company and the lecturers are supplied by The Pennsylvania State College. The train consists of four cars two of which are used in transporting the most modern machinery used in the building of roads, with photographs of good and bad roads, etc. One car is equipped as a lecture room and used where the train does not stop long enough to go to a public hall, or where the latter is not accessible. The stopover of this train in Bellefonte should be taken advantage of by every supervisor and road-master in the county who can possibly get here, as they are sure to hear something which will be of benefit to them in putting and keeping the roads in good repair.

MAGNIFICENT SWEET PEAS.—Sweet peas will unquestionably be the popular flowers with people of good taste and refinement the coming season. Why? Because no other flower yields such satisfactory returns in a wealth of beautiful and fragrant blooms for so long a period. But high grade seed of the choicest kinds is absolutely necessary for the best results. And just such seed, the very finest in cultivation, compose the collection offered below. Listen.

For 25 cents I will send postpaid to any address eight half ounce packets of the loveliest named varieties in the world and with all orders I will include a packet each of the famous orchid-flowered Sweet Peas. Countess Spencer, the White Spencer and the charming new Lavender Spencer, "Asta Ohn," so much admired by experts throughout the world, and a packet of the early aster, "Queen of the Market" and one of gorgeous double poppies. And I always do better than I advertise. Coin remittance preferred. Address EDGAR A. HIGGINS, Sweet Pea Specialist, Avoca, N. Y. 56-3.

LECTURE AND HOSPITAL BENEFIT.—We would repeat the notice given last week of Dr. Thos. C. Van Tries' new lecture entitled, "Matters Matrimonial, or Getting Married," to be delivered in the High school auditorium on Thursday evening, February 16th, at 8 p. m. This lecture is said to contain much wholesome advice and considerable fun. We wish also to emphasize the importance of the benefit for the Bellefonte hospital to be given on that occasion. Everybody invited. Admission free. A collection to be taken, every cent of which goes to the hospital. Both lecture and benefit are to be given under the auspices of the Bellefonte High school.

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Our Correspondent's Opinion. This column is at the service of those of our people who desire to express their views on any subject of general or local interest. The "Watchman" will in no way be responsible for their ideas or statements. The real name of the author must accompany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

Perforating National Constitution—Canada Treaty.

To the Editor Democratic Watchman. The rarity public print of yours of the 3rd inst. quoting section 8 of Article 1 of the constitution of the United States, declares that "the Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imports and excise to pay debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States." Such simplicity statutes should have free print in every newspaper at once, and the subject of differential treaty of Nation to be submitted to ballot of the people, for or against foreign barter of trade that would build up certain home districts of lake and seaports and create greater collation of steel corporation and other gigantic combines to enhance their earnings, by any tariff or other means. The price of rails would not be reduced, but oh my! the reduction of American individuality earning power of the interior would cause greater migration to Metropolitan life. Placing our farm products and charcoal pig iron on the free list of nations, granting same Canada terms, would be surrendering Democracy tradition to enhance wages of imperial governments. It would be revolution. Changing the fiscal rule of our government by rush Congress in the dark age of American journalism would be robbery.

JAMES WOLFENDEN. Lamar, Pa., February 4th, 1911.

On Tuesday Dr. M. J. Locke received the sad news of the death of his mother, at her home in Philadelphia. She was eighty-two years of age and had been in feeble health a long time. The doctor left on Wednesday to attend the funeral which was held yesterday.

William Bottorf has recovered from an operation for appendicitis and was taken home from the hospital last Friday. He is now looking better and feeling finer than he has this long time and anticipates having better health in every way than he has had for months.

SPRING MILLS. Mrs. Lieb and her mother, Mrs. Smith, left on Wednesday last for a months visit in Philadelphia.

All our merchants report a fair business during January. Immediately after the holidays, of course business took a drop, but improved greatly towards the last of the month.

All our sick are improving, yet about every fifth person one meets has a cold in the head. Fortunately all don't sneeze at once, or the concussion might blow town and people into Penns creek.

Well, no doubt his bishop saw his shadow on Thursday last, which to some people means six weeks more of winter. The weather bureau man, however, says that the prediction is the veriest hosh and nonsense.

Plenty of sleeting here on Friday night last, and Saturday proved another delightful slippery morning, and a cold in the head. Fortunately, no serious mishap has been reported. Of course the snow storm of Monday made walking more certain, but not very satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schlegel had a very large card and dancing party on Thursday evening last which proved a very enjoyable occasion. About ninety guests were present. The supper tables were lavishly furnished with dainties and substantial of a most inviting character which were discussed with a gusto that left no doubt of its high appreciation. At a late hour—after assuring Mr. and Mrs. Schlegel that they had been delightfully entertained, all the guests retired to their respective homes.

HOWARD ITEMS. Rev. R. S. Taylor is conducting revival services in the M. E. church at Curtin this week.

A week of special services is in course this week in the Reformed church Jacksonville, by the pastor Rev. E. F. Faust.

Rev. W. W. Rhoads of the U. B. church, is busy preparing for the annual meeting of the conference of that church to be held in York, Pa., the first week of March. Rev. Rhoads expects to be stationed elsewhere after conference.

There will be a memorial service to Francis Willard in the Reformed church at Howard, Thursday evening, February 16th, at 7:30. Short addresses will be made by the pastors of the town. The service will be held under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U.

The Howard ministerium met in its first session in the parlor of Rev. W. W. Rhoads, Monday, February 6th, at 2 p. m. After attending some preliminary business a resolution was adopted requesting our Representatives to introduce a bill in the Legislature re-storing the status of the amendment of 1893 to the original marriage license law, which permits the use of the license in other parts of the State than the county in which it is issued as the amendment of 1893 requires.

Rev. E. F. Faust, then read a paper on "Pastoral Visitation." The paper and subject were freely discussed by the members present.

The next meeting will be held in the parlor of the Methodist parsonage and the paper on the subject, "The Inspiration of the Scripture," will be read by Rev. W. W. Rhoads.

RUNVILLE RIPPLINGS. William Watson, of Tyrone, spent Sunday with his wife and little son.