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## Democratic State Convention.

Democratic State Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pa., February 6th, 1912.

To the Democrats of Pennsylvania:  
In pursuance of the rules governing the Democratic party of Pennsylvania and agreeable to the action of the Democratic State Executive Committee at a special meeting held in the Democratic State Headquarters, Harrisburg, on the last day of February, 1912, notice is hereby given that the Democratic State Convention will assemble in the Majestic Theatre, at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, May 7th, 1912, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The business to be transacted at said convention will be:  
The nomination of one candidate for Auditor General.

The nomination of one candidate for State Treasurer.

The nomination of six candidates for Electors at large, and to elect in the manner provided by the rules of the party.

Twelve delegates and twelve alternates at large to the National Democratic Convention.

and to consider such other matters, pertaining to the interests and success of the party in Pennsylvania, as may be brought before it.

WALTER E. RITTER, Chairman  
P. GRAY MEEK, Secretary.

## Mr. Palmer Talks War.

Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER continues to breathe the atmosphere of war. In a speech in Philadelphia last week he declared that there will be no compromise until the Democratic organization has been completely annihilated. What he expects to gain by this course has not been revealed. And those of us who have done our best to help bear the burden of party endeavor for the past quarter of a century are not able to derive much encouragement from such declarations. To our minds they augur disaster. But such signs fail to deter Mr. PALMER. He has had about all that he can hope for and is now willing to destroy the temple.

For many years Mr. PALMER was a patient and obedient follower of the organization. Born with an extraordinary ambition, he was checked in his aspirations by an unfriendly local public sentiment. Mr. HOWARD MUTCHLER, who was the recognized party leader in the Congressional district in which Mr. PALMER lived took an accurate measure of his character, and promptly turned him down. Then he attached himself to what was called the State machine and with the liberal financial help of Col. GUFFEY and Senator HALL, he finally "got" MUTCHLER and secured a nomination and election to Congress.

This triumph, not of PALMER's merit, but of outside money, turned his head. He saw visions of greater political achievement and begged the Democratic State organization to further favor him. As a result he was made temporary chairman of the State convention of 1909 and renominated and re-elected to Congress. This incident completely upset him. He came to imagine that he was greater than the influences which elevated him and he turned to abusing the organization. But he will dwell briefly in his imaginary world of power. At the April primaries he will be retired finally and forever, a victim of an absurd and an ungrateful heart.

—TEDDY is finding out that the call for his re-election was a sound without significance. He may get delegates enough to entitle him to a place among those who "also ran," however.

—Meantime we are able to discern no evidences that Mr. SCHWAB is arranging to sell his steel property at a sacrifice.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

—Arthur Roderick, a Bellefonte Academy student, was taken to the Bellefonte hospital last Friday suffering with quinsy.

—The county commissioners this week decided it would be necessary to increase the county tax rate from five to seven mills, in order to secure revenue sufficient to meet current expenses and provide the sinking fund for the payment of the county debt incurred by former boards of commissioners and in remodeling the court house.

—Donald Lucas, a promising and dear boy of nine years of age, son of Mrs. William Bolten, of Pottsville, and grand nephew of Miss Overton, of this place, died in St. Luke's hospital Philadelphia, Tuesday evening, of Cerebro hemorrhage. He was one of the choir boys in the Episcopal church at Pottsville and a general favorite with all who knew him.

—The overseers of the poor of Rush township closed negotiations on Monday for the purchase from the Catherine Holt heirs of the old John Bishop property on Cold Stream, which they will convert into a home for the poor of that township. The dwelling will be remodeled and enlarged and the ground, of which there are twelve acres, will be put under a good state of cultivation, and it is hoped that in this way the poor department will be able to reduce expenses.

IKE.—Mrs. I. E. Ike died quite suddenly at her home in Tyrone last Thursday morning. She had been ailing for some time with kidney trouble but her condition was not considered serious until the day before her death when complications set in and she sank rapidly until the end.

Deceased's maiden name was Miss Mary Sharpless, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sharpless, and she was born at Sandy Ridge on September 4th, 1853. She was united in marriage to I. E. Ike on June 26th, 1911. The latter is employed as a brakeman on the Tyrone division and they lived at Sandy Ridge until last October when they moved to Tyrone. Funeral services were held at her late home in Tyrone on Thursday evening and immediately afterwards the remains were taken to the home of her father at Sandy Ridge where final services were held on Saturday afternoon, and burial made in the cemetery at Osceola Mills. In addition to her husband she is survived by her father and two brothers, William and Lorenzo, all of Sandy Ridge.

BAER.—James Baer, of Tyrone, a well known flagman on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, died at 8:45 o'clock on Saturday morning in the cabin of the freight train on which he was employed. The train was on its way from Lock Haven to Tyrone and when in the neighborhood of Unionville Baer was stricken with heart failure. His fellow workmen on the train applied all the restoratives at their command and did everything possible but the stricken man sank rapidly and death ensued before the train reached Port Matilda. The remains were taken on the same train to Tyrone and later conveyed to the Baer home. Deceased was aged about forty-seven years and leaves a wife and ten children.

PETTY.—Mrs. Mary Jane Petty, grandmother of landlord H. S. Ray, of the Brockerhoff house, died at her home in Auburn, N. Y., yesterday morning, aged ninety-four years. Her death was the result of a general wearing out of the system.

COURT CULLINGS.—This has been a busy week in court and it may be some time tomorrow before the list is cleared up. Most of Monday morning's session was taken up in hearing motions and petitions and going over the list of cases called for trial. Two were continued, those of J. I. Wagner vs. A. R. Moon et al., and W. H. Bradford vs. the Quaker City Coal company.

The first case called was that of Enoch Hugg vs. Nancy Schreckler, a retrial of an action of ejectment. After a jury had been called and sworn an amicable settlement was made.

The case of Mary Kauffman, formerly Mendenhall, vs. Celia and Henry Mirbach, took up a portion of Monday afternoon and most of Tuesday. The action was brought to recover a loan of one thousand dollars. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,063.33.

The case of Samuel Osman vs. Spring township, an action in trespass to recover damages for the drowning of a horse in an unprotected lake in the road near the Gentzel farm, and illness of himself as the result of undue exposure, went to trial on Tuesday afternoon and after being on most yesterday afternoon the jury came in at half past four o'clock with a verdict of \$1,000 for Osman.

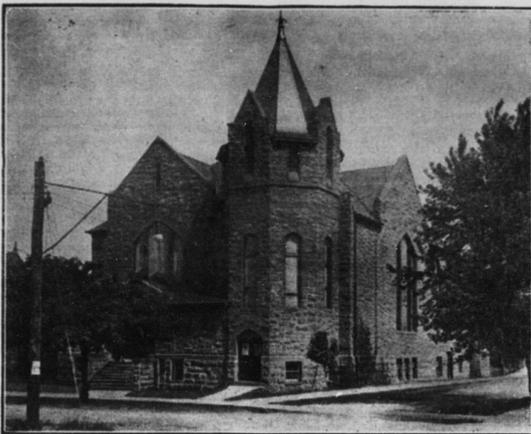
Another case of interest to be heard next week is that of the Penn Chemical company vs. the Misses Ammerman.

ELOCUTIONIST APPRECIATED.—As a means of self improvement and to give pleasure to others, Mrs. Harriet Thomas Kurtz has devoted much time to the study of elocution. Her many friends have enjoyed and been greatly pleased with the recitals which she has occasionally given during her visits here and will, no doubt, be interested to read the appreciation of an outsider as thus appears in an article in a recent edition of the *Universalist Leader*.

"Last summer, at the 25th anniversary of the Murray Grove Association at Good Luck, we were very fortunate to have with us Mrs. H. T. Kurtz, a niece of Abe C. Thomas, devoted to our Faith, a fine, dramatic reader and of exquisite sensibilities, who gave selections from 'John Murray's Landfall,' and in an inimitable manner, on 'Potter and Murray Days'; and we could but think how opportune that this book should come out the very year of this celebration, to afford us just the finishing poetic touches needed."

—On Friday of last week the Lock Haven Express entered upon the thirty-first year of its existence, and though no special effort was made to celebrate its birthday the paper contained a lengthy editorial in which was reiterated the intention to adhere to the policies it has maintained through the almost a third of a century of its existence. The Express is one of the newest and best dailies of its size that comes to the WATCHMAN office and we very sincerely hope for it many more years of success and usefulness.

—The school board of State College have taken out a petition for holding a special election to vote upon the question of increasing the borough indebtedness thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a new school building. The town has entirely outgrown its present facilities and the sentiment is favorable for a new building. If the voters pass the question of a loan at the special election the building will be erected during the coming summer.



ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, STATE COLLEGE.

NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT STATE COLLEGE DEDICATED.—Sunday was a big day for the Methodists of State College, as on that day they formally dedicated their new church, St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal, with very impressive services. The handsome new edifice was crowded to the doors on Sunday morning to hear the dedicatory sermon, which was preached by Bishop William McDowell, of Chicago. Following the sermon Dr. B. C. Conner, of Altoona, district superintendent, made an address in which he told of the struggle to build the church and the amount of money yet needed to clear it of debt. He urged those present to give liberally and that they did so is evident from the fact that a total of \$6,900 were pledged. This leaves a balance of \$2,500 to raise to clear the church of debt, but it is hoped to secure this amount at an early date. Services have been held in the church every night this week and will be continued until Sunday.

The new church is 66x101 feet in size, built of native blue limestone, and trimmed with Hummelstown brown stone, and its total cost was \$45,000. Of this amount \$21,000 has been paid and pledged by the congregation; \$10,000 was donated by the Board of Home Missions and Church extension, and over \$11,000 were secured throughout the State by the persistent efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. McK. Reiley, Dr. B. C. Conner and Dr. C. M. Boswell. The main auditorium of the church, with

its two galleries, has a seating capacity of 425, while the Sunday school room, with gallery and three class rooms, has a seating capacity of 475. The basement has been fitted out complete and contains an assembly room with a capacity of 350. This will be the social room of the church and will also be used for the junior Sunday school. In addition there are a primary Sunday school room, kindergarten, Brotherhood choir, boiler, store, toilet and wash rooms and a kitchen. Forty pews in the auditorium have been donated for the use of strangers and students.

The beautiful new Eestey pipe organ, one-half the price of which was paid by Andrew Carnegie, is a memorial to Dr. Benjamin Gill. The pulpit furniture was presented by the preachers of Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, and the carpet by the Ladies Aid Society. Most of the windows are memorial and exceedingly beautiful. They were put in place and the frescoing done by the C. Day Rudy company.

The ministers who were present on Sunday or during the week were Bishop McDowell, of Chicago; Dr. B. C. Conner, Altoona; Dr. W. P. Eveland, Williamsport; Rev. E. R. Heckman, Bloomsburg; Rev. J. W. Glover, Freeport; Rev. G. M. Glenn, Philipsburg; Dr. A. S. Fasic, Carlisle; Dr. B. H. Mosser, Huntingdon; Dr. R. H. Gilbert, Berwick, and Rev. E. M. Stevens, Williamsport.

LONG DRAWN OUT CASE DECIDED.—Among the decisions handed down by the Superior court in Williamsport last Friday was that of Minerva B. Snyder vs. The Pennsylvania Railroad company, in an action to recover five hundred dollars relief fund coming to her on account of the death of her husband, the late David W. Snyder, of Tyrone, in which the verdict of the lower court in favor of the plaintiff was sustained. Snyder was a fireman on the Bald Eagle valley railroad and was killed on October 21st, 1900, when his engine was thrown from the track in a collision with a cow. The accident happened in Centre county and Mrs. Snyder brought an action in trespass in the Centre county court to recover damages. The case was tried in 1902 before the late Judge John G. Love. Judge A. O. Furst and Thomas J. Sexton represented Mrs. Snyder and Blanchard and Blanchard defended the railroad company. After the evidence of the plaintiff had been presented Judge Love ordered a compulsory non-suit. The case was carried to the Supreme court which sustained Judge Love's decision.

Mrs. Snyder then brought an action in the Blair county court to recover the five hundred dollars due her from the relief fund. In this case the company contended that inasmuch as the plaintiff had brought suit for damages she was not entitled to the relief money. The case was tried in Blair county in November, 1904, and the jury returned a verdict of \$533.75. On an application for a new trial the case was later argued before Judge Bell and on September 9th, 1909, judgment was entered for Mrs. Snyder for \$696.13. A rule to open judgment entered by the railroad company, was argued before Judge Thomas J. Baldrige, May 9, 1910. Judge James Shull was called in February 6, 1911, and after hearing the argument, reserved his decision until March 30th, 1911, when the judgment was stricken off. Following this action the plaintiff's attorney appealed the case to the Superior court and that body has just sustained the decision and award of Judge Bell.

During the nine years of litigation the case has been heard by eighteen judges, two of whom, Judges Love and Bell are dead, and both the plaintiff's first attorneys, ex-Judge Furst and Thomas J. Sexton, have also passed to the Great Beyond. On account of the long litigation the costs in the case have piled up to a sum considerably in excess of the amount awarded the plaintiff in the judgment of the lower court, and about the only consolation is that it now stands it is a victory against the railroad company.

—Al S. Garman, of Tyrone, was so pleased with the Ford car he bought last year, and the pleasure of automobilizing, that he has purchased a new Ford, model 1912, for this season; and as soon as the roads get in proper shape he will try out on a trip to Bellefonte.

ACADEMY BASKET BALL.—The Bellefonte Academy basket ball team will play two home games this week. The first will be at 8:30 o'clock this (Friday) evening with the Academy alumni, now students at State College, and the second game will be tomorrow (Saturday) evening with the strong Bucknell Academy five. Both games will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, will begin at 8:30 o'clock sharp, and the price of admission will be 25 cents.

Friday of next week the Academy team will go to Pittsburg and that evening will play the strong University of Pittsburg team in the Westinghouse gymnasium at Wilkingsburg. Saturday evening they will play the P. A. A. team at the P. A. A. club and after the game will be given free access to the club swimming pool. Later they will be entertained at dinner by A. R. Hamilton, of the University of Pittsburg. This will be the first time that an Academy team of athletes entered into a contest in the Smoky city, and they naturally will try to make a good record.

MINISTER'S ASSIGNMENTS ARRANGED IN SECRET CONFERENCE.—Behind closed doors at State College, on Monday and Tuesday of this week, Bishop McDowell, who will preside over the coming session of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, and four of the five district superintendents, Dr. B. C. Conner, of Altoona; Dr. R. H. Gilbert, of the Danville district; Dr. A. S. Fasic, of the Harrisburg district, and Dr. B. H. Mosser, of the Juniata district, held a conference and discussed the various appointments for the ensuing year. Their report, however, will not be announced until the close of the sessions in Williamsport on March 29th. There are over two hundred and fifty appointments in the conference but it is not believed that there will be any radical snake-up, though, of course, there will be some changes, as is imperative every year.

COMPANY L ELECTS SECOND LIEUTENANT.—At a regular meeting of Company L, Twelfth regiment N. G. P., of this place, held last Friday evening the deadlock which has existed the past six weeks over the selection of a second lieutenant to fill the vacancy caused by the election of William H. Brown as captain of the company was broken, and Linn S. Blackford was elected. The two candidates in the field were Mr. Blackford and Clyde Smith, of State College. The company now has a full complement of officers and men.

—Congressman Charles E. Patton, of Curwensville, was an arrival in Bellefonte last Saturday noon and remained until Sunday looking after his interests for a re-nomination. Saturday evening he was tendered quite a reception at the Brockerhoff house and later was entertained at the Elks and Bellefonte club. So far the race for the Republican nomination in this district is between Congressman Patton and W. F. DeHaas.

## Our Correspondents' Opinions.

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 do so far as possible, but is not 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.

## To Save Life and Reduce Cost of Living.

Editor Democrat Watchman:

The various physical conditions of human life are as numerous as mid-winter changes of climate, and to avoid the shivering high humidity have been compelled to retreat from the open prairie and course of Lake winds, that make clouded belts that are dangerous to weak lungs of my affliction, forced me to anchor in the central Pennsylvania mountain range of wind moderation, and the pines that perfume the air, to cure bronchitis in the accompanying knowledge and means to obtain high grade food in touch, to prevent and cure tuberculosis and indigestion.

To obtain the liquid bread of digesting solid food with least alcohol possible, I made October brew of sixteen pounds of barley, roasted in cooking stove oven and ground in lap coffee grinder, and with twenty-five gallons pure rain water, boil in wash boiler and crocks for one hour with one and three-fourths pounds of our native hops (that should have been sundried before using) the mash squeezed juice therefrom allowed to settle and placed in half barrel with eight pounds of brown sugar, fermentation forty-eight hours, allowing gaseous vent by bent pipe from bung hole to water in jar; closed barrel for four months and on opening found liquid brown and rather flat, bottled and corked the same with three pounds of brown sugar, and have health beverage that will not intoxicate and is a good digestive power on other foods.

Does this beer of open brew that permits alcoholic steam to escape, come within the government taxable revenue officers under title of beer? I wrote them the formula of my grandfather's brew and their reply was, "if it contains one-half of one per cent. in alcoholic per volume it is taxable by them." Sent sample of brew to Bureau of Chemistry Department of Agriculture and received the following reply:

MR. JAMES WOLFENDEN,  
Lamar, Clinton County, Pa.

Dear Sir:  
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th ultimo, with enclosed sample. In reply to your inquiry, I will state that the Bureau of Chemistry analyzes only Interstate samples, and not samples for private parties.

I would, therefore, suggest that you have your fermented product analyzed by some private concern before placing it on the market.

Respectfully,  
H. W. WILEY, Chief  
March 2, 1912

I have not the means to pay for analyzing to private concern, and therefore I am in the wilderness of doubt relative to the low percentage of alcoholic liquid bread of life saving power and last Saturday solicited aid from our State College by sample pint bottle that cost forty-five cents express, for humanity's sake investigating the home product and interrogation to wit: "What is the percentage of alcohol? What are the food nourishments? Can we commercially produce Bohemian hops?" all of which will be presented to you on receiving a reply.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES WOLFENDEN,  
Lamar, Pa.  
March 5, 1912.

## SPRING MILLS.

S. L. Baum, of Camden, N. J., made a business trip here on Friday last.

Samuel Worts and family, of our town, moved to Tyersville last week. Mr. Worts has a job in a saw mill.

"Teddy" seems to have a vast majority of the straw votes, but when it comes to delegates he seems to be nowhere.

Old folks say that instead of the backbone of winter having been broken, they think it was only slightly fractured.

B. A. Donahy, who is employed at Renovo, was here a few days last week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Maggie Donahy.

Our merchants report a fair business for last month. Commercial agents stopping off here report traffic on the road as being very light.

Dr. Braucht, who has been quite ill for several weeks, and recently had an operation performed at the Bellefonte hospital, is not improving very rapidly.

All week our walks were simply sheets of ice. Walking was almost out of the question, and the roads were very little better, so there was no choice. Everybody was forced to play circus, but no serious mishaps have been reported.

Fittings will soon be in order. Some of our folks are now making preparations to change quarters. There will be quite a number of removals and changes in our town, on April 1st, but fortunately we are not short of dwellings.

## With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in All Parts of the County.

## DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

A Sunday School Convention covering the district included in Bellefonte, Spring and Benner townships, will be held in the Lutheran church at Pleasant Gap, Thursday, March 14th, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Two addresses will be made at each session and a question box will be opened in the afternoon. Every school in the district is expected to send at least two delegates in addition to the pastor and superintendent. Entertainment will be provided for all delegates who notify Mr. Wm. Bilger, R. F. D. No. 2, Bellefonte, Pa., on or before Tuesday, March 12th, Miss Martha Robison, one of the state workers, will be present.

Rev. S. S. Clark will preach in the Baptist church at Milesburg on Sunday, March 10th, at eleven o'clock in the morning and seven in the evening. A general invitation is extended the public to attend.

Services next Sunday morning and evening in the Lutheran Church by a representative of the Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pa.

## Finds His New Home Both Pleasant and Profitable.

The following was not written for publication, but because we know it will be read with interest by Mr. Rerick's many friends hereabouts we give it publicity.

Editor Democrat Watchman,  
DEAR SIR: In our eagerness to read the WATCHMAN we did not notice the label on it, so hurry to send \$1.00 to renew subscription.

We are very much pleased with our home in this, a new country to us. Our fruit last fall won blue ribbons at the Indiana apple show, showing what spraying and care will do. We are located 10 miles north of the city of Indianapolis, Ind., and a good farming country. Land here sells for \$150 to \$300 per acre, only last week a farm 2 miles west sold for \$37,000 and had but 51 acres. Our place is all in fruit except 1 acre, but have rented 10 acres which I will truck farm. We have a splendid market here for every thing we can raise. But hogs and corn are the main thing among the big farmers, many of them raising as many as 1,000 hogs every year.

L. M. RERICK,  
Nora, Ind.

Lewis Daggett on Monday purchased the pool room and cigar store outfit at State College from the John B. Meek company and took possession of the same on Tuesday morning. Robert Hood, who has been clerking for Daggett in his Bush house cigar store, has been placed in charge and in the future the room, as well as the cigar business, will be conducted in an up-to-date manner. Both Mr. Daggett and Mr. Hood are enterprising, energetic gentlemen and all wish their success in their new undertaking.

## PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. J. G. Bailey is housed up nursing a very heavy cold.

Winter still hangs in the lap of spring and sleighing is gone.

J. W. Waite, of Stormstown, was at the D. H. Krebs home Sunday.

Waldo Homan, of Oak Hall, spent Sunday at the D. H. Krebs home at Fairbrook.

Hon. J. W. Kenler is shy a valuable cow that got its doom from the tusks of a big hog.

Raymond Bridenbaugh, of Blair county, spent last week with his cousin, Ross Louder, at Oak Hall.

George Bell and wife, of Spruce Creek, spent several days with friends in and out of town last week.

Clyde Schruders, of Tyrone, spent several days with his cousin, Harry Sunday, in the early part of the week.

Thursday evening a party of the younger set sladdled to the McFry home near town and enjoyed a dance.

Mrs. Thos. Gramley, of Altoona, was a Centre county visitor last week spending most of her time at Oak Hall.

Hugh McAfee, of Stormstown, was here Tuesday and bought a ton of pork of C. M. Dale at the 8 1/2 cent mark.

Elmer Ishler had a well put down 200 feet through solid rock and reports fifty feet of pure water. Mr. Sheffer did the job.

Mrs. Ross Louder gave a dinner party to a number of lady friends on Thursday. Her mother, Mrs. Gramley, was the guest of honor.

The festival held by the ladies of the M. E. church in the I. O. O. F. hall, Saturday evening, was well attended and their treasurers is the richer by \$50.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Meyers, of Alexandria, spent Saturday among old neighbors in town. Both are looking well and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

W. D. Luding, who has charge of the Bear Meadow game preserve with headquarters at Ballsburg, is attending a State Forestry meeting at Harrisburg this week.

W. E. McWilliams spent Sunday with friends at Tyrone, where he met his wife and daughter Sarah, who were returning to the hospital at Johnstown for treatment.

On the evening of the 28th of February a party of Tadpole's swooped down on the J. Cal Sunday home and took possession of it. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Sunday and her assistants and the evening spent in fun and music. All reported a rollicking good time.

February 28th, 1912, is a date long to be remembered as the M. A. Drabbin's home in East Ferguson as it was his 50th anniversary and his wife sprung a real surprise on him by having fifty invited guests call that evening. Many presents were brought and elegant refreshments served.

George Irvin planned the way for a big evening party at the home of Ed Isenbarg, last Thursday evening. Everybody had a delightful time. But they almost forgot to report Mrs. Ed Irvin and two interesting little children came down from Altoona for a week's outing with friends at Ballsburg.

The final hop held by the younger set from Ballsburg, State College and Lemont and our town held in the town hall last Thursday evening was a delightful affair. The Dietrick orchestra, of Bellefonte, furnished the music. Refreshments were served at midnight and all present had a jovous good time.