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Bellefonte Water Pure.—Bellefonte's big spring has always been noted for its unfeeling supply and purity and it is one of the first places visitors to the town go to see.

Table with 2 columns: Chemical Analysis and Grains per U. S. Gal.

This water supply is undoubtedly drawn from a limestone district as the inorganic constituents are composed almost entirely of the carbonates of lime and magnesia which is characteristic of the dolomite lime formation.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.—One of the interesting addresses at the Altoona district Epworth League convention at State College last Friday afternoon was that of Bishop W. P. Eveland on "My New Field."

According to the report of the secretary there are in the district seventy-three chapters, with a membership of 2,380, and 47 Junior Leagues, with 2,074 members.

There is much to be said in praise of our excellent schools and of the great advancement that has been made toward fitting for life duties and responsibilities the young people who are brought under their influence.

Our school, as it stands, is not producing the citizens needed for the work ahead of the country. The chief defect to which we refer is that our school does not give the child a practical training along the line of work that he or she will follow in life.

High School Students as News-Writers.

Among several prizes that Geo. R. Meek has offered the scholars of the Bellefonte public schools for some years is one to the student in the High school who shall write the best news item, not to exceed five hundred words.

Today, we need citizens, that are true Americans, in action and spirit, as well as in word—citizens, that are as loyal and patriotic, as the first founders of our free constitution.

They are all so good, however, and suggest so many valuable ideas to older heads that the WATCHMAN proposes publishing them all so that the public may know something of what the modern school boy and girl is thinking about when he or she becomes serious.

Is the Moving-picture Show a Benefit to Our Town? BY RUTH ALTENDERFER.

Eight million people in this country pay to see moving-pictures every day in the week. Fifteen thousand theatres hold this daily horde of film-lovers.

The motion-picture as a tool for the uplift of the social body has been greatly underestimated. For this reason it has been degraded to the lowest commercial ends.

The motion-picture, developed along proper lines, combining educational and amusement features, would raise the standard of living, promote domestic sanitation, and stamp out disease.

Are the moving-picture shows in our town dragging the young people down by disregarding their natural healthy taste for pleasure, or is it interesting them in greater and higher themes? We don't know!

What are they seeing? Don't you think you ought to know, you who vote, pay taxes, form clubs, and lead the municipal government, don't you honestly think you ought to become acquainted with the greatest diversion in our town?

It is the most absorbing question of our times and should be considered very seriously. Think about it and study about it, and then try to do your best, as a public-spirited citizen, to make the moving-picture a factor for good in the town we all love and of which we feel proud.

Section 629, of our recent school code reads as follows: "The board of school directors in each district shall, when they are not otherwise provided, purchase a United States flag, flagstaff, and the necessary appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near each public school building in clement weather, during school hours, and at such other times as the said board may determine."

Accordably, the Bellefonte school directors have complied with this requirement, and on every clear day, "Old Glory" waves from a flag pole in front of each school building.

They also decided that it would show more loyalty to our flag, on the part of the scholars, if they should rise, while it was being put up. In order to comply with this, each morning at nine o'clock, every scholar stands, while the flag is raised to its elevated position.

In answer to this we would say that we firmly believe, that our present directors, would gladly do it, if through such means the desired results are obtained.

It is true that most of the scholars regard it as a light matter, but where else, if not in the schools, will they learn this loyalty? Certainly not, at any other place, for only a short time ago, we saw a whole audience of people remain seated, while "America"—our national hymn—was being sung, and when every true hearted American should rise to his feet!

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Our Duty to the Neglected and Dependent Children. BY BASIL MOTT.

The duty of the community to neglected and dependent children is a very broad one. All children are dependent upon someone for support and care until they arrive near the age of maturity; but the dependent child, as we understand it to-day, is one who has to depend entirely upon the community for support.

Therefore it will not be necessary that attention be directed only to homes of fitfulness and poverty, but the homes of the rich should also claim consideration.

Every child has a right to be brought up under such conditions as to give it a chance to become a good citizen of our Nation. To give such an opportunity to homeless, neglected, and friendless children without distinction as to race, creed or color is the main purpose of the Children's Aid Society of Centre county.

Are We Loyal to Our Flag? BY RUTH KLINE. Section 629, of our recent school code reads as follows: "The board of school directors in each district shall, when they are not otherwise provided, purchase a United States flag, flagstaff, and the necessary appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near each public school building in clement weather, during school hours, and at such other times as the said board may determine."

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PLATTS.—It was with sincere sorrow and regret that the people of Bellefonte learned on Sunday evening of the death of Rev. J. Allison Platts, notwithstanding the fact that for twenty-four hours previous they knew that his life hung in the balance.

Rev. Platts was born at New Market, N. J., and was about forty-five years old. He was educated in Alfred University, N. Y., and after graduating entered the Baptist ministry in which field he served seven years.

Deceased is survived by his wife and six children, Elizabeth, Edmund, Dorothy, Mabel, Louis and Allison. His parents also survive, his being the second death in his father's family and the first in his own.

ROCKEY.—Mrs. Bertha Lillian Rocky, wife of Charles E. Rocky, died at two o'clock on Monday morning at the home of her mother, Mrs. William L. Steele, on South Spring street, as the result of a ligament growth and dropsy, following an operation in March last.

PERKS.—Mrs. Lulu Frances Perks, wife of Benjamin Perks, died at McGirk's sanatorium, Philipsburg, last Friday morning. A few days prior to her death she had undergone an operation which was followed by fatal complications.

FYE.—Mrs. Jemima Fye, widow of the late David Fye, of Ferguson township, died on Sunday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained several months ago. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Bloom and was born near the Old Fort on July 7th, 1823, hence was close to eighty-nine years of age.

NEYMAN.—George H. Neyman died on Monday morning at his home at Unionville after an extended illness, aged 69 years, 11 months and 14 days.

LEATHERS.—Mrs. Rebecca Leathers, wife of Mitchell Leathers, died at her home in Snow Shoe on Monday last week after a prolonged illness with rheumatism. Her maiden name was Rebecca DeHaas and she was born on Marsh creek above Romola sixty-six years ago.

HUNTER.—Mrs. Mary Hunter, wife of J. Craig Hunter, of Filmore, died quite suddenly at the Bellefonte hospital on Tuesday morning. She took sick last March and her ailment developed into tuberculosis and several weeks ago she was brought to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment.

SHANK.—After suffering for months with cancer of the stomach J. B. Shank died at his home near Pleasant Gap last Friday night. He was sixty-four years old and is survived by a wife and eight children. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

SNYDER.—Charles Snyder, one of the oldest residents of Ferguson township, died at the home of his son, John Snyder, near Pine Grove Mills, on Thursday morning last week of general debility. He was a son of John and Margaret Snyder and was born in Mifflin county on November 22nd, 1823, hence was 88 years, 6 months and 29 days old.

His wife died twenty-five years ago and of his children only two survive, John and Nancy, both of Ferguson township. He also leaves two brothers, Henry, of White Hall, and James, of Kansas. Rev. W. K. Harnish had charge of the funeral services which were held on Saturday morning at ten o'clock, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

SAYLOR.—Samuel Saylor, the oldest resident of Beech Creek, died suddenly and unexpectedly last Thursday morning, having been up and around as usual on Wednesday. Deceased was born near Easton on July 29th, 1819, hence was almost ninety-three years of age.

CHAMBERS.—James Chambers died quite suddenly on Sunday at the home of his daughter in DuBois of sclerosis of the liver. He went from his home in Barnesboro, where he recently conducted a hotel, to visit his daughter and was taken sick while there.

Amateur Base-Ball. Reported by the Kid Reporter. On Monday, June 24th, 1912, Curtin street played Lamb street an interesting game, beating them 12-9.

With the Churches of the County. Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Service Sunday 10:45 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 9½ E. High street.

Proclamation. WHEREAS, The observation of a "Safe and Saner Fourth" has met with success throughout the country in the prevention of accidents of all kinds;

Now then be it known, that the Ordinance prohibiting the use of any and all kinds of fire crackers, squibs, torpedoes, rockets, roman candles, cartridges, revolvers, pistols, etc., will be strictly enforced within the Borough of Bellefonte.

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IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and attached the seal of said Borough this 15th day of June, A. D., 1912.

JOHN J. BOWER, Chief Burgess.