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Very Much Alike.

When Mr. ROOSEVELT went into the White House after the assassination of President MCKINLEY, the capitalization of trusts in this country was given at less than one-half billion of dollars. When he began his second administration the figure had risen to \$6,843,891,760. When TAFT entered the White House this had grown to \$7,560,004,000, and now, with TAFT closing his term, the total is \$8,066,290,861. With this record to his own discredit the work of Mr. ROOSEVELT, now to pose as the enemy of trusts, appears very like the effort of the darkey, with his coop full of stolen chickens, trying to prove that he is honest by crying thief at his brother coon, who had gotten away with but a single pullet.

—The Russian government has begun what promises to be at least an interesting, if finally it proves merely a rain-bow chasing, expedition. When NAPOLEON and his grand army sacked the imperial palace of the Kremlin, the monasteries and other treasure stores of Moscow, one hundred years ago, he is supposed to have procured fabulous loot, most of which was later lost in the Beresina when the temporary bridges crossing it gave way under the weight of the retreating French. Acting upon the theory of Col. MULBERRY SELLERS that there are millions in it NICHOLAS has directed that the course of the Beresina be changed at the historic spot and a search made for what NAPOLEON dropped when he was making his get away. Aside from the historic interest that the search might have the hopeful Russians might recover enough from the ancient disaster to partially compensate them for their more modern ones about Port Arthur.

—Had our "progressive" friends at Chicago only have thought of it, and pledged their efforts to secure for the country salt that wouldn't clog the shaker, there might have been no measuring the enthusiasm their platform would have aroused; besides we would all have had an idea of what their party was really created for. But as it is now we greatly fear, that with them, it is as it used to be with brother CHAMBERS' sinners—a time when the "harvest is passed, the summer ended and they are not saved."

—Read Governor WILSON'S speech accepting the Democratic nomination for President and if you are not impressed with the profound wisdom of the man in dealing with the many questions of vital interest to the people of America then we have little respect for your ability to read intelligently.

—Representative SULZER was able to get only fourteen Democrats into his caucus to force the Republican two battalions schemes through the House. But Representative SULZER is at liberty to go over to the Republicans if he wants to and in this matter that is where he belongs anyway.

—The woman who concludes that her husband is a treasure seldom arrives at that belief until after he has shown his willingness to be a treasure-ee. At least that is the way a Lock Haven friend believes it is down there.

—If Mr. GEORGE W. PERKINS had his way the Steel trust and the Harvester trust would be the only trusts in business. Singularly enough ROOSEVELT also thought very well of those two conspiracies.

—The Harvester trust denies that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade and if ROOSEVELT were President Mr. PERKINS' protest would be potent to stop the legal proceedings in the matter.

—The Bull Moose is showing all other political bosses that they are simply pikers. He not only appoints the delegates but tells them how to vote on all questions.

—If you see it in the WATCHMAN, it's true. And not only true, but it's all here.

High School Students as News-Writers.

Here is the next to the last instalment of news articles submitted by High school students in the Geo. R. Meek contest, and we know that if you have been reading them you were undoubtedly interested. The final instalment of articles will appear next week. The following relate directly to Bellefonte and its environments:

The Moving Picture Show.

BY MARY CSHAD.

Are the motion picture shows in Bellefonte tending to raise or lower the moral standard? In the moving picture theater about eight o'clock in the evening, we see represented all the different classes of our town, from the butcher's boy and scullery maid to the lady bedecked in furs and jewels. The program lasts about an hour and, in that time we see a French trick film,—the furniture disappearing up the chimney and people dissolving in smoke; a picture comedy, based on the joke played on a "mascher;" a romantic picture drama; the production of some recent public event and finally the "educational film," which many people will not tolerate, styling it very dull. But how can we tell whether this program will work harm or good? Simply by asking ourselves; "Would we want our son or daughter to associate with the persons who are thrown on the curtain?"

By using two films recently shown here at home we might illustrate this point, "Mike, the Boy Pirate," and "Walk You Walk."

The first one pictures a young boy in his teens running away from home to join a rough band of men starting forth to commit robberies on the high seas. Consequently, he learns to hold up men and boys in the true bravado manner, loudly applauded by all of the small boys in the audience. Finally the pirate ship is captured and Mike comes to the sad end of being sent to the reformatory.

The second film portrays a Western comedy. A young fellow, owning an auto, takes a girl for ride. Provoked about five miles from town, he makes her walk back. So she and her sister devise a plan for "getting even" by taking him out in the country and forcing him to walk home, the sheriff and cowboys pursue the girls for fast driving but they outwit them also and arrive home safely.

Now you can surely, by these two films, tell the difference between the harmful and harmless photo-plays.

The "educational" pictures sound heavy and uninteresting by their title but they are becoming more beneficial and attractive. Take for instance the films showing the "Battle of Bunker Hill." The pupil, studying history, views this drama with his own eyes. Will it not be all the more forcibly and indelibly imprinted on his mind? The picture entitled, "Boil Your water" and the like have done much in teaching parents to take better care of their sick and the housewives to be more sanitary about their homes. The light comedy photos cause the most laughter from the audience, but, in relating the pictures of the evening, the rough man who works in the forests, and probably laughed the loudest, will describe the latest method of chopping down trees and the machinery used to the most minute detail. He has forgotten all the light pictures but this has been indelibly impressed on his mind. The pictures showing Niagara Falls, Yosemite Valley, the Italian army in drill, the Norwegian ski-jumpers and many, many others, teach us more than a traveler could see at a cost of thousands of dollars and years of journeying.

These are the pictures that should and would benefit and raise the morals of Bellefonte. Furthermore these are the pictures which you, the tax-payers of Bellefonte, have the right to demand from the motion picture managers, if you desire to see them produced in your theaters.

The Removal of Unsightly Buildings in Bellefonte.

BY MARY KLINE.

Who does not admire the beautiful, either made by God or man? What property owner does not wish to keep his house or home on an equal with his neighbors and, does he not often strive to make it a little bit better? Who is not proud to live on a well kept street which is always pointed out to visitors and strangers as [the most beautiful and cleanest street in the town? Who wishes to look out of his front window and see an unsightly building or ash-pile? We are certain that no cultured person would.

The condition of the streets of this town is surely familiar to every inhabitant. All know that some streets are more desirable for the location of a home than others. A house may be convenient, up-to-date and even beautiful, but what is it without nice and pleasant surroundings? Is it not certain that a refined family, seeking a home would choose even a less convenient house with a more desirable outlook than one in close proximity to the Gas and Steam Heating Plant? A desirable home is generally hard to find and people are sometimes compelled to select one in such a location; but, we are sure they are never satisfied. Nearly eight months of the year, the furnace of the Steam Heating Plant pours forth its volumes of smoke which leave every thing around covered with soot. If families in this locality do their own laundry

work, wash day is always dreaded. Altho' the Heating Plant is not in operation during the summer, all year, the gases used for lighting purposes, formed by the use of soft coal are as much detested by the people as the smoke. Do you think that those families concerned enjoy sitting on their front porches and looking at this dirty place?

It is true some say they depend on this for light and heat, but is that any reason for having this unpleasant and unsightly plant in the residence section of town? We are sure the citizens of this town would support the movement of placing this works outside of the town, thus laying a new system that is needed, as all know the present one is defective.

This is by no means the only unsightly building in town. Anyone passing North Thomas street will surely notice the new homes that have been erected. They may also notice the coal yard that has been placed across the street. Do you think such things ought to be put in any residential part of town? Will these things always exist? It demands action and every one must take part. Could they not be placed in a less conspicuous place? If this goes on, we fear Bellefonte will lose its fame for beauty that it has always had. Will we let this occur?

We ask you to think of this matter and feel sure in a short time you will agree with us. Place yourselves in either of the mentioned positions. How would you like it?

Beautiful Bellefonte.

BY SARAH SHUEY.

Bellefonte has for many years been regarded as a town of much interest and beauty, on account of its location among so many beautiful mountains and also on account of its large spring of clear, sparkling water. Then, too, the town has obtained fame as the "Home of Governors." And now that the State penitentiary is to be located so near to our town, should we not aim to make it more attractive, more interesting, and if possible, add to its reputation?

But there are many improvements to be made if we wish to do this. In the first place, the entrance to the town, by rail, is not very attractive and could be greatly improved upon. Then, the surroundings of the Pennsylvania Railroad station are also lacking in beauty. There is quite enough vacant space surrounding it to make the whole appearance very attractive (if it were used for the planting of flowers and shrubbery).

The completion of the new High street bridge has done away with the state of disorder which had hitherto existed, and has added to the general appearance of that portion of the town. But the paving of High street is a matter which should be carefully considered. In its present condition it is very disagreeable and very annoying to the residents, for in the beginning of the spring of the year, it is always caked with mud, and in the summer it is a mass of dust. By the expenditure of a little money all this could be discarded and the street would be much more attractive as well as convenient for travel. If we succeed in having High street paved, however, let us strive to keep it clean. The putting into use of the rubbish cans along the streets, has obliterated much of the refuse which was hitherto found on the streets, but the streets are not yet spotless by any means. Indeed at times it is hard to detect that part of Allegheny street is paved, so completely covered is it with mud and other refuse.

We have in Bellefonte a magnificent court house, and one which we can well be proud of, but by the removal of the Soldiers' Memorial monument, which now obstructs the front view of the building, it would be much more pleasing to the eye.

A feature which always makes a town attractive is its trees, if they are arranged in an orderly manner and are well taken care of. Bellefonte has some very pretty trees, but there is still room for improvement along this line also, as many of the trees do not receive the care and attention which they should have.

Bellefonte is lacking in one feature, which is a very interesting part of most towns and cities—a good park. There are but two parks to which we have access, Hunter's and Hecla, and both are at inconvenient distances. The fitting up of a park at some place nearer or within the town would be quite a convenience to the citizens, and especially to the children of the town.

These are just a few of the improvements which are necessary to make our town more attractive, but if they are put into effect the citizens will surely feel much more proud of their town, and much more interest in its advancement.

MEEK—Shortly after three o'clock on Monday afternoon Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Meek, wife of George Y. Meek, died at her home in Sinking valley, Blair county, after an illness of almost ten years with paralysis agitans, the immediate cause of death being Bright's disease.

Deceased was a daughter of David and Jemima Fye and was born on the old homestead near State College sixty-eight years ago. She was united in marriage to Henry Royer in 1861, who died in 1864 from fever contracted while serving as a soldier in the Civil war. To this union one daughter was born, Mrs. Annie Homan, now living at State College. In 1869 she was married to George Y. Meek of Pine Grove Mills, and for a number of years they made that place their home. Later they moved to Tyrone and about five years ago onto a farm in Sinking valley. Mrs. Meek was a member of the first Methodist church of Tyrone. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: David G. Meek, cashier of the First National bank, Juniata; Mrs. Frank S. Armstrong, of Williamsburg; Miss Millie Meek and Ralph at home. She also leaves these brothers and sisters: D. H. Fye, of Tyrone; Mrs. Catharine Rhone, of Rochester, Pa.; Mrs. Maggie Homan and Mrs. Alice Struble, of State College; Mrs. Millie Struble, of Pine Grove Mills, and Adam Fye, in Colorado.

Brief funeral services were held at her late home in Sinking valley at nine o'clock yesterday morning after which the remains were taken to the First Methodist church, Tyrone, where public services were held by her pastor, Rev. W. W. Hartman, after which burial was made in Grandview cemetery.

DAVIDSON—Following a lingering illness of six months the venerable Joseph Davidson, one of Union township's best known residents, died about noon on Thursday of last week. He was born in Union township and was 70 years 1 month and 20 days old. His entire life was spent in the vicinity of his birth, where he followed the occupation of a farmer and not a man in all Bald Eagle valley stood higher in the esteem of his neighbors than he. He was an affectionate and indulgent husband and father and a man always willing to help those in need.

He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Lucy Hoover, and the following children: James, of Wingate; Mrs. Blanche Flick and Mrs. Ina Lohr, of Altoona; Mrs. Sarah Estep, of Clearfield county; Mrs. Mary Reighart, of Altoona; Mrs. Adaline Woodring, of Osceola Mills; Willis, Bertha and Helen, at home. He also leaves the following sisters: Mrs. Eliza Taylor, of Stormstown; Mrs. Hannah Way, Mrs. Reuben T. Comley and Mrs. Martha Irwin, all of Union township. Mrs. William Bower, a half sister, and Michael Davidson, of Philipsburg, and Grant, of Warriorsmark, half brothers, also mourn his death.

Rev. H. K. Ash had charge of the funeral which was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made at Unionville.

GARBICK—Emanuel Garbrick, a well known resident of Zion, died quite suddenly at eleven o'clock last Tuesday evening, after an illness of only two hours. Fatty degeneration of the heart was assigned as the cause of death. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Garbrick and was born and raised in Marion township, being at his death about sixty-six years of age. He followed farming all his life until a few years ago when he retired and moved to Zion. He is survived by his wife who before her marriage was Miss Catharine Vonada, and the following children: Mrs. William Corman, Mrs. Samuel Clevenstine and Mrs. Myrrell Kerstetter, all of Zion; Misses Anna and Minnie O., at home. One brother, Jacob Garbrick, of Bellefonte, and one sister, Mrs. John Ishler, of State College, also survive. The funeral will be held tomorrow (Saturday) burial to be made in the Union cemetery at Zion.

SPICER—William Spicer died at his home near Gum Stump on Wednesday night of last week following a protracted illness with cancer. He was born at Wallace Run and was 66 years, 7 months and 7 days old. He was married to Miss Fietta Fahr, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Irvin Bennett and Mrs. Charles Johnston, of Gum Stump; Thomas and Edward Spicer, of Unionville; Mrs. Rodgers, of Runville; Mrs. Clark Woerner, of Snow Shoe; Rollin and Tony Spicer, of Bellefonte; Clarence and Mabel at home. He also leaves four brothers and one sister: George, of Bellefonte; Robert, of Milesburg; Andrew, of Buffalo Run; John, of Boggs township, and Mrs. George Summers, of Snow Shoe Intersection. Funeral services were held at his late home on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Advent cemetery.

MATTHEWS—James A. Matthews (colored) died at his home in this place on Monday morning of paralysis, with which he had been afflicted for some months. He was a native of Hughesville, Maryland, and was seventy-five years of age. Surviving him are the following children: James, of Bellefonte; Emma, of New York; Lewis and Joseph, of Washington, D. C.; Mattie, Robert and J. H., of Maryland. He was a member of the Catholic church and the funeral services were held by Rev. Father McArdle at eight o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

PENITENTIARY NEWS—A stranger driving over the Boalsburg pike to Le-mont will doubtless be surprised when he passes the old John Ishler farm and sees across the top of the porch a large sign reading "The Western Penitentiary." Yet there it is and what for years has been a comfortable farm house has now been transformed into the first building of what is claimed will be the greatest penal institution in the world. The first floor of the house has been made over into an office, a draughtsmen's room and a large dining room and kitchen for the use of the first prisoners to be brought here. The second floor has been divided into four rooms, each one of which has been painted and papered and is furnished with four prison beds. In order to comply with the law iron gratings have been put over each window and an iron grating door hangs at the head of the stairway. These quarters will accommodate sixteen prisoners, and that number of "trusties" will be brought here this week or the beginning of next and put to work.

Just here it might be stated that the first "trusty" to be brought here was a colored man, a long term prisoner. He was brought here a month or more ago, as his time was almost up. When he got off the train at Peru he was so happy over the change from confinement to outdoor life that he fairly danced with the sheer joy of it, and not a man of those employed on the site of the new penitentiary worked harder and more faithfully than he. His time expired on Sunday and when warden Francies gave him his discharge and "good bye Jack, and God bless you," he was almost loath to leave; but when he did it was to take the train for his old home, without lingering long in this community.

All told warden Francies has from twenty to thirty men at work at the present time, including civil engineers, carpenters, painters and day laborers. Repairs and changes are being made to buildings wherever deemed necessary, lanes and roads are being put in good condition and the crops on the farms they already occupy had to be taken care of. And of all the men working there warden Francies is perhaps the busiest. He is here, there and everywhere and keeps a careful oversight over all that is being done.

As was published in this paper weeks ago the penitentiary buildings proper will be located on the high plateau at Peru and a large railroad depot will be built there to afford proper shipping and passenger facilities, with railroad sidings running to any point of the prison grounds desired. It is hardly probable that anything in the building line will be done this summer but there will be no delay in the preliminary work and whenever this has progressed to the stage of a certainty as to plans and location actual building will be begun.

PRIZES FOR FARM BOYS AND GIRLS.—The public spirited interest in better farming in the vicinity of State College has prompted from twelve to fifteen of the leading citizens and business men of State College to raise a fund of nearly \$100 in prizes which are to be awarded to the boys or girls under the age of twenty who shall from month to month for one year submit to the dairy husbandry department of The Pennsylvania State College the best records of the milk produced and weight of each kind of feed consumed by two cows.

Last Saturday afternoon Professor Van Norman met the young people who responded to his invitation to take part in this junior dairymen's contest. The following are the names of those who have entered the contest:
 J. H. Brennan, R. D. 1, State College.
 A. G. Wasson, R. D. 2, State College.
 H. N. Ralston, R. D. 1, Centre Hall.
 Edna M. Dreibleis, State College.
 C. J. Wintmyer, Waddle.
 Pearl M. Martz, State College.
 Margaret S. Wintmyer, Waddle.
 Helen E. Martz, State College.
 Anna I. Martz, State College.
 Mary A. Dreibleis, State College.

This contest is open to any boy or girl under the age of twenty who will undertake the keeping of the required records of two cows. It is not too late to enter. Any one desiring to take part should see or telephone Mr. Anthony, of the dairy husbandry department, or Professor Van Norman.

Professor Van Norman reports that nearly all of these young people are already actively interested in the dairy work, either caring for or milking cows on the home farm. This competition will add to the interest and bring out useful information in the care and feeding of dairy cows.

AMONG THE SICK—William Winton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winton, who was so badly bitten by a dog two weeks ago, is getting along very nicely. As a matter of precaution he is being given the Pasteur treatment and there is every reason to believe that in a week or so he will be as well as ever.
 Miss Miriam Hazel, who was so badly hurt in a runaway last Thursday morning is recovering as rapidly as possible and it is believed will be none the worse for the accident.
 On Saturday morning of last week Miss Elizabeth Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, suffered an acute attack of appendicitis and underwent an operation in the Bellefonte hospital, the same afternoon. Though the case was a grave one she is now on a fair way to recovery.
 —There are many good newspapers published, but none that is quite as good as the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN. Try it.

BOROUGH COUNCIL IN LENGTHY SESSION—For one hour and three quarters on Monday evening six members of Bellefonte borough council wrestled with problems which have been agitating the public for some time past and finally wriggled through them the "easiest way out."

The members present were president Keller, Brockerhoff, Cherry, Daggett, Judge and Walker. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without comment. Under the head of verbal communications Arthur G. Harper appeared upon behalf of William Boyce, of Clearfield, to show council a new style of "danger, run slow" sign for automobilists. When the question came up in regular order Burgess John J. Bower stated that to enforce the minimum speed law of twelve miles an hour through the borough it was necessary to have danger signs displayed, otherwise automobilists could run at the maximum speed of twenty-four miles. The matter was referred to the Street committee for investigation and report.

A delegation of ladies from the Civic club was present and made the proposition that the club would purchase a regular spray and flushing nozzle, at a cost of twenty dollars, if the borough would furnish the water and bear the expense of two men to do the work of flushing the brick paved streets every Saturday night. Council voted to accept the proposition.

G. R. Gamble, of Gamble, Gheen & Co., was present to protest against the removal of the four inch strip from the top of the dam in Spring creek, claiming that the height of the dam as it is at present is if anything a little lower than the old, original dam. In this he was supported by Mr. C. T. Gerberich who, having had charge of the Hale property from 1864 to 1904, claimed that when the present dam was built in 1883 it was built further down the creek and slightly lower than the old dam. That subsequently it settled a few inches and it was because of this fact that he went before council in April, 1894, and asked permission to place the strip in question on the top of the breast of the dam. That permission was granted temporarily with the proviso that it be removed whenever a request for same should be made. The matter was discussed pro and con and finally to get the question in proper shape for action Dr. Brockerhoff introduced a resolution in effect that whereas, when council granted permission to place the strip upon the dam it is a question if they did not act beyond their power; and whereas it is now deemed necessary to have the strip removed; therefore that Gamble, Gheen & Co. be notified to remove the same within thirty days, and if it has not been removed at the expiration of that time that the borough engineer be instructed to remove it at once. The resolution passed without a dissenting vote.

C. T. Gerberich asked that some kind of a suitable crossing be put down on Lamb street from Thomas street to the railroad, as present conditions are very dangerous. Referred to the Street committee for investigation and report.
 Under the head of old business it was reported that tax collector J. Kennedy Johnston had not yet filed a bond, but expected to do so in a day or two. The borough solicitor was also instructed to look after the bond of water tax collector W. A. Ishler.

Mr. Daggett made a motion that the secretary be instructed to have the lights turned on in the posts in front of the Bush house and McClain block, at the expense of the borough. Mr. Cherry seconded the motion and Daggett, Cherry, Judge and Walker voted aye and Brockerhoff and Keller nay.

A communication was received from the chief engineer of the Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania relative to the removal of the poles from High street in which he stated that they would be able to remove the pole at the Potter-Hoy hardware store by August 31st, 1912, and those in front of the Bush house by January 15th, 1913, and asked for an extension until that time. On motion of Dr. Brockerhoff the extension was granted.

The Street committee reported that bills had been sent the property owners for the brick paving and curb on High street, the total amount of which is \$1,238.46.
 On motion the Garman estate is to be notified to fix their pavement at their property on the corner of High and Spring streets; Mrs. James I. McClure to repair pavement on Bishop street, and R. B. Taylor to put down pavement along his property on Lamb street.

R. B. Taylor's bill for \$673.49 for balance on street paving was presented and on motion \$500 was paid on account, the balance being withheld until certain necessary alterations are made.
 The Water committee was authorized to have the fire escape and shed roof at the Phoenix mill station painted at a cost not to exceed eight dollars.

A note for \$8,000 was renewed for three months from August 6th, and another note was authorized for \$5,000, three thousand of which was to renew a note due August 2nd, and the balance to pay current bills. Bills to the amount of \$2,470 were approved and council adjourned.

—We congratulate the directors of the First National bank on their selection of Louie Schad to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Luk-enbach. A more genteel, promising young man we know not.