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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

HARTRANFT.—A deplorable death in Bellefonte was that of Miss Helen M. Hartranft, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hartranft, who died at ten o'clock on Saturday evening after eight months' illness with tuberculosis. She was a graduate of the High school in the class of 1910 and that same fall entered the Bloomsburg Normal with the view of taking two years work in one. In the spring of 1911, however, her health broke down under so much study and she came home to recuperate, expecting to return and finish her work during the spring term of 1912. On Thanksgiving day of last year, however, she contracted a severe cold which rapidly developed into tuberculosis and the disease could not be checked in time to save her life.

Deceased was born at Watsonstown and was twenty-one years old the 8th of last March. She came to Bellefonte with her parents about ten years or more ago and had a host of friends among the young people of the town so that her death is universally mourned. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran church and Sunday school for a number of years past. In addition to her parents she is survived by one brother, Horace.

Brief funeral services were held at her late home on Monday evening and on Tuesday morning the remains were taken over the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad to Watsonstown, to the home of her aunt, where funeral services were held the same afternoon at two o'clock. At her own request the services were in charge of Rev. J. M. Rearick, who administered to her the rites of confirmation when she joined the church. Burial was made in the Watsonstown cemetery.

BOWES.—A. C. Bowes died quite suddenly at his home in State College on Wednesday morning about four o'clock. He had been ill only a brief time and heart trouble was the cause of his death. Deceased was about seventy years old and was born and raised in Liberty township, where he spent most of his life, being engaged in the lumbering business. Eight years ago he retired and moved to State College and when the State College Transportation company was organized several years ago he became one of its largest stockholders. He was a member of the Blanchard Lodge I. O. O. F., and a most genial gentleman. Surviving him are his wife, three daughters and one son. The remains will be taken to Blanchard where funeral services will be held and burial made this (Friday) morning.

JOHNSON.—William T. Johnson, a well known resident of Pleasant Gap, died at ten o'clock on Tuesday evening of cancer of the liver, with which he had suffered the past six months. He was about sixty-five years of age. Mr. Johnson was a plasterer by occupation, an honest and industrious man and one who was well known and esteemed throughout this entire community. Surviving him are his wife and three daughters, namely: Mrs. Shutt, of Boalsburg; Mrs. Knapp, of Curwensville, and Miss Sarah, at home. The funeral will be held today, burial to be made in the cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

GEESY.—Mrs. Mary Jane Geesey, widow of John Geesey, died at her home in Altoona on Tuesday evening of senility. Her maiden name was Mary J. Carner and she was born in Centre county on March 3rd, 1837, hence was past seventy-five years of age. The latter part of her life was spent in Altoona. Her husband died twelve years ago but surviving her are five sons, one daughter, one brother and two sisters. Burial will be made in Altoona today (Friday).

MEYERS.—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meyers, of Martha, are mourning the death of their two-year-old son Sterril, who died last Thursday as the result of being badly scalded a week previous. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery at that place.

McGHEE.—James McGhee, one of the oldest residents of Beech Creek borough, died at the Bellevue hotel in that town on Thursday evening of last week. He had been in feeble health for some months and a cold contracted in the early part of the week developed into congestion of the lungs, which caused his death.

Deceased was born in Liberty township, (at that time a part of Howard township) this county, on October 26th, 1823, hence was 88 years, 9 months and 12 days old. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGhee and worked on the homestead farm until he was twenty years old when he went to work as a carpenter's apprentice and also studied surveying, two occupations he followed his entire life. In 1851 he bought a lot in Beech Creek and built thereon a house which was his residence until a few years ago when he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. John P. DeHaas. In 1854 he was united in marriage to Miss Frances Gunsallus, who died about fifteen years ago. Of their four children three survive, namely: Oscar and Mrs. DeHaas, of Beech Creek, and Robert, of Mill Hall. He also leaves one brother, John McGhee, of Beech Creek.

Deceased was one of the oldest Odd Fellows in this part of the State, having become a member of the old Beech Creek Lodge over sixty years ago, and later transferred his membership to the Blanchard Lodge. He was not only honest and upright in all his dealings but a firm believer in right and justice between man and man and it had always been his boast that he never appeared in a court of justice as either plaintiff or defendant. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. A. D. Bateman of the Presbyterian church, officiated and burial was made in the Hayes-Fearon cemetery.

OSMAN.—After living five weeks with a broken back McKinney Osman, of State College, died at his home in that place at two o'clock last Saturday afternoon. It will be remembered that Mr. Osman fell from a cherry tree while picking cherries. He was brought to the Bellefonte hospital and though the lower portion of his body was paralyzed he had apparently recovered otherwise and was taken home last Friday. The same evening he suffered a relapse and death ensued the next day.

Deceased was a son of Daniel and Margaret Osman and was born at State College on November 13th, 1854. His entire life was spent in that place where he was always regarded as an industrious and upright citizen. On Thanksgiving in the year 1879 he was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Bloom, who survives with one son, Otis Osman, of Saskatchewan, Canada, and one daughter, Miss Carrie, at home. He also leaves three brothers and one sister, namely: L. H. Osman, of Pine Hall; John, of State College; Jesse, of Altoona, and Mrs. Sylvester Slagel, of State College.

He was a member of the Lutheran church and Rev. Ira Sasserman had charge of the funeral which was held at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

OTTO.—Mrs. David Pennington Otto was born November 23rd, 1854, on the Pennington homestead, near Centre Hall, Centre county, Pa. She died at Manor, Pa., August 4th, 1912. She was married to David Otto, January 20th, 1881. Her husband and the following children mourn their loss: Mrs. A. S. McKee, of Kerrmoor, Clearfield county; John, Benner, Robert and Mary, at home. Mrs. Otto joined the church in her youth and died in the triumph of a loving faith. She was a loving wife, a kind mother, a good neighbor and an earnest christian.

Her body was taken to Rest Millport Clearfield county, and laid to rest beside her children, Frances and Uriah, who passed to their heavenly home about eight years ago. She now awaits the resurrection of the just.

JUDGE.—James R. Judge, a prominent attorney of Carson City, Nev., and the last surviving brother of Dominick Judge, of Bellefonte, died at his home in the above named city on Wednesday night, July 31st, following an illness of five months with an affection of the liver. He was born in this part of Pennsylvania sixty-two years ago. He was educated as a civil engineer and in 1877 went to Nevada where he followed his profession a few years then took up the study of law. After his admission to the bar he rose rapidly to a position of considerable prominence and was considered one of the best lawyers in that State. His remains were buried at Carson City.

INGRAM.—Frank Ingram, father of Mr. George Ingram, of this place, died at his home at Derry Friday, August 2nd, after an illness of only twenty-four hours. He was sixty-three years of age and for many years resided at Unionville, this county, going from there to Derry about eight years ago. He was an industrious and intelligent citizen, a good husband and father, and was universally respected by all who knew him. The remains were brought to Unionville where burial was made on Monday, August 5th, in the Ingram lot.

BEIGHTOL.—Mrs. Hannah Beightol, wife of Jefferson Beightol, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Conway, in Altoona, on Tuesday evening of heart trouble. She was born at Pine Glenn and was in her sixty-first year. Since 1894 she had made her home in Altoona. Surviving her are her husband, one son, Alton Beightol, and one daughter, Mrs. Conway. The remains were taken to Snow Shoe for burial.

High School Students as News-Writers.

This week we give the final instalment of news articles submitted by students of the High school in the Geo. R. Meek contest and we readily believe that they have been read by not only the young people of Bellefonte but many of the older people of the town. That the editor of the WATCHMAN considered every article submitted of sufficient merit to publish should at least be a source of gratification and encouragement to the large number who necessarily could not be prize winners, and this should inspire them to put forth their very best efforts in whatever they undertake to do. Following are the last of the articles:

Bellefonte Needs Something.

BY CHARLES KRUMRINE.

That Bellefonte needs something is admitted by all classes of our citizens, who have the welfare of our town at heart, and is disputed by none. The foregoing being an accepted condition of the affairs of our town, the first thought that presents itself is how can Bellefonte rid itself of the dull condition of affairs and become an animated, growing, and active business place.

We believe that a most important step has been taken in that a Board of Trade has been organized by able, energetic business men of our town. We hope, however, that the new Board of Trade will not slumber in idleness like former bodies of the same character have done. And we further hope that our new organization will not fall victim to the sly adventurous business shark in the same manner that many Boards of Trade in the past have. The business firm that applies for assistance to our Board of Trade under the pretext of laborscarcity, insufficient room for enlarging, or what not, should be searching investigated before giving them any recognition whatsoever, for in nine cases out of every ten, they are business failures and will remain such wherever they go.

If Bellefonte really wishes to advance in a business way, it is up to the citizens of Bellefonte to advance the business interests of our town. Outside people are not coming here to invest their money for our benefit. Our town has some of the ablest business men in the State of Pennsylvania as well as an abundance of capital. Let these two work together and Bellefonte will not be recognized as the same place in ten years from the starting of such a plan—Business, Brains and Capital.

We wish to offer a suggestion to the Bellefonte Board of Trade. Forget the unfruitful methods of the past and start with business ideas along new and original lines. Start by enlisting the co-operation of our banking institutions. They have directors of able, keen, and far sighted business men; with them interest the professional men, business men, and all classes of men that have money to invest. Having secured the support of all these men for a common purpose, it will not be a difficult task to incorporate an enterprise with full paid in capital of sufficient size to manufacture and to market any article that the corporation may decide is best suited to the needs and natural resources of our town.

Having decided what line of manufacturing is best adapted to the needs and natural resources of our town the next important step is to find a general manager, who is thoroughly schooled in the line of manufacturing attempted and also in the sales and distributing end of the business. Such a man cannot be found, possibly, without some search to locate him. When found such a man will command a high figure for his services. But whatever the figure within reason will be the most valuable asset of the enterprise will depend on having the Right Man in the Right Place.

This would employ all the skilled labor and common labor in and around Bellefonte. It would bring more skilled labor to our town. It would increase the pay rolls of our town. It would stimulate the retail and wholesale business of our town and put new life into everything that is now plodding along in a desultory way.

We should like to see this plan put into operation, or if anyone has something better to offer for the prosperity of our town, we should like to have it brought to our attention through the columns of the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN.

Bellefonte's Public Interest.

BY FERGUSON PARKER.

We the people of Bellefonte do not manifest enough interest in our town to make it attractive to other people. The moneyed men of this town tie up their money in outside interests, instead of investing it in home manufactures, which would render the community some good.

Bellefonte has many inducements to bring outside business interests to this town. For example we have many natural resources which, when worked up by the people, would make this community a manufacturing centre. There can be found in the localities around Bellefonte good sand, lime and ore, which could be manufactured into glass and pig iron respectively.

If the Bellefonte furnace had been backed by local capital, although there was not a large income at times, the town would not have felt the depression that it does by the closing of the plant. The nail works, and foundries are other examples to be found here in this town. Every business, no matter what it may

be, has a crisis which must be backed by moneyed men.

It is not only the wealthy men that keep these places in operation but the very fact of keeping men employed would keep money in circulation and thus stimulate business.

Suppose these interests had been supported by local capital, this town would have grown, property would have increased in value and this would have been sufficient to have paid the people for the money they had invested.

There is no denying the fact that this town is well known throughout the State, for there have been three Governors of Pennsylvania born here. It is also known for the interest it manifested during the Civil war, but these are not the only things it is noted for, for it is known throughout the State as an educational centre. Therefore it should be no hard matter to get outside capital to stay here.

To make a town successful everybody must have a special interest at heart. For instance wealthy men should invest their money at home with a view of keeping as many people in the town employed in labor that make a town grow.

It is the increase of the value of property and keeping the money in circulation, and not the money which is invested in outside securities that makes it possible to build such gigantic enterprises, as the United Steel corporation and the Standard Oil company.

These great concerns have taken the money from towns like ours, where all that was concerned was the cutting off of the coupons without any responsibility attached to it and without any thought for our own town's welfare or future.

Now if the wealthy men of this town wake up and do their duty we will have a prosperous community.

The Centralization of Our Rural Schools.

BY RUTH WETZEL.

The subject of centralizing our township schools is one which has received very little attention in Centre county, but one which, nevertheless, is important. We may roughly estimate the number of these rural schools at between two hundred and fifty and three hundred. They are provided with necessary apparatus only—in a great many cases scarcely that—while the building is very often unattractive and poorly ventilated. If these small country schools were combined or consolidated the money which is expended annually upon them individually could be used to equip a larger central school. This building should be erected as near the centre of the district as possible or, if this is not practicable, so as to be as easy of access as possible, and the pupils driven to and from the building by some reliable man of the community. A certain amount of money must necessarily, be spent in providing suitable wagons in which to make these trips but in districts where this method has been put to a test it has been proved that the results have been far better than had been expected.

Another thing to consider is that the same amount of money used to provide several schools would be expended upon the one building and therefore the equipment would be such as to attract the pupil and make him wish to lose as little time as possible.

How many of us ever visited a country school? The poor, over-worked teacher is struggling along trying to find employment for pupils ranging in age anywhere from five and a half to eighteen years, and with all of them listless and little caring whether or not the lessons for the day are prepared. This teacher is supposed to keep her pupils busy on absolutely nothing—no equipment with which to hold their attention.

Then there is the stimulant that comes only thro' competition. The boy or girl who can work with other boys and girls has an opportunity for competition which comes only thro' numbers and which will help so materially when it comes to the struggle of life. By the formation of stronger classes the teacher will have more time for recitation periods and therefore more time for the necessary instruction.

The school year should be lengthened and the pupils should attend more regularly than previously and many who would formerly have stopped now continue with their studies, not only for the educational advantages but also for the social life which school affords.

In all places where the plan of consolidation has been tried it has been found to be intensely practical. Every person in the districts covered by consolidation will agree to the fact that the country has been benefited in every way, and that the new educational interests have aroused the people as nothing else could have done.

—There are many good newspapers published, but none that is quite as good as the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN. Try it.

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 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.

Regarding State College Presbyterian Church.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Aug. 15, 1912. TO THE EDITOR:

The Building committee of the First Presbyterian church of State College desire a statement made in the columns of your paper which will correct a mis-statement made in some of the newspapers a short time ago concerning the construction of the new church in this borough. I will, therefore, give you a brief summary of the matter.

About three years ago it was seen that a new structure was becoming necessary for the accommodation of the people who desired to worship in the Presbyterian church and a committee was appointed to formulate plans to that end. This committee worked on the matter for some time with good results. In their deliberations the conclusion was arrived at that the work in State College was somewhat different from the work in many other towns in that there is a very large attendance of young men at the Pennsylvania State College who naturally would wish to affiliate with this congregation. The Board of Education of the Presbyterian church came to the aid of the local church and agreed to assist in the building of a more commodious structure. Their proposition was extremely liberal. They asked for enough space to take care of the congregation attending the usual church service, a proper space for a large Sunday school and a commodious room for social affairs. They asked that the local congregation do all in their power to make this building a home for the young men attending college in State College. In return for the efforts to be made by the local congregation in looking after the welfare of the young men of the Presbyterian faith, the Board of Education agreed to furnish \$30,000 toward the building fund and to raise an additional fund of \$25,000 to be set aside as an endowment fund for the maintenance of the church.

A year ago in April the building committee was increased in numbers and began its work immediately. Something over \$20,000 was raised by local subscriptions. A site was purchased from Messrs. Weibly and Rager, adjacent to the school property of the borough and facing lower Frazier St., where it intersects Beaver Ave. Mr. Albert Kelsey, the architect of the beautiful Pan-American Building in the city of Washington was employed as architect for the structure. On the fifth of July this year the building committee reported to the congregation of the church that they had finally been able to get a set of plans which would fulfill the requirements of the local congregation and the Board of Education. The spirit of the report was as follows: Plans had been prepared for a structure which should cost when complete approximately \$50,000—this sum to include the cost of the structure and of the furnishings.

You will note that the cost is not \$75,000. There will be, however, a \$25,000 endowment which can not be used in construction. The contract was let on the sixteenth of July to Mr. Harry S. Miller, of Bellefonte, who has already started on the work. Thanking you for your space for this statement, I am, very truly, R. I. WEBBER, Chairman Building Committee.

A Call to Mr. Foster.

REBERSBURG, PA., Aug. 13th, 1912. EDITOR WATCHMAN:

Dear Sir:—Along with many others, of the neighbors of Mr. Gramley, I have been waiting for our nominee, Mr. Robt. Foster, to declare himself on the question of whether he will vote, as that fool resolution of our party declares, to limit all appropriations for charity to institutions exclusively under the control of the State, before making up my mind as to my vote in November. I have never voted any other than a Democratic ticket, and expect to do so at the coming election, but am free to acknowledge that if Mr. Foster is pledged or pledges himself, as I notice by the papers Mr. Guthrie is trying to have him do, to vote against our local charities in favor of the big institutions that have been built up for the cities, I shall drop his name from my ticket. There are many other Democrats here who will do the same thing and some of them may vote for Gramley because he is promising to vote against any proposition of the kind.

Won't you people who take an interest in these matters, urge Mr. Foster to let us know, what he proposes doing on this matter. We know he was a "progressive" just as many of us were, but on this issue we are not with the leaders who are trying to tie up members of the Legislature against the little local charities, and in the interest of the big city ones.

A REBERSBURG DEMOCRAT.

Mr. Foster for the Bellefonte Hospital Appropriation.

EDITOR WATCHMAN.

I have received a few letters making inquires as to what my action, if elected to the Legislature, will be on the question of an appropriation for Bellefonte hospital. Recognizing the right of every voter of

Centre county to know where those seeking to be representatives of people stand upon this important question I without any reservation reply that if elected I shall give my best efforts toward aiding and procuring the appropriation which is necessary for continuing the good work the hospital is now doing.

For many years I have had a habit of appearing before the appropriation convention at Harrisburg in behalf of the Bellefonte hospital, the Philipsburg hospital and The Pennsylvania State College. I never consider this work on my part a burden but rather a pleasure. I shall continue the above custom as long as I am able so to do.

Yours truly, R. M. FOSTER.

That Nittany Valley Road.

BELLEFONTE, PA., Aug. 15th, 1912. DEAR WATCHMAN:

Yesterday I was down to Zion and find that the new state road has been completed just about half way to that place—about 2 1/2 miles. It is good, and a great improvement over the old road, so far as it goes but I wonder if it can't be hurried up a little. We understood when work began on it, that it would be completed through to Lock Haven the present summer, but if it goes no faster than it has so far, the job will be on hand for two years, and the little end now finished will be worn out before the other end can be used.

One Bull Moose Vote.

To the Editor any Newspaper:

The shaking up of the old political parties by Col. Roosevelt of more modern ideas then he indicated in seven years Presidential office to wit: Sincerity and truth and a more equal distribution of industrial capital in the interior, I will vote for Progressive Washington ticket, Roosevelt. Latter part of June invested \$3, on postal card print, was fair. "Let Truth be Known to save the Republic" a success.

Thanks to Bellefonte open publisher, the WATCHMAN.

JAMES WOLFENDEN.

A TALE OF A DOG'S TAIL.—Centre county friends of Herbert Ward, a brother of Dr. J. E. Ward of this place and who for a number of years was station agent at Pine Grove Mills, his old home, and distributor of phonograph records in that end of the county, will no doubt be interested in the story printed in a recent issue of the Shamokin Dispatch. Mr. Ward is now a prosperous merchant in Treverton, Northumberland county, and though a busy man he still finds time to cultivate his musical instincts, even to the training of his dog to beat the drum, and here is the story:

Herbert Ward, a well known Treverton merchant is the possessor of a pointer dog named "Dan." To be sure there is nothing startling in this fact, but "Dan" is a "dawg" of many accomplishments, wherefore this little tale.

From the time that he was a little pup "Dan" showed wonderful mental faculties and his master instructed him in the performance of many tricks, which no ordinary "dorg" could do.

The climax of "Dan's" accomplishments was reached a number of years ago when he learned to play the drum. Of course "Dan" is unable to use the regular drum sticks, but his tail forms a most excellent substitute.

Now "Dan" is able to play numerous selections, but being patriotic and true to his country, he quite naturally fell into playing "Yankee Doodle" until it grew to be his favorite number. It does not take much coaxing to have "Dan" exhibit his wonderful accomplishment, and when visitors arrive he is invariably the center of attraction.

A Dispatch representative had the pleasure of hearing "Dan's" favorite rendition over the telephone this afternoon and he can vouch for the fact that he is a most capable drummer.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BOALSBURG.—A war song concert and celebration in honor of the enlistment of soldiers of Boalsburg and vicinity, who served in the Civil war, will be held in Boal hall on Wednesday evening, August 21st, at 7.30 o'clock. This celebration will be under the auspices of the Woman's Civic club. There will be addresses by prominent speakers and camp fire reminiscences. The closing scene will be the "Star Spangled Banner," in tableau and song. Admission, twenty-five cents for adults, ten cents for children of twelve or under. Proceeds to be applied to diminishing the debt held against the town lamps. The veterans will be the guests of honor and will be tendered a banquet by the club at the home of Mrs. Woods, wife of Dr. Woods.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF 148TH REGIMENT.—The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the 148th regiment Pennsylvania volunteers will be held in Bellefonte on Friday, September 6th, 1912. The bulk of the regiment was recruited in Centre county, but there also was one company from Clarion, one from Indiana and one from Jefferson county, and it is specially desired that as many of these old comrades as possible be present. To many of the old comrades it will probably be the last opportunity for meeting and renewing old associations. The committee in charge consists of Gen. James A. Beaver, chairman; D. W. Woodring, secretary; Amos Garbrick, D. W. Miller, W. A. Ishler, H. K. Miller, H. H. Montgomery and D. F. Fortney.

—At three o'clock this afternoon the Lock Haven and Bellefonte ball teams will cross bats on Hughes field, this place. It will be an exciting contest and a good crowd should be in attendance.