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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

CONTESTED WILL CASE.—In the Blair county court on Friday of last week a case was heard contesting the will of the late D. Miles Buck, who was born and lived most of his life in the western end of Centre county, and the Altoona Times report of the same will be of especial interest to the people of that section as well as some residents of Bellefonte. It follows:

D. Miles Buck was a resident for many years of Halfmoon township, Centre county. He died in Blair county, on Jan. 18, 1912. He was a bachelor, owned a farm in Centre county, and for eighteen years lived in the home of his brother-in-law, John P. Sebring, who now resides at 17 East Howard street, Bellefonte. On Jan. 16, 1898, Mr. Buck made a will, in which he says: "I give, devise and bequeath unto John P. Sebring, his heirs and assigns forever, all my estate, real, personal and mixed, of whatever kind and wherever situated." He also nominated Mr. Sebring as executor. Sebring probated the will on January 31. On March 11, Mrs. Annie B. Stephens, a sister of Buck, appealed from the probate. She alleges that at the time of making the will, Buck was of unsound mind and was the victim of designing persons. Testimony of old neighbors of Buck was taken, with a view to sustaining the allegation that he was mentally noncomposmentis. From their testimony it would appear that Buck was a hermit, associated with few people and seldom conversed with anybody. He is said to have had but little ability to transact business. One witness testified that if a conversation was attempted with him he would assume a listless attitude, and walk off in the midst of a conversation. Neighbors of Buck said Sebring frequently roughly scolded Buck, who took it meekly and oftentimes very much to heart. Judge Baldrige will reconcile the true state of affairs from the testimony and will report later.

As evidence that autumn begins tomorrow, when the days and nights will be equal, is the fact that cider making has begun. And this reminds us that there is no greater joy in this world for the small boy than to surreptitiously suck the amber fluid from the close-fisted farmer's barrel by means of a long straw. Even the little girls are not proof against this intoxicating delight; for stolen cider sucked through a straw always tastes one hundred per cent. better than a whole bucketful from the same press drunk in the usual way.

It is claimed that wild turkeys are already being shot up Bald Eagle valley. If this is correct that would be a good locality for a wide-awake game warden.

Former Bellefonter Shoots Four.

John Keeler Wields Revolver With Deadly Effect and as a Result One Man is Dead and Keeler in Jail.

Angered because he lost his position as driver of the delivery wagon John Keeler walked into the offices of the Clearfield Brewing company, of Clearfield, last Saturday evening, and shot Joseph W. Roessner, owner; M. R. Ogden, head book-keeper; John Kirchner, brewmaster, and George Carson, an employee. Roessner was shot two inches below the heart, and died in the Clearfield hospital that evening. Ogden was shot through the jaw, the bullet lodging at the base of the brain, and Carson was shot under the right arm and it is feared his lung is punctured. Both men are in a critical condition at this writing. Kirchner was shot in the back, but a rib deflected the bullet and his condition is not considered dangerous.

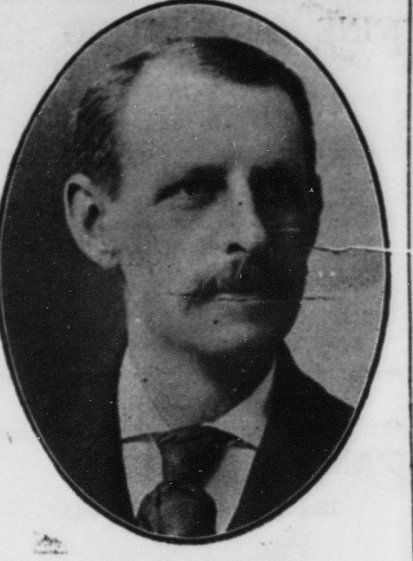
The particulars of the shooting and what led up to it are as follows: Keeler was discharged on Thursday for being drunk. He went to the office on Friday and asked to be reinstated but was refused. Saturday morning he went to DuBois in an attempt to get the employees at the DuBois brewery to join a Brewery Employees union of Centre and Clearfield counties. He was unsuccessful and on the way back, when he gave his ticket to the conductor, he inquired if it would take him to Clearfield. Upon being assured that it would be remarked "and it may take me to jail, too." Upon his arrival home he again visited the brewery and went into the tap-room, where he bumped up against Henry Rowles, fireman at the brewery. When he did so he said to Rowles: "Get out of the way; I am a bad-natured cuss." Rowles took no notice of his ill-natured conduct, but went to the boiler room to blow the whistle for 5 o'clock.

Keeler went into the office where he met Frank Carson, a teamster, who was talking with Rush Ogden, the book-keeper. Keeler immediately took up odds with Carson and the loud talk that ensued attracted Mr. Roessner, who was in his private office. He went into the main office and told Keeler to get out. The latter replied "there's nobody here big enough to put me out." Mr. Roessner told him there would be no trouble, but that he (Roessner) would get somebody to put him out, and stepped over to a telephone to call the police. Keeler immediately jumped behind a wire screen and taking deliberate aim, shot Roessner. He then turned his gun on Ogden and Carson and his next victim.

About this time Joseph Kirchner, brewmaster, was on his way to the office and encountered W. I. Swales, another employee of the brewery, who told him he had better not go there as there was shooting going on there and it might not be safe. The brewmaster hurried on, however, and as soon as he reached the office he was shot by Keeler. When Keeler came out he again met Rowles. He raised a revolver that he had in his right hand twice, leveling it at Rowles, but did not shoot. When he lowered it the second time he said to Rowles: "Get out of here," and then started towards the New York Central railroad tracks nearby. When he reached the tracks he met his own little son; said goodbye to him and told him to tell his mother that she would never see him again. After delivering the message he continued on, going over the bridge, crossed the river and took to the woods on the north side of town. Posses were hunted for him Saturday night and on Sunday he was seen but drove his pursuers off with a rifle. The hunt was kept up continually and Tuesday afternoon Keeler, almost famished, came out of the woods and gave himself up, surrendering his rifle and a dangerous looking knife. He walked to the jail by himself and surrendered to the sheriff.

Keeler is a man well on to fifty years of age. He came to Bellefonte when the nail works were running and worked there until the plant closed down. After that he worked at the furnace and lime kilns. He served an enlistment as a member of Company B and was one of the soldiers who served during the Spanish-American war. While a resident of Bellefonte he worked for a time for Thomas Beaver and one day, armed with an axe, he threatened to kill his employer. Mr. Beaver took the axe from him and sent him off. While he was at Chiconago, serving as a corporal in Company B, during the Spanish-American war, he hit a private over the head with his gun. The incident happened while the troops were on parade and upon being informed of the incident Col. Taylor took him from the ranks, cut off his chevrons and buttons and sent him to the guard house. These incidents in the man's life show his mental calibre. He was married to a Miss Boas, of this place.

The women of the Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, are selling a polisher for gold, silver, nickel or brass, consisting simply of a prepared cloth, which does the work with but the slightest effort and no dirt—a boon to every man or woman who is the possessor of any of these metals. The "Dangle cloths," which can be gotten from Mrs. John A. Woodcock, the president of the society, are but twenty-five cents, the proceeds from the selling of which will go to the fund for educating a girl of the south in the Ritter Home, at Athens, Tennessee.



JOHN CALVIN HARPER.

HARPER.—John Calvin Harper died at his home on Howard street a few minutes before four o'clock last Saturday afternoon as a result of a cancerous growth upon his neck. It is only about a year ago that a lump began to grow on the right side of his neck. His physician at the time said it was probably caused by a cold and would likely go away, but it did not. Instead it grew larger and larger and evidently became quite painful and early in the spring he went to Philadelphia and submitted to an operation. At the time the operating surgeon told him that the lump was of a cancerous nature but expressed the belief that its removal would effect a cure, but it did not. The insidious disease had already gotten too great a stronghold and while he was temporarily relieved it was not for long. He grew steadily worse and for several days before his death was practically unconscious.

Deceased was a son of John and Jane Magee Harper and was born on a farm in Miles township on November 1st, 1854, hence was 57 years, 10 months and 14 days old. His early life was spent on the farm, attending the district school during the winters. Later he took a course in the Centre Hall and Rebersburg normal schools and in 1872 he began teaching. For four years he taught school in the winter and worked at various occupations during the summer and in 1876 he was appointed deputy prothonotary by Aaron Williams. He proved such an able man in the office that in 1878 he was elected by a large majority and re-elected in 1881. He was one of the best officials that ever served in that office. When his second term expired in January, 1885, he began to read law and while he subsequently was admitted to the bar he never became very active in the practice of his profession, but devoted most of his time to soliciting life insurance. In 1896 he again entered the political arena as a candidate for recorder and was elected by a safe majority. In 1899 he was a candidate for re-election but was defeated by Nelson E. Robb. Since that time he devoted himself exclusively to the life insurance business. Coming as he did of an old Democratic family Mr. Harper always clung tenaciously to the traditions of his party and as a shrewd politician had few equals in Centre county. He had a wide acquaintance, not only in Centre county but in adjoining counties and throughout the State. He served as a member of the Bellefonte borough council for three years, was president of that body two years and presided at the last meeting of the old council the first Monday of December, 1911. While his parents were members of the German Reformed church since living in Bellefonte Mr. Harper was affiliated with the Episcopal church, of which his wife and children are members.

On September 16th, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Graham, of this place, who survives with three children, namely: Clarence G., with the General Electric company at Lynn, Mass.; Helen J., a teacher in the Bellefonte public schools and who resides at home, and Arthur C., an instructor in drawing in the mechanical engineering department of the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio. All the children were at home when their father died. He also leaves his aged mother, Mrs. John Harper, and one sister, Mrs. George Emeric, both of Centre Hall.

The funeral was held from his late home on Howard street at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning. Rev. John Hewitt officiated and burial was made in the Union cemetery.

LEWIS.—Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis, wife of Joseph Lewis, died at her home in Tyrone on Saturday morning after suffering for a number of years with cancer of the stomach. She was a daughter of John and Nancy McMonigal, and was born at Port Matilda fifty-four years ago last February. Shortly after her marriage to Mr. Lewis they moved to Tyrone and have lived there ever since. She was a member of the Methodist church and a good christian woman. In addition to her husband she is survived by three daughters, namely: Mrs. William Reel; of Tyrone, Mrs. Edgar Stoffer, of Huntingdon, and Mrs. Charles Parsons, of Altoona. She also leaves three brothers and one sister as follows: Rankin, Daniel and Thomas McMonigal, of Hannah Furnace, this county, and Mrs. Samuel Cowher, of Tyrone. The funeral services were held in the Columbia Avenue Methodist church, Tyrone, at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Grandview cemetery at that place.

ALEXANDER.—Penn township lost one of its most substantial citizens on Monday in the death of Christian Alexander, which occurred at ten o'clock at night at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. J. W. Kerstetter, at Coburn. He had been ill since last spring with heart and liver trouble, a complication of the two eventually causing his death.

Deceased was a son of Amos Alexander, a prominent farmer of Penn township and a former county commissioner, and was born near Millheim on May 2nd, 1845, hence at his death was 67 years, 4 months and 14 days old. When he grew to manhood he followed in the footsteps of his forbears and engaged in farming, an occupation he followed until his retirement a few years ago. His entire life was spent in Penn township and he was known far and wide as one of its staunchest citizens in every respect. He was a Democrat of the old school and while he never sought public office he was elected to and filled various township offices, and always with credit to himself. In his death the people of Penn township and Centre county have lost a man of sterling worth and character, a progressive farmer and business man, and the WATCHMAN has lost one of its best friends.

When a young man Mr. Alexander was united in marriage to Miss Sarah V. Keen, who died a few years ago, but surviving him are six children, namely: Mrs. W. J. Harter and Mrs. J. W. Kerstetter, of Coburn; Mrs. D. H. Shook, of Spring Mills; A. A. Alexander, living on the farm near Millheim; Miss Nora, of Coburn, and Mrs. C. G. Kerstetter, of Altoona. He also leaves one brother, A. Reed Alexander, of Charlotte, Mich., and one sister, Miss Kate Alexander, of Los Angeles, Cal. One of his brothers, William Alexander (deceased) served as a Member of the Legislature.

He was a member of the United Evangelical church all his life and a faithful and consistent worker in the Master's cause. Rev. W. J. Dice will have charge of the funeral services which will be held at nine o'clock this morning, burial to be made in the Millheim cemetery.

TWIGG.—William H. Twigg, of Philipsburg, who was badly hurt in an automobile accident on Wednesday of last week, died in the Cottage hospital in that place on Saturday afternoon. He was born on the old homestead in Rush township on March 19th, 1872. When a young man he went to Philipsburg and learned the bakery business and at the time of his death was proprietor of the Palace bakery and doing a flourishing business. In 1895 he married Miss Florence Jenks who survives with three children, Mabel, Annie and Lillian. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Twigg, of Rush township, and three sisters, namely: Mrs. Mary Meyer, of New York city; Mrs. Nellie Kenjura and Mrs. Myrtle Remeza, both of Rush township. He was a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Knights of Malta, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Macabees, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Reliance Fire company. Funeral services were held at his late home on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

BURRIS.—Having attained the advanced age of 83 years, 8 months and 7 days Samuel D. Burris, a well known retired farmer of Potter township, died at his home near Centre Hall last Saturday morning. He was a native of Union county and had followed farming all his life. He is survived by his aged wife and the following children: James, of Axe Mann; Mrs. Ambrose Vonada, of Sylvan Grove, Ky.; Irvin M., of Lewistown; Mrs. Philip Leister, of Potter township; Mrs. C. J. Shaffer, of Altoona; Charles S., living near Centre Hall, and Lanson J., at home. Two brothers, Joseph, of Millifinburg, and Harry, of Sharpsho, also survive. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and Rev. J. Max Lantz officiated at the funeral which was held on Wednesday afternoon of this week, burial being made in the Sprucecreek cemetery.

BOTTORF.—Following an illness of only two weeks with heart disease John W. Bottorf, an old and respected resident of Patton township, died at his home at Scotia last Friday. He was born in Boggs township and was 75 years, 1 month and 7 days old. He served during the Civil war in Company E, 148th regiment. Later he learned the blacksmithing trade and had been the smith at the Scotia works almost from the time they were started until his death. He is survived by the following children: W. M. and Linn, of Scotia, and Harry, of Sunville. One brother and one sister also survive, Michael, of Tyrone, and Miss Elizabeth, of Philipsburg. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, burial being made in Gray's cemetery.

BECK.—Jeremiah Beck, an old and highly esteemed resident of Warriors-mark township, died on Saturday afternoon of paralysis and heart trouble. He was born near where he died and was 84 years and 23 days old. He was a lifelong member of the United Brethren church of Centre Line and an estimable citizen in every way. His wife died a number of years ago but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. George W. Hartscock and Charles, of Philipsburg; Robert, of Pittsburgh; John, William, Walter and Albert Beck, of Warriors-mark township. The funeral was held from his late residence at 10:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Warriors-mark cemetery.

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.

Profanity in Bellefonte.

EDITOR WATCHMAN.—Bad English is bad words, as well as bad grammar. Words unworthy, words unchaste, words profane. So common among children and grown-ups have all these forms of bad English become, that for their cure a crusade against them is the only recourse by parents in their homes, teachers in the schools, preachers in the churches, men on the streets, manly boys on their play-grounds, and women everywhere.

Words unworthy proceed from minds untrained, tempers ungoverned, tongues untamed. They are words used thoughtlessly, hastily, hotly; expressive of momentary feeling that it were better not to express; begotten in the home, there indulged in first by parents, then adapted by children unchecked and afterwards communicated to companions out of side.

If you want to know what the character of the home is, you don't have to go inside. Just watch the ways and listen to the words of the children outside. Unchaste words proceed from unclean thoughts. Thoughts which reflect the lower sensual, nasty side of human nature, desecrate mental morals, dissipate high motives, encourage lewd conversation, lead to lewden habits, unfit for association with decent fellow beings.

True, such thoughts are seldom bred in homes. The worst of parents keep them under cover there. Far more frequently they find expression in loafing places, in groups of careless, jocular males, and socially outlaid females, on street corners, in saloons, in low-grade theatres, in uncensored picture shows, in places of vice—wherever a naughty suggestion or an unkept circumstance will provoke a lively laugh or please the lower tastes.

Unclean thoughts clothed in unchaste words dragged from the slums of social intercourse and carelessly poured into the ears of eavesdropping youths by the laggards of society, are thus transmitted from generation to generation.

Why sow thoughts in the minds of neighbors and of neighbor's children, which one will not propagate in the home! Why coin and give currency to words and phrases that pollute the stream of conversation, as it flows through the streets and runs over into the children's playgrounds to create a Dead Sea of moral filth in the heart of the community!

Words profane proceed from irreverence and irreligion, disrespect for the human self, and dishonor for the Divine Being. Words not meet for the human temple, which is disclosed to be the temple of God. Both go together. Hence, primarily, words profane denote a lack of self-respect. And if one may gauge the degree of self-respect, by the extent to which profanity prevails among the men and the boys of Bellefonte, the deficiency in self-respect will seem appalling. Boys do not borrow profanity from their mothers and sisters; but from their fathers and brothers and boy companions. Why must self-respecting mothers bring forth boys to be trained in irreverence and irreligion by profane fathers? Is wife-hood and mother-hood honored then? Two laws stand against profanity, one human and one divine—a thorough ordinance and the third commandment. Puritan measures are not adequate for such general violation as darkens the speech of the day in both private and public places. Our chief dependence for the cure of the plague lies in precept and example. So the members of the Civic Club earnestly plead with the men and boys of Bellefonte to put from them all words profane and by precept and example to prove that they are neither devoid of self-respect in themselves, nor lacking in respect for their homes, their country and their God, remembering that each generation lives more or less on the reputation of its predecessor.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE BELLEFONTE WOMAN'S CLUB.

Denominational Elimination.

EDITOR DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN:—The elimination of the various religious denominations is coming to pass, coming sure. The present opposing influence of denominationalists may measurably check its progress, but nevertheless there will be a continuous cancellation of Christian sects. The forward trend can never be immovably stayed. Canadian Christians are closely approaching an organic union of the churches, including not only the several branches, but the leading denominations, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, etc., thereby forming one Christian church for the Dominion of Canada. In the United States, there can be at present no attempt made for an organized unity of the church, until there shall be a merging of the seventy or more branches of the nine great families of churches.

An elimination of these branches, I repeat, is coming sure as there shall be among God's dear children a nearer approach to all that is Christ-like in the Christian religion. In the gospel ministry more than a half century, I have been laboring on this line. At foreclose years, I thank God for a

sojourn on earth long enough to see a steady visible advance in a manifestation of christian love—which is the "bond of perfectness." For all true believers in the unity of the spirit, there is "one body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all and in all." MISSIONER.

How Patton Represented the Farmer.

CENTRE HALL, PA., Sept. 17, 1912. Editor Watchman:—

One of the most important and most progressive bills introduced into Congress during the past session was the Farmer's Free List bill. The passage of this bill was advocated by most of the Granges throughout the Nation. One of the objects of the bill was to cheapen the price of agricultural implements, fence wire and hardware generally used by farmers and exclusively manufactured by trusts. Annually, we manufacture over \$110,000,000 worth of agricultural implements of which we export one-third and sell them across the water in competition with European manufacturers. Thus we see that we are able to compete with foreign manufacturers of like implements in the markets of the world. Why then, should the farmer of the United States—the poor farmer, who sells in a comparatively free market and buys in an absolutely protected market—pay more for plows, harrows, reapers, drills, planters, mowers, cultivators, threshing machines manufactured at his door in his own country than the farmer abroad pays for the same implements, notwithstanding the additional cost of transportation across the ocean and the maintenance of foreign agencies for their sale? Why should a trust tax the American farmer by making him pay more for farming implements than his European brother? This bill passed the House, but in its passage this district had no voice for the reason that Mr. Patton failed to vote either for or against it. The bill, however, passed both the House and Senate but was vetoed by President Taft. Congress then made an attempt to pass this highly progressive piece of legislation over the President's veto. Every member was forced into line. There was no neutrality. Though the bill upon reconsideration received a handsome vote, it lacked the necessary two-thirds and failed of passage over the President's veto. Every standpatter was found arrayed against this bill in the final test and among them was Charles E. Patton, of this district, who voted against the bill and sustained by his vote the veto of President Taft. (See Congressional Record pages 112 and 4174.) There is no doubt that the final passage of this bill would have proven highly beneficial to the farmer. Farmers give this article your careful consideration. Investigate the statements here made and after you have done this it is up to you to decide whether you support Charles E. Patton for Congress when there and casts his vote for the trust that has been robbing you for years.

PENNS VALLEY FARMER.

Important Notice.

A committee from the Woman's Club will collect newspapers and magazines, the proceeds from the sale of which shall go to the fund set apart for the benefit of the hospital. A room has been secured from Mrs. James Harris, over the Potter-Hoy hardware store, where the papers will be stored until a carload is collected. The key of the room will hang in the Potter-Hoy store and must be returned there after the door is locked. Mrs. Harris generously gave the room free of rent so that the sum for the hospital may not be diminished. Will not the town's people be willing to deliver the papers and magazines to this room and thus save further expenditure. Please save newspapers, magazines, writing paper, wrapping paper, old telephone directories, programs, posters, catalogues, old letters, pasteboard boxes, flour bags, time tables, etc. The magazines must be separated from the newspapers and tied with twine strong enough to hold their weight. Books count as magazines, but the stiff covers must be taken off. If anyone finds it to be impossible to deliver the papers, please call one of the chairmen, Mrs. L. H. Gettig, Bell telephone; Mrs. Kilpatrick or Mrs. Galer Morrison, Commercial, to make arrangements. If a telephone is not available send a postal. Law offices, stores, homes, churches, Sunday schools, postoffice, railroad offices, telephone offices, hotels, news stands, schools, court house, printing offices and factories can all help. Some effort may be necessary but if everybody contributes his or her share, the returns will more than repay. The money raised last year was used to place electric stoves on two of the floors of the hospital, furnishing the electricity for the same, thus saving many steps for the overworked nurses.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE of Bellefonte Woman's Club.

The cooler weather is probably one of the causes for the increased attendance at the Lyrio, but probably the greatest reason is the improved quality of the pictures now shown there. Manager Harry Harper has come to realize the fact that Bellefonte people demand the best in moving pictures as well as everything else, and he is giving them good programs every night.