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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

The borough auditors are now engaged in auditing the borough accounts. Mrs. William S. Furst is ill at her home at Overbrook, with typhoid fever.

Boyd Scholl and family moved yesterday from Logan street to east Lamb street. Robert Morris has leased the Harper home on west Linn street and will move there in the near future.

A number of Bellefonte business men enjoyed a banquet at Ceder's restaurant last Friday evening. Col. W. Fred Reynolds this week received a new six cylinder Hudson car, giving in exchange on the deal his old Chadwick.

Mrs. John Blanchard gave birth to a little daughter, at the Bellefonte hospital, on Sunday afternoon. The child has been christened Jean.

The Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania expect to have their new system in the Bellefonte exchange in operation on or about January 20th.

Three big feature films at the Scenic this week shows that manager T. Clayton Brown is sparing no expense to give his patrons the very best on the market.

At a congregational meeting of the Methodist church on Monday evening the following trustees were elected for term of three years: M. R. Johnson, W. T. Twitmore and James K. Barnhart.

Joseph Thal put seven cans of trout from the Bellefonte fish hatchery in Spring creek, opposite the Bush house, on Tuesday morning. The trout were from three to over six inches in size.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson on Sunday, making their eleventh child—eight boys and three girls, and all living. Truly there is no attempt at race suicide in the Johnson home.

Dr. Whiting, who takes the place of Prof. Latimer in the schools of Bellefonte, moved his family this week from Carlisle to Bellefonte, where they will occupy the Lykens home, on Curtin street.

County auditors Jeremiah Brungard, Sinie H. Hoy and W. H. Goss met on Monday morning and began their work of auditing the county accounts for the year 1912. It will take about five weeks to do the work.

The bankrupt sale of Macker's green grocery and personal possessions was held on Tuesday and aggregated about \$600. By the time the costs, preferred claims, etc., are paid their will be little left for the other creditors.

A little daughter was born to Squire and Mrs. H. Laird Curtin, at the James H. Potter home on east Linn street, Saturday morning. The little Miss will be christened Mary Sommerville, in honor of her grandmother, Mrs. Potter.

Frank Thomas, of State College, was arrested on Tuesday evening on the complaint of a Bellefonte girl that he had insulted her on the street. He was given a hearing before Burgess John J. Bower who discharged him upon the payment of the costs, \$2.50 in all.

Miss Helen Ceder entertained last week with three tables of bridge, in honor of Mrs. Ward Fleming, of Phillipsburg, who was in Bellefonte with a house party for the Christmas. Thursday night of this week, Mrs. S. Cameron Burnside gave a dinner at which ten covers were laid.

Dr. Matthew Shields, a field representative of the Red Cross Society, will give a practical demonstration of first aid method to the injured, to the members of the plant department of the Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania, in the Bush Arcade, Saturday morning at 10.15 o'clock.

The teachers local institute of district No. 2 will be held at Pine Grove Mills on Saturday, January 18th and the ladies of the Lutheran church of that place will serve a chicken dinner at 25 cents a plate in the I. O. O. F. hall. They will also hold a festival in the evening. The patronage of the public is solicited.

A spindle broke from the rear axle of one of McCalmont & Co's delivery wagons on Wednesday morning, going up the Lamb street hill with a load of coal, causing some delay by the wreck but doing no further damage. The driver secured another wagon and completed his delivery while the broken vehicle was hauled to the shop for repairs.

Owing to the fact that one of the parties in interest has been detained in New York by illness the big real estate deal that the WATCHMAN intimated that it would announce this week has not been finally closed, therefore we feel that we are not at liberty to divulge it. However, there is every reason to believe that it will go through soon and when it does it will mark the beginning of a wonderfully valuable new enterprise to this community; something we have never had and something Centre county has needed very much.

MORE RAILROAD RUMORS.—The Pennsylvania railroad company now have men at work tearing up a number of unused sidings on the Tyrone and Lewisburg railroad from Fairbrook to Scotia and around the latter place where they are being piled up. This work is taken by some as a sure indication that the railroad from Fairbrook to Lemont will be built the coming summer.

Several days ago a man appeared at Marengo, on the line of the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad, and without giving his name stated that he was hunting a good place to establish a base of supplies, as he had the contract for building half of the piece of road from Fairbrook to Lemont, and would begin work as soon as it was possible to do so in the spring.

The above are published for what they are worth. There is no question but that the College authorities feel positive the railroad will be built through that town during the coming summer, and this feeling of confidence is the result of assurances they have been given, it is claimed. There is nothing, however, to indicate that even should the road be built from Fairbrook to Lemont that the Lewisburg and Tyrone will ever be made a short through line and Bellefonte be literally side-tracked. In fact the very nature of the Lewisburg and Tyrone road, with its numerous sharp curves, round-about way and heavy grades would argue against its ever becoming a road for heavy or fast traffic, unless it is entirely rebuilt, which is hardly a probability. In the meantime the only thing to do is await developments.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.—Bert Parks, the sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Parks, is in the Centre county jail charged with assaulting Annie Heaton, the fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerick Heaton, of near Nittany furnace. The girl charged that young Parks attacked her in the vicinity of Malloy's blacksmith shop, between 7 and 7.30 o'clock last Friday morning as she was on her way to work at the shirt factory. Her clothing was badly torn and her face scratched. Section hands on the Lewisburg railroad saw the assault but when they started to the rescue Parks fled.

The same forenoon Parks was arrested and that evening was given a hearing before Squire Musser. He denied being the one who committed the assault but the girl identified him he was sent to jail to await the disposition of the juvenile court. Two years ago Parks was sent to the reform school at Glenn Mills for robbing Sheffer's grocery store and was discharged from that institution last June on parole. Since that time he has been employed part of the time at Lyon's meat market.

FOREST FIRE ASSOCIATION.—Our mountains are rapidly becoming bare. We should not delay in taking immediate active steps to stop this devastation. A meeting of all timber land owners of northwestern Centre county will be held in the court house, Bellefonte, Pa., at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon, January 24th, 1913.

All persons interested are invited to attend this meeting. Many have already expressed a desire to be present and it is hoped all timber land owners will avail themselves of this opportunity and aid in this important movement. The Pennsylvania railroad forester, Mr. John Foley and others will have some very helpful plans to report and will explain the purpose of this association. This meeting will be held under the management of the Central Pennsylvania Forest Fire Protective association.

ELECTRIC COMPANIES MERGED.—On Thursday last week H. L. Lark filed a merger with the State Department in Harrisburg merging the Nittany Light, Heat and Power company, of State College with the eleven other companies in this section of the county for which charters were secured about a year ago, the name of the new company to be the State-Centre Electric company. The incorporators are John S. Fisher, A. W. Lee, John W. Wrigley, Thomas Shillingford and A. J. Musser. These are the same people who are negotiating for the purchase of the plant of the Bellefonte Electric company.

Some important developments in the electric business in the near future may be expected by the people of this section. It is the purpose of these gentlemen to complete their arrangements as rapidly as possible and get their central plant in operation at an early date.

The Beech Creek correspondent for the Lock Haven Express says that arrangements are being made to receive and care for a herd of twenty-four elk, which the State Game Commission has procured in the State of Wyoming, on the State lands in Clinton county, at the head of the Swamp branch of Big Run near the camp of wander Skinner Fenton. The elk will arrive at Renovo soon where crates are being constructed in which they will be carted over the mountain roads to the one-acre piece of ground which has been enclosed with an eight-foot fence to confine them until spring and where they can be properly fed during the winter. The animals will not be more than a year old when procured. In the spring they will be liberated but they are protected against being killed by hunters for a period of six years, for which protection the Legislature will be asked to pass an act.

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Milton James and Milton Bowman, two young men of Blanchard, went fox hunting on the last Sunday in December. They were caught in the act by constable William Coder who arrested them for hunting on Sunday and Squire George W. Eaton, of Blanchard, fined each of them twenty-five dollars and costs.

Monday was naturally the first Monday in the new year and the regular meeting night for borough council, but only two members—Philip Beezer and Dominic Judge—were present and consequently there was no meeting. But then the no quorum attendance has happened frequently enough of late that it is now being taken as a matter of course, and the exceptional would be to find a full attendance some evening.

A regular meeting of the Bellefonte school board was held on Monday evening and the same was reorganized for the ensuing year by re-electing Dr. M. J. Locke president and Mrs. Caroline Gilmore vice president. All the old standing committees were reappointed. The secretary and treasurer are elected at the regular monthly meeting the first Monday in July of each year. No other business of importance was transacted.

Jacob Finkelstein has leased the room in Criders Exchange now occupied by William McClure as a saddle shop and when the room has been entirely overhauled will move there on the first of April from his present location in the Aiken block. Mr. McClure will likely take the rooms in the Criders building recently occupied by Macker's green grocery. Several other business changes are in contemplation but they are not yet far enough advanced to make public.

State's football schedule next year will include a game with the Navy at Annapolis. Neither Cornell nor Ohio State will be on the schedule, but an effort is being made to get a game with the Carlisle Indians to be played in New York city and one with Lafayette. So far as now known Bill Hollenback will be the 1913 coach, and while State will lose six men by graduation from the 1912 team there will be plenty of good material from which another winning eleven can be picked.

An item in last week's WATCHMAN, taken from the Beech Creek correspondent of the Lock Haven Express, stated that George W. Eaton, of Blanchard, was under \$100 bail for his appearance at court on the charge of disturbing the peace, in attempting to strike a youth as he was leaving the Disciple church. The item got badly twisted in some way, as Mr. Eaton is justice of the peace at Blanchard, not the offender at all, but the Squire before whom the case was brought, and we very gladly make this correction.

There was quite a family gathering at the Capt. and Mrs. Jas. A. Quigley home, at Blanchard, last Saturday, for the purpose of getting away with a big turkey dinner. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Quigley and three children, of Bellefonte, and their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Merriman; Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Quigley and two children, of Lock Haven; Helen and Mary Quigley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Quigley, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hess and two daughters, of Beech Creek.

The Parents-Teachers' Association extends a cordial invitation to the citizens of Bellefonte to attend a lecture on "Adolescence" by Dean Holmes, of State College, to be given Tuesday evening, January 14th, at 8 o'clock in the High school. Dean Holmes was one of the very able lecturers at the last teachers' institute, and his subject "Adolescence," covering the period of the child's life from twelve to sixteen years of age should be of general interest to the community. It is hoped that the attendance will be as large as the importance of Dean Holmes' subject and the reputation of the lecturer warrant.

Last week the WATCHMAN contained an item about a young girl being accosted on Allegheny street one night recently, by an unknown colored man, who grabbed her by the arm and insisted on going home with her. And last Saturday night another young woman was chased by a colored man on High street opposite the jail and was compelled to take refuge in one of the houses along there. Just who the individual is who is making these dastardly attempts is not known, but he can rest assured that if he persists in his work it will be only a question of time until he is detected and the severest punishment possible to mete out will be his portion.

Very few Bellefonte people have seen Sarah Bernhardt on the stage, but every man, woman and child will have an opportunity to see her personified in motion pictures at the Scenic tonight, in her greatest role, "Queen Elizabeth." This picture was shown in Altoona last Thursday night and again on Tuesday night and it is pronounced by those who saw it as the acme of motion picture photography. Manager T. Clayton Brown has secured this feature film of four reels in order to give the people of Bellefonte the very best obtainable, and as the expense is unusually heavy the price of admission will be ten cents for the afternoon matinee and evening. Don't miss this picture as it may be the only opportunity you will ever have of seeing the divine Sarah even in moving pictures.

DISTRIBUTION OF TROUT.—Superintendent Haas still has in the neighborhood of seventy-five thousand yearling trout at the Bellefonte fish hatchery for distribution. These trout can be secured only by regular application through the fish commission, and then a pro rata distribution is made. In former years when trout fry were distributed, they were sent out by the thousands, but it is doubtful if five per cent. of them ever lived and grew to fishable size. Under the present system of sending out yearlings, which range from three to six inches in size, the greatest number of them should live. Out of a hatching of several million eggs last winter the Bellefonte hatchery was successful in growing about 190,000 yearlings. Distribution of these has been going on for some time and will continue until the entire stock is exhausted. Under the system adopted by Fish Commissioner N. R. Buller no adult trout is kept at the Bellefonte hatchery as breeders. All the eggs for hatching purposes will hereafter be received from the Trexler hatchery at Allentown, as it is believed that by this method a healthier condition may be maintained.

THE MYSTIFYING KEENE.—That part of Keene's program in which the spirit of Cagliostro plays a prominent part is intensely interesting. It is mystifying to such a degree that even the deepest thinker is prone to attribute it to an affinity with an occult power. How such things can be accomplished on a brilliantly illuminated stage is a mystery that none but Keene can solve. He claims that he has but recently come under the influence of this powerful "spirit" hence his ability to perform these unique tests. At the opera house tomorrow night. Prices 25 to 75 cents.

Charles Klein's American play, "The Lion and the Mouse," which the United Play Company will produce here on Wednesday evening, January 15th, has won from audiences in all the largest cities the most cordial demonstrations of approval and it has certainly taken rank as one of the notable successes of the new century. The subject matter of corruption in politics is one which is now very close to the hearts of all American people and anything dealing therewith excites the interest of the public. Reserve your seats early.

VARIABLE WEATHER.—"Old Probe" must be working over time in order to furnish all the kinds of weather we have had the past week. Starting in with a hard rain last Friday morning it blew up cold in the afternoon and the wind reached a perfect gale that night. While no great damage was done throughout Centre county there was more or less destruction of property in the eastern part of the State. Sunday it rained and sleeted and froze and the pavements and streets were a sheet of ice, so that by Monday morning travel was difficult and dangerous. But a rise in temperature Monday morning brought rain and there was a good downpour all day and Tuesday was mild and murky—anything but winter weather. January is already one-third gone and there has been very little cold weather, not enough to make marketable ice and the ice men are becoming a little anxious as to where their harvest will come from. Of course there is plenty of time yet for cold weather, but the season won't be nearly as long as last year, and that is consoling to the man who foots the coal bills.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.—All articles or correspondence intended for publication in the WATCHMAN should reach this office by Tuesday evening, if possible, and not later than Wednesday morning. A newspaper office is a busy place on publication day owing to the rush of late local matter and correspondence that does not reach us until that day runs a pretty strong risk of being blue-penciled. Regular correspondence should be received in time to be handled properly, and if there is any later happenings in the correspondent's community a supplementary letter can be sent or the matter telephoned to this office. But only really important news should be telephoned after Thursday morning. If WATCHMAN correspondents will kindly heed this notice they will not only confer a favor on the editor but stand a better chance of getting all their items in the paper.

WOULDN'T THIS BE NICE, IF TRUE?—The following news (?) item was taken from Wednesday morning's Altoona Tribune:

The Methodist Episcopal congregation at Bellefonte has just presented its pastor, Rev. Dr. E. H. Yocum, with an automobile and will pay a chauffeur to run it for him. Dr. Yocum's friends in this vicinity will be pleased at this token of appreciation. Rev. Yocum would no doubt be delighted to have his congregation furnish him with a machine and driver, and the congregation would be delighted to make such a gift to its exceptional pastor were it able, but up to the present time the congregation has not placed an order for either one.

Albert Schad has leased the rooms adjoining the Gazette office, lately occupied by Dr. Philip S. Fisher, and will have the same fixed up for a plumbing shop and store, and to which place he will move about February first from his present location in the Pruner block. The room he will vacate has been leased by Robert Morris and Paul Sheffer for their new grocery store.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Thomas Beaver transacted business in Tyrone on Tuesday. W. Homer Decker spent part of last week on a business trip to New York city.

Mrs. Luther Dale and daughter Miriam, of Oak Hall, spent Thursday in Bellefonte. Mrs. Howard F. Gearhart, of Coatesville, is in Bellefonte for a brief visit at her old home.

Adam Hazel, of Axe Mann, went to Niagara Falls this week to remain the balance of the winter. Mrs. Frank Warfield and her daughter Mary spent several days the latter part of last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Gertrude Quigley spent Tuesday in Bellefonte as the guest of her brother, Henry C. Quigley Esq., and family. Mrs. Alice Hockenberry and son Frederick, of this place, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thal, of State College, this week.

Miss Gertrude Crawford, the obituary clerk in Doll's bakery, will make her annual visit to Snow Shoe this week, for a stay of ten days. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cole, of Lewistown, spent the greater part of last week in Bellefonte as guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tuten.

Mrs. P. H. Gherry and daughter, Miss Agnes, were in Renovo last week attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Edward Dowling. Mrs. Joseph Fox and daughter Helen left on Saturday for Newton, Kansas, where Miss Helen's marriage will take place in the near future.

Mrs. J. C. Harper left Bellefonte Sunday for Columbus, Ohio, expecting to spend a month or six weeks with her son, Arthur Harper and family. Herbert Hull, who spent the Holidays with his family in Bellefonte, left last Thursday for North Tonawanda, N. Y., where he is employed by the Tonawanda Iron & Steel company.

Miss Grace Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Beck, of Snyderstown, who has been home since last fall, left on Wednesday for Atlantic City to resume her work as a professional nurse. M. A. Landsy, of the firm of Antrim and Landsy, portrait painters, is spending this week looking after the work in their studio in Philadelphia, expecting to return to Bellefonte tomorrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whitmore have gone to Somerset county to spend two or three weeks with Mrs. Whitmore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bowersox, as a rest for Mr. Whitmore, whose health is not very good. Dr. J. M. Brockerhoff has about completed arrangements for his trip to Panama and the Berengias. He will sail either on February 1st or 2nd and will be accompanied by Mr. James Pierpoint, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donachy left Tuesday for Akron, Ohio, where they will spend the remainder of the winter with their niece, Mrs. Morris Tucker. Mrs. Tucker will be remembered as Miss Emma Schrock. Mrs. Dennis will leave this week for Baltimore to visit until spring with her sister, and according to the present plans, will spend some day and a pleasant caller at this office. Now that he is comfortably located at the College and taking life easy he is seriously considering the purchase of an automobile so that his friends need not be surprised if ere long they see him spinning around in a buzz-wagon.

RECEIVER'S SALE OF TELEPHONE COMPANY.—The receivers sale of the American Union Telephone company will take place at the federal building in Harrisburg on Tuesday, February 4th, at 1.30 p. m. This company includes the Commercial Union Telephone company, the Huntington and Clearfield, the Union Telephone company, of Erie; the Tri-State Telephone company, the United Telephone and Telegraph company and the Consolidated Telephone company. Quite a number of Bellefonte and Centre county people are interested financially in this company.

Harry Johnson has purchased the home of Edward J. Gehrett, borough treasurer, on Bishop street and will occupy the same after April first. Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by R. S. Brouse, Grocer. The prices quoted are those paid for produce.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Potatoes per bushel, Onions, Eggs per dozen, Lard per pound, Butter per pound, etc.

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