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Holding Up Tariff Revision.

In holding up the UNDERWOOD tariff bill in the Senate, BOIES PENROSE is serving his own political interests and the pecuniary interests of the gentlemen who have been financing his party for some years. The PAYNE-ALDRICH tariff bill yields to the interests favored by it a matter of from two to three million dollars every day. Out of that unearned increment those who extract it from an unwilling people can afford to contribute a considerable proportion to the campaign fund of the man who is responsible for it. Therefore in demanding hearings on the tariff bill while it is in the Senate committee on finance, Senator PENROSE is putting money into the treasuries of monopolies and into his own campaign fund.

For more than half a dozen years there have been hearings in progress either in the Ways and Means committee of the House or the Finance committee of the Senate on the tariff question. A hearing in either of these committees upon that subject means, literally, that men interested in the iron business, the woollen business or the cotton industry tell the committees what rate of tariff taxes on those commodities would be agreeable to them. Nobody ever dreamed of inviting the consumers of iron, wool or cotton to come forward and express themselves on the subject. Only the manufacturers are heard and they invariably tell the committees that unless their licenses to loot the public are continued indefinitely, the country will go head-long to the "demonition bow-wows," so to speak.

As a matter of fact "hearings" in congressional committees upon the tariff or any other subject have degenerated into absurd farces and the sooner they are discontinued the better. The manufacturers of cotton goods have no more right to fix the rate of tariff taxes on cotton goods than the professional burglars have to write the statutes fixing the penalty for burglary. In demanding hearings on the UNDERWOOD tariff bill, therefore, Senator PENROSE is simply seeking delay of the revision of the tariff in order that the rake-off may be prolonged to those who have financed his political operations in the past and are expected to contribute to his corrupt fund in the future. The public ought to understand these facts.

—Mrs. BELMONT was probably only joking when she said, in London, the other day, that the militant suffragette methods which have been outraging public decency in London for some months, will be introduced into this country in the near future. The men of the United States hold womanhood in high esteem but they enforce the law.

—We have no commission to express the fact officially but it is no violation of confidence to warn the Coal trust that the next investigation of that inquiry will not be called off at the psychological moment. In other words ROOSEVELT is not President now.

—Even if HUERTA fails to recognize the government of the United States business along the usual lines will continue in Washington.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

—The house on Curtin street owned by the Abram Valentine heirs and vacated by the Heylman family, has been rented and will be occupied by J. Howard North and his family, who has succeeded Fred Musser as head of the Lauderbach-Barber, wholesale grocery house in Bellefonte.

—The Bellefonte Lodge Benevolent Protective Order of Elks No. 1094 will this year, as in former years, entertain the old soldiers in their home on High street, from four to seven o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, May 30th, memorial day. A general invitation is extended to all Civil war veterans to be present and enjoy their hospitality.

—A large bronze bell, similar in size to the old Liberty bell, but sound and perfect in tone, will be installed in the tower of the new Presbyterian church at State College, as the gift of Alba B. Johnson, of the Baldwin locomotive works, of Philadelphia. The bell is from the foundry of the Meneely Bell company, Troy, N. Y., which in 1876 cast the thirteen thousand pound bell for Independence hall, Philadelphia, the largest hour striking bell in the world.

—If you want to know just what is the matter with Bellefonte in a business way, count the number of persons and firms doing business in the town, as shown by the mercantile appraisement list, published this week, then look over the county papers and see how many of these business houses invite the people of the county to examine what they have to sell, or want the public to know what kind of business they are trying to do. You will understand then just what is

McMICKEN.—Mrs. Susan Sterrett McMicken, widow of Dr. Joseph McMicken, died at the home of her cousin, Miss Jane McCalmont, on east Linn street, Bellefonte, at 4.30 o'clock last Saturday evening, of general debility, aged 80 years and 5 months.

She was a daughter of James and Jennie Sterrett and was born at Jacksonville, this county. When six years of age her parents moved to Clarion where she grew to womanhood and lived until her marriage to Dr. Joseph McMicken. The young couple located at Mill Hall and there is where the greater part of her life was spent. Dr. and Mrs. McMicken had several children but the only one who grew to womanhood was a daughter, Margaret, who married James Robbins, of Westport, and after the death of her husband Mrs. McMicken made her home with her daughter until her death when she came to Bellefonte to live with her cousin, the late Mrs. William Shortidge, and this place had been her home ever since.

Funeral services were held at her late home on Linn street at 1.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon after which the remains were taken to Cedar Springs for burial. Those from a distance here for the funeral were her two nieces, Miss Mary Sterrett, of Titusville, and Miss Harriet Guthrie, of Philadelphia; Hugh Worrick and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Worrick and Mrs. John Taylor, of Mackeyville; Mrs. S. H. Bension, of Howard, and Miss Ruth Clark, of Altoona.

LOWER.—Mrs. Harriet Lower, widow of the late Zacheus Lower, died at her home in Warriorsmark on Saturday evening, following a general breakdown in health. Her maiden name was Harriet Mattern and she was born in Warriorsmark valley seventy-three years ago. Practically her entire life was spent in the vicinity of her birth. Surviving her are the following children: Mrs. R. H. Stewart, of Pennsylvania Furnace; John, William, Edward and Mrs. Joseph Swayne, of Tyrone; Mrs. Chester Rothrock, of Altoona; Warren, of Roanoke, Va., and Miss Maude at home. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: John and Jacob Mattern, of Warriorsmark; Mrs. W. C. Patterson and Mrs. Susan Gray, of State College. Deceased was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church all her life and her pastor, Rev. Kerbaugh, had charge of the funeral services which were held at her late home at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning. Burial being made in the Warriorsmark cemetery.

MAYHEW.—Joseph Mayhew, (colored), a former resident of Bellefonte, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday morning of last week of heart disease. He was born at Bloomsburg and was 49 years and 9 days old. He was a barber by occupation and conducted a barber shop in this place a number of years ago. From here he went to Scotia and later to Brooklyn. He was a member of the Bellefonte Standard Lodge of Odd Fellows No. 3562. His wife, who was a daughter of Rev. George Skinner, of this place, died several years ago but surviving him are two sons and one daughter, namely: James, a sailor on the U. S. ship Jewett; George, employed in the Brooklyn navy yard, and Mrs. Nettie Palmer, of this place. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Saturday morning and taken to the home of Mrs. Christiana Delige, on east High street, where funeral services were held at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. D. Robinson. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

KREAMER.—Following an illness of some weeks with kidney trouble William Kreamer, a well known resident of Millheim, died on Tuesday morning, aged seventy-nine years. He was born near Rebersburg, in Brush valley, and followed farming in that locality until about twenty years ago when he retired and moved to Millheim. He served as a school director in that place for many years and was also a director in the Farmer's National bank. He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Anna Mary Ruhl, and one daughter, Mrs. Howard Klepper, of Clinton county, whose husband is a Member of the Legislature. Funeral services were held at his late home yesterday morning by Rev. Geesey, of the Lutheran church, of which deceased was a lifelong member, after which burial was made in the Fairview cemetery, at Millheim.

WYKOFF.—Miss Elizabeth E. Wykoff, daughter of Samuel Wykoff, of Blanchard, was killed in Williamsport last Friday by being run down by a train on the Reading railroad. Miss Wykoff, who was about forty years of age, has lived in Williamsport for some time, conducting a boarding house. The accident occurred because she failed to hear the approach of the train. The remains were taken to Blanchard where funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon by Rev. M. C. Frick and burial made in the Disciple cemetery.

KARSADDEN.—James Karsadden, an aged resident of Beech Creek, died in the Lock Haven hospital on Tuesday, where he had been for some time undergoing treatment for a complication of diseases. He left no known relatives and on Wednesday Thomas Rorabaugh, of Beech Creek, went to Lock Haven and had the remains conveyed to Blanchard where burial was made yesterday.

GINGERY.—Following an illness of nine months as the result of a stroke of paralysis John Gingery died last Friday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harry Fike, near Rock Forge. He was stricken on August 19th of last year while working at Bellevue, Ohio, and was brought east and taken to the home of his sister where he lingered until his death last Friday.

Deceased was a son of George and Mary Gingery and was born at Pleasant Gap on August 22nd, 1857, hence was in his fifty-sixth year. He never married and after the death of his father he devoted himself to the care of his aged mother until her death about five years ago. He was an honest and industrious man and had many warm personal friends who deeply regret his death. He is survived by one sister and two brothers, namely: Mrs. Harry Fike, of Rock Forge; Jacob, of Madisonburg, and Samuel, of State College.

Funeral services were held at the Fike home at eleven o'clock on Monday morning. Rev. C. S. Shuey officiated and was assisted by Rev. C. W. Winey. The remains were taken on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania to the Bethel cemetery where interment was made beside the grave of his mother.

The friends of the deceased wish to thank the neighbors for their kindness during his protracted illness and death.

ROTHROCK.—Mrs. Anna Virginia Rothrock, widow of the late Ernest H. Rothrock, died at her home in Tyrone on Sunday afternoon, after being in failing health for about a year. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Funk and was born at Port Matilda thirty-nine years ago. When fifteen years of age she was married to Ernest Rothrock who died five years ago. A good part of her married life was spent in Tyrone. Surviving her are four children, her mother, three brothers and two sisters, all of Tyrone. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Grandview cemetery.

JURY RETURNED TWO VERDICTS.—The following dispatch will be of interest to the people of Centre county because the man referred to was born and raised at Lemont, for a time lived in Bellefonte and is quite well known here. In the Ohio flood a month ago he lost practically everything and he and his wife clung to their house roof for half a day or longer before they were rescued:

COLUMBUS, O., May 12.—As a result of a mistake on the part of the jury, Oscar H. Osman, a west side undertaker, was found both guilty and not guilty in the criminal court, where he was on trial charged with larceny. When the jury first reported, it handed the clerk a verdict of guilty. This verdict, however, did not contain the amount of money Osman was alleged to have stolen from the body of a West Side flood victim. The court ordered the jury to the jury room, for the purpose of writing this into the verdict. When it reported the second time, a verdict of not guilty was announced.

Both Osman and his wife, who was in the court room, collapsed when the first report was made by the jury, and it was with difficulty that Mrs. Osman was convinced later when told that her husband had been acquitted.

STATE "PEN" PLANS.—The plans and drawings for the new penitentiary in Benner township have been almost completed by architect John T. Windrim, of Philadelphia. They provide for a main cell house 62x889 feet, to contain one thousand cells in five tiers. The building will be so constructed as to admit as much light as possible and be properly ventilated and entirely sanitary throughout. There will also be an isolation building (hospital) 29x328 feet in size; a power house, woman's building, laundry and storage buildings, and a large building to contain an auditorium, chapel, dining room, offices, etc. The buildings will all be of stone and reinforced concrete construction and the estimated cost will be about a million and a quarter dollars. There will be sheet metal skylights, steel roof trusses with slate roofing, steam heat and electric light throughout. Operations upon some of the buildings will be begun in the near future.

HOW SOME PEOPLE RATE IT.—Our good friend Mr. J. Witmer Wolf, formerly of Centre Hall, now of Ardmore, Pa., when renewing his subscription; a few days since, adds to his short letter:

"While riding in one of our 'main line' local trains the other day reading the WATCHMAN a stranger by my side remarked, 'I beg your pardon, but I notice that you are reading the best country weekly published in the United States.' I expressed some surprise as to his knowledge of my old home county, when he again remarked that to his certain knowledge the Bellefonte WATCHMAN for more than thirty years had that reputation. A man of good judgment—wasn't he?"

—Ralph Myers, Harold Fredericks, Charles Livingstone, Alfred Zuber and Herbert Kessinger, a quintette of young men of Lock Haven, came to Bellefonte on a motor cycle trip on Sunday. They left Lock Haven at ten o'clock in the morning and made the trip in a little over an hour, returning home at four o'clock. Calvin Shaffer, Richard Bagley and Frank Toot made the run on bicycles, leaving at six o'clock in the morning and returning at six in the evening. The young men claimed to have found the road in fair condition up to the state road which is excellent.

—Dr. A. Hafer, the well known dentist, who has been in bad health the past month, on Wednesday was admitted to the Bellefonte hospital to undergo an operation in the hope of finding relief.

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Service Sunday 10:45 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 9½ E. High street.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The 44th, annual convention of the Centre county Sunday School Association was held in Rebersburg on May 5th and 6th. Hon. C. L. Gramley, president of the association occupied the chair. The names of the new officers chosen are as follows:

President, Hon. C. L. Gramley, Rebersburg; vice president, G. L. Goodhart, Centre Hall; secretary, L. W. Nuttall, Philipsburg; statistical secretary, E. Owens, Bellefonte; treasurer, A. Lukenbach, Bellefonte; home department superintendent, Rev. J. Max Lantz, Spring Mills; teachers training superintendent, Rev. Fred W. Barry, Centre Hall; elementary superintendents, Miss Helen Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and Mrs. C. E. McGirk, Philipsburg; O. A. B. C. superintendent, D. A. Dietrich, Hublersburg; secondary superintendent, W. E. McWilliams, Penna. Furnace; missionary superintendent, Rev. W. D. Geesey, Aaronsburg; temperance superintendent, Rev. F. S. Clark, Milesburg.

The following among other resolutions were passed: That all schools in the Centre county association be urged to make an earnest effort to maintain our place among the front line counties of the State.

That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the churches and people of Rebersburg for their generous and delightful hospitality, which has contributed so much to the pleasure and success of the annual convention.

The next annual convention will be held in Bellefonte in May, 1914.

The Ushers' Association of the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church is planning to give a unique reception and social to all people in any way either closely or remotely related, to the congregation. They desire to promote the social side of the congregational life. Their reception is therefore entitled a "Get Acquainted" social. This social is fixed for Thursday evening, May 22nd, from 8:00 o'clock to 10:00 o'clock.

A program of interest and pleasure is arranged, refreshments will be served, a royal social time is anticipated. Every Methodist of the town and vicinity, and everybody, young or old, in any way associated with or interested in the church, is most cordially invited. Come and see how handsomely the "boy" of the Ushers Association will greet and treat you.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY.

The approaching Sunday, May 18th, will mark the twenty-fourth anniversary of the General Epworth League throughout all the lands of Christendom. The Local Chapter in the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church, will appropriately observe the occasion. The anniversary sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. Dr. E. H. Yocum, at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The Chapter will render a delightful and instructive program entitled "Show Us Your Hands." In connection with the evening program, the officers recently elected for the year to come, by the Senior and Junior Chapters, will be regularly installed. A general and cordial invitation is hereby given to attend and profit by these services.

Rev. C. W. Winey will be in Altoona over Sunday attending the anniversary services in the Second United Brethren church, and will make an address in the evening. During his absence the pulpit of the United Brethren church in this place will be filled by Rev. Robert Tresler.

The ladies adult bible class of the United Brethren church will hold a sale of bread, rolls, pies, cakes, candies and ice cream in the room adjoining the church on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 17. The public is cordially invited to extend patronage.

Rev. E. H. Yocum begins a series of addresses Sunday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. 4 p. m. Every man invited. Boys annual banquet Saturday night 6.30.

From The Far South.

Mr. Dick Morton, a former Ferguson township boy, now a resident and prosperous business man of Shreveport, Louisiana in renewing his subscription to the WATCHMAN, writes us under date of May 15. "During the past year I have noticed in your columns where Centre Co. folks emigrated to the west and north west and it has often occurred to me that the south west offered a much pleasanter climate and just as cheap and productive land. The soil will produce most everything. The strawberry season is about over dewberries are coming in, new potatoes are being eaten. This city has a population of 35,000 and is destined to be a manufacturing center. Several of the local plants have their own natural gas wells. Natural gas is furnished to the citizens at 25 cents a thousand less 10 per cent. if paid by the 10th. The oil field is just beginning to be developed. Well I had better close or you will accuse me of boasting."

DICK MORTON.

—Governor Tener has signed the bill prohibiting the killing of wild turkeys for a period of two years. A bill is also before the Legislature prohibiting the killing of quail for the same length of time and if our distinguished law-makers are just given time enough they will probably place an embargo on everything; then what good will the hunter's license bill be?

—Something over seventy-five dollars was realized by the women of the Methodist church, from their production of The Old Maids Club, which gave so much pleasure to so many people at Petrikin hall last Friday night.

—Have your Job Work done here.

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 names of the authors must accompany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

The Increased Water Tax.

Editor Watchman:—The fire of Sunday will undoubtedly help to be a lesson to the strenuous water kickers on the present raise particularly those living in the outskirts of the borough. The council have for some time been scheming to try and make our water system as nearly perfect as possible and to do so and make proper fire protection the water systems on the various streets should be looped. That is a somewhat expensive job using a large lot of expensive pipe but as the illustration shows on Sunday morning the damage to the house burned would have been much smaller by several thousand dollars had a loop system been in vogue out there. This raise in the tax will net about \$2500.00 with which council have planned to loop the system on several of the streets as far as they will have money enough to do so and they have also in contemplation the purchasing of an auto fire engine which would have been of the utmost value on Sunday and the long delay to get horses would have been obviated and immediate work that an auto engine would have been able to do would have confined the fire to a mere couple of hundred dollars damage. They are not much use until you want them but when you want them you want them — a bad quick and they save money and the cost of themselves several times over. In the matter of using the water tax for other borough purposes complained of by many the fact is that the most of the time it is the other way and in one instance there were nearly five thousand dollars of the borough funds used when the large main was laid from the reservoir to the spring around by High street and which has proven of such great benefit since. At the present rate the council is not laying within ten per cent of what they have a license to lay and what they call the base of assessment according to ordinance. In former years the greater part of the exonerations, of the poor was made by the water tax that is the water tax was the largest amount of all the taxes which would reduce the net duplicate considerably. When the water tax was lowered a few years ago on account of an exceptionally lucky year with the water it was made too low and the department has been paying for it ever since in a shortage. It is thought that the new rate would only need to be levied for the one year and that it will then be dropped to a lower level. The property owners pay the tax now and in any event it comes off the same ones.

Our water taxes today are considerably lower than Altoona, Tyrone or Lock Haven and every one of them have gravity system no more expense while we have to pump ours but would you exchange the water or do away with the beautiful spring any how.

Another thing not taken into consideration is the fact that of our one hundred thousand dollars debt about eighty-five thousand dollars was caused by the water department in building the reservoir maining the streets and equipping the fire protection such as plugs etc.

Many a city would gladly pay triple our prices for our spring with its pure clear cold water and give thanks besides for the beneficent act of Providence for so treating them.

CITIZEN.

Selfish Combines that Destroy Republics, Don't Want Truth to be Known.

Dear Editor Watchman:—To exemplify the last half century evolution of trade and religion that now sacrifices life and health food, that made life worthy living, by partaking of wholesome food and cultivating the palate to live most bright, more clearly I will narrate scenes of 60 years ago: A mother taken sick with nervous prostration and a celebrated physician prescribed, partake every night a half pint of porter. "Oh doctor I don't like porter," well you partake half ale and porter until cultivating a taste and then the best porter obtainable at that time designated by "****" on draft at four cents half pint this where roasted barley and then ground to meal and brewed in open vats by steam pipes and hops placed therein, a process of creating the least alcohol and fermented and preserved by cane sugar.

The evolution of trade from a joint consideration of beneficials to health and joys therein in hop fields and barley and brews of wisdom, are being changed woefully to a cash gain for the brewers, of vast wealth by any means of malting. Barley is now steeped in water on the floor to germ and then kiln dried or not, to suit colorings for porter, ale, beer and in the last 35 years a corn glucose and grape sugar from corn, is extensively used in brew in lieu of hops, and other mixtures are barbarous and the immunity to brewer Americans and importers of foreign malt liquor in the belief that anything is good enough for Americans and our export trade. This needs speedy regulation by our National law-makers in the tariff revision downward that exempts cut rate of duties on porter, stout, ale and beer from being reduced.

Hence a tariff for a privilege class by a specific rate of 45 and 25 cents per gallon, and the computed advalorem rates are 46 and 75 per cent, the latter in

barrels that is retailed at ten cents per half pint. Exemplification of tariff iniquity, the poor man's drink to save life must pay or patronize a higher rate of duty then the rich man's pint bottle.

Bigoted religion of "don't want to know truth" conflicting with these needed obligations of theory without the practice of even roasted barley in lieu of coffee, great destroyer of digestion, and condemns the hop in combine brew to make wisdom liquid and that will cure most speedily nervousness, insanity, acute and chronic indigestion, chills and tuberculosis, for want of righteousness and "of willing to know." From a many score years of experience we are a wasteful State and Nation sacrificing life and Commonwealth.

JAMES WOLFENDEN,
Lamar, Pa.

An Echo of Grateful Appreciation From Bethlehem to Bellefonte.

[Communicated.]

In a communication from Missioner Crittenden and his helmpet companion, they express their desire to have it known that they did most heartily appreciate the kindly farewell reception given to them on Wednesday evening of last week in the Presbyterian chapel.

With no previously prepared program, a varied spontaneity of exercises marked the interesting occasion. Under the leadership of Pastor George E. Hawes, brief addresses by Rector John Hewitt, Rev. Dr. Yocum and Rev. Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt were very cheerily listened to all who were present. A well filled purse, chiefly of gold and its contents rather more than the numeral that marks the years of the Missioner's next birthday, was presented to Mrs. Crittenden.

Singing the Mizpah hymn, "God be with you 'till we meet again," and a brief prayer with the benediction by Rector Hewitt closed the interesting farewell occasion.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

We have several June weddings on the slate.

Our ball team will hold a festival in the town hall on May 30th.

John Waite, of Lock Haven, visited old friends hereabouts last week.

Elmer Musser, with a crew of helpers, is building a 4000 bushel lime pit.

Miss Bertha Corl spent several days with her sister, Maude Fry, near town.

Hon. J. T. McCormick is having his barn repaired and a large shed added.

Mrs. Kate Bailey has been under the doctor's care the past week but is now better.

Frank J. Koch, of Sunbury, has been visiting old time friends in this section this week.

Keller Bros. of the Houseville woolen mills, were here Monday for their share of wool.

Grandmother Hubler, who has been very low for some weeks, is now on a fair way to recovery.

J. Calvin Neidigh, one of Panny's employees, was here last week for his share of the finny tribe.

Mrs. F. W. Fishburn, of State College, visited friends on the Branch and in town Sunday and Monday.

The J. S. Miller barn is being raised this week. The Cronover barn will be ready to go up in a few days.

W. H. Glenn spent Monday with the Milliflung buggy company, for which he is now a full-fledged salesman.

George Porter is home from the Wills Eye hospital, Philadelphia, where he had a piece of steel removed from his left eye.

Miss Grace Dale and Miss Maude Rudy were in Bellefonte on a shopping expedition on Monday and did not fail in missing the train.

Mrs. J. H. Bailey and master Warren visited friends in town in the early part of the week. It was her first outing since her return from the hospital.

L. H. Musser and Lyman Smith spent Tuesday among the farmers in this section, seeing that they were properly supplied with up-to-date farm implements.

Rev. W. K. Harnish will preach the Memorial sermon to the G. A. R., in the Presbyterian church in this place on Sunday, the 25th, at 10.30 a. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. Ellen Shadle, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Peters, on Main street. They are arranging to leave Monday for a sight seeing jaunt to the city of Brotherly Love.

On Sunday forenoon fire destroyed the saw mill of the Eilenberg Bros., at Marengo, together with a lot of sawed lumber. It is supposed to have caught from a smouldering spark.

D. L. Dennis spent Friday at State College to note the changes since he used to stub his toes herding cattle where the campus now is. Much of the adjoining country was then a wilderness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bilger, Floyd Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Win Witmer were guests at a family reunion at the home of John B. Witmer, at White Hall, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Corl with their twins, and Mary and Peter Corl spent the Sabbath at grandpa Peter Corl's, who presented his namesake with a long green of the \$2.00 denomination. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Struble also spent the day there.

Mother's day was appropriately observed in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday. A big audience was in attendance and Rev. W. K. Harnish preached a splendid sermon on "Motherhood." The decorations were white carnations.

The Washington Grange hall is undergoing repairs, such as a new roof, a fresh coat of paint inside and out, to be completed before June 5th, as that date Pomona Grange will hold its regular meeting there, when a large turnout is expected.

Last Saturday morning one of James I. Thompson's tenant houses took fire and burned to the ground, together with most of the contents. Kind neighbors lent a helping hand and donated many things to the tenant, S. J. Waller, to go to housekeeping in a near-by vacant house.

On Sunday (Mother's day) Mrs. Elisa McCracken, widow of the late H. W. McCracken, celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday anniversary. Her maiden name was Campbell and she was born on the old Campbell homestead in the Glades. She is still in fairly good health, barring failing eyesight.

The annual opening of the Fairbrook Country Club at Pennsylvania Furnace will take place on Wednesday, June 4th. During the winter season quite a number of repairs and improvements were made to the club house (the old Lyon homestead) and this spring the grounds have been greatly beautified so that the club has now one of the most attractive homes of any club in Central Pennsylvania. An experienced steward is always in charge so that members and their friends can get accommodations at any time.