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## ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

MOERSCHBACHER — RORABAUGH.—A pretty wedding was celebrated at high mass in St. John's Catholic church, at 8:15 o'clock on Tuesday morning, when Cyril Moerschbacher and Miss Olive Rorabaugh were united in marriage by Rev. Father McArdle. The young couple were attended by Miss Celia Moerschbacher as bridesmaid and John Conley as groomsman. A few invited guests were present to witness the ceremony. From the church Mr. and Mrs. Moerschbacher were driven direct to their newly furnished home in the McQuiston house on west High street, where a delicious wedding breakfast awaited them. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moerschbacher and is employed in his father's restaurant and cigar store.

ANDERSON—SHAFFER.—Paul F. Anderson, of Mercer, Pa., and Miss Hilda Shaffer, of Tylerville, were married on Saturday of last week at the home of John Moyen, at Logan Mills, Rev. O. G. Martin performing the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Shaffer, of Tylerville, and for some time past has assisted her sister in conducting a boarding house at State College. The bridegroom is a graduate of State College, class of 1914, and is an excellent young man. They expect to locate at Coburn where Mr. Anderson will embark in the mercantile business.

FRY—WOOLF.—Word has been received of the wedding of Dr. Hugh L. Fry and Miss Mary Woolf, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who were married on Tuesday, April 20th, by Rev. Mr. Steel, of the Presbyterian church. The bride is a well known and popular young woman and a member of one of the old southern families. Dr. Fry is a son of Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, and is now a successful young veterinarian of Columbia, Tenn. The young couple first met at St. Augustine, Fla., last winter and their marriage last week was the result.

GHERET—HOLTER.—Joe L. Gehret, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Gehret, of Bellefonte, and Miss Lulu Holter, of Howard, were married in Hollidaysburg on Saturday of last week. The young couple will make their home in Bellefonte, Mr. Gehret being employed as a painter and paper hanger by the McSuley Bros.

KUNES—BOWER.—On Tuesday of last week W. Trevillia Kunes, of Runville, and Miss Clara E. Bower, of Mill Hall, were married at the home of the bridegroom by Rev. S. J. Wilson, of the United Brethren church. They were attended by Charles Smoyer and Miss Ada Resides. They will reside at Runville.

ODD FELLOWS TO MEET IN BELLEFONTE.—The ninety-sixth anniversary of the organization of Odd Fellowship was celebrated by the Central Pennsylvania association in a big gathering at Bloomsburg last Thursday and Friday, and by an almost unanimous vote it was decided to hold next year's celebration in Bellefonte. Athens was also after the gathering but the sentiment was so overwhelming in favor of Bellefonte that the former place was withdrawn when the balloting began. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William F. Losch; secretary, Henry B. Eberly; treasurer, Abe A. Myers, all of Williamsport. A resolution commanding Governor Brumbaugh upon his stand on local option was declared out of order and not acted upon.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—A Sunday school convention for district No. 7 will be held in the Methodist church at Pleasant Gap, Thursday afternoon and evening, May 6th. This district includes all schools in Benner and Spring townships, including Bellefonte. All schools are requested to send two delegates preferably teachers. Pastors and superintendents are delegates *ex officio*. The afternoon session will begin at 2:00 o'clock and the evening session at 7:30. A good program has been prepared. All district superintendents are expected to make reports; delegates will report for their respective schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS came to Bellefonte this week of the marriage of Miss Marilla Phelps, of Baltimore, and Elliott Vandevanter, of St. Catharines, Canada, the wedding having taken place in Baltimore, Tuesday, April twenty-seventh. Mr. Vandevanter is a grandson of Mrs. George Elliott, who left here last Saturday to join him on his way from Canada to Baltimore, expecting after the wedding to go to Washington for a visit with her grand-daughter, Mrs. Frederic Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Vandevanter will live in St. Catharines, Canada, where Mr. Vandevanter, an engineer, is at work on a big canal.

Carnations from 25c. a dozen up at CANDYLAND.

## Our Weekly Summary of Legislative Activities.

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BRUMBAUGH is "talking through his hat," and that he is not half as sorry for the defeat of his pet measure as he pretends to be. Anyway it is clear that he increased the negative vote considerably by his absurd method of campaigning for the bill. Maybe this was "an error of the head rather than of the heart," but as NAPOLEON said "some blunders are worse than crimes," and the Governor indulged in every known variety of blunders. The question was probably decided on election day, however, and the result couldn't have been changed.

The sessions of the Legislature are not long and you can't get the statesmen to work consecutively more than four days. But in the brief time they are at it much legislation is ground out. On Thursday the Governor signed ten Senate and six House bills. Among these are: Giving mothers the right to appoint guardians in certain cases; authorizing the Forestry Department to purchase land sold for taxes; regulating the issue of preferred stock; validating debts of second-class townships for road improvements; amending divorce laws so that libellant shall be a competent witness; requiring foresters, forest rangers, game protectors, deputies and fish wardens to enforce fish, game and forestry laws and authorizing the Department of Forestry to distribute young trees.

On Friday His Excellency took his pen in hand and vetoed a bill regulating the catching of frogs and tadpoles; one regulating the assessment of lands divided by township lines and one increasing the authority of literary, scientific, educational, religious, charitable, benevolent or beneficial associations to hold property. Three or four other measures of local interest in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia were also vetoed and the bills increasing the number of game wardens from 30 to 60; appropriating \$11,000 to State institutions for criminal insane for deficiencies; amending the foreign corporation registration act of 1911; amending the school code so as to permit school boards to make contracts with seminaries and academies for instruction and to receive and administer assets of such institutions for educational purposes; regulating appeals from reports of auditors of boroughs, townships and school districts; prohibiting unnaturalized foreigners from fishing or killing fish and amending the school code to provide for employees' pensions were approved.

On Monday a bill amending the school code so that when a child under 16 years leaves its employment or is absent five days from such employment, the employer shall immediately notify the school official who issued the employment certificate; providing for a commission to codify and revise the law of decedents' estates; authorizing counties and municipalities to unite in providing in court houses certain rest or waiting rooms and increasing the salaries of deputy superintendents from \$2000 to \$3000 were approved. On the same day the bill permitting foreign companies manufacturing explosives, fire bricks and refractories and of cheese, butter or other dairy or creamery products to hold real estate in Pennsylvania; a bill doubling the compensation of Mine Inspectors' Examining boards and a Philadelphia bill were vetoed.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast." The friends of the Full Crew law of 1911 who were so completely thrown down in the House last week are still confident of ultimate victory. They are continuing the hopeless fight in the Senate where Senator BURKE, of Pittsburgh, is ably conducting their campaign. But there's "nothin' doin'" in the direction of defeating the BALDWIN repeal bill at that corporate fortress. But they are relying on the Governor's veto to save the measure and it looks as if they have reason "for the faith that is in them."

It seems that during the campaign last fall M. T. ROBINSON, of this city, a member of the Legislative committee of the Railroad trainmen wrote to Dr. BRUMBAUGH for a statement of his attitude on the Full Crew law and the Semi-monthly pay law. Replying the then Republican candidate and now Republican Governor said: "I am in favor of these laws. I have never heard in any way of any attempt on the part of any one to amend or replace them and I should certainly oppose any change in these laws unless it were a change in the interest of the working people, whose welfare is concerned."

That ought to hold the Governor to a veto of the BALDWIN bill and probably will. But meantime it may be set down as a certainty that he will have to meet the question for the railroads have a cinch on the Senate.

BECKWITH.—Charles F. Beckwith, of Hannah, died at the Altoona hospital on Wednesday evening of last week. On the Monday previous he underwent an operation for an affection of the gall bladder, but the disease had progressed to that stage where his recovery was impossible.

Deceased was a son of Edward and Harriet Beckwith and was born at Clarinda, Iowa, on July 4th, 1861. When a year old his parents came to Pennsylvania and took up their residence at Hannah Furnace and it was there he grew to manhood. Eighteen years ago he married Mary McCullough, of Smith's Mills, Clearfield county, who died six years ago. Surviving, however, are five children: Mary and Charlotte, of Tyrone; Zillah, Lydia and Harry, of Hannah. He also leaves three brothers, namely: Squire Vinton Beckwith, of Hannah; Lloyd, of Oakland, Md., and Joseph, of Patton. Funeral services were held at the home of Squire Beckwith at ten o'clock on Sunday morning, after which burial was made in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

STOTT.—Following an illness of some months with a complication of diseases James Holden Stott died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph H. Frantz, in Harrisburg, last Saturday morning. Deceased was born in Reading on December 5th, 1840, hence was in his seventy-fifth year. He was the last of the family of six children of Jeremiah and Nancy Holden Stott, of Birmingham, Eng., who came to this country early in the year 1840. When the nail works were built in Bellefonte Mr. Stott came here as one of the chief employees and had charge of the packing department. He and his family were residents of Bellefonte for about twenty years.

Surviving him are two sons and four daughters, namely: Jere B. Stott, of Denver, Col.; James H. Stott Jr., of Reading; Mrs. William R. Jenkins, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Addison B. Stegall, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Edward B. Rankin and Mrs. Joseph H. Frantz, of Harrisburg. Mrs. Jenkins went to Harrisburg on Sunday to attend the funeral which was held on Monday afternoon, burial being made at that place.

SIBERT.—Mrs. Mary B. Sibert, a sister of Mrs. Robert Irwin, of Bellefonte, died at her home in Youngstown, Ohio, on Saturday. Her death was quite sudden and followed within a few months of the death of her husband. Her maiden name was Mary Harkness and for many years she resided in Altoona. She is survived by eight children, six sisters and two brothers. Burial was made at Youngstown on Monday afternoon.

LANE—Elliot R. Lane, a brother of John N. Lane of this place, died on Wednesday at his home in Haddonfield, N. J., after an illness of some months with cancer of the stomach, aged fifty-three years. He was a clerk in the shops of the Camden terminal of the Pennsylvania railroad, where he has been for a quarter of a century.

WOOD.—Daniel Deeter Wood, one of the oldest retired employees of the Pennsylvania railroad, died at his home in Tyrone last Thursday evening after an all winter's illness.

Deceased was a son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Deeter Wood and was born near Pennsylvania Furnace, this county, on March 18th, 1828, making his age at death 87 years, 1 month and 4 days. His father was an expert iron worker and his son followed in his footsteps until he was twenty-three years of age when he went to Clearfield as clerk in a general store. In 1858 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad as a brakeman and in four months he was promoted to the position of freight conductor. In 1862 he was made a passenger conductor on the Tyrone division and in 1864 he was made trainmaster of the Tyrone division. He filled this position for thirty-six years, or until 1900, when he was retired. In his capacity as trainmaster Mr. Wood became widely known in this section of the State and made a host of warm friends.

In 1852 Mr. Wood was married to Miss Bedelia Maloy, of Hollidaysburg, and to them were born three sons. One died in infancy; E. Frank was killed on the Tyrone railroad while running a passenger engine and the only surviving son is Charles A. Wood, of Redlands, Cal., Mrs. Wood having died ten years ago.

Funeral services were held at St. Matthew's Catholic church at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, after which burial was made in the Oak Grove cemetery.

BARLETT.—Mrs. Viola Barlett, wife of William Barlett, of Coalville, died at 5:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning at the Bellefonte hospital, where she had been for several weeks undergoing treatment for tuberculosis.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Knight and was born at Elton, N. Y., forty-three years ago on May 8th. She was married to Mr. Barlett seven years ago and she survives with one daughter, Gladys. She also leaves seven brothers and two sisters, namely: Nelson Knight, of Willard, N. Y.; Newton, of Arcade, N. Y.; Millard, of North Clarendon, Pa.; Fred, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mrs. Gertrude Beckwith, of Lancaster, N. Y.; Frank, of North Clarendon; Mrs. Flora Gibben, of Sandusky, N. Y., and Albert, of Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church at 6:30 o'clock on Monday evening by Dr. George E. Hawes and the remains were taken away on the 8:16 train the same evening for Arcade, N. Y., where final services were held and burial made at Sandusky yesterday morning.

MACNICHOL.—Theodore MacNichol, a veteran of the Civil war, died on Wednesday evening of last week after an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases. He was a son of Edward and Rebecca MacNichol and was born in Philadelphia on September 2nd, 1846, making his age 68 years, 7 months and 20 days. He came to Centre county when a young man and when the war broke out enlisted in Company D, 45th regiment. Returning from the war he made Centre county his home ever since. For many years he was employed by the American Lime & Stone company, but retired about a year ago.

He was married to Eliza Ream, who survives him, with two sons and one daughter, namely: John E. and James MacNichol, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Lillie G. Ebersol, of Harrisburg. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mary Snow, of Philadelphia.

Funeral high mass was held in St. John's Catholic church at ten o'clock last Saturday morning by Rev. Father Caprio, after which burial was made in the Grove cemetery.

WOLESLAG.—While at work building a flue on the Shadrack Parsons house at Unionville, on Monday, John Wolesslaghe, died suddenly faint and climbed from the scaffold to the attic floor where he fell over dead, evidently the result of a stroke of apoplexy. He was a son of Abraham and Catherine Wolesslaghe and was 60 years, 7 months and 18 days. Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Mrs. Jesse Stewart and William W. of Tyrone; Perry, of Unionville; Guy, of Troy, Pa., Emma, Lucy, Howard, Freeman and Curtis, all at home. The funeral was held yesterday morning, burial being made in the Upper Unionville cemetery.

HORLACHER.—Just one week after she buried her husband Mrs. Lydia T. Horlacher, widow of George Horlacher, died at her home on Loyalsock creek, Lycoming county, on April 14th. She was a daughter of John and Lydia Thompson, and was born at Stormstown, this county, on January 10th, 1829, making her age 86 years, 3 months and 4 days. She was one of a family of twelve children, only one of whom survives, Rev. H. Adam Thompson, of Dayton, Ohio, who was bereft of his wife the same day Mr. Horlacher died. Her early life was spent at Stormstown and in 1877 she married George Horlacher and their entire married life was spent near Montoursville, Lycoming county.

Early in life she became a member of the Methodist church and her entire life was a living example of the true Christian. Although she had no children she is survived by a large number of relatives, most of whom live in Centre county.

The funeral was held on April 16th, burial being made at Montoursville.

SLAGEL.—Mrs. Erma Ruth Slagel, wife of Wesley Slagel, of State College, died last Friday as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained several days previous. She was a daughter of the late David and Margaret Fulton Osman and was born in College township on April 23rd, 1861. In the spring of 1878 she became the wife of Wesley Slagel and ever since they made their home in State College. Her death is mourned by her husband and five children, Ira, William, Albert, David and Mary, all of State College. She also leaves three brothers, John and L. H. Osman, of State College, and Jesse, of Altoona. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

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