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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

DOINGS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL.—Eight members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. There were no verbal communications and the only written one was a letter of acknowledgement from Mayor Blankenberg's secretary, of Philadelphia, in response to the resolution passed by council at its last meeting asking that the Liberty bell be routed for a stop-off in Bellefonte.

Chairman Harris, of the Street committee, reported that the borough engineer had made a survey of Burrows alley and found that Dr. Seibert is right on the line but the fence on the rear part of Mrs. Munson's property is out almost two feet. This being moved back would afford ample room for a walk. He further reported that the committee had investigated the alleged blocking of High street by the trains west on the Pennsylvania railroad and the official record on the block sheet shows that on the day complained of by Mr. Naginey the street was blocked eight minutes instead of eleven, as declared by him. However, the company will endeavor in the future to block the crossing as little as possible. Progress was reported in the matter of south Potter street.

The Water committee reported repairing several leaks, removing the ash pile from the pumping station and cleaning the spring. Also that the water meter bills for the quarter ending April 1st, amounting to \$872.31, had been turned over to collector John M. Keichline. The Sanitary committee reported that the dump nuisance on the Kern property on east Howard street, complained of at the last meeting, had not been abated. Mr. Harris then stated that he had secured a new dump down at the fair grounds, as the association is anxious to have the swampy part filled up and Bellefonte people are welcome to dump there.

The Special committee reported that they had decided to accept the State-Centre Electric company's offer for lighting the streets and had agreed on the installation of flaming arc lamps from Bishop street to Howard on Allegheny street, and from the Diamond to the bridge on High street, about fourteen lights in all; and for the other parts of town Mazda lamps of 400, 250 and 100 watts respectively to be located at places designated by the committee. N. B. Spangler was present representing the State-Centre Electric company and stated that the committee was asking more than the company stipulated in its contract. The matter was then referred back to the committee for consultation and a satisfactory adjustment with the company. The Special committee also reported that after a careful reading of the contract with G. R. Danenhower & Son for the rent of the Phoenix mill property they failed to find one word which would require council to put the elevator in running condition, and the matter was pigeon-holed for the present.

Mr. Harris presented a resolution that the people of Bellefonte generally be requested to suspend all work and business for five minutes on Memorial day, from 12 to 12:05 o'clock, as a mark of homage and respect to the soldier dead. The resolution passed without a dissenting vote.

Bills to the amount of \$743.93 were approved and council adjourned.

MUST HAVE BEEN SEEING THINGS.—Commenting upon Robert B. Gable's trip to Bellefonte last Friday to take a panorama picture of Hughes field during the base ball game and other sports that afternoon the Altoona Times of Saturday concludes its article as follows:

Mr. Gable reports that at Bellefonte there was a new kind of character to be found. A man placed a hairpin and a cent on the sidewalk and then stood back to witness results. Persons who stopped to pick up the cent were stopped by the man and informed that the cent was not for the purpose of being removed, but that he would gladly present one cent to the passerby. In cases where the pedestrian failed to observe the cent, the man on the side lines would stop him and inform him that this should be a lesson to him.

"You overlooked an opportunity to procure one cent," he would say, "but that you may remember the opportunity which you overlooked, I take pleasure in presenting you with one cent."

Complete reports were not received but it is understood that "Bob" Gable passed the man 117 times during the day and carried away with him the price of the gasoline used on his trip to Bellefonte.

—After a lengthy discussion and hot fight on the part of Philadelphia members, the Senate on Monday evening passed the penitentiary consolidation bill by a vote of 36 to 13. It is now up to the Governor, but there is no telling what he will do.

—The Lutheran church is being repainted in brick red.

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ROBERT A. BECK.

THE WATCHMAN dedicates this space to the memory of "Barber" BECK, not because he was an intellectual giant, a great financier, a statesman or a politician who had brought fame to the town of his home. He was none of these. He was only a barber who had spent long hours at wearisome toil in his shop, to whom a vacation period was almost unknown but whose drudgery was made light by a heart of gold. The singular affection, the love, he had for little folks has embellished his name in the child-mind of Bellefonte for two generations and while history will have no niche in which to perpetuate his memory the traditions of old Bellefonte will teem with stories of children made happy, with unostentatious little services rendered to older folks in affliction and with amusing incidents in which he was the principal character when the achievements of our really great men are remembered only when the memory is refreshed by reference to the dusty volumes in which they will be locked up.

DEATH OF R. A. BECK, THE BARBER.

The death of R. A. Beck, at the Bellefonte hospital at 9:25 o'clock on Monday morning, was so unexpected to many of his friends in Bellefonte that it seemed almost tragic in its suddenness. Just one week previous, or on Monday of last week, he cracked the end of his left thumb with a tack but gave no thought to the injury at the time, pursuing his work as usual. On Wednesday his thumb pained him a little but it was not until Thursday morning when he felt it necessary to consult his physician. The latter at once discovered that infection had set in and Mr. Beck was taken to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment. But the poison was already deep-seated and spread rapidly up his arm until Saturday night when it spread to his neck and throat. His arm was drained on Sunday and that evening he appeared improved and there were slight hopes of his recovery, but his reserve vitality was so low that he had not the force to withstand the strain and he passed away at the time above stated.

Robert A. Beck was born in Wittenberg, Germany, on June 7th, 1850, hence had he lived until the seventh of next month would have been sixty-five years old. He came to this country when seventeen years old and located in Philadelphia where he entered a shop to learn the barber's trade. He applied himself assiduously to his work and at the same time pursued a course of reading and self-study in order to acquaint himself thoroughly with the governmental questions and modes of life of this, the country of his adoption. In 1871 he married Miss Annie Riegger, of Philadelphia, and having completed his trade, went to Huntingdon where he opened a shop. He lived there until 1878 when he came to Bellefonte and opened a shop under the First National bank. He was the first white barber to open a shop in Bellefonte and he soon had all the work he could do, his patrons including the best people in Bellefonte. For thirty years he occupied the shop under the bank, but about seven years ago moved to the shop he lately occupied on the northeast corner of the Diamond.

When the Hook and Ladder company

LUCAS.—Following an illness of some months as a result of a general breakdown in health William Lucas died at his home in Milesburg on Wednesday afternoon of last week. He was born at Snow Shoe on March 15th, 1839, making his age 76 years, 1 month and 27 days. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted as a private in Company F, 148th Pennsylvania volunteers and served until the close of the war, rising from the ranks to first lieutenant of his company.

Returning from the war he took up his residence at Snow Shoe but some years afterwards moved to Milesburg and in 1890 located in Philipsburg where he lived for twenty years, part of the time conducting a general store. Five years ago he retired and moved to Milesburg.

Fifty-five years ago he was married at Giltentown to Miss Lynn Askey, of Karthaus, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Fleming Poorman, of Milesburg; Mrs. James Stott, of Reading; Harry, in Nevada; John, of Clearfield; Mrs. William Grant, of Patton, and Cameron, of Altoona. He also leaves one brother and two sisters, Irvin L. Lucas, of Snow Shoe; Mrs. John Graham, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Mrs. Mary McMullen, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Brief funeral services were held at his late home on Saturday morning and that afternoon the remains were taken to Philipsburg and direct to the cemetery for burial.

GARNER.—Mrs. Annie Garner, widow of the late Rev. H. B. Garner, died at her home in Norristown on Sunday, after an illness of several months following the death of her husband. She is survived by two children, Dr. Albert Rowland Garner, of Norristown, and Mrs. J. H. Tudor, of State College. Burial was made at Norristown on Tuesday evening.

was organized about twenty years ago as an adjunct of the Logan Fire company. Mr. Beck was one of the charter members and in 1896, in a voting contest, he was awarded a gold medal as the most popular fireman in Bellefonte. It was a gift he always prized very highly, not because of its intrinsic value but because it carried with it the good wishes of so many of his fellowmen. He took a special delight in his membership in the Logan Fire company and was always ready to respond to a call, whether it be for duty at a fire or on parade. He was also a member of the Bellefonte Lodge I. O. O. F., and was affiliated with St. John's Episcopal church.

Mr. Beck was one of the unique characters of Bellefonte. Broad-minded, he believed in equal rights for all. Frugal in his habits, he acquired a competence that would have kept him through years of old age had he not been taken at this time. Charitable by nature, he went through life in an unassuming manner, dispensing his mite here and there in a quiet, unostentatious way, without any publicity and desiring no undue recognition. One of his ways of bringing comfort to his fellowmen was in going to the Bellefonte hospital on Sundays and shaving free of charge those of the male patients desiring his services.

Mr. Beck's first wife died in 1897 and on August 27th, 1903, he married Miss Elsie Eckman, at Hanover, Pa. Their home-coming was made an ovation by the Logan Fire company, an event well remembered by most everybody in Bellefonte. Mrs. Beck survives her husband with two children, Mary Jane and Robert A. He also leaves one sister and a brother, Mrs. A. M. Wittenwiler, of Philadelphia, and Eugene Beck, of Bustleton, near Philadelphia. Mrs. Wittenwiler arrived in Bellefonte on Sunday, in time to see her brother before he died.

The remains were taken to the Episcopal church at ten o'clock yesterday morning where all who desired to do so had an opportunity to take a last look at the deceased. Funeral services were held at three o'clock in the afternoon by Rev. W. C. Charlton after which the remains were taken to the Union cemetery for interment.

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Our Weekly Summary of Legislative Activities.

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In order to vary his activities, probably, the Governor used his veto axe freely during the week-end recess. Among the measures thus disposed of is that fixing a week's work for women in hotels, restaurants and boarding houses at 63 hours. In his message by the way, he paves the way for signing the Full Crew repealer. That is he says that the Industrial board is competent to determine the question. A parity of reasoning will lodge the other question in the Public Service Commission. The bill repealing the cold storage law is also vetoed as well as those fixing the number of times boards of visitors shall visit places for the care of children; the bill requiring safety devices on trains at soft coal mines; authorizing second class cities to issue bonds for two years instead of five; giving registers of wills power to appoint attorneys to collect collateral inheritance taxes; directing city solicitors to prepare in advance plans of all improvements when a jury is appointed to change a highway or take property for public use; validating certain divorces granted in manner not now authorized by law and a resolution to investigate the feasibility of constructing a ship canal from Philadelphia, across New Jersey to the Atlantic ocean. Some unimportant private bills were also vetoed.

The bill shifting the Republican ticket to the first column on the ballot was passed finally in the House on Monday night. It was the most dastardly robbery of political rights that has been perpetrated this session and Representative JOHN M. FLYNN of Elk and MILES B. KRITS of Erie gave the operation its right name. McNICHOL, author of the measure pretends to be a game sport and spends his tainted money freely maintaining a string of horses for racing. But this marks him as a "welter." He doesn't play the game fairly and deserves only the contempt of real sportsmen. Every Democrat in the chamber voted against the bill and as several self-respecting Republicans, including Speaker AMBLER, did the same thing, there is hope of a veto.

The anthracite coal tax bill which was defeated earlier in the session also got through Monday night and is in the hands of the Governor. It makes an equal division of the fund between the State and the counties in which the coal is produced and will yield two or three million dollars to the State. The bill providing for women watchers at the election next fall was defeated in the House. The stock transfer stamp act after two defeats has passed finally and will become a law, not because it has merit but for the reason that "we need the money." The amendments to the third class city bill of 1913, except that making commissioners partisan officers, got through finally and will be approved.

The closing days of the session have been unusually uproarious. For years it has been a custom of the House to indulge in horse play during the last night but this year the "circus" began three nights in advance of schedule and all sorts of high-jinks were practiced Monday night, Tuesday all day and today. Tonight there will be bedlam unless some restraining force is devised. These frolics are usually attributed to an exuberance of spirits but a suspicion has gained currency that there is "method in the madness" this year, and that under cover of the amiable confusion a good many legislative serpents will squirm themselves into the statutes. There are plenty of them watching the opportunity and, by the same token, confusion on the floor is a prolific source of opportunity of the sinister sort.

It is believed here that the VARES turned a neat trick on PENROSE and McNICHOL shortly after midnight of the Monday night session. A resolution creating a new commission of the CATLIN type of four years ago, was slipped through both Houses under the direction of the VARE managers. Four years ago the CATLIN commission was used successfully to put WILLIAM VARE on the political scrap heap and it is suspected that the purpose of this one is to send PENROSE and McNICHOL to the same retreat. Of course the pretense will be an investigation of the BLANKENBURG administration, but that is absurd on its face and the real purpose is to "get" the bosses responsible for the four-year-old episode.

On Thursday last the Governor approved the child labor bill to become effective January 1st, 1916, and singularly enough he published a lengthy apology for his act. This was the one measure upon which his heart was set and though serious and stubborn opposition developed, he forced it through. But he left scars which are menacing to the future campaign fund. The members of the Manufacturers' association, especially Mr. GRUNDY, went away grumbling. There was no reason for his apprehensions on this account. The tariff fetish is a magnet of sufficient force to draw all party pensioners to the G. O. P. when needed. But BRUMBAUGH seems to have been afraid, nevertheless, and declared that the party platform bound him to approval of the measure.

Other bills approved that day were: revising the act of 1878 so that banking companies may bring suit for recovery of property; amending the act of May 1874 by extending jurisdiction to persons having an undivided interest in land or coal or timber thereon and giving right to compel partition; providing that debts of borough or township annexed by a city shall be assumed by the consolidated municipality; validating bonds of any school district issued since 1911; the resolution requesting officers of State departments to purchase and specify products of the United States and that the various counties, cities, boroughs, townships, boards of education and boards of public and private institutions be urged to do the same and one for printing 50,000 copies of the act to prevent the desecration of the flag.

Senator McNICHOL gave another exhibition of his irascibility the other day when during a brief recess of the Senate he exchanged epithets with Auditor General Powell. A bill to change the date for the report of corporations to the Auditor General had been recommitted for the obvious purpose of strangulation, upon motion of Senator SNYDER. A parliamentary tangle ensued and McNICHOL moved a recess. POWELL walked over to McNICHOL and accused him of cheating. "Well you cant cheat me," replied the Senator. "I'll get you yet," said POWELL and McNICHOL answered "not while I am on the floor of the Senate." It was a great battle and a famous victory.

The bill providing for civil service in cities of the Third class was defeated in the House last night. It had passed both Houses and was in the hands of the Governor when it was recalled. The police in the several Third class cities is too valuable a party asset to be given up and Governor and House obeyed the boss mandate to kill it.

The appropriation for the Highway department has been finally fixed at \$8,400,000, every dollar of which will be required for deficiencies and work contracted for already. That being the case no new road work will be done this year or next.

A great number of bills passed both Houses today and at this writing the work of the Legislature for the session of 1915 is practically ended. Nothing can be done more except consideration of conference reports and that is always cut out in advance.

BREON.—Perry W. Breon, of Centre

Hall, died very unexpectedly at Danville on Tuesday night. About two months ago Mr. Breon sold his farm, stock and implements in Potter township to Charles Bartholomew. His property in Centre Hall was sold to Benjamin Arney and Mr. Breon and family took up their residence in Centre Hall, Mr. Breon working at days labor. He worried considerably over some financial trouble and on Saturday he suffered a mental collapse. He became so bad on Sunday that it was feared he would do himself bodily harm and on Monday a commission decided it was best to send him to Danville. He was taken to that institution on Tuesday by Lyman Smith, in his automobile, and the same night he died, and the body was brought home on Wednesday.

Mr. Breon was a native of Potter county and was about fifty-nine years old. He followed farming most of his life and was well known and highly esteemed. He is survived by his wife and two children, Morris Breon, in New York State, and Miss Bessie, at home. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Gottlieb Strohmeyer, Mrs. William Florey and Mrs. R. D. Foreman, all of Centre Hall. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, burial to be made at Centre Hall.

MEESE.—Mrs. Mary Matilda Meese died on Sunday afternoon, May 9th, at the home of her son-in-law, W. H. Ghaner, at Scotia, following a few weeks' illness, aged 79 years, 1 month and 1 day. Her maiden name was Fultz and she was a native of Pennsylvania. Her husband died many years ago but surviving her are the following children: William, of Philipsburg; Jacob, of Loveville; George, of Greensburg; Mrs. David Eves, of Half-moon township; Mrs. Calvin Weston, of Tyrone; Mrs. W. H. Ghaner, of Scotia, and Mrs. Miles Wry, of Loveville. Mrs. Meese was a member of the United Brethren church and a good christian woman. The funeral was held on Wednesday of last week, burial being made in the Friends burying grounds.

SHAY.—On January 26th, 1853, Joseph Shay was born in Howard township, and he died at the same place on Wednesday of this week. During his early life he worked at the Howard iron works and was well known among iron workers. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. George Bechdel, Mrs. Earl Harvey and Edward, of Howard; Lionel, of Jacksonville; Harry, of Hayes Run; Arthur, of Mill Hall, and Mrs. Grover Frantz, of Bellefonte. The funeral will be held this morning, burial to be made in the Sand Hill cemetery.

GROVE.—William Grove, for years a

well known farmer of Buffalo Run valley, died on Monday at the home of his son Howard, at Centre Hill, as the result of a stroke of paralysis, aged 74 years, 9 months and 19 days. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grove and was born in Gregg township. His wife was Miss Sarah Meese and she survives with the following children: Howard, of Centre Hill; Mrs. Alice R. Moyer, of Punxsutawney; Mrs. Susan Shere, of Reynoldsville; W. M., of Coburn; John F., of Jacksonville, and Mrs. Emma Minnemyer, of Coleville. Revs. W. M. B. Glanding, C. C. Shuey and E. Fulcomer officiated at the funeral which was held at nine o'clock yesterday morning, after which the remains were taken to the Meyers cemetery for burial.

SCHENCK.—Following an illness of several months with Bright's disease Joseph Schenck died at his home in Howard township on Sunday afternoon. Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schenck and was born in Howard township on September 18th, 1847, being one of a family of nine sons. In 1881 he was married to Mary M. Schenck who survives with four children, Grace, Lulu, Harold and Horace, all of Howard. Six brothers also survive, namely: George S., of Missouri; Samuel, in California; Charles, of Philadelphia; Albert, Anson and William, of Howard. The funeral was held on Wednesday, burial being made in the Schenck cemetery.

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Hess.—On Wednesday of last week Mr. Michael Hess, of Haines township, was eating dried peaches when one of them lodged in his throat. All efforts to remove it proved futile and he died on Monday morning. He was 75 years, 5 months and 17 days old, and was born in the house in which he died. His wife died twelve years ago but he leaves the following children: Calvin and Winfield I., in Wisconsin; John D. and Harry N., in South Dakota; Mrs. J. W. Winklebleck, of Haines township; Mrs. J. L. Winegardner, of Millheim; William A., of Brehnam, and Mrs. Milton Garner, of Haines township. The funeral will be held today (Friday), burial to be made at Woodward.

BREON.—Mrs. Alida May Breon, wife of John Breon, of Julian, died at the Lock Haven hospital on Thursday evening, May 6th, of shock following an operation for goitre. She was 45 years, 9 months and 3 days old and in addition to her husband is survived by seven children, Alma, Lester, Luella, Blanche, Earle, Walter and Howard, all at home. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Emma Peters, of Ligonier; Mrs. Amanda Beringer, of Tyrone, and Mrs. John A. Lucas, of Boggs township. The funeral was held on Sunday, May 9th, burial being made in the Bush Grove cemetery.

BRIEF SESSION OF COURT.—The regular session of May court convened on Monday morning and it was the shortest session in years. M. S. Fiedler, of Millheim, was made foreman of the grand jury. Only eight bills of indictment were presented to them, and they were mostly minor offenses. Only two criminal cases went to trial, as follows:

Commonwealth vs. Isaac Harpster, betrayal. Verdict of guilty.

Commonwealth vs. H. Garfinkle, receiving stolen goods. This case was from Philipsburg and was brought by the Barnes Coal Co., which charged the defendant with buying copper wire stolen from it by William Lehman, who recently escaped from the Centre county jail.

Garfinkle, who is a junk dealer, admitted buying the wire but declared he did not know it was stolen. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, but it is likely an appeal will be taken.

Other cases disposed of were as follows:

Commonwealth vs. Luther Fishburn and Fred Landis, assault and battery. Settled.

John Laskey, defrauding a board bill. Sentence suspended upon the condition that he pay the bill and costs. A similar case against Samuel Oliver was disposed of in the same way.

The grand jury recommended a number of repairs to the jail and suggested that plans be prepared for remodeling the entire building. Court adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

BADGES FOR SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

VETERANS—Commander Nealis, of George L. Jackson Camp, No. 70, Spanish-American War Veterans, is in receipt of eight blanks from the Adjutant General of the United States army to be filled out and returned to Washington, D. C., which will enable members of the Camp to campaign badges for service in foreign lands. The following members will receive these badges:

Alfred Nealis, Co. A, 21st U. S. Infry. Walter Vroosh, Troop H, 14th U. S. Cav. Milton Reed, Co. G, 47th U. S. Vols. Geo. W. Sunday, Co. D, 47th U. S. Vols. Richard Taylor, Co. D, 47th U. S. Vols. Frank E. Smith, Co. H, 4th U. S. Geo. B. Thompson, Sheridan Troop. Stewart Hampton, Mechanic U. S. Artillery.

On Sunday, May 23rd, the members of the Camp will report at the post room at 9 a. m., and together with the colors, bugler and drummer march as escort to Gregg Post No. 95, G. A. R., to the United Evangelical church for Memorial services. The citizens of Bellefonte are invited to attend this service as a mark of honor to the brave boys who now sleep in peace.

ACCUSED MEN TO BE GIVEN HEARING.

Judge Ellis L. Orvis has granted the petition for a habeas corpus hearing in the case of Richard Langdon and Dobbin McCarvin, of Clarence, and Irwin Robinson Jr., of Mt. Eagle, the three men arrested two weeks ago and now in the Centre county jail on the charge of being implicated in the death of Henry Confer, of Howard, and the same will take place in the court house on Saturday, May 29th, at ten o'clock in the morning. So far as known to the general public there are no new developments in the case, and it will depend entirely upon the character of the evidence submitted by the Commonwealth at the hearing whether the men can be held for trial at the next term of court, which will be in September.

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS.—I have just opened a store in the Crider building, corner of High St. and Diamond, with a full line of flowers. (Same room I occupied last year.) Come and see my exhibit. Thanking you for last year's patronage, RINE, the Florist, 60-20-2t Lewisburg, Pa.

—Mrs. Addie C. Parsels, National Organizer and State vice-president of the W. C. T. U., will be at the court house in Bellefonte, Friday May 28th, at 8 o'clock to deliver an address on temperance and to discuss suffrage, an issue of the organization. Mrs. Parsels is called "The Pennsylvania Cyclone," and is said to be a very convincing talker on both these subjects.