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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

THE AMAZONS.—It is quite within the range of truth to say that "The Amazons," presented at Garman's, Friday evening, was the most pretentious comedy ever staged by Bellefonte amateurs. The play is replete with clever dialogue and just daring enough to let the old folks see that things are different from what they used to be.

The house was comfortably filled with a fashionable audience when the curtain went up revealing the gardens about the country place of the Marchioness of Castledorjan, Mrs. John M. Shugert. She was entertaining the Rev. Robert Minchin, Thomas Mayes, who had called to mildly remonstrate with her for the eccentricity which had prompted her to rear her three daughters, Misses Ellen Hayes, Grace Cook and Emelyn Cooper, in the manners and life of boys. The Marchioness had been left a widow without a boy to inherit his father's title and estates and was hugging the delusion that the next best thing was to make her girls as near boys as she could. Accordingly they rode, hunted, fished, played ball and did everything else that well bred boys do and shocked the community. They were happy, looked the part and acted it very well, until three young men, Viscount Litterly, Leroy Hartwick; the Earl of Tweenways, Cecil Walker; and Count de Grival, Daniel Clemson, accidentally blundered into their grounds. The boy-girls had reached the age of susceptibility and the heart of the Marchioness was broken and her plans shot to pieces when the daughters discovered that being boys wasn't to be compared with being sweethearts.

That is practically the story of the play. It was full of witty dialogue, pleasing stage pictures and exciting denouements. Miss Elizabeth Morris was maid to the Marchioness and Miss Catherine Love was Sergeant Shuter, the physical trainer of the boy-girls. The roles were splendidly assigned, the cast well balanced and the play moved with a smoothness that was surprising when it is considered that it was only three weeks in rehearsal.

All of the parts were so well taken that it properly places the honors to say that it was an all star cast rather than to speak of the individual work of each amateur.

Between the acts Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell, Messrs. Hassell and Gordon Montgomery and Misses Grace Cook and Ellen Hayes gave very pleasing exhibitions of the gracefulness of the modern dances.

The play was given under the direction of the Bellefonte Chapter D. A. R., and netted about \$175.00 for their fund for the memorial gates at the Union cemetery.

HANDSOME I. O. O. F. SOUVENIR PROGRAM.—Wednesday, April 26th, will be Odd Fellows day in Bellefonte. At that time the Odd Fellows included in the Central Pennsylvania District association will meet here to celebrate the ninety-seventh anniversary of the establishment of Odd Fellowship and the thirty-second annual reunion of the association.

The Central Pennsylvania district includes eighteen counties and its membership aggregates in the neighborhood of twenty-five thousand. Of course all of the above will not be here but every Lodge in the district will be represented and quite a number of Lodges will be here in full, with bands, for the big parade.

Naturally such a gathering will attract more than passing notice and as a fitting issue of the gathering Mr. J. M. Nichols is now in Bellefonte arranging for the publication of a handsome souvenir program that promises to eclipse anything of the kind ever gotten up in Bellefonte. It will be a book of from sixty to eighty pages, profusely illustrated and printed in high art style. Such a book will not be cast aside but will be kept in the family for weeks and months, and maybe years, as reference.

This fact makes it an especially good advertising medium and Bellefonte merchants and business men should consider these facts when approached by Mr. Nichols. Advertisements placed in his souvenir program will stick, they will not merely be glanced at then cast aside.

CELEBRATED 84TH ANNIVERSARY.—On Friday of last week Mrs. Jonathan Bilger, of Pleasant Gap, was eighty-four years old and the event was celebrated that evening with a surprise party tendered her by the members of her family and a few intimate friends. Mrs. Bilger, who still enjoys good health, received a number of nice mementoes of the occasion and one of the chief features of the gathering was a delicious supper furnished by the guests.

The guests present included William Bilger, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wash Rees, Mr. and Mrs. J. Otis Hile, Miss Annie Bilger, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bilger, Mrs. Frank Knarr, Miss Bessie Eckenroth and Miss Margaret Rees.

BAILEY.—Word has been received in Bellefonte of the death on January 24th, of Lieut. Armstrong Stewart Bailey, at his home in Cooston, Oregon. He had been in failing health for some time and his death was due to the infirmities of his advanced age.

He was a son of John and Mary Goheen Bailey and was born at Baileyville on January 10th, 1837, hence was 79 years and 14 days old. His boyhood life was spent on the farm now owned by the McCrackens, working in the summer time and attending school in the winter. In 1859 he attended the Farmer's High school (now the Pennsylvania State College) when there were but forty students at that institution.

When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Scott Guards, captained by Henry Stevens, a Mexican war veteran. The company was composed mostly of farmer's sons and iron workers at Pennsylvania Furnace, and Bailey was made color sergeant. At Harrisburg the young soldiers were mustered in as Company E, 45th Pennsylvania regiment, and was made the color company. During the war the regiment took part in thirty-two engagements, and Bailey was in seventeen of them. He was twice wounded and spent seven months in Danville and Libby prisons. He was commissioned a second lieutenant during the Vicksburg campaign.

At the close of the war he went into the mercantile business at Fredericksburg, Va., but the feeling was so intense against Northerners that he sold out and returned to Pennsylvania, locating at Sterling Run, where he engaged in farming and lumbering. He also served a number of years as postmaster, having been appointed by President Harrison.

In 1908 he went to Oregon and took up a soldier's allotment of land, and that had been his home since. In 1876 he was married to Miss Artemissa Miller, of Driftwood, who survives with one son, Gregg Bailey, in Oregon. He also leaves two brothers, G. W. Bailey, of Downs, Kan., and Warren S., of Springfield, Ill. The late John G. Bailey, ex-county commissioner, was also a brother. Two sisters are also living, Mrs. Esther Gibboney, of Neff's Mills, and Mary, of Kansas City.

He was a member of Baker Post G. A. R., and its members had charge of the funeral which was held on January 27th, burial being made at Cooston.

NICOLLS.—William Jasper Nicolls, for a number of years a well known resident of Bellefonte, was stricken with apoplexy in the dining room of the Art club, Philadelphia, on Monday morning and died before medical aid could be summoned. He entered the club about nine o'clock and just as he entered the door of the dining room he staggered and fell. A physician was summoned but death had been instantaneous.

Mr. Nicolls was born in Camden, N. J., on April 23rd, 1854, and was a son of Jasper William Nicolls, a well known civil engineer. His paternal ancestors held high commissions in the British army. Mr. Nicolls was educated in the Hill school, at Pottstown, and in 1882 he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Valentine Lyon, of Bellefonte, who survives with one daughter, Miss Claire Nicolls. Following his marriage Mr. Nicolls built the house on Curtin street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Garman and that was the family home for a number of years.

During his life Mr. Nicolls was assistant engineer of the Reading railroad, chief engineer of the Pennsylvania Steel company and chief engineer for the Long Island Railroad company. Of late years he had been in the wholesale coal business in Philadelphia, with offices in the Lafayette building. Mr. Nicolls was an authority on coal mining and was the author of eight or ten books dealing with the subject. He was a member of the Art club and the Franklin Inn club, Philadelphia; the Royal Securities club, of London; the Stowaways, of New York, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mrs. Nicolls was in Philadelphia at the time of her husband's death and Miss Nicolls went down on Tuesday for the funeral which was held from the home of Mrs. J. O. Nicolls, Philadelphia, at 10.30 o'clock yesterday morning. Interment was private.

REASNER.—Mrs. Mary M. Reasner, widow of the late William Reasner, died at her home on Thomas street last Friday afternoon of paralysis, with which she had suffered for five weeks. She was a daughter of Edward and Susan Neiman and was born in Pennsylvania on November 18th, 1845, making her age 70 years, 2 months and 24 days. She was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Hartman, by whom she had three children. After his death she married William Reasner and most of her life since had been spent in Bellefonte. Her survivors are one son, George Hartman, of Pittsburgh, and one daughter, Miss Lettie Hartman, at home. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon. Rev. E. H. Yocum officiated and burial was made in the Union cemetery.

KNOX.—Mrs. Mary J. Knox, widow of John Knox, died in Altoona on Monday afternoon of heart trouble, aged almost sixty-nine years. She was born in Huntingdon county and is the last surviving member of a large family of children. Her husband died at Lewistown eight years ago but surviving her are ten children, namely: Mrs. James Cumber, of Altoona; Mrs. W. C. Rush, State College; George A. Knox, of Grandville, Milford county; Rev. R. J. Knox, of Morrisdale; Adolphus, of Altoona; Mrs. Charles Roundtree, State College; Mrs. Harry Price, Lewistown; Rev. H. C. Knox, New Bloomfield, and W. W. Knox, State College. Fifty-six grand-children and one great-grandchild also survive. The remains were taken to Lewistown on Wednesday for burial.

ZERBY.—Mrs. Mary Zerby died at her home at Avis on Monday of last week of general debility, aged 84 years, 10 months and 3 days. She was twice married and is survived by three children, John H. Wolf, of State College; Mrs. Benjamin Bron, of Spring Mills, and William Wolf, of Orangeville, Ill. The remains were taken to State College last Thursday to the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Burton Shope, where funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, burial being made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Katharine Geraldine, the infant daughter of Nelson and Minnie Williams, of Lemont, died on Monday evening after a brief illness, aged 7 months and 9 days. "God loaned her for a season then called her home." In addition to her parents she is survived by two sisters and one brother, Leora, Madaline and Eugene. Rev. Lilly officiated at the funeral which was held yesterday morning, burial being made in the Houserville cemetery.

WINSLOW.—Mrs. Sarah Winslow, widow of the late Thomas Winslow, of Blanchard, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bitner, on Tuesday of last week, following an illness of several years. She was seventy-two years of age and is survived by two sons, Thomas, of Orviston, and Charles, of Beech Creek. Funeral services were held at the Bitner home on Thursday afternoon by Rev. Walter L. Dudley, after which burial was made in the Disciple cemetery.

WELSH.—Miss Nancy E. Welsh, an aunt of Mrs. Harry Stevenson, of this place, died at her home in Lock Haven last Saturday morning, after an illness of three weeks as the result of an attack of the grip. She was seventy-four years of age and is survived by two brothers. Burial was made in the Dunntown cemetery on Tuesday morning.

DURST.—Cyrus Durst, Boalsburg's oldest resident, died on Wednesday noon after a month's illness with the infirmities of old age. He was born near Centre Hall eighty-eight years ago, and attended school there when there were but two houses and a blacksmith shop in the town. He helped to build the Old Fort hotel. In 1849 he got the gold fever and went to California where he spent several years, but being unsuccessful in his quest for the yellow metal returned to Centre county.

Shortly after his return home he engaged in farming east of Boalsburg and for years was engaged in that occupation, being one of the most successful farmers in that valley. Twenty years ago he quit the farm and moved to Boalsburg where he had since lived. He was a faithful member of the Reformed church of Boalsburg and the senior member of the congregation. Politically he was a Democrat of the staunchest kind. He was a man of many noble qualities and one who had a wide circle of friends.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Showalter who died several years ago. Surviving him are two children, George, whose whereabouts are unknown, and Mrs. Samuel Wagner, of Boalsburg. He also leaves one brother, Philip, of Centre Hall.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. Rev. S. C. Stover will have charge of the services which will be at the house, burial to be made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

LARIMER.—Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Larimer, wife of Rugh G. Larimer, died at her home in this place at 4.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon of apoplexy, following a long illness. She was a daughter of William and Mary Ann Schrock and was born in Bellefonte on December 11th, 1860. She was married to Mr. Larimer on July 12th, 1879, and practically her entire life was spent in Bellefonte. She was a member of the Methodist church and her death is mourned by many sincere friends.

Surviving her are her husband and two children, John G., of Mt. Carmel, and Harry L., of Waco, Texas. She also leaves three half-brothers, Joseph Runkle, of Bellefonte; Capt. George P. Runkle, of Boston; and Maurice B. Runkle, of Lancaster. Her only other living relatives are an aunt, Mrs. Harriet L. Pifer, of Philadelphia, and a cousin, Mrs. Thomas Donachy, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at her late home at two o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. H. Yocum, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

GEPHART.—Michael Claire Gephart, the well-known music dealer of Bellefonte, died at his apartments in the Garman building on the corner of High and Spring streets at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, of a complication of diseases. He was a son of Jacob and Katharine Gephart, was born at Millheim and was 53 years and 9 months old. He had been a resident of Bellefonte for twelve or fifteen years and was a good citizen and an upright business man.

In 1900 he married Miss Gertrude Miller, of Millheim, who survives with the following brothers and sister: James, of Seattle, Wash.; Calvin, of Rural Valley, Pa.; Jerome, of Millheim, and Mrs. Schrock, of Fremont, Pa.

The remains were taken to Millheim yesterday afternoon to the home of his mother where funeral services will be held at ten o'clock this morning by Rev. W. H. Brown, after which burial will be made in the Millheim cemetery.

SOLD CHERRYTREE IRON WORKS.—William Burnsides, of Bellefonte, who last summer purchased the Cherrytree iron works from the Cambria Title, Savings and Trust Co., of Ebensburg, has disposed of the property to William Brown and several other Pittsburgh capitalists, who took charge of the plant on Tuesday. The new owners will incorporate under the name of the Cherrytree Machine company. It is said they have orders for eighteen months' work from an eastern ordnance company, and also have promise of an order for one thousand mine cars. The plant is to be enlarged and improved.

The regular term of February court will begin on Monday, the 22nd, and from present indications Judge Henry C. Quigley will have a number of rather interesting cases to hear, both on the criminal and civil list. It will be the first regular term of court over which he will preside since taking office.

The Bellefonte Lodge of Moose held their annual banquet and smoker, followed with a dance, last evening. Moose were here from all over the county and surrounding towns.

WANTED.—An all-around good woman of middle age, for general housework in a family of two. A good home and good wages to the right person.

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FINANCIAL AID SOLICITED.—Every community has its various organizations, religious, civic and social, and every organization exists only on a financial basis, a fact which needs no explanation. In most communities organizations for men not only exist but flourish many years before the women co-operate for their own good, and Centre county does not seem to be an exception to the general rule. Now, however, the young women of this county are awake to the advantages of organization in their religious and social life and eager to establish a branch of the Y. W. C. A. All the older people should lend them a helping hand, and the county committee having the financial side of the work at heart are confident of success.

In the work of the Young Woman's Christian Association the girls' need, and not her ability to pay, should be the determining factor in the development of the work for her benefit. The girl who is able to earn only small wages, who carries home burdens, who earns more but who has to spend it on dress to keep her position; the girl who would not dream of using her money on education or self-improvement, are the ones who need most the assistance of older friends who, through circumstance or opportunity are able to aid her.

No college is self-supporting and yet its students are not pauperized thereby, nor is the college under reproach. Every person in this county will be given the opportunity to help in the financial support of this work and every one who responds may count him or herself God's financial agent. Let us all show our sympathy in this effort and give according to our means.

The collectors for Bellefonte are: Mrs. Ambrose Schmidt, Mrs. Lewis Gettig, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. McSuley, Mrs. Charles Moran, Mrs. Harry Yeager, Mrs. Whiting, Miss Mary Hoy, Mrs. Edmund Blanchard, Mrs. Stewart Brouse, Mrs. Bower. These enterprising ladies are now at work soliciting financial aid for the above cause.

SMITH-McCOOL.—Charles Sanford Smith, son of ex-Register J. Frank Smith, of this place, and Miss Nattie Eva McCool, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McCool, of near Centre Hill, were married at the home of the bride's parents at six o'clock last Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. S. Kurtz, pastor of the Lutheran church at Centre Hall. There were no attendants but Miss Snyder, of Freeburg, played the wedding march. The members of the bride's family, Mr. Smith and Miss Nellie Smith, and a very few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. A wedding dinner and brief reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is well known in her home community and quite a popular young lady. The bridegroom is quite well known in Bellefonte and Centre Hall and during the present season has been teaching school at Potter's Mills. He will complete his school term and in the spring the young couple will go to housekeeping on the McCool farm.

SCHAEFFER-COLLINS.—A Philadelphia wedding in which Bellefonters will be interested was that on Monday morning of John H. Shaffer and Miss Bertha Frances Collins, who for a number of years spent a good portion of her time in Bellefonte. The ceremony took place in the church of the Transfiguration. The bride was attended by Miss May English while Joseph Nau officiated as best man. Following the wedding an informal breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Charles Gallagher. With the above marriage the name of Collins becomes extinct so far as the "Big Three" line is concerned, which included Philip, Thomas and Peter Collins. The two former died without issue and Miss Bertha is the last of Mr. Peter Collins' daughters to enter the matrimonial state.

SUNDAY-BANEY.—William Sunday, of near State College, and Miss Ruth Bane, of Warriorsmark, were married on Wednesday of this week at the Methodist parsonage in Warriorsmark by the pastor, Rev. Keboch. Only a few intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bane, of Warriorsmark, and is a splendid young woman. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther C. Sunday, of College township, and is a sober and industrious young man. The happy couple were tendered a reception at the home of Mr. Sunday's parents last evening. They will go to housekeeping on April first on the Ayers farm where Mr. Sunday will assist Samuel Homan in tilling the soil.

HOMAN-CALVERT.—Samuel A. Homan and Miss Margaret E. Calvert, both of Altoona, were married on Tuesday morning at the parsonage of Christ Reformed church in that city. Immediately following the ceremony they left on a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., and Petersburg, Va. The bridegroom is a son of the late George W. Homan, of College township, and at present holds a good position in the shops at Altoona, where the young couple will make their future home.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Unionville will hold a prize essay contest on Saturday evening, February 19th, in the Presbyterian church, at 7.30 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.
Service Sunday 11:00 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 9 1/2 E. High street.

The Centre County Sunday school association's mid-year conference will be held in the Bellefonte Presbyterian chapel Friday, Feb. 25th. First session at 10 o'clock a. m. Second session at 2 o'clock p. m. It is hoped that all superintendents, district officers and county executive officers can be present. State Secretary W. G. Landes will be on hand to assist. The presence of any Sunday school worker is welcomed.

J. L. HARVEY, President.
DARIUS WAITE, Secretary.

At the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning next, at the close of the usual service, an election will be held to call a pastor, if the way be clear. Rev. Walter F. Carson, of Bellefonte, will preach, and preside at the election. It is expected a large congregation will be present on this occasion.

The United Brethren church is conducting an evangelistic campaign. Meetings are being held every night, and a good interest is manifested. Evangelist Wissinger will arrive in Bellefonte on February 21st to assist the pastor in the work.

FATAL COASTING ACCIDENT.—Earl Emel, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Emel, was the unfortunate victim of the first fatal coasting accident to occur in Bellefonte this winter. The Emels live on Reservoir hill and the lad was out coasting last Saturday morning. He started on the top of the hill beyond the reservoir and coasted down through lots and gardens. When he came to the garden of Maurice Smith his sled had gained such a momentum that he was unable to stop it and it ran over an eight foot wall and landed on a sheet of ice, sliding onto the rear porch of the Smith residence.

Mr. Smith picked the lad up and carried him home, believing at the time that his body had been pierced by a sharp piece of board standing against the wall. A physician was summoned who made a thorough examination and discovered that what was supposed to be a wound penetrating into the body was only a superficial scratch, and that the injuries were entirely internal. In fact it developed later that the jar of the fall had caused an internal rupture with the resultant hemorrhages.

The accident happened at 11.30 o'clock on Saturday morning, the boy was taken to the hospital at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and died at 2.30 o'clock Monday morning. He was born in Spring township on September 6th, 1905, hence was 10 years, 5 months and 6 days old. In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Homer, Lewis, Gilbert, Millard, Goldie and Merrel. Rev. T. Hugh MacLeod officiated at the funeral which was held at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Trzciunyl cemetery.

KILLED IN THE CATO COAL MINES.—Perry McDowell, a resident of Nittany but who was employed as a miner in the coal mines at Cato, was instantly killed by a fall of rock shortly after eleven o'clock last Saturday morning. McDowell had worked in the mines about three months and had given notice of quitting at noon on Saturday. In fact he was loading his last car and would have been through in about twenty minutes, when he intended to quit the mine for good, but the irony of fate was against him and a fall of rock crushed his head and face and caused instant death.

The unfortunate man was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. McDowell and was born in Marion township on November 10th, 1887, making his age 28 years, 3 months and 2 days. He followed the occupation of a laborer and was always a sober and industrious man. He was married on November 1st, 1905, to Miss Lena Young, of Marsh Creek, who survives with his father, one brother and four sisters, namely: D. A. McDowell, a merchant of Nittany; Mrs. Sarah Dolan and Mrs. C. A. Dolan, of Nittany; Mrs. R. F. Hood, of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. H. C. Campbell, of Millinburg. Rev. Rishel officiated at the funeral which was held at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon burial being made in the Summit Hill cemetery.

ARRESTED FOR DESERTION FROM ARMY.—Last Friday evening chief of police Harry Dukeman, and who is also a deputy sheriff under sheriff George H. Yarnell, went out to Coleville and arrested Clayton Wolf, a deserter from the United States army. Wolf enlisted in December, 1914, and after serving six months deserted in June, 1915. He did not return to Centre county, however, until the fore part of last week when he made his appearance at his home at Coleville. He kept pretty close to the house for several days but finally grew bolder and appeared outside and this was his undoing. Officer Dukeman learned of his being at home and went out and placed him under arrest. He was brought to Bellefonte and locked up in jail and Saturday afternoon sheriff Yarnell took him to Baltimore where he was turned over to the United States military authorities at Fort Howard. There is a standing reward of fifty dollars for the capture and return to the nearest military post of any deserter.

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