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The Fund is Growing.

Two weeks ago Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer of the Democratic National campaign committee, wrote and asked the "Watchman" if it would put before the Democrats of Centre county the matter of the deficit of \$400,000, which confronted the National Committee after it had so gloriously re-elected Woodrow Wilson, President.

The "Watchman" at once replied to the effect it would gladly give its columns and energy to an appeal to Democrats to contribute toward wiping out the party debt.

The appeal has been made and we are inclined to believe that the Democrats of Centre county are going to promptly fulfill the hope of the National Committee that they will contribute at least \$400,000.

New names are appearing on the list of voluntary contributions every week and now that the ice has been broken a general response from all over the county may be expected. Any sum that is sent to this office will be recorded in the list, whether it is \$1.00 or \$10.00 and the money immediately forwarded to the National treasurer of the party who will personally acknowledge its receipt to the donor.

The thought has just occurred to the writer that if only one-tenth of the Democrats of the county who shouted themselves hoarse and had such a great time while parading in Wilson Jubilee celebrations were to contribute \$1.00 to this fund, the entire sum would be raised in a jiffy and it would be notice to all the other Democrats of the country that up here in Centre county we are not the kind who want to shout and crow over something that we haven't had a hand in paying for.

Are you willing to do just a little more than cheer for Democracy. If you are send in a contribution to this fund.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the fund, including J. L. Spangler (\$10.00), H. W. Todd (\$5.00), H. D. Kumberger (\$5.00), Ellis L. Orvis (\$5.00), W. D. Zerby (\$5.00), C. C. Workman (\$1.00), John Van Pelt (\$1.00), W. Harrison Walker (\$1.00), H. N. Meyer (\$1.00), Wm. H. Noll, Jr. (\$1.00).

Facts About Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

The following interesting letter has been received from Dr. T. C. Van Tries, who has been in Pittsburgh and West Virginia the past three months, but who will return to Bellefonte this week. He says:

The people of Central Pennsylvania know of the wonderful rush and tear and business activity of Pittsburgh and its vicinity. In this particular it probably, for its size, has no equal in the United States. It has more millionaires than Philadelphia.

The State of West Virginia is remarkable for the extent of its undeveloped resources. It abounds in vast supplies of lumber, coal, natural gas, oil and iron ore. Huntington, on the Ohio river, is its largest city. It is of modern date, has wide boulevards, with a population of about 50,000 people. It has many fine buildings and business blocks. There are also many handsome residences, which set back from the pavement and are surrounded with attractive lawns.

The writer has visited nearly all of the important cities of the United States and he considers Wheeling, W. Va., with its 42,000 inhabitants, as the finest and most attractive city of its size he has ever seen. Its suburbs would make its population 125,000, if they were included. Its public buildings, hotels, churches and business blocks are of metropolitan pretensions.

Charleston, the capital, with its 30,000 inhabitants, is situated on the Kanawha river, at the junction of the Elk river. It is the wealthiest city in the State. It has eleven or twelve banks, one of which has a capital of over \$4,000,000. The capital of some of the others exceed \$1,000,000. Some of its churches and business blocks even surpass those of Wheeling. It has a number of sky-scrapers of ten and twelve stories, and many of the private residences are of the old colonial style of architecture, with large front porches supported by massive white pillars. It is the centre of much high-toned and fashionable life. Several of the club houses are palatial in size and equipment. Charleston surpasses both the other cities in the amount of its business.

The churches of these cities are unusually large and fine, especially the Methodist and Presbyterian edifices. Their membership is divided between the churches North and South. Those of the Southern church are perhaps the most numerous. The Baptists are quite numerous, especially among the colored people.

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MRS. THEODORE B. SHANK.—Mrs. Marie Reese Shank, wife of Theodore B. Shank, died at her home in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Saturday morning, December 16th, 1916. Mrs. Shank who was the only daughter of Martin and Edith Holter Reese, was born in Snow Shoe in February of 1892, making her age 24 years and 10 months. Her mother having died in 1902, and her only brother Robert thirteen weeks later, much of her girlhood life was spent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Walker, near friends of her parents. Educated at the Bellefonte Academy, she was closely identified with the social life of the younger set of Bellefonte until leaving to continue her studies at the Indiana Normal. After her graduation at Indiana she accepted a position in the schools of Jeanette where she taught until the fall of 1913, when she married Mr. Shank, then superintendent of the Jeanette schools. In 1915 they moved to Idaho, Mr. Shank having accepted the superintendency of the public schools of Idaho Falls, and it was there after an illness of three months Mrs. Shank's short life closed Saturday morning. She was always greatly interested in the things worth while and a young woman of many charming qualities.

In her new home in the West she must have been generally beloved as she was in her girlhood days here, for the Woman's club of Idaho Falls, the Masons, the public school teachers of the city, the High school faculty and the school directors all telegraphed here for floral tributes to be laid on her grave when she was buried at the side of her mother in the cemetery at Howard, at sundown on Wednesday.

WOLFE.—Elmer Wolfe died quite suddenly on Thursday evening, December 7th, at his home at Wolf's Store, following a stroke of apoplexy. He was born in Logan township, Clinton county, and was 46 years, 8 months and 17 days old. He was a farmer by occupation and an enterprising, progressive citizen in every way. Twenty-five years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Annie E. Snyder who survives with three sons and four daughters. He also leaves three brothers and one sister, namely: Harry Wolfe, who lives one mile east of Madisonburg; John and George, of Logans Mills, and Mrs. Henry Wohlfort, of Philadelphia. Funeral services were held in the Reformed church at Greenburr on Monday afternoon of last week. Rev. J. D. Hunsicker officiated and burial was made in the Greenburr cemetery.

HOUSER.—Edith Houser, the eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houser, of Valley View, died at two o'clock yesterday morning, of diphtheria. The child was taken sick on Monday but the disease did not develop until Wednesday, when it grew rapidly worse and all efforts to save its life proved futile. Owing to the contagious nature of the disease burial was made yesterday afternoon.

Sheriff George H. Yarnell has twelve prisoners in the county jail and two big, fat turkeys in the pen, so that there is every likelihood that the former will feast on the latter on Christmas.

IMPORTANT.—All persons having clocks, watches or jewelry for repair at the business place of the late Charles F. Richard are requested to call in afternoons between the hours of 2 and 5, to claim same. All such articles must be removed by January 1st next.

McCLOSKEY.—David W. McCloskey, an old-time resident of Howard township, died at his home in Howard at eight o'clock last Thursday morning, following a brief illness with pneumonia.

He was a son of Joseph and Mary McCloskey and was born in Howard township on May 5th, 1839, being at his death 77 years, 7 months and 9 days old. He enlisted for service in the Civil war early in 1865 but when he got as far as Harrisburg peace was declared and he was given an honorable discharge and sent home. He was a member of the Disciple church of Blanchard and a man who stood high in the estimation of all who knew him.

On September 11th, 1860, he was married to Miss Margaret Long and to them were born thirteen children, nine of whom with their mother survive as follows: Mrs. J. D. Sayers, of Howard; Nathan and Jacob, of Orviston; Mrs. James Falls, of Beech Creek; Mrs. George Walker, of Yarnell; Mrs. P. B. Iddings, Mrs. James Martin and Mrs. John Welsh, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Edward Woods, of Akron, Ohio. He also leaves four brothers, Mathias McCloskey, of Lock Haven; Jacob, of Blackwell; Joseph, of Flemington, and William, of Howard.

Funeral services were held in the Disciple church at Romola at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning by Rev. Dudley, after which burial was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

RAMSEY.—Charles Crissman Ramsey, a well known resident of Pleasant Gap, died on Friday, December 8th, after an illness of some days with valvular dilation of the heart.

He was born at Milroy on February 3rd, 1848, hence at his death was 68 years, 10 months and 5 days old. His early life was spent in tilling the soil in Mifflin county, but while yet a young man he moved to College township where he lived on a farm near Houserville a few years, then moved to a farm near Pleasant Gap. He later purchased the farm and some years ago built himself a home in the village where he lived until the death of his wife, since which time he has made his home on the farm with his only daughter and survivor, Mrs. Harry Ishler. Funeral services were held at his home on Monday of last week, the remains being taken to Houserville for burial.

STINE.—Mrs. Josephine Stine, wife of Harrison Stine, of South Philipsburg, died on Monday evening of last week after five year's illness with diabetes. Her maiden name was Turner and she was born at Julian on November 23rd, 1858, making her age 58 years and 18 days. She was twice married and is survived by her second husband and five children; also three step-daughters, one brother and two sisters. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

SMITH.—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, of Blairsville, Pa., will sympathize with them in the death of their son, Joseph Karskadden Hunter Smith, who died on December 13th after a brief illness. He was aged almost four years and was a grandson of the late Capt. John A. Hunter, of Stormstown. Burial was made at Blairsville last Friday.

KELLER.—George S. Keller, for many years proprietor of the woolen mills at Houserville, died at his home in State College at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, of a complication of diseases. He had been ill ten weeks and spent some time in the Bellefonte hospital.

Deceased was a son of David and Margaret Keller and was born at Boalsburg on February 21st, 1857, making his age 59 years, 9 months and 28 days. The greater part of his life was spent at Houserville, but about six years ago he moved to the College and engaged in the livery business. He was a member of the Reformed church and the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Lemont. He was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Felty who survives with the following children: Mrs. L. Frank Mayes, of Lemont; Mrs. William Smith, of State College; J. D. Keller, of Houserville; Frank A., of Altoona; Mrs. W. W. Herman, of Lemont; Daisy, Rita and Wayne at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: E. K. Keller, of Pleasant Gap; Dr. Grant Keller, of Warren, Ill., and Mrs. L. Mothersbaugh, of Boalsburg.

Rev. Horn will have charge of the funeral which will be held at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, burial to be made in the Shiloh cemetery.

SEIG.—William H. H. Seig died on Tuesday morning at the home of his son, William P. Seig. Though he had been in failing health for some weeks he was up and around until the day prior to his death.

He was aged 79 years, 7 months and 3 days and was born in Harrisburg, being a son of William P. and Catharine Seig. When a young man he engaged in the newspaper business and prior to the Civil war established the Steeton Reporter, continuing as its editor and publisher until a few years ago when failing health compelled him to lease the plant since which time he has lived with his son in this place. He was a member of the Steeton Presbyterian church and the oldest member of the Perseverance Masonic Lodge, of Harrisburg.

Mrs. Seig died some years ago but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. A. A. Smith, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Mame and William P. Seig, of Bellefonte, and James Young Seig, of Harrisburg. Brief funeral services were held at the Seig home at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening by Dr. W. K. McKinney and yesterday morning the remains were taken to Harrisburg for burial.

WAY.—Robert A. Way, a well known resident of State College, died on Sunday morning of a complication of diseases. He was a son of Robert and Martha Way and was born in Halfmoon township 72 years ago. He was a farmer by occupation and all of his life was spent near Stormstown until his retirement two years ago when he moved to State College. He was married to Miss Lucretia Fisher who survives with four children: Mrs. Hannah Wood, of Nottingham, Pa.; Darlington and William S. Way, of near Stormstown, and Miss Margaretta Way, at home. He was a member of the Society of Friends and funeral services were held in the Friends meeting house near Stormstown at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, after which burial was made in the Friends cemetery.

GILL.—John D. Gill, of Winburne, died at the Bellefonte hospital on Saturday morning as the result of injuries sustained on September 28th, when he was struck by an automobile. He was born at Julian seventy-four years ago. Surviving him are one son, William, of Winburne, and two brothers, George and William, of Julian. The remains were shipped to Winburne on Monday and burial made on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. John F. Musser, of Millheim, spent the fore-part of the week with her sister, Mrs. H. N. Meyer, and upon returning home on Tuesday afternoon was accompanied by Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. H. F. McManaway, who went to Millheim for the annual gathering of the Ladies Literary club of that place, which usually meets the week before Christmas for a social time and the interchange of Christmas remembrances. Tuesday night's meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. O. Hosterman and the other members of the club are Mrs. L. E. Stover, Mrs. Lloyd Stover, Mrs. Randall Miller, Mrs. John F. Musser, Mrs. Chas. Kass, Mrs. W. S. Musser and Miss Jennie Reifsnnyder, of Millheim; Mrs. C. R. Neff, Mrs. M. A. Sankey and Miss Edith Sankey, of Centre Hall; Mrs. H. N. Meyer and Mrs. H. F. McManaway, of Bellefonte; Miss Eva Meyer, of Rebersburg, and Mrs. J. G. Eby, of Portage.

Bellefonte friends of C. U. Hofer, of Philipsburg, will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at his home in that place as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

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Report of the Centre County Soldiers' Relief Association.

In view of the fact that the War Department at Washington has assumed the responsibility of providing for the dependent families of our troops at the border, the officers of this association have closed their accounts and herewith submit the following financial statement for the benefit of the donors to this fund.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Receipts (Flat cash subscriptions \$1128.41, Monthly cash subscriptions \$184.83, Total cash received \$396.24, Donations, not cash \$18.55, Total receipts \$3082.79) and Disbursements (Cash paid to families \$2207.04, Stenographer \$260.00, Supplies, cash \$98.75, Total amount of payroll \$287.79, Supplies donated \$18.55, Cash returned to donors, unaccounted \$36.00, Balance in bank December 19, 1916 \$500.45, Total \$3082.79).

And now, December 19th, 1916, after a careful examination and audit of the above accounts, the same are approved. We recommend that out of the balance on hand a sum of not less than two hundred dollars be paid to H. C. Valentine, who has so efficiently and faithfully discharged his duties as secretary and accountant.

HENRY C. QUIGLEY J. L. MONTGOMERY HARRY N. MEYER H. E. FENLON J. LINN HARRIS Auditors.

"And now, December 19th, 1916, we have carefully examined the account of the treasurer and compared it with the account of the secretary and find it correct, and we fully approve the same."

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The officers of the association take great pleasure in announcing that there is a balance in favor of the fund of \$500.45; that Centre county was first in the field of this State to provide for the dependent families and made ample provision for them until the government assumed their maintenance; that not a single family was deprived of the ordinary comforts of life by the absence of their bread-winner at the front.

We are also glad to announce that the soldiers at the front have expressed their profound gratitude in various forms for the kindness and generosity shown their families during their absence, and we hereby tender our thanks to the patriotic donors to this fund, who so promptly responded to our call for aid.

It only remains now for the donors to indicate in some way to the officers of this association as to what disposition shall be made of the balance of this fund. For this purpose we have called for a meeting of all the donors, to be held in the court house on Friday evening, December 22nd, at 8 o'clock, to express their views, which will be given due and proper consideration.

J. L. SPANGLER, President. H. C. VALENTINE, Secretary. CHAS. M. MCCURDY, Treasurer.

Coll.—Lutz.—Crowded out of last week's paper was the announcement of the marriage of Harold Guy Coll, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Coll, of State College, and Miss Marion Lutz, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lutz, of Bellefonte, which took place in Cumberland, Md., at noon on Tuesday, December 12th, the wedding taking place in St. Mark's Reformed church, the pastor performing the ceremony. They returned home the same evening and for the present are at the Garman house. The bride for some time past has been clerking in the McCrory five and ten cent store and will continue there until the Christmas season is over. The bridegroom is one of the efficient barbers in Harry Kuhl's shop, and the friends of both are now tendering congratulations.

HUNTER—MEYERS.—Frank Hunter and Miss Jennie Meyers, both of Beech Creek, went to Lock Haven on Saturday and at two o'clock that afternoon were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Church of Christ by the pastor, Rev. Homer C. Boblitt. The young couple will reside at Beech Creek.

Auman—Spicer.—On December 12, 1916, by the Rev. E. Fulcomer, at the United Evangelical parsonage, Mr. Maurice E. Auman, of Bellefonte, and Miss Lula May Spicer, of Pleasant View, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

The annual meeting of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance company of Centre county was held in this place on Wednesday and was attended by the following: H. E. Duck, of Millheim, president; Frank M. Fisher, of Penn Hall, secretary; J. R. Brungard, Rebersburg, treasurer, and the following directors: Col. W. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte; Perry Gutzler, State College; John H. Beck, Nittany; Robert Reed, of Ferguson township; John B. Coheen, Baileyville; Frank McFarlane, Boalsburg; George Mitchell, Lemont; E. M. Huyett, Centre Hall, and George Haines, Rebersburg.

Notice. In view of the fact that orders have been issued for the return of Troop L on or before January 5, 1917, citizens interested in arranging for a suitable reception are requested to meet in a joint session with the Soldiers Relief Association in the court house on Friday evening, December 22, 1916, at eight o'clock p. m.

EDMUND BLANCHARD, Burgess.

Doings of the Borough Dads.

Six members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. Burgess Blanchard was present and stated that with fire marshal John J. Bower he had been in consultation with superintendent H. J. Thompson, of the State-Centre Electric company regarding a fire alarm and that gentleman stated that he was in communication with a firm who is willing to install an alarm on trial. The matter was left in the hands of the Fire and Police committee and chief Burgess to work out in some satisfactory manner.

James R. Hughes was present to ask council to continue the exoneration of taxes on the main Academy building a few years more until he gets a little better established financially and then he will be willing to pay the tax. At present he is paying the water tax on his various houses and willing to continue to do so. In presenting his claim for exoneration Mr. Hughes told the members of council some solid facts, facts probably some of them didn't know, and so convincing was his argument that when the question came up for settlement council voted unanimously to exonerate him of all back water tax on the main building and in the future up until January 1st, 1918, which will be the tenure of office of the present council.

The Street committee had no report to make and Mr. Seibert, of the Water committee, reported that the small pump in the main pumping station had been repaired and put in service and that repairs are now being made to the pump at the Phoenix mill station. Mr. Seibert also reported that the 119 meter bills aggregating \$783.63 had been turned over to the State-Centre company for collection.

The Fire and Police committee reported the burgess' check for \$3.00 for fines and licenses collected. Mr. Flack also reported a fire at the American Lime & Stone company on the 12th which called out the fire department.

The Finance committee asked for the renewal of a note for \$3,000 for six months from December 21st.

A motion was passed authorizing the payment of \$2,000 into the sinking fund on January 1st, 1917.

Regarding the bill of the State-Centre Electric company for street lighting for November, which was held over at the last meeting for adjustment because of some of the lights being out, secretary Kelly stated that he had seen Mr. Thompson and that the reduction of the price of a day's light, or \$13.22, would be satisfactory, and the same was made and the bill ordered paid.

Regarding the request of the police for an increase in salary the Fire and Police committee recommended an increase of \$5.00 a month effective January 1st, 1917, and council so voted.

Bills to the amount of \$1183.66 were approved and ordered paid and council adjourned.

Found Dead in Own Home.

Josephine Williams, a well known colored woman of Bellefonte, was found dead in her home on north Ridge street shortly after eleven o'clock on Saturday night and the supposition is that she literally froze to death. For some time past she had been employed as a laundress at the Bush house. She finished her work for the day at the latter place between four and five o'clock on Friday afternoon and left for home. So far as can be learned she was not seen again alive. She did not report for work on Saturday and on Saturday afternoon between five and six o'clock Emanuel Green passed her house and saw the door standing open. He looked in and saw her lying on the floor with her arm over her face and supposed her asleep. Under the circumstances he pulled the door quietly shut and went on his way.

About eleven o'clock Saturday night Robert Green went to the house with some walnuts he had promised to get the woman. Finding the rear door locked he went to the front door. Finding it unlocked he opened it until it pushed against something. He lit a match and found Miss Delige lying on the floor with her arm over her face. He thought her sleeping and stooped to awaken her, but when he touched her he knew she was dead and he was so frightened that he ran all the way home. Later the authorities were notified and after carefully investigating the existing conditions stated that it was very likely that the woman had died sometime on Friday night and had frozen to death.

The unfortunate woman was a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Delige and was about forty-eight years old. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Hanson, of Williamsport, and Mrs. Calvin Grimes, of Lock Haven. Funeral services were held at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning by Rev. Jones, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

Our Boys band of Milesburg will give a concert in their hall at Milesburg on Christmas evening, December 25th. An admission of 10 and 20 cents will be charged. Everybody is invited and if you don't want to go send the money as the band needs it to purchase new music.

Mrs. George L. Potter is ill at Orlando, Florida, and as soon as able will come north to enter Johns Hopkins hospital, as a surgical patient. Mrs. Potter was ill before leaving Bellefonte.