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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Borough Council Proceedings.

Just five members, the necessary quorum, were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening.

Walter Cohen again appeared before that august body in regard to the Bishop street sewer. Both his houses on that thoroughfare are now occupied and he has no outlet for his sewerage. Chairman Harris, of the Street committee, stated that work on the sewer had been stopped because the ground was frozen two feet deep and the only way to dig the ditch was to dynamite it.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Tyrone borough council stating that J. L. Charles had been appointed the Tyrone auditor for the Pruner orphanage.

A letter was received from the Aetna Life Insurance company regarding any compensation which might be due A. Thomas, for injury to his hand while at work on the street.

William Fredericks presented a written application for the appointment of street commissioner but no action was taken.

A number of applications were received for exoneration of water taxes on account of houses not being occupied, all of which were granted except one.

Chairman Harris, of the Street committee, reported that while in Harrisburg last week he had a talk with Highway Commissioner Black and that gentleman told him that if the Legislature passed the budget for highway improvements that would be asked for south Water street would be one of the first pieces of road to be rebuilt in the spring.

Chairman Seibert, of the Water committee, reported that in accordance with instructions received from Dr. Samuel G. Dixon the big spring had been locked against public frequenters. Mr. Seibert also presented a statement of the State-Centre Electric company showing that on the borough duplicate there was \$2256.52 uncollected and \$171.00 of meter bills, which council considered very good.

In view of the fact that so many requests are made for exoneration of water taxes because properties are not occupied for certain periods the borough solicitor and Water committee were instructed to determine just how long a property must be vacant to entitle the owner to such exoneration and report at next meeting.

The Fire and Police committee presented the burgess' check for \$10.00 for fines and licenses collected.

Authorization was given for the renewal of a note for \$2,000, due February 7, for a period of six months.

Borough solicitor J. Thomas Mitchell made a brief report of the boroughs convention in Harrisburg last week, which he and Mr. Harris had attended.

President Walker appointed A. Miles Barr auditor for the Pruner orphanage and the same was approved by council.

The auditor's statement was presented, filed and ordered printed.

The fire alarm question was again brought up. Mr. Seibert stated that he had repaired the old alarm but officials of the Pennsylvania Match company are now reluctant to have it put on their boiler, as they fear when an alarm is sounded it will cause too much confusion in their own plant. President Walker then instructed the Fire and Police committee to confer with the State-Centre company as to the cost of installing an electric alarm on trial and report at next meeting.

Mr. Harris reported that the water pipes on the streets were frozen up at several places in town and ought to be thawed out. Russell Witmer was present and informed council that he had devised an electric thawer by which he could thaw out the frozen pipes. He offered to thaw out the three places known to be frozen for thirty-five dollars. The matter was referred to the Street committee with power.

Bills to the amount of \$2,792.34 were approved and council adjourned.

The citizens committee is having trouble, too, in operating the steam heating plant. They have six hundred tons of coal ordered, and credit one hundred per cent good, but the coal is slow in coming and their supply has been low all week. The shortage of cars is to blame for this condition.

CROSTHWAITE.—Frank Alexander Crosthwaite, station agent for the Bellefonte Central railroad at State College, died at his home in that place last Friday evening. His illness dated back to last October and in November he underwent an operation at the Bellefonte hospital. He was discharged after six weeks at that institution and apparently was getting along all right until the beginning of last week when he was taken violently ill and sank rapidly until the end.

Deceased was a son of Robert H. and Mary Hall Crosthwaite and was born in Bellefonte on January 12th, 1859, making his age 58 years, 1 month and 4 days. When a young man he studied telegraphy under W. L. Malin when he had charge of the Western Union office in the building where the Bellefonte Republican is now located. When he became expert at the profession he went to work as an operator for the Pennsylvania railroad company in this place, remaining with them until the Bellefonte Central railroad was completed to State College when he went there as station agent for that company, a position he filled very acceptably ever since.

He was a member of the Methodist church from boyhood and for some time past had been recording steward of St. Paul's church, State College. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights Templar, I. O. O. F. and the Woodmen. In the early nineties he was married to Miss Margaret Haupt who died fifteen years ago leaving two sons, Thomas A., in the freight department of the Pennsylvania railroad at Philadelphia, and John, an apprentice in the P. R. R. shops at Altoona. In 1906 he married Mary Gray Goheen who survives. He also leaves a step-daughter, Isabelle Goheen and one sister, Mrs. Charles H. Schreyer, of Altoona.

Funeral services were held at his late home at State College at 10 o'clock on Monday morning by Rev. J. McK. Riley, assisted by Rev. C. C. Shuey, after which the remains were brought to Bellefonte and taken direct to the Union cemetery where burial was made in accordance with the beautiful ritual of the Masonic fraternity.

HARTMAN.—Charles Wesley Hartman, a life-long resident of Millheim, died at his home in that place last Friday morning, following an illness of several years with hardening of the arteries, aged 71 years, 3 months, and 25 days. He was born in Millheim and when a youth learned the trade of a moulder an occupation he followed all his life. He was a member of the Methodist church and was prominently identified with the Millheim Lodge I. O. O. F. During his life he filled various political offices in Millheim and was always a conscientious and faithful official.

On August 15th, 1869, he was married to Miss Mary Jane Frankenberg who survives with the following children: Mrs. David Snyder, of Oak Hall; F. M. Hartman, of Monessen; Mrs. J. C. Hosterman, of Millheim; Clyde and Harry Hartman, of State College, and Mrs. E. R. Schreckengast, of Pittsburgh. He also leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs. P. P. Leitzell, of Millheim; Mrs. Minnie Harter, of Altoona, and William Hartman, of Williamsport.

Funeral services were held at his late home at two o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. W. H. Williams. Interment in the Millheim Union cemetery was in charge of the Odd Fellows.

BUTLER.—After an illness of many months with dropsy and heart trouble Mrs. Burdine Butler, Sr., died at her home two miles north of Howard on Saturday morning, aged about seventy-five years. She was twice married, her first husband being Thomas Brown, to whom she had two children, Mrs. Alice Chatman and Mrs. Carrie Krape, both of Howard. After Mr. Brown's death she married Burdine Butler who survives with the following children: Samuel, William, John and James, all of Howard. She also leaves one brother and a sister, John Bodle, of Mill Hall, and Mrs. Jennie Ryan, of Flemington. Funeral services were held at her late home at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, after which burial was made in the Disciple cemetery at Romola.

BARTGES.—Thomas Clayton Bartges died at his home at Earlstown, in Potter township, last Friday, following a two weeks illness with catarrh of the stomach. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bartges and was born at Penn Hall on August 14th, 1876, making his age 40 years, 6 months and 2 days. He was a farmer by occupation and for a number of years past occupied his father's farm at Earlstown. He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Annetta Miller, his parents living at Centre Hall, and one sister, Mrs. Albert Reiber, of Johnstown. The funeral was held at ten o'clock Monday morning, Rev. R. Raymond Jones officiated and burial was made in the Centre Hall cemetery.



The Battle Scene in "The Birth of a Nation" at the Garman Theatre, Tuesday Matinee and Night, March 6th.

The Birth of a Nation.

After a sensational tour of the country following its record-breaking engagement here, D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation" returns here for an engagement of one day, Tuesday, March 6th, matinee and night. The presentation of the great spectacle is identical, in every respect, the same that appeared here previously with the same large symphony orchestra.

For "The Birth of a Nation," Mr. Griffith took as the skeleton the story of Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman," but he had in mind a far vaster conception than Dixon's. It was his aim to reproduce an epoch in American history so vividly that the spectators would actually be carried out of the present and live for three hours in a past that is fast becoming remote and hazy. He did not make

the mistake of desiring to depict this period of the past in a naked and horrid realism. He was determined from the start to throw about it a glamor of romance that would soften the picture without distorting it. The epoch chosen by Mr. Griffith is the most thrilling in American history. It was the epoch that witnessed the shattering of the old idea of state sovereignty.

Among the gigantic scenes of "The Birth of a Nation" are those of the battle of Petersburg, fought by 18,000 men on a field five miles across; the march of Sherman to the sea, culminating with the burning of Atlanta; the assassination of President Lincoln in the crowded Ford's theatre; the wild rides of the Ku Klux Klan and the session of the South Carolina Legislature under the negro-carpenter regime.

VANCE C. McCORMICK, Chairman. W. W. MARSH, Treasurer. HENRY MORGENTHAU, Chairman Finance Committee.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

HEADQUARTERS:

OFFICE OF TREASURER.

NEW YORK.

February 17th, 1917.

Mr. P. Gray Meek, Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Mr. Meek:—Thank you for your kind letter of February 3rd remitting contributions amounting to \$5 for fund to take care of campaign indebtedness, making total of \$62 which you have sent for this purpose. I want to assure you that we appreciate your splendid assistance in this emergency.

I regret to advise, however, that we are still more than \$100,000 behind, and I sincerely trust that you will continue to get us such other contributions as are obtainable. Please forward them promptly, as our creditors are pressing us, and it is important that we get obligations out of the way. We are always glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. MARSH, Treasurer.

BROOKS.—Mrs. Pearl Lark Brooks, wife of Paul P. Brooks, died at her home in Altoona at noon on Saturday following an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of county commissioner William H. and Catharine (deceased) Noll and was born at Pleasant Gap about thirty-two years ago. Her girlhood life was spent at that place but since her marriage she has lived in Altoona where her husband has charge of the Brooks & Co. music store. She was a member of the Bellefonte Reformed church and a woman who was loved and respected by all who knew her.

An infant son, Donald Paul Brooks, died two weeks before it's mother but surviving her are her husband, her father and the following brothers and sisters: Ralph and Ray Noll, of Pleasant Gap; Lee, of Pekin, Ill.; Mrs. Paul Keller, of Altoona; Emeline, Helen, Beatrice, June and Ethel, all at home at Pleasant Gap.

Private funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, after which burial was made in the Rose Hill cemetery, Altoona.

GESS.—Mrs. Delia Gess died at 5:45 o'clock last Saturday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stewart, on Ridge street, of diseases incident to her old age. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robinson and was born in slavery at Fredericksburg, Va., in 1825, hence was in her ninety-second year. She was married to Benjamin Gess, who died many years ago. She came to Bellefonte over a third of a century ago and has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart the past thirty years. So far as known her only relatives are her two nieces, Mrs. Alfred Stewart and Mrs. Gowin Thomas. Funeral services were held at the Stewart home at two o'clock on Tuesday by Rev. L. V. Jones, of the A. M. E. church, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

HUTTON.—William Hutton, a well known resident of Rush township, died at the McGirk sanatorium, Philadelphia, on Tuesday night of last week, following an illness of four weeks with typhoid fever, he being one of the victims of the epidemic in the vicinity of Osceola Mills.

Deceased was born in Halfmoon township on June 5th, 1854, making his age 62 years, 8 months and 8 days. His early life was spent in Halfmoon township where he learned the carpenter trade but some years after his marriage he moved to Edendale, Rush township, where he lived the balance of his life. He was highly regarded in the community in which he lived and filled several political offices in Rush township.

He was married to Miss Sallie Meyers, of Centre Line, who survives and who is also ill with the fever; with two daughters, three sons and one step son. Burial was made at Osceola Mills on Friday.

DOLAN.—Miss Susan A. Dolan died at her home on Quaker hill shortly before eight o'clock on Tuesday morning, after an illness of some weeks with diseases incident to her advanced age. She was a daughter of Matthew and Catharine Dolan and was born at Nittany on June 7th, 1841, hence at her death was 75 years, 8 months and 13 days old. She had been a resident of Bellefonte for many years and was well known on account of her charitable nature and her readiness at all times to render aid to the sick or those in need. Her only survivor is one brother, James Dolan, of Buffalo, N. Y. Funeral mass was held in the Catholic church at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. Father McArdle, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

DITTING.—Mrs. Clara Ditting, wife of William Ditting, died at her home near Williamsport last Wednesday following a brief illness with pneumonia. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and

was born in Potter township, this county, twenty-one years ago. Her parents are both dead but in addition to her husband she is survived by several brothers and sisters. The remains were taken to Centre Hall where burial was made on Friday afternoon.

RICKARD.—John Elmer Rickard, weighmaster at the Centre Clay and Brick company's plant at Orviston, died last Friday night after being ill since last November with a catharral affection of the throat.

Deceased was a son of Noah and Elizabeth Poorman Rickard and was born in Bellefonte fifty years ago. Thirty years ago he was married to Miss Amelia Woome who survives with no children. He leaves, however, two brothers and two sisters, namely: James Rickard, of Milesburg; Daniel, in Elmira, N. Y.; Mrs. Maude Proudfoot, in California, and Mrs. Viola Hastings, at Howard.

The remains were taken to the Woome home at Yarnell where funeral services were held at 9:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Advent cemetery.

There was no especial celebration of Washington's birthday in Bellefonte yesterday, though the banks and the postoffice observed the usual holiday.

Philip H. Meyer, of Centre Hall, former County Commissioner, was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday of last week which has affected his entire right side. Inquiry at the Meyer home yesterday afternoon elicited the information that while he had apparently improved for several days he was not feeling so well yesterday, a fact his many friends will be sorry to hear.

Detective W. W. Pettingill of Lock Haven, came to Bellefonte on Tuesday and arrested a young man on the charge of skipping a board bill in that city. He took him to Lock Haven the same evening and landed him in jail to await a hearing. It is the second scrape of the kind the young man has been in in that city and he is hardly likely to be shown much leniency.

The very decided change in the weather the past week has been a relief to everybody. From the zero weather of ten days ago it moderated until Sunday was a regular spring day, and followed by the warm weather of Monday and Tuesday most of the snow and ice disappeared. Of course that is no guarantee that spring is here, and we are likely to have more cold weather and snow.

Having packed up and shipped to Pittsburgh all the dry goods purchased at the sheriff sale of the stock of the late J. S. Gilliam store Morris Luman this week sold in a lump the groceries, which consisted principally of canned goods, to Brouse's grocery; the tinware and various other articles of merchandise to G. R. Spigelmyer and company and the fixtures to George T. Bush, and thus ends the Gilliam store.

In a freight wreck at Martha last Friday just one car of coal was spilled, but it was enough for residents of that vicinity to get busy and try to buy it from the railroad company at a nominal price. The company, however, after clearing up the wreck, gathered up the coal and hauled it to Tyrone for their own use. Ordinarily the company will dispose of the coal for what it can get but its action in this case emphasizes the fact that even a railroad company is taking care of coal these days.

The annual mid-winter house party will be held at the Bellefonte Academy March 8th to 12th inclusive. The football dance will be held in the Bush Arcade hall on Friday evening, March 9th, at which the "Serenaers," a splendid orchestra from Scranton, will furnish the music. Prior to the dance there will be a basket ball game in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium between the champion five of the Academy and the Buffalo, N. Y., technical team, game to be called at 7:30 o'clock. Another dance will be held at the Academy assembly hall on Saturday evening, March 10th.

Up to the present time the County Commissioners have not signified what action they will take regarding an appropriation to defray the expenses of a farm agent for the head of the farm bureau recently organized by the farmers of Centre county. They are considering the matter very carefully and probably would be helped to a decision if the farmers and taxpayers generally would in some way give them an expression of opinion in the matter. The Commissioners are elected to transact the business of the county and naturally in spending the people's money they are endeavoring to do it in a way that they believe the people will approve of. Now if the people want a farm bureau agent and are willing that the county should bear the expense, they should come forward and say so.

Brought Here for Burial.

The remains of Harry L. Larimer, son of Rush G. Larimer, who was killed in Los Angeles, Cal., almost two weeks ago, arrived in Bellefonte on Monday evening and were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Larimer, on south Water street, where funeral services were held on Tuesday morning. Burial was made in the Union cemetery. Up to this writing no definite news has been received as to just how the young man met his death.

Mr. Larimer, however, wishes to thank the people of Bellefonte and community for the kindness shown him and assistance rendered in his bereavement.

More Deaths From Typhoid Fever.

Since the "Watchman" was published last week there have been three more deaths as the result of the typhoid fever epidemic in the vicinity of Osceola Mills. The total number of cases is now 118, with eleven deaths up to Wednesday. One of the deaths this week was John Friday, railroad section foreman at Osceola. Mr. Friday, who died on Tuesday, was fifty-six years old and a native of Huntingdon county, though most of his life was spent in Centre county. A son of Mr. Friday is also ill with the disease.

The sixty-fourth annual convale of the grand commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania will be held in Pittsburgh on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and the committee in charge is planning to entertain thousands of visitors during the three days. The annual parade will be a feature of the convale and will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd.

In ten days Woodrow Wilson will for the second time be inaugurated President of the United States.

New York Women Riot for Food.

New York, Feb. 20.—Following many clashes between the police and women food rioters at the city hall and in congested tenement districts today, Joseph Hartigan, collector of weights and measures, announced that he was doing everything in his power to stimulate the flow of foodstuffs into this city from all parts of the country.

Reports received by the commissioner indicate that the situation has reached an acute stage which, he asserts, calls for the establishment by Congress of "some sort of food control commission to meet the per capita consumption of food in the United States."

While retail shopkeepers and pushcart peddlers have been forced to bear the brunt of the assaults of the angry housewives here, the bureau of weights and measures announced "that the abnormal exportation of foodstuffs and the subnormal production are the underlying causes of the advance in prices."

It was said, however, that there is "abundant evidence of speculation in canned goods." So desperate have the women in some parts of the city become, it is said, that hundreds of food peddlers have locked their pushcarts in stables and suspended business. A number of these dealers who ventured out on the upper East Side today were set upon by a mob of housewives when it was found they were selling onions at 15 cents per pound and potatoes at 9 and 10 cents per pound. The peddlers were driven from the streets into hallways of tenements, where the women tore their clothing and scratched their faces. Meantime, the pushcarts were demolished and their contents strewn about the streets. After several hundred women had stormed the city hall in an effort to see the mayor, Mrs. Ida Harris, president of the Mothers' Vigilance league, issued a statement in which she declared it had been decided to keep children away from the schools until the price of food is lowered. This step, Mrs. Harris asserted, was justified on the ground that the poorly fed children are in no condition to profit by schooling.

Penn State Attacked by U. of P. Man.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—An attack by State Treasurer Robert K. Young, on state appropriations to the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh, drew an interruption from Louis C. Madeira, trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, at the annual meeting here tonight of the Public Charities association.

"Add State College," interjected Madeira. "I would like to add State College to the list," answered Young, "as it is rapidly growing immoral through lobbying for enormous appropriations. But there is this distinction. State College was established and fostered by the State of Pennsylvania and the State is responsible for it. The State spends annually as much on the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh as it costs to run the Legislature for two years. There is a well organized lobby to get these funds."

Will Ask Congress for Power to Act.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—President Wilson has definitely decided to go before Congress next week and ask for power to employ every agency necessary to meet any emergency that might arise after the adjournment of that body on March 4. This was learned in high official circles today, although no formal announcement of his intentions was made. It was also learned today that President Wilson will openly advocate the immediate passage of military training measures. Secretary of War Baker has an appointment to see the President later and officials expect action in a very short time.