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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Abramsen Engineering Company Making Good.

That the Abramsen Engineering company, which took over the Bellefonte Engineering company's plant on February first, is making good is evidenced from the fact that they have one machine completed all but some shafting they are waiting on and as soon as it is received the machine will be ready to ship to Pittsburgh.

The Bellefonte branch of the Abramsen Engineering company is an adjunct of the Abramsen Manufacturing company, of Pittsburgh, manufacturers of various lines of machinery. The machines now being made here are straightening machines for iron and steel rods. These machines had formerly been made for the Abramsen Manufacturing company by other firms but this winter when they tried to place an order they could not secure a guaranteed delivery under eight months.

The company now has thirty-two men employed and this number will be increased as the exigencies of their business demands, and the present outlook is for an industry here as enduring as it is substantial.

The Thespians Coming.

The Thespians, the dramatic organization of The Pennsylvania State College, will present "The Naked Truth" at the Garman opera house on Friday evening, April 13th. The latest vehicle for the efforts of this group of college actors is an adaptation with music and dancing of W. S. Gilbert's play, "The Palace of Truth," and it is the best effort that this famous organization has presented in the twenty years of its existence.

The company consists of fifty college men. There is a cast of eleven, a large chorus and the Thespian orchestra. New costumes, designed by the Thespians art staff and executed by Miss Beulah Johnson, add greatly to the play. Entirely new scenery, after the style of Urban, Baket and Reinhardt has been painted for the production in the Sharpe studios in Philadelphia. The whole production has been prepared at a great expense and is the biggest and best ever.

The scene of the play is laid in a fairy land of somewhere and in this land everyone must tell the truth, and act the truth, although he does not know that he is doing so. Startling revelations result between lover and loved, and husband and wife.

C. Y. Wagner Out of the Milling Business.

C. Y. Wagner ground his last grist as lessee of the Brockerhoff mill at Roopsburg on Tuesday and by tomorrow evening he will have all his stock and belongings removed from the mill. Mr. Wagner had charge of the Brockerhoff mill just nineteen years and during that time he not only ground many thousands of bushels of wheat into flour and corn and oats into chop but bought and shipped thousands upon thousands of bushels of grain to other markets. The flour he manufactured always found a ready market and he always enjoyed the confidence of every man with whom he had any business dealings.

Just what he will do now has not been definitely decided. He has in mind the building of a mill of his own, but his plans in this respect have not progressed to that extent where they can be termed at all definite. So far as known no new miller has signed up for the Brockerhoff mill which leaves G. R. Gamble the only miller in Bellefonte at the present time.

During the severe wind storm on Tuesday afternoon half of the roof was blown off of the house of Claude Poorman, at Runville, and carried a distance of one hundred and fifty feet. The front porch was also blown away.

Drive away those blues. Get a Victrola and be happy. We have machines on hand from \$15.00 to \$100.00, and a stock of more than 2000 records from which to make a selection. —Cohen & Co.

DAVID GEORGE MEEK.—David George Meek died at his home at State College early last Saturday morning from the effects of valvular heart trouble, which was superinduced by an attack of pneumonia which he suffered last fall. Though not as vigorous as usual he had been able to attend to his business affairs up until the day before his death and retired that evening with no premonition that the end was so near. About eleven o'clock he awoke in an alarming condition and before a physician could get to his bedside had passed away.

He was a son of George W. and Rachel Barron Meek and was born in Ferguson township on September 13, 1845. Most of his life was spent there on the farm that has been in the family name for a century and a half and which he owned and managed to the last. His education was acquired at Dickinson Seminary and the old Academies at Milton and Pine Grove Mills and upon the death of his father he assumed the management of the farm and continued in agricultural pursuits until fourteen years ago, when he built himself a home at State College and removed to that place. For several years there he was engaged in business with the College Hardware Co., and erected the building that it now occupies, but retired after a short experience and had since given his attention to his farm and other business interests.

As a farmer in Ferguson township he was one of the foremost and a man whose influence and example was beyond computation. He was the last of his generation of the family that at one time controlled much of the land of the township; his forebears having been its pioneer settlers and it took its name from the family of his great grandmother, Susan Ferguson. David George Meek was of the old type of citizenship; the men who are passing so frequently today never to be replaced; for it seems that we of the later generations have lost many of the characteristics that made them unusual men: Types that were true to every conviction, types that exalted rectitude and cultivated friendliness and hospitality to the point where their homes were ever the havens of the unfortunate.

In 1873 he was married to Emma Weaver who survives with his one sister, Mrs. P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home on Monday morning by the Rev. J. McKendrie Reiley, of the Methodist church of which he was an official member, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Chas. T. Aikens and Rev. Traub. Interment was made in the new cemetery at Pine Grove Mills.

TOPELT.—The sad news was received in Bellefonte on Monday afternoon of the sudden and unexpected death of Richard Stuart Topelt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Topelt, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The child was seven years old last November, and its death was caused by membranous croup.

Mrs. Topelt before her marriage was Miss Bessie H. Brouse, daughter of the late R. S. and Mrs. Brouse, of this place, and none of the family here knew of the illness of the child until after his death. Mrs. Brouse was notified by telephone early in the afternoon of the serious illness of her grand-son and she left on the Lehigh-Pennsylvania train for Tyrone to catch a train for New York. After her departure a telegram was received announcing the boy's death. Burial was made in Brooklyn.

WANCE.—Mrs. Phoebe Ann Wance, widow of David Wance, died at her home in Aaronsburg on Tuesday last week from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, aged 61 years and 3 months. She was the mother of ten children, five of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Dora Shaffer, of State College; Mrs. Sarah Wells, of Philipsburg; Harvey and Anthony, of Blair county, and Levi, of State College. The funeral was held last Friday afternoon, burial being made in the Aaronsburg cemetery.

DUNKLE.—William Dunkle died at the Danville State hospital on Wednesday of last week, aged seventy years. He was born at Hublersburg, this county, where he spent his early life, later living at Beech Creek and Jersey Shore. He is survived by a sister and two brothers, Mrs. W. P. Kitts, of New York city; Forest Dunkle, postmaster at Jersey Shore, and Frank P. Dunkle, of Lewisburg. The remains were taken to Beech Creek on Friday and burial made in the Hayes-Fearon cemetery.

McAULAY.—Gladys Anna McAulay, daughter of George and Belle Webber McAulay, of Walker township, died at the Bellefonte hospital on Monday after two months' illness with ulceration of the stomach. She was born in Walker township on January 21st, 1906, hence was 11 years, 2 months and 5 days old. In addition to her parents she is survived by several brothers and sisters. Burial will be made at Hublersburg today.

CLARK.—Following a general breakdown in health as the result of an attack of the grip about a month ago the venerable James B. Clark died at his home on Penn street at one o'clock last Saturday morning.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark and was born in county Tyrone, Ireland on April 4th, 1834, hence was almost eighty-three years old. He came to this country when fourteen years old and shortly afterward located in Centre county, working as a day laborer for a number of years and later engaging in farming in Buffalo Run valley, an occupation he followed for thirty-five years. Ten years ago he quit the farm and moved to Bellefonte purchasing a home on Penn street where he had since lived. He was a member of the Catholic church all his life. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and always could be relied upon to stand by his party. He was a good, substantial citizen in every way and even though he lived to four score and three years was so active until almost his last illness that he enjoyed an unusually large acquaintanceship.

His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Marie L. Green, died five years ago but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. Catharine M. Lambert and Thomas J. Clark, of Baltimore, Md.; Sister M. Wolfried, of Philadelphia; George A. Clark, of Detroit, Mich.; Dr. John W. Clark, of Windber; Maria, Susan and Anastasia Clark at home. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Catharine Fennell, of Hagerstown, Md.

Funeral mass was celebrated in the Catholic church at ten o'clock Wednesday morning by Rev. Father McArdle after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

TAYLOR.—Mrs. Theresa B. Taylor, widow of the late H. Irvin Taylor, died quite suddenly at seven o'clock on Monday morning as the result of a stroke of apoplexy, with which she was stricken while attending to her morning's work.

Deceased was a daughter of Philip and Barbara Gross and was born at St. Marys on June 21st, 1855, hence at her death was 61 years, 9 months and 5 days old. When a girl her parents moved to Bellefonte and practically all her life was spent here. On December 17th, 1871, she was married to Mr. Taylor at Milesburg by Rev. Mr. Cleaver. Her husband died last November but surviving her are three sons, namely: Harry C. and Curtin C., of Bellefonte, and Charles P., of Bellwood. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. James Crotty, of Lewistown; Mrs. William Brooks, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Thomas Jennings, of Clarksburg, W. Va.; Mrs. James Reilly, of Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, Joseph, Jacob and Emma, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held in St. John's Catholic church, of which she was a member, at nine o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. Father McArdle, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

MILLER.—Thomas Miller, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller, of Salona, died in Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday of last week of heart trouble, aged thirty-six years. He was born and raised at Salona but had been in Cleveland the past eight years, being in the employ of the Bishop & Babcock company, manufacturers of soda fountains. He was unmarried but is survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. James Tate, of Salona, and Miss Anna Miller, a professional nurse of Bellefonte. The remains were taken to Salona on Friday and burial made in the Cedar Hill cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

Quite a strong wind prevailed here on Wednesday afternoon and anyone who doubts this statement can get proof by asking Henry Taylor, the mail delivery man. He was coming down town between four and five o'clock with the mail for the 450 train west and as he was crossing High street bridge the wind blew a parcel post package out of his wagon and off the bridge into Spring creek. Mr. Taylor might never have known what became of the package had not some passerby seen the occurrence and notified him. Of course there was the usual crowd of volunteers and with a fishing rod the box was towed to the edge of the stream and rescued. It proved to be a box containing a new spring hat of pink straw consigned to a customer of a local milliner. The box was half full of water when it was fished out, but the hat when it was looking pert as if it hadn't had the premature bath.

The locomotive hauling the Lewisburg passenger train on Tuesday morning broke down at Coburn and it was necessary to secure another one from Sunbury to pull the train to Bellefonte, the result being that it was after twelve o'clock when it arrived here.

Elliot and Fred Lane have taken the agency for the Velie car and this week received a new five passenger one to demonstrate.

A. A. Stevens Estate Worth Over a Million.

The appraisers of the estate of the late A. A. Stevens, of Tyrone, who died on January first, filed their account in Hollidaysburg on Monday and it shows the estate to be worth approximately \$1,123,740.88.

Summarizing the appraisement which sets forth specifically the value of each item of property in the estate, it is found that Mr. Stevens died possessed of the following:

Table listing assets: Stocks \$500,102.50, Bonds 136,618.75, Judgments, notes, etc. 44,114.03, Mortgages 3,962.30, Accounts due 23,869.00, Other personal property 3,338.20, Coal lands 113,540.00, Limestone properties 51,350.00, Real estate, Tyrone borough 155,450.00, Real estate, Blair county 10,975.00, Real estate, outside points 19,300.00. Total \$1,123,740.88

Probably the most interesting item in the list is the valuation of the property of the Tyrone Gas and Water company which Mr. Stevens controlled. From exhaustive physical valuation, consideration of the revenue of the plant, etc., the appraisers fixed upon \$220,000 as the value of the total stock of the company. In addition, there is an issue of \$35,000 bonds, all of which Mr. Stevens owned. The total stock of the Tyrone Gas and Water company consists of 4,000 shares of \$25 par value each. The appraisement in this estate places the present value of the shares at \$55 each. Mr. Stevens owned nearly all the stock, his holdings being 3,957 shares, the appraisement of which was \$217,580.

The appraisement also involved a valuation of the property of the American Lime and Stone company, of which Mr. Stevens was vice president and general manager. This property was valued as worth a million dollars. Mr. Stevens' stock interest in the company is appraised as worth \$237,510. He also owned a substantial block of the bonds of the company. Among other stocks included in the estate the most considerable was Mr. Stevens' ownership of 500 shares of the preferred stock of the United States Steel corporation. The value of these shares amounts to \$57,500.

Centre County Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The Howard branch is preparing to make compresses for the aid of the Red Cross. Old gloves will be collected and sent to the Red Cross headquarters for use as linings.

The Junior club at Snow Shoe has taken up the study of botany. Both the older and younger girls of that place will enter the tomato growing contest.

The Junior club at Lemont will hereafter meet on Wednesdays instead of Saturdays. Miss Mary Swain, of State College, is acting leader for the present.

The girl's vocational conference will be held at the High school building, Bellefonte, some Friday after Easter, the exact date to be announced later. Among the subjects to be discussed will be teaching, nursing, business, college and home making. All young women and girls are welcome to this conference, and no charge will be made.

If you want a vacation this summer which will be both restful and helpful, and give you lots to think about all year, plan to go to Eagles Mere at the time of the student and county conference June 26th to July 6th. High school girls should plan to go to the High school council at Camp Nepahwin, July 11th to 18th.

The poem this week is from the modern reader's bible, the nineteenth Psalm. If you do not have a copy send to the secretary for one.

Governor Brumbaugh has named Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of The Pennsylvania State College, and Theodore Davis Boal as the Centre county representatives on his preparedness committee of two hundred and fifty men appointed throughout the State. Both men have accepted the obligation and two better men could not have been selected. Dr. Sparks has back of him three thousand students at the College, all of whom have served in the cadet battalion and therefore have some very good military training, while Lieut. Boal has his mounted machine gun troop which served on the Mexican border and which he has kept in drill ever since returning home. So that we have confidence to believe that the chairman of the committee, Mr. George Wharton Pepper will get more real ginger from the Centre county representation than from any other section of the State.

The last basket ball game of the season will take place in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium tomorrow (Saturday) evening between the Bellefonte High school girls and the girls team from the Renovo High school. Game will be called at 8.15 o'clock and the admission price will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. Bellefonte basket ball fans are urged to turn out and see this game. It will be your last opportunity this season and the most important argument is that the girls need the money.

Annual Session of Methodist Conference.

The forty-ninth annual session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was held at Lewistown the past week and proved a most interesting gathering. Very few of the 294 ministers in the conference were absent and those few were detained for cause.

Among the items of interest to readers of this paper was the announcement that the late A. A. Stevens, of Tyrone, had given \$11,500 to the conference association.

District superintendent S. B. Evans, of the Altoona district, had the following to say about Centre county churches:

Gray's church, Half Moon charge, was frescoed and this, with other improvements, cost \$628. All bills were promptly paid. Snow Shoe charge has new furnaces in the church and parsonage at Snow Shoe, at a cost of \$525. All paid but \$143. The church at Clarence on the same charge has new electric light. Milesburg's new furnace in cement cellar makes the parsonage very comfortable. Memorial windows in the basement of the Unionville church are a fine improvement. The outlay on this charge was \$650 and W. A. Lepley had cash in hand to pay all bills. The church at Millheim on the Pennsvalley charge was painted at a cost of \$100 and a new piano installed. All bills paid.

Among the successful revivals the Howard church reported 92, State College 44, Philipsburg 38, Port Matilda 36, Pennsvalley 24 and Snow Shoe 20.

The district superintendent also called attention to the fact that a country church conference will be conducted in connection with the summer school at State College. The time is July 10 to 20, inclusive. The entire cost, including board and room, is estimated to not exceed fifteen dollars. This will be a great opportunity for preachers and lay members who can find a way to spend ten days at the college. The college pays the instructors. For information write Dr. E. R. Smith, director of the summer session for teachers, State College, Pa.

At Saturday morning's session of conference both Milton and Newberry extended invitations to the conference for the 1918 session, but Milton withdrew and Newberry was selected unanimously.

The Lewistown church was crowded to the doors Sunday to hear the annual conference sermon of Bishop W. F. McDowell, who presided over the week's sessions.

The report of the board of Home Missionary society of the conference showed that \$5,490 had been contributed for this purpose of which the Altoona district gave \$1,037.

A total amount of \$29,723 was paid this year to conference claimants. Rev. C. W. Karns was appointed secretary of the conference annuity, and Rev. E. C. Keboch efficiency superintendent of Sunday schools.

Conference treasurer reported for missions \$74,568 and a total of fifteen benevolences and pastoral support, \$196,364. One thousand two hundred and thirty new members added.

It was almost twelve o'clock Monday night when Bishop McDowell read the appointments, and the announcement came as a surprise to some of the ministers. More than the usual number of changes were made in the various districts, the appointments in the Altoona district being as follows:

- Altoona District, S. B. Evans, Supt. Allegheny—J. E. Fisher (supply). Altoona—Broad Avenue—O. B. Poulson. Circuit—Ira Fisher (supply). Grace—David D. Kaufman. Eighth Avenue—G. F. Boggs. Fairview—H. H. Crotley. Fifth Avenue—Fletcher Biddle. First Church—Edgar R. Heckman. Llyswen—Archibald Mackie. Italian Mission—Nicola DiStefano. Simpson—J. E. Weeks. Fifty-eighth Street and Lakemont—H. T. Stone. Bakerton—R. S. Cuddy. Barnesboro—George A. Duvall. Bellefonte—Ezra H. Yocum. Bellwood—Joseph F. Anderson. Blainburg—D. G. Felker (supply). Cherry Tree—N. B. Smith. Glen Hope—John E. LePage. Half Moon—H. F. Babcock. Hastings—Isaac Cadman. Houtzdale—D. Y. Brouse. Howard—Charles W. Rishell. Juniata—Fifteenth Street—Joseph Kalsely. First Church—Alexander Lamberson. Karthaus—Willard Shannon (supply). Lumber City—Martin C. Flegal. Mahaffey—William H. Hartman. Milesburg and Unionville—William A. Lepley. Morrisdale—J. W. Skillington. Munson—J. B. Durkee. New Millport—Harry L. Jarrett. Osceola Mills—G. A. Williams. Patton—R. C. Peters. Pennsvalley—Walter H. Williams. Philipsburg—Charles W. Wasson. Pleasant Gap—John H. McKechnie (supply). Port Matilda—H. C. Cramer. Ramey—Charles C. Snavely. Sandy Ridge and Clearfield—John F. Cobb (supply). Shawville—William R. Jones. Snow Shoe—C. W. Burley (retired). State College—J. W. Long. Wallacetown—F. E. Hartman. Woodland and Bradford—W. S. Rose.

Stars, Fels naphtha, Ivory, P. & G. naphtha soaps at four and a half cents per cake. Macaroni nine cents. Hershey's cocoa, six and a half cents for ten cent cans. Egg noodles at nine cents. Pork & beans ten cents. Sugar peas, two cans for twenty-five cents. Post toasties nine cents. Flour, two dollars and thirty cents a sack.—Cohen & Co.

Rearick—Goodhart.—A wedding of interest to Pennsvalley readers of the "Watchman" was that on March 15th of John Edwin Rearick, of Sparks, Nevada, and Miss Margaret Irvin Goodhart, a daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Goodhart, of Centre Hall. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. James O. Glenn, in Carlisle, and the officiating minister was the latter's husband, Rev. Glenn. Mr. and Mrs. Rearick expect to make their home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Martin—Long.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Long, on Howard street, was the scene of a quiet wedding on Monday evening when their daughter, Miss Marion R. Long, was united in marriage to Charles W. Martin, a son of William C. Martin. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Malcolm DePue Maynard, of the Episcopal church. For the present the young people will reside with the bridegroom's father.

Bartley—Frain.—Edward R. Bartley and Miss Mary N. Frain, both of Nittany, were married at the Reformed parsonage in Howard on Thursday of last week, by the pastor, Rev. R. F. Gass. The young couple were attended by Raymond Harter and Miss May E. Bartley. Following the ceremony they left on a honeymoon trip to Buffalo, N. Y., and later will take up their residence at Nittany.

Rishel—Lucas.—On Monday, March 12th, Mr. Alfred M. Rishel and Mrs. Caroline M. Lucas, both of Bellefonte, were united in marriage in Philadelphia, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. G. Bickley Burns, pastor of the Methodist church. After April first Mr. and Mrs. Rishel will reside in Bellefonte. Their many friends join in wishing them many happy years of wedded life.

Eckley—Johnstonbaugh.—H. Claire Eckley and Miss Verna I. Johnstonbaugh went to Williamsport last week where they were united in marriage by Rev. Armstrong, at the parsonage of Grace Methodist church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Johnstonbaugh and the bridegroom a son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Eckley, both young people being well known in this vicinity.

Willcox—Ardell.—Word was received in Bellefonte this week of the marriage of Miss Eleanor Ardell, the eldest daughter of Mrs. John Ardell, a former resident of Bellefonte, and Dr. Claiborne Willcox, of Norfolk, Va. The wedding took place in St. Paul's church at New Rochelle, N. Y. Dr. and Mrs. Willcox will reside at Norfolk, Va.

Wellar—McDonald.—Wilber Wellar, of Julian, and Miss Ada H. McDonald, of Martha, were united in marriage on Saturday at the parsonage of the Lutheran church on east Linn street, by the pastor, Rev. W. M. B. Glanding. The only witness to the wedding was the bride's father, Mr. J. W. McDonald.

Heaton—DeArmit.—Edgar L. Heaton, of Boggs township, this county, and Miss Zelda B. DeArmit, of Johnstown, were married at the home of the bride's parents in that city, last Thursday evening, by alderman E. Weirick. Mr. and Mrs. Heaton will make their home in Johnstown.

The big brick elevator of the old Bellefonte furnace was thrown down on Monday afternoon, the brick having been purchased by John P. Kelley who will use them in the building of his new garage on the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets. The elevator was 16x22 feet in size and 50 feet high and will furnish all the brick needed with probably some left over.

The Public Service Commission at Harrisburg last Saturday filed an opinion in the case of the Emerick Motor Bus company against the Bellefonte Central Railroad company in which they decided that the latter must refrain from operating a motor bus between Bellefonte and State College until they obtain a certificate of public convenience.

In accordance with a recent order from the War Department at Washington advancing young officers James Gilbert Taylor was promoted from the rank of lieutenant to that of captain. Capt. Taylor is a son of Mrs. Hugh Taylor Sr., of this place and is now on assigned duty in the Philippines.

Irvin Robinson, of Mt. Eagle, the man who was twice tried on the charge of being implicated in the death of Henry Confer, of Howard, is again in the hands of the law on the charge of aggravated assault and battery for beating his eighteen year old daughter.

A bulletin board was placed at the passenger station last Friday on which to announce the arrival and departure of trains, and the way some of the trains have been running of Sugar peas, two cans for twenty-five cents. Post toasties nine cents. Flour, two dollars and thirty cents a sack.—Cohen & Co.

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