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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

—Victor machines, records and supplies at Cohen & Co. 16-1t

—The forty hour devotion in St. John's Catholic church will begin on Sunday.

—Baseball this afternoon at 3.30 on Hughes field. Bellefonte Academy vs. Susquehanna University.

—Our cut rate grocery department is the talk of the town.—Cohen & Co. 16-1t

—Four car loads of steers, seventy-two in all, were shipped from State College to the Pittsburgh market this week.

—William Daufenbaugh, ex-deputy warden at the new penitentiary, spent the latter part of last week at that institution packing up his household effects to ship to Swissvale, where he is now located.

—Judge Quigley will go to Montrose, Susquehanna county, next week to hold a term of court and has another request for his judicial services in Pittsburgh beginning April 30th, and to continue two, or perhaps three weeks.

—On Friday of last week Henry Sweeley, an apprentice in the Kline flouring mills at Centre Mills, got his right arm caught in the machinery and so badly crushed that he was compelled to have it amputated, in the Bellefonte hospital Tuesday.

—You can't fish for trout at night but you can attend the scenic and see the best line of motion pictures shown in this part of the State. Every evening has its own program and they are all good. Miss one evening and you fail to see something high-class that you may never have another opportunity of seeing.

—Preparations are well under way for the tenth annual reunion of the Fifth regiment Spanish-American war veterans which will be held in Hollidaysburg on Saturday evening, April 28th. Company B, of Bellefonte, was included in the regiment and a number of the veterans will likely attend the reunion.

—Joseph Conklin, the alleged "German" arrested last week as a spy, but who was later discharged by the authorities, has turned out to be a common thief. It happens that on Tuesday of last week he entered the home of Ellis Way, at Unionville, and stole a watch which he later pawned in Bellefonte for three dollars.

—The Toner livery sale on Saturday of next week should draw a big crowd of buyers. In addition to the six good horses for sale there is a full line of rigs of all kinds, buggies, carriages, sleighs, wagons, etc., as well as all kinds of harness used in a livery. Buyers will find good bargains on that occasion. 16-2t

—The barn at Howard which was used by Rev. Charles W. Rishel as a garage was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday night. With the barn was burned the reverend's 1916 touring car and a quantity of garden tools, packing boxes, etc. Rev. Rishel places his loss at \$800, with no insurance. The barn belonged to the church property and no insurance was carried on it.

—Another of the popular exchanges conducted by the Guild of St. John's Episcopal church will be held in the parish house on Lamb street, on Saturday afternoon of this week, April 21st, at 2 o'clock. Pies, cakes, biscuits, candy and everything choice in the line of eatables will be offered for sale. Also a fine line of aprons which are sure to be in demand this time of year. Early shoppers will get the best bargains.

—This (Friday) evening is the date for the Bellefonte High school's sixth annual play in the opera house, when they will render the dramatization of Jerome K. Jerome's "Miss Hobbs." The play will be given under the supervision of Miss Maude Baer, one of the teachers in the High school, and it should be well patronized. Admission, 35 and 50 cents. Tickets now on sale at Mott's drug store. In the cast are Robert Taylor and John Smith, who will leave on Monday to join the navy.

—The opening game of the local baseball season will take place on Hughes field this (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, between the Susquehanna University team and the Bellefonte Academy nine. The Academy boys will appear in their new uniforms, made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Fulton, of Scranton, who has three boys at the Academy this year. Lovers of base ball are urged to go out and encourage the boys in this, one of the hardest games they will have this year. Admission, 25 cents.

CENTRE COUNTY IS AWAKENING.

A Tremendous Effort to be Made to Intensify Farming and Gardening. Meetings All Over the County to Arouse the People to the Grave Crisis Confronting Us.

The President of the United States has called us. The Governor of the Commonwealth has called us. Thousands of poor people who are already finding it difficult to buy bread and potatoes are calling us today to help solve the food problem that now confronts them and is certain to become more distressing.

What are we of the rich agricultural county of Centre to do? We have only one duty. The way is plain. We must work together for a maximum production of everything that our soil will produce, and labor earnestly to instill ideas of economy into the heads of the rich and poor alike.

Selfishness, thoughts of personal gain and indifference should all be swept aside by a mighty wave of patriotic service.

The "Watchman" has been urging these things for months and now that the county is at last awakening it prays God to quicken the energy and determination of every one of us to do our part.

The Commissioners of the county have wisely appropriated a thousand dollars to disseminate helpful information and to organize a bureau to supply farm help where needed, but, this cannot bring immediate results. It will be felt next year and will help to alleviate a condition that the world's experience has demonstrated will probably be far more acute than now.

Don't read these lines lightly and regard them as the vapors of an alarmist. With wheat at \$2.25, potatoes \$4.00 and sugar 10 cents now you should fairly tremble at what prices might be if we get into war as deeply as we might.

The call is to every red-blooded man, woman, girl and boy who can work and economize to be up and doing RIGHT NOW.

The county is well organized in other lines already, as will be seen from the report of the last meeting of the Public Safety committee, which follows, but it has not yet fully awakened to the seriousness of the food situation and that must come or bread lines and food riots will be upon us before we realize it.

Just thirty-three persons were present at Tuesday evening's meeting of the executive committee for Centre county on Public Safety, held in the grand jury room of the court house. Lieut. Theodore Davis Boal, chairman of the committee, presided.

Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of The Pennsylvania State College, was present and in explanation of his absence from the organization of the committee at Lieut. Boal's home on Wednesday night of last week stated that he had been up in Connecticut studying the methods they are adopting there for home defense but that he had learned that they have done little more than we are doing. Dr. Sparks further stated that he would like to have Dean R. L. Watts added to the Agricultural committee and A. O. Vorse to the Publicity committee, which was done.

FOR HOME DEFENSE. Col. H. S. Taylor, chairman of the committee on home defense, stated that he had gotten into communication with all the fire companies in Centre county and had enrolled the members as home guards. Where no fire company exists he has enlisted members of the P. O. S. of A. The Red Men of the county had volunteered their services and had been accepted and within the next week or ten days he expects to have the entire county systematized with an active force of from 1,200 to 1,500 men who can be called out at a moment's notice, if occasion requires their services.

In Bellefonte the two fire companies have been enlisted. At Philipsburg the two fire companies have been enlisted.

At State College the one fire company has been enlisted.

At Howard the fire company is defunct but the chief of the company has mustered a squad of 24 men for service.

At Jacksonville an old National Guardsman has been put in charge and already has a squad mustered.

At Milesburg a squad of 24 men has been mustered.

At Orviston the superintendent of the brick works is in charge and has mustered his squad. The Red Men of Centre county, five or six very large organizations, have volunteered their services in their various localities and already the 81 men of the Snow Shoe camp are under drill by their old army men.

Centre Hall, Unionville, State College, Spring Mills, Coburn, Woodward, Aaronsburg and Pleasant Gap will be taken care of by squads selected by the P. O. S. of A.

Boalsburg and Rebersburg are as yet unorganized.

Col. Taylor made a splendid report and the work he has accomplished so speedily in the way of organizing squads of men to look after the safety of each community should prove very reassuring to the timid. By next week he will have all of these men enrolled and they will be delegated with full police authority. They will not be known but will be ready to respond to a call at a moment's notice. In fact they will be known as the Minute Men of the Home Defense.

HELP FOR THE FARMERS.

D. F. Kapp, of State College, chairman of the Agricultural committee, was called for a report and that gentleman stated that while he had not yet been able to get his committee together he had called a meeting of citizens of State College last Saturday and they had endeavored to map

TROUT CATCH ONLY FAIR.

Many Fishermen Disappointed With the Opening Day's Showing.

The usually large number of fishermen wended their way to the trout streams of Centre county on Monday morning for a try of their luck on the first day of the season and most of them returned home hours later thoroughly disappointed with their luck. The streams are all a bit high and the cold weather of Monday rendered fishing conditions most anything but auspicious. The best catches of trout were made on Spring creek, and some of them were within the borough limits.

Fishing creek showed up poor, the majority of fishermen down there getting less than a half dozen for their reward, though one man on the stream succeeded in landing 25 by working most of the day at it. Among the Bellefonters who tried their luck on Fishing creek were Judge Henry C. Quigley, George R. Meek and Thomas H. Harter and each one succeeded in catching three trout.

The most sensational catch of the day was made by Dr. J. J. Kilpatrick, in the Bush house dam in Spring creek. He landed eleven which totalled in length 16 1/2 feet and weighed twenty-one pounds. The biggest one measured a little over nineteen inches. In fact the catch was such a record-breaker that landlord W. L. Daggett, of the Bush house, had it photographed and will put out postcards of the same showing the kind of trout that make their habitation in the shadows of the Bush house.

Cyril Moerschbacher caught 15, ten of which ran from eleven to sixteen inches in length.

William Walker got seven, one of which measured twenty inches.

Charles E. Dorworth got 16 and S. Kline Woodring 4.

J. M. Cunningham went up Spring creek and caught 19, returning home by noon. Others who fished up Spring creek were Joseph Thal, who got 25 and Ray Strunk, of Tyrone, who got 33.

Escaped Prisoner Caught in Chicken House.

John Sheets, the Westmoreland county man who took French leave of the new penitentiary last Wednesday afternoon, is now back in the western penitentiary with an extra two and a half years to serve in addition to the three months of his unexpired term.

Sheets' capture stands in a class entirely by itself, though it may not appear upon the records of the western penitentiary. In some way the authorities of that institution got trace of a strange man having been seen in Buffalo Run valley. Officers made a search of the valley on Thursday and late that afternoon learned that a strange man who exactly answered the description of Sheets had been seen on the side of the mountain that afternoon and was evidently heading across the mountain for Unionville. Two penitentiary guards were in the vicinity of Unionville and word was telephoned them to be on the lookout for the man.

Clayton Duck lives on a small farm on the side of the Bald Eagle mountain above Unionville and when the family did up the evening chores Mrs. Duck locked the chicken house as is her daily custom. The next morning a young son of Mr. Duck went out to feed the chickens and on unlocking the door was astonished to see a man step out of the chicken house, hold up his hands and aver that he was willing to surrender. The boy called his father and upon learning the identity of the man took him in, gave him his breakfast and notified the penitentiary authorities who went to Duck's house and got Sheets and brought him to the Centre county jail. Sheets had evidently hidden in the chicken house early in the evening and was locked in with the chickens all night.

On Friday afternoon he was taken before Judge Quigley who sentenced him to serve out his unexpired term and an additional term of two and a half years. Sheets was taken back to Pittsburgh on Saturday by sheriff George H. Yarnell and A. Miles Barr.

Benefit for Work Among Soldiers and Sailors.

The Y. M. C. A. has planned to raise three million dollars for work among the men of the army and navy, and every association has been asked to contribute a pro rata share of that amount. The local Y. M. C. A. will raise its amount by giving a delightful operetta in the opera house on Friday night April 27th. The prices have been placed at 35 and 25 cents, and 10 cents for the gallery. Mr. Garman has kindly donated the use of the opera house and the Y. M. C. A. management hopes to have the place crowded on the night of the entertainment, as they are very anxious to raise their share at once. Therefore, buy a ticket or help in some way the good cause along so that any Bellefonte boy who goes to the front will have the comforts and care of a Y. M. C. A. equipment.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Lukenbach is in Centre Hall, a guest of her sister, Mrs. D. J. Meyer.

—Mrs. John M. Shugert and Mrs. J. Will Conley spent several days of the week in Williamsport under the care of Dr. Haskins.

—Miss Mabel Allison, of Spring Mills, was in Bellefonte Friday, a guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Allison.

—Miss Gladys Meyer, of Penn Hall, was in Bellefonte a week ago for a short visit with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Meyer.

—Harry Crissman, of Coleville, and his daughter, Dorothy, were in Pittsburgh over Sunday, the time while there being spent with Mr. Crissman's parents.

—Mr. A. E. Gingrich, of Boalsburg, was in Bellefonte on Wednesday on business pertaining to the settlement of the estate of his brother, the late John A. Gingrich.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sheffer with their son, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sheffer, all of Millroy, drove to Bellefonte and were guests Sunday of Mrs. Samuel Sheffer at her home on Curtin street.

—Richard Weston left on Sunday for Chester county, where he has accepted a position with the P. J. Sharpless Creamery Co., the largest creamery and butter manufacturers in America.

—While in Bellefonte this week Miss Caroline McCloskey, of Potters Mills, has been a guest of Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson and her daughter, Miss Fannie Hutchinson, at their home on Howard street.

—Mrs. E. P. Moore, of Tyrone, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Katherine Moore, came to Bellefonte a week ago, spending the week-end with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Miller, at the toll gate.

—Mrs. William J. Daley with her little daughter, Virginia Elizabeth, of Burlington, N. J., arrived in Bellefonte on Monday evening for a visit with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Daley, of east Lamb street.

—Mrs. Sadie C. Hile came to Bellefonte from Lewistown, Tuesday, intending to spend several days at Pleasant Gap looking after some repairs to her property. Mrs. Hile anticipates returning to Centre county in the fall.

—The Misses Maude and Myrtle Miller expect to go to Bilger tomorrow for a week-end visit with their aunts, going from there to Yarnell, where they will spend the greater part of next week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Miller.

—William Rice, one of the most expert type setters and pressmen of this section of the State, left Wednesday to resume his work in Philadelphia. Mr. Rice had been in Bellefonte since shortly after Christmas, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harper Rice.

—Mrs. J. Voorhees Thompson, of Evansston, Ill., has been visiting on the farm with her sister, Miss Annie Gray, since before Easter. Mrs. Thompson joined her husband in Pittsburgh this week for a short stay, expecting to return to Buffalo Run to remain until June.

—Harold Gardner will come to Bellefonte Saturday to be with his mother, Mrs. M. I. Gardner, for the week-end and to accompany her to Hyde City, where she will spend the summer with Mr. Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner contemplate moving to Clearfield county in the fall.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Snyder, of Snow Shoe, were in Bellefonte Tuesday, coming in with Mrs. Snyder's mother, who has been their guest for several weeks, and their two children, Cordice and Margery Anee, who accompanied their grandmother to Hollidaysburg for a visit.

—L. Olin Meek, of Philadelphia; Rev. George M. Glenn, of Mt. Carmel; Dr. Thomas O. Glenn, of Bradford, and Dr. D. Green, in Lock Haven, came to Bellefonte Friday with Mrs. Green, both being guests while here of Miss Mary H. Lin. Upon leaving Saturday Mrs. Bright went to Winburne, to spend several days before returning to Philadelphia.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moore, of Pine Grove Mills, drove to Bellefonte Wednesday, spending the day in doing buying for the interior of their home, where they are making extensive improvements. Mr. Moore, who is one of the successful farmers of Ferguson township, has lived just west of Pine Grove on the old Mitchell farm, which he now owns, since 1876.

—Mrs. James B. Lane and Miss Mary S. Thomas returned to Bellefonte Tuesday night from Philadelphia. Mrs. Lane will not open her house on Allegheny street at present, having arranged to live at the Bush house until later in the spring, while Miss Thomas, who is with Dr. Schad, will remain there until getting possession of her house the first of May.

—Mrs. H. B. Shattuck, of State College, is representing the regent of the Bellefonte Chapter of the D. A. R., at the National Congress in session this week in Washington. Owing to the war conditions of our country, this great body of representative women of the United States met to consider only the most important work of their organization, no social functions however informal, were arranged for.

—Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cole and two children, and Mrs. Cole's brother, James McCullough, of Lewistown, have been guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirk, at their farm home south of town. Mr. Cole, who is off on a two week's vacation, and his brother-in-law spent last week at the Kirk home and on Saturday he went home and brought his wife and children over to be with them during the final days of their visit.

—Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks, president of the Pennsylvania State College; Lieut. Theodore Davis Boal, of Boalsburg, and his son, Lieut. Pierre Boal, of the French aviation corps, were guests at a farewell bachelor dinner given Judge Thomas J. Baldrige, at Atlantic City last Thursday evening. Judge Baldrige, who had always been considered a confirmed bachelor by his colleagues, was married this week to Miss Anna Dean, daughter of the late Supreme court justice John Dean, of Hollidaysburg.

—Joseph Wagner, a motorman of Johnstown, is in Bellefonte for a visit with his mother.

—Mrs. R. B. Freeman who had been with her daughter, Mrs. H. N. Crider, returned to Tyrone yesterday afternoon.

—Mrs. Mary S. Haines, of Curtin street, returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives and friends in Albany, N. Y.

—Rev. and Mrs. William Schoch, of Lilly, Pa., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Kirk and other friends in Bellefonte.

—Chauncey F. York spent Tuesday in Bellefonte with Mrs. York and their son, leaving Wednesday to return to Detroit.

—Mrs. D. L. Meek, of Waddle, has been visiting for the past two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Francis Musser, in Altoona.

—William Furey, of Pittsburgh, and his sister, Mrs. S. W. Kerstetter, of Curwensville, were guests of their mother, Mrs. Morris Furey, over Sunday.

—Mrs. J. E. Dubbs and her son Arthur are visiting with Mrs. Dubb's father, John Schiller, at Cumberland, Md., having left Bellefonte early in the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rhoads and their son Robert were guests for the week-end of Mr. Rhoads' sister, Miss Rebecca Rhoads, having motored here Friday.

—Mrs. T. F. Conery with her little son, T. F. Conery Jr., of Tyrone, has been visiting Bellefonte friends the past week, stopping most of the time with her sister, Mrs. H. S. Ray, at the Brockerhoff house.

—The Misses Elizabeth and Dorothy Platts, of Wilkingsburg, are guests of Miss Miriam Smith, stopping off here yesterday afternoon on their way from Elmira, where they had taken their mother's body for burial.

—Mr. and Mrs. Confair, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adams and Misses Anne Confair and Sara Caldwell, all of Bellefonte, were at Chester Hill last Thursday evening attending the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Sauer.

—Dr. Wilbur Twitmore, of Lancaster, and Dr. Ovelman, of Hollidaysburg, came to Bellefonte yesterday morning to spend several days fishing in Centre county. Dr. Twitmore and Dr. Ovelman were classmates at the University of Pennsylvania.

—The guests whom Miss McMullen and her brother Lawrence have been entertaining during the week at their home at Hecia include their cousin, Mrs. Johnson, of Merion, and a party of Mr. McMullen's friends from Altoona, who were there for the opening of the fishing season.

—Mrs. Edward Mobley and her four children, including her married daughter, Mrs. Edward McMurtre, of Tyrone, and her little daughter, were all guests of Mrs. Mobley's sister, Mrs. James McClure, from Sunday until Tuesday. Mrs. Mobley and her three younger children were returning to their home at Beech Creek from Sharon, where they had been spending the winter with Mr. Mobley, Mrs. McMurtre joining them at Tyrone to go home with her mother for a short visit.

—Joseph Compani had a narrow escape from serious injury, if not death, shortly after noon on Saturday when he was buried beneath a floor and part of the side of one of the frame buildings being torn down on the Brown corner. Young Compani was assisting in razing the buildings and had torn out a partition on the first floor of the frame building in the rear of the demolished store building. The front of the building had been torn out and the second floor held up by two props. Compani had been cautioned not to touch the props but when he finished with the partition he deliberately set to work and knocked out the two props. The result was the floor fell and pulled down the upper portion of the rear side of the house, burying Compani beneath it. Fortunately it did not fall flat and the young man was able to crawl out after other workmen had removed enough of the wreckage to make it possible for him to do so, having suffered no injury except a few scratches and a bad fright.

Public Sale.

At the home of Mrs. Emma Meek, at State College, there will be offered at public sale, on Saturday afternoon, April 28th, a horse, two buggies, a carriage, broad tire Conklin wagon, a lot of oats, corn and small implements. Sale at 1:30 p. m.

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—For high class job work come to the "Watchman" office.

Sale Register.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28.—At the Toner livery stable in the rear of the Bush house, 6 horses, carriages, cabs, buggies, sleighs and all the livery property of the late James C. Toner. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m. L. Frank Mayes, auctioneer.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Potatoes per bushel, Onions, Eggs per dozen, Lard per pound, Butter per pound.

Bellefonte Grain Markets.

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Philadelphia Markets.

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