

To Correspondents.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Mrs. Howard Barnes has been quite ill the past few days, at her home on Bishop street.

Work was begun yesterday on the erection of the structural iron work for the Titan Metal company's first big building on the Nittany furnace site.

Yesterday morning a farmer made his appearance in Bellefonte with almost a wagon load of sweet corn, the last of the season, and he was almost mobbed by buyers anxious to get a supply.

C. C. Brungard, who is now carrying the mail by motor between Bellefonte and Lock Haven, moved his family here from Logantown last week and is occupying the McDermott property on Bishop street.

A food sale will be held by the Young Women's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon, October 6th, 1917, at the S. & H. premium parlors. Cakes, bread, pies and candy will be for sale.

The semi-annual rummage sale for the benefit of the Bellefonte hospital, will be held Saturday, October 13th, in the room in Bush Arcade, recently occupied by Doll's bakery. Contributions of clothing, house furnishings, house decorations and anything convertible into money, are solicited.

Jack Dawson, the veteran express agent on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home in Sunbury on Thursday of last week and has been in a critical condition ever since. Mr. Dawson was offered retirement on a pension last January but he declined, preferring to work as long as he was able.

The ladies bible class of the Lutheran church gave Miss Bella Confer a farewell gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eberhart on Tuesday evening. Miss Confer was a member of the class and the gathering was a complete surprise to her, coming right on the eve of her departure from Bellefonte. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Are you watching the white line on the window of George Carpeno's cigar store? The genial George has started a movement to provide smokes for the members of Troop L and anyone wishing to contribute can do so. Just as soon as the window is filled to the white line the cigars, cigarettes and tobacco will be boxed and shipped to the soldier boys.

The Christian Science Society, of Bellefonte, Pa., announces a free lecture on Christian Science by Virgil O. Strickler, C. S. B., of New York City, N. Y., member of the board of lecturership of the Mother church, the first Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., in the court house, Friday evening, October 12th, 1917, at 8 o'clock, and cordially invites the public to be present.

The Penn State football team was somewhat of a surprise last Saturday, even to the management, when it defeated the army ambulance team at Allentown by the score of 10 to 0. The army team was composed entirely of ex-college players but they lacked the team work that is attained only by practice. The State team is made up mostly of new players and two men emerged as stars in their first combat.

Nicolo Kotur, of Dauphin county, twice convicted of the murder of Yosep Bakic, of Steelton, on December 22nd, 1915, and who was refused a commutation of sentence by the Board of Pardons last week, was electrocuted at the Rockview penitentiary on Monday morning. Kotur was placed in the chair at 7:03 o'clock and after five contacts was pronounced dead by Dr. Robert J. Campbell at 7:10 o'clock.

The buckwheat crop in Centre county this year is one of the best grown in a long time. Most of the buckwheat raised is in Bald Eagle valley but some farmers in other parts of the county have fine fields. In fact J. J. Mattern, of Maternville, has a field on the side of Muncy mountain which he is willing to put up against any field in the county. The buckwheat is almost six feet high and has heads to correspond with the stalks.

Forty-six years is a long time to live in one place but that is the length of time Mrs. Thomas Dorris has resided in Cumberland, Md., but now, owing to the ill health of her daughter, Miss Emma Dorris, she has moved to Pittsburgh and taken up her residence there in the hope that the change will prove beneficial. Mrs. Dorris is one of the "Watchman's" esteemed subscribers and we seriously hope her wishes may be speedily gratified.

This cool weather makes a person think of buckwheat cakes and sausage, pumpkin pie and cider, and while you may not be able to get them all every day the scenic is open to you every evening and you'll no doubt relish its daily offering of motion pictures almost as much as a good meal. They are interesting, instructive and self-satisfying. Every evening something new, and every program so varied that something will be shown that will appeal directly to you.

How Bellefonte Soldiers Are Training in Camp.

An Interesting Letter Detailing the Life of Troop L at Camp Hancock.

(The "Watchman" this week is able to give its readers the first of what we hope will be a weekly series of letters depicting the interesting scenes and happenings of the daily life of Troop L at Camp Hancock. The letter is from the pen of Corp. Henry Keller and it is so piquant and entertaining that we know it will be read with a great deal of enjoyment by every person who is in any way interested in the welfare of the boys in the South.—Ed.)

(By Corp. Henry Keller.) Hdqrs. Troop L, 1st Pa. Cav. Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. October 3rd, 1917.

Editor "Democratic Watchman": For the past few days we have had a steady drizzling rain, and so far as drilling and other such work is concerned we have had little to do; consequently many of the boys have taken advantage of our enforced idleness and have gone into Augusta to become better acquainted with the southern people. Contrary to most reports, we have found them very hospitable, especially to members of our own Troop. Each church in town makes it a point to send a number of boys home to dinner on Sunday and to us, accustomed to camp fare, such a treat cannot be excelled. The thought of not having a mess kit to wash is, in itself, enough to take one into town Sunday mornings.

Very few of us have taken up the social side of Augusta as yet. At present our society leader is Sergeant Yeager, who has been present at several very nice dances, and he promises us many happy evenings when we are detailed to do our week's guarding at the arsenal, as we hope to do soon. Almost every evening, though, there is a dance or entertainment of some sort in town and as we are allowed fifteen passes each day, as a rule we have little difficulty in filling the required number.

The truck that the people of Bellefonte and community were so liberal in contributing to, has been of inestimable value. It always seems to be going on one errand or another, and Corp. Herbert Miller, the driver, is always willing to take a crowd into town.

Last Monday we underwent a very sad experience. Supply Sergeant J. H. Decker was given his honorable discharge, after serving the government faithfully for many years, and we were very sorry to lose him. While supply sergeant he did his best to please each man, and our memories of him will always be the most pleasant. As a token of our appreciation of his work, we all gathered together to give him a final send-off and to remember him all the more, we took his picture while he posed between Privates Dunlap and Joe Beezer.

Many of the boys have received boxes of "goodies" from home. All we can say is keep it up. Our food here is good and it is substantial, but we all agree that we like cakes and candies and such things, so friends, if you have any spare articles we surely will appreciate them. A few boxes of chicken have arrived and they were spoiled—being on the road too long. So what you send must not be of a perishable nature.

Just below our camp is the Y. M. C. A. tent. Three or four times a week they give entertainments for us and we surely enjoy them. One of the most regular attendants is Private John Steele, who says that the refined influence of the women performers takes the roughness out of the camp life.

Our work is very interesting. When the weather permits we work about eight hours a day. A large portion of this time is taken up in drilling, both mounted and dismounted. We also have three periods of physical culture exercise, and one hour each day is devoted to a lecture. The whole object of the camp seems to be to make us physically fit. In other words we are being put into perfect physical condition, for but one purpose, that is to get the Germans. Several of our lectures have been upon the bayonet, and we soon hope to take up that work. It is certainly fascinating, but there is no play connected with it. Each point taught is one step more showing us how to protect ourselves and kill our opponents.

The commanding officers favor recreation in the form of sports. They encourage base ball, foot ball, boxing, wrestling and leap-frog. Everything that will develop the nerve and self-reliance of the man, and also the muscles in his body. We have had many interesting boxing matches, but as yet have been unable to get Deppy Dunlap and Joe Beezer to put on the gloves.

On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons we have half holidays. Many of the boys take advantage of this time and go horseback riding around the country. We have seen many interesting sights and have enjoyed these rides very much.

Reveille sounds at 5:45 and those of us who cannot get out of bed at that hour find extra duty awaiting us at the wood pile. At present, from the looks of things, Private Cori will soon develop into an experienced woodsman. Men have been very busy with the electric lights of late, and now we have light in our mess hall and we expect to have it soon in our tents.

In all we are pretty much satisfied with our new life, for it is new to most of us, and we are enjoying the camp very much. Very few of us have

had any touch of home-sickness—in fact, I know of no one. Pay day will soon be around again. This fact is evident for tailor-made cigarettes are no longer in vogue, but we use instead the old stand-by "makings."

A few of us have been sick but nearly every one is feeling fine now. All the boys send their regards to all friends and we hope that everything is all right back in Bellefonte.

ICE CREAM AND "WATCHMANS" MUCH APPRECIATED. (The following communication was also received from Lieut. J. F. Harvey, of the Boal Machine Gun Troop which speaks for itself.)

Editor "Democratic Watchman": In behalf of the members of the Machine Gun Troop, I am writing to thank you for remembering us so kindly by such an appropriate treat. Of course your check more than covered the cost of ice cream for one meal, so the balance will be used to buy desserts again.

You may be sure that every man in the troop appreciates your kindness and your very evident interest in the boys from home. You probably have read something of the much heralded reorganization in our division and know by this time that our Machine Gun Troop is going to be taken from the First Cavalry and made a part of the 108th Machine Gun Battalion. Our troop will be transferred as a whole, and a sufficient number will be added from Company E of the Sixth Infantry to make up the required strength of 172 enlisted men and six officers. We will be designated as the 3rd company, 108th Machine Gun Battalion.

We shall certainly be sorry to leave the cavalry, where we have all made so many friends. And of course we are all more or less attached to the cavalry branch of the service, else we should have enlisted in some other. However, we are in the game to do our part and it matters little what our own likes or dislikes may be; we go where we are told and do our best wherever it may be.

In closing I want to thank you for the supply of "Watchmans" we are receiving regularly. Everyone surely appreciates them and looks forward to their arrival.

ITEMS OF INTEREST. Capt. David Dale, of the U. S. army medical corps, departed on Monday afternoon for the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., at which place he will probably be given orders assigning him to duty.

Second Lieut. Nicholas Vincent Taylor, who was ordered to report at Syracuse, N. Y., on October first, has been granted an additional twenty days furlough and has been spending most of the week in New York city.

Recorder William H. Brown, who is at the officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, is reported as being in the camp hospital with an attack of pneumonia, although his condition is not considered dangerous.

Friends at Mackeyville have received letters from Dr. John Hardenbaugh, of Millheim, who as a first lieutenant in the Ambulance Company No. 305, is undergoing a course of intensive training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, in which he says that he is extremely pleased with the camp, which he declares is so sanitary that a fly is a rare sight, and also with the course of instruction offered. As a practical demonstration of how well the camp life agrees with him, he adds that he has gained six pounds in two weeks.

More National Army Men to Leave. Centre county's second contingent of national army men, five per cent. of the total quota or six men, will be sent to Fort Meade tomorrow morning on the early train over the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad. The six men selected to go are as follows: Peter Lyons, Bellefonte.

Lewis A. Crader, State College. George F. Shawver, Martha. Victor H. Holt, Howard. Thomas A. Richard, Port Matilda. Jacob Ralph Lee, Spring Mills.

The War Library. The organizations that have contributed to this fund are as follows: Woman's Guild of the Episcopal church. Woman's Aid of the Presbyterian church. The Aid Society of the Reformed church. The Epworth League of the Methodist church. The Sunday school of the Evangelical church.

The Dorcas Society of the Roman Catholic church. The W. C. T. U. The Woman's Club. The Rebekah Lodge. The Bellefonte Academy. Out of Bellefonte money was raised at the Grange picnic and at Blanchard. A number of individuals have contributed either through their organizations or directly. All further contributions should be sent by Tuesday, October 9th. A full statement will then be sent to the papers for publication.

Mrs. ROBERT MILLS BEACH, Chairman.

Taking advantage of headmaster James P. Hughes' absence on a business trip in Williamsport on Monday, the students of the Bellefonte Academy clubbed together and raised a fund with which to purchase a new 12x20 foot flag for the Academy building. The action was entirely voluntary on their part and was taken without Mr. Hughes' knowledge, so that it was a very pleasant surprise to him when the announcement of what had been done was made upon his return home.

SECOND WEEK OF COURT.

Reuben Comley Gets Verdict Against Central Railroad of Pennsylvania.

The second week of court was very short, there being only one case for trial, that of Reuben T. Comley vs. The Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, being an action to recover damages for a team of horses and a wagon demolished when the same were run down on the crossing near the company's shops on October 28th, 1915. When the jury was secured in the above case on Monday all the other jurors were discharged.

The Comley case was on trial on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Comley, the day of the accident had driven down the back road past the Sunny-side linekilns with a two horse team and a load of flour. On the witness stand he testified that before crossing the Pennsylvania railroad at the old nail work's crossing he stopped his team, looked and listened for the train, and then drove across the bridge and failed to see the train on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania which was just pulling out on its afternoon trip to Mill Hall, until it was right upon the team. The train struck the off-side horse killing it outright and so badly injuring the other animal that it had to be killed. The wagon was drawn onto the pilot of the engine and carried some distance, being practically demolished, while he lost his load of flour. Mr. Comley was thrown out and sustained some injuries but nothing very serious. In his evidence he testified that he did not hear the train whistle for the crossing nor the bell. Two other witnesses who were driving teams in the same direction behind Mr. Comley testified that they did not hear the train whistle until it gave a warning signal when it was just in the act of running into the Comley team.

Witnesses for the railroad company testified that the engineer had sounded the customary whistle for the crossing and that the bell had been rung as usual. One witness also testified that he saw Mr. Comley just as he was driving off of the old nail work's bridge and called the conductor's attention to him, and the latter signalled the engineer to give the danger signal, as Mr. Comley was apparently unconscious of the train's approach. That the engineer gave the signal but Mr. Comley apparently didn't hear it.

In submitting the case to the jury Judge Quigley told them that if they found a verdict for the defendant they could figure in the value of the team which had been placed at \$500, the wagon \$60, the harness and the flour, and could allow Mr. Comley punitive damages for the injuries he received and the expense he incurred in being compelled to hire a man to do his work, the court, however, reserving the right of final decision on the points of law governing the case.

After due deliberation the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant in the sum of \$570. On Tuesday afternoon Hillary and May Viard, the married couple from Phillipsburg whose cases were heard last week, were called into court for sentence. Mrs. Viard, who had been convicted of larceny, was sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than three, while Mr. Viard, who plead guilty to keeping a disorderly house and assault and battery was sent to jail for a period of ten months on the first charge and one year on the latter.

Court adjourned finally on Tuesday afternoon. George Dayon, another Phillipsburger who was in jail for a minor offense, was paroled by Judge Quigley on Wednesday and given leave to go wherever his fancy might lead him.

INTERESTING COURT STATISTICS. Holding court in Centre county is a rather expensive procedure. For last week's session and the two days this week the County Commissioners paid out as pay to jurors, \$1037.60; witnesses, \$776.54; tipstaves, \$137.00. In addition to the above there were miscellaneous expenses. Of course the Menchio murder trial prolonged last week's session of court several days and a large part of the expense was connected with it. In fact prothonotary D. R. Foreman estimates that the Commonwealth expense of the trial was about \$600.

Two Hurt in Accident at Kelley and Wion Garage.

Leonard Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rhodes, and Frank Campani were hurt in an accident at the new Kelley and Wion garage about two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rhodes is now in the hospital and, although no bones are broken he is badly bruised and it is not yet known whether he is injured internally or not. Campani is cut and bruised but not seriously. The workmen were engaged in hoisting the first piece of structural iron for the roof at the south end of the building. When about half up a guy rope broke allowing the piece to swing and fall. Rhodes was on the ladder at the west side of the building, was knocked off and fell ten or more feet to the concrete wall and after striking it fell twelve feet to the bottom of the first story. Campani was at the other end of the building where the bricklayers are working and the jar of the fall knocked some bricks off the partly built chimney and they fell on him, knocking him into the basement.

All the structural iron at the south end of the building is badly bent and warped so that it will have to be taken down and straightened out. To do this will take some time and will cause a delay of from ten days to two weeks in the construction work.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. Harry Garber will leave today to return to New York.

Mrs. C. D. Casebeer and her daughter Betty returned from Somerset Saturday.

Col. Emanuel Noll spent two days this week in Altoona visiting his son, John L. Noll.

Miss Myrtle MacLeod, of west High street, is visiting with friends in Liverpool.

Mrs. Frank P. Blair went over to Curwensville last Friday to visit her son, Dr. H. A. Blair and family.

Harold Gardner came down from Altoona on Monday evening and spent the night with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gheen entertained Sunday Mr. Gheen's brother, Clarence Gheen and wife, of Bloomsburg.

George C. Butz, of State College, was at Cambridge, Mass. last week, going up for the Butz-Joyner wedding.

Mrs. Harry C. Yeager and Miss Jennie Irwin made a trip to Lewistown on Wednesday, returning home the same day.

The Misses Sara and Mildred Holt, of Moshannon are guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy Johnston.

Miss Mary Warfield joined her mother in Carlisle last week for a visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Linn Harris.

John G. Love Jr., left for Philadelphia on Monday to resume his studies in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania.

Senator Scott Leidy, of Marysville, Pa., has been a guest this week of his cousin, Mrs. Glending, at the Lutheran parsonage.

Rev. Charles H. Bishel, pastor of the Methodist church at Howard, was a business visitor in Bellefonte on Wednesday and paid this office a brief visit.

J. T. Merryman, of Bald Eagle, transacted business in Bellefonte on Monday. Mr. Merryman has charge of the state road work between Bald Eagle and Sandy Ridge.

Dr. M. A. Kirk left Bellefonte on Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Clearfield, Lybertown, and other parts of Clearfield county, intending to be away the most of the week.

Miles Morrison and J. O. Hartsock came over from Phillipsburg on Sunday to see the latter's brother, John Hartsock, who is slowly recovering from a spell of sickness.

James A. Fox, of Philadelphia, came to Bellefonte yesterday for the funeral services of his aunt, Mrs. Martin Cooney, which will be held in St. John's Catholic church this morning.

J. E. Erlenmeyer, with M. L. Erlenmeyer and wife, motored over from Liverpool and were over Sunday with Rev. MacLeod and family, at the United Brethren parsonage.

Hardman P. Harris and his mother, Mrs. Henry P. Harris, drove Wednesday to Harrisburg where Mrs. Harris will visit for an indefinite time with her sons there and at Reading.

Mrs. Charles Gilmour went to Williamsport Monday, intending to spend this week and next with friends there and in Philadelphia and in making a several day's visit at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Scott and her daughter, Miss Janet Scott, left early in the week for Pittsburgh, where they will spend the winter. Miss Scott has accepted a position in the library at Homewood.

After spending two weeks in Logantown visiting her brother and sister Mrs. Annie Forney returned to Bellefonte on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Forney makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Gheen, on east High street.

Samuel Tate, of Howard, came to Bellefonte Wednesday, expecting to spend two weeks with his niece, Mrs. Fetterhoff, and Mrs. Rachael Noll, of Pleasant Gap. During his stay here his family will visit at Strausburg.

Mrs. D. I. Willard went to Niagara Falls, Ontario, a week ago, for a short visit and to accompany Mrs. Milton Willard and her small daughter to Bellefonte today. Mrs. Milton Willard had been at her former home at Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell I. Gardner motored over from Clearfield on Sunday to look after a few business interests, returning home on Tuesday, as Mr. Gardner is kept quite busy looking after the book-keeping end of the Nickel-Alloy company at Hyde City.

After spending a week in Altoona visiting her brothers and other relatives Miss Betty Confer returned to Bellefonte on Monday and spent two days at the Eberhart home on north Penn street. On Wednesday she went to Howard for a day and yesterday left for Toronto, Can., where she will spend the winter with relatives.

Mrs. C. M. Bower is visiting in Williamsport with her sister, Mrs. Shook.

Phillip Reynolds has been home for a short visit preparatory to returning to Princeton.

C. C. Shney is spending several weeks looking after business in the eastern part of the State.

Mrs. Jonathan Miller, who has been visiting in Selingsgrove, is ill at the home of her sister.

Mrs. Samuel Harris, of Mill Hall, has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Harris this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daggett have been spending the week with their niece, Mrs. Malmard Murch Jr., in Cleveland.

Mrs. T. E. Mayes and her small daughter went to Johnstown Sunday to see Mrs. Mayes' brother before he left Sunday to go into service.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller have entertained Mrs. Miller's two nieces, the Misses Charabella and Margaret Horner, of Altoona, and Mrs. Austin Eckley, of Snow Sho.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Walker, Miss McCalmont, Miss Shortridge, and Miss Mary Gray Meek returned Wednesday from a visit to Philadelphia and a three days drive through the eastern part of the State.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Finley Bell with their daughter and son, Evelyn and Samuel, and Dr. Bell's mother, Mrs. William Bell, drove here from Englewood, N. J., Tuesday. Mrs. William Bell was returning from over a year's visit with her sons in New Jersey.

Mrs. John Hinman Gibson, of Rutherford, N. J., has been in Bellefonte during the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook. Mr. Gibson having been transferred to Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson anticipate leaving soon to make their home in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mallen, of Williamsport, having as motor guests Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mallen and their two daughters, took Mrs. Robert Roberts and her son to their home at Piedmont, W. Va. The party made the return drive to Centre county by way of Cumberland County.

Yesterday the Hon. Harry B. Scott, with Chas. S. Avery and M. Ward Fleming Esq., motored from Phillipsburg to this place and were joined here by Judge Quigley. The gentlemen then departed for Washington, D. C., where they expect to arrive for the closing sessions of Congress.

Dr. Mary Shaffer, of Altoona; Mrs. George Sellers, of Harrisburg; Mrs. Crossman, of Norrisstown, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Thompson and three children, of Elkhorst, W. Va., were all at State College the latter part of last week, meeting there as heirs in the settlement of the John I. Thompson estate.

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First Drill for Boys' Reserve.

Thirty-five boys between the ages of sixteen and twenty reported to Col. H. S. Taylor, at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last Friday evening for their first drill as members of the boys' working reserve. As stated some time ago in the "Watchman" Col. Taylor has been put in charge of the movement in Centre county of organizing all the boys between the ages of sixteen and twenty years into a boys' working reserve. He has secured men to take charge of the work in other parts of the county and he will personally look after it in Bellefonte and vicinity.

A thorough organization will be made and the boys enlisted similar to an enlistment for army service. They will be drilled in military tactics and as soon as possible a full line of officers selected from their own ranks. This in itself should give every boy an incentive to do his best. The fact that the organization is called a boys' working reserve does not mean that they will be called on at once to do any and all kinds of work. In fact they may never be called. Instead it means the building up of an organization of sturdy young manhood that will be ready and willing to respond in case such an emergency might arise. And the training they will be required to do will fit them admirably for anything they may be called upon to do. And in the present crisis the "Watchman" believes that every true American boy in the county has enough patriotism in his blood to make him give a ready response to this call for a united young manhood, and parents should take enough interest in it to discuss with their boys the necessity of such training and the good that they may thus be able to do their country.

Mrs. M. C. Gephart will sell at greatly reduced prices her entire stock of exclusive underwear, corsets, stockings and shirtwaists. Owing to Mrs. Gephart having arranged to leave Bellefonte as soon as possible, this reduction sale will begin at once. 62-39

For Sale.—Good cider barrels. Inquire of D. Wagner Geiss. 39-1f

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Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by R. S. Brouse, Grocer. The prices quoted are those paid for produce.

Bellefonte Grain Markets. The following are the quotations up to six o'clock Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press.

Philadelphia Markets. The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening.