

STEAM PLANT WILL NOT SHUT DOWN.

The Management Gives Assurance of an Ample Supply of Coal in Sight.

Bellefonte got a real, good chilling on Tuesday when the coal supply of the Bellefonte Steam Heating company gave out and they were unable to secure enough to start up on until about four o'clock in the afternoon. Naturally there has been considerable uneasiness on the part of steam heat users as to what the outcome will be, and for this reason we willingly publish the following statement from the management of the company:

December 18, 1917.
Editor of the "Watchman":
In response to the urgent request of two of our local newspapers to give them a written statement for publication of the Bellefonte Light & Heat company, especially with reference to a coal supply, we beg to submit the following: During the past summer when thoughts of running the plant for the service of the community were being entertained, the management undertook to secure a reliable supply of coal from mines which would be controlled by their business associates and in accordance with this thought secured a lease upon a large and valuable coal property in the county of Indiana, purchased a mine in the county of Cambria, and began developing a small one near Snow Shoe.

These operations were begun in plenty of time under normal conditions to insure an abundant supply of coal for the local plant; but in view of the unexpected and innumerable delays in getting material and contracts through with the railroads, it became evident in September that the arrangement must for a short time be made for its coal from other sources. An arrangement was therefore made with four different companies which would have again guaranteed sufficient fuel under normal conditions. The largest and best producer notified us in October of his abandoning the business on account of the price fixed by the government; two others discontinued entirely on account of car shortage; the fourth is delivering about fifty per cent. of the coal contracted for. Notwithstanding this situation, had the usual weather conditions prevailed, especially in October and December, the management would still have had coal enough, but though we have been paying in some instances double the wholesale price even now prevailing it has been simply impossible to obtain enough of coal to satisfactorily run the plant until the supply from mines above referred to can be depended upon.

Two of these mines are ready to ship coal. Contracts have been made for the digging of the fuel, and siding and tipples and the entire coal producing plant installed in each instance. These mines started with an initial productive capacity of seven or eight times the requirements of our local plant. It will take a few days, possibly, to obtain a car distribution from the railroads, as these mines are situated on two different lines. After cars are being shipped it will take a few days before they begin to come in regularly. There seems to be no doubt that the steam plant will have the first time in its history, of an independent, reliable and ample supply of good coal.

Up to this time the management has been operating at a very considerable loss, but has been so operating with the expectation of demonstrating to the community that it could give an adequate supply of heat under even these abnormal conditions and thus win back a full and generous support from the town. The delay of all their plans with regard to fuel has prevented such a demonstration, and for this reason no canvass has been made as was intended. The situation, though largely cleared as to the future fuel supply is this, that if the citizens of Bellefonte will give a pecuniary support that will almost cover barely the actual cost of operation, the plant will continue to furnish heat and in a few days gas.

Very respectfully,
H. T. MANN, Manager.

War Department Exempts State College Engineers.

Engineering students at The Pennsylvania State College have been granted virtual exemption from the selective draft so that they may complete their studies. The ruling was made by Secretary of War Baker on the grounds that these technical students are military assets of the future. Upon graduation they may be called into service immediately as enlisted men of the engineer reserve. This provision will enable the engineers to enter the line of work for which they are best suited. The War Department's ruling will affect about 6,000 students in seventeen recognized engineering schools and colleges. At Penn State there are approximately 400 engineering students who will be exempted so that they may finish their courses.

Cullings from the Court Calendar.

The case of William Blausler vs. F. A. Carson, for trespass, occupied the time of the court last Thursday and Friday. It was an action to keep open an alley leading over the property to that of the defendant. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of six dollars, subject to the questions of law reserved by the court.

Judge A. W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, presided at the court held on Monday and Tuesday when the case of George Lewis, Laura Hammer, Blair Lewis and Sallie Cartwright vs. Molly Merriman and J. T. Merriman, executors of Benjamin Crain, deceased, was taken up. The case was an action of ejectment to decide the title to a piece of property in Taylor township. A verdict was rendered in favor of the defendant.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

(Continued from page 8, Col. 6.)

—Mrs. Etta R. Leathers, of Howard, was in Bellefonte Wednesday evening doing some Christmas shopping.

—Mrs. Theodore Gordon will leave tomorrow to spend Christmas and the month of January in the home of her daughter, Mary and Emma Graham, in Lewisport.

—Allen Hoy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Hoy, is packing his furniture in expectation of going to Pittsburgh, where he has accepted a position with the Mesta Machine company.

—Miss Macconaghie, who had been a guest of her cousin and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. McKinney, left Tuesday for New York, expecting to sail very soon for her home in Scotland.

—Mrs. Mary Goss and her nephew, Samuel Tate, of Pine Grove Mills, spent yesterday in Bellefonte shopping and visiting Harold Tate, who is in the Bellefonte hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Heman Gibson will arrive in Bellefonte tomorrow night to be with Mrs. Gibson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook, for Christmas. Mrs. Gibson will then return to Chicago. Mrs. Gibson remaining for several weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shuey will celebrate Christmas with their entire family as guests. Mr. and Mrs. Donachy and their two children coming from Kingston; Miss Anna Shuey, from Mount Carmel, N. Y., and Miss Sara, from Williamsport.

—Ex-Sheriff Cyrus Brungard, of Centre Hall, was in Bellefonte on a business trip on Wednesday and paid his respects to the "Watchman." Time seems to be dealing gently with the ex-sheriff as he appears as rugged and vigorous now as he was twenty years ago.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gearhart and James A. Fox will celebrate Christmas day with Mrs. Gearhart's and Mr. Fox's mother, Mrs. Joseph Fox. The men will return to Philadelphia immediately after Christmas, leaving Mrs. Gearhart to visit for a month in Bellefonte.

—Miss Daise Keichline returned from Chambersburg yesterday, to join the Christmas family party which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Keichline, are expecting to entertain. Dr. John M. Keichline, of Petersburg, with Mrs. Keichline and their five children, and Edward Keichline, of Renovo, will all be members of the party.

—Merchant John H. Beck, of Snyderstown, was in town yesterday and when we told him of the sugar famine here we noticed a peculiar smile fit over his face. It turned out that Mr. Beck is one of the fortunate merchants who has a fair supply of the much sought after commodity so that his patrons about Snyderstown will be taken care of. Besides, the Nittany valley roads are snowed up so badly that none of us can get down there to pesther some of it out of him.

—The ice men are now harvesting eight and nine inch ice but a few days like yesterday will spoil the cutting.

—Fruit cake, nut cake, pound cake and fancy cakes, mince pies and plum pudding for Christmas.—Ceader's Bakery. 50-1t

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With the Churches of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Christian Science society, Furst building, High street, Sunday service 11 a. m. Sunday school 9:45. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. To these meetings all are welcome. A free reading-room is open to the public every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4. Here the Bible and Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. Subject, December 23rd, "If the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

St. John's church (Episcopal). Services for the week beginning December 23: Fourth Sunday in Advent, services as usual at 8 and 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. 11 a. m., "How Shall We Celebrate the Birthday of Christ?" 7:30 p. m., "A Christmas Offering for Armenian-Syrian Relief." Monday, Christmas eve, 5 p. m., Evensong. 11:45 p. m., Midnight Eucharist with a procession and brief sermon (enlarged choir and splendid music). Tuesday, Christmas day, 7:30 and 10:30 a. m., celebration of the Holy Eucharist. 5 p. m., Evensong. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a. m., Holy Eucharist. Friday evening, 7:30, in the parish house, the children of the church school and choir will present a mystery play of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday, December 30, services as usual. 7:30 p. m. Festal service of Christmas music. The public is cordially invited to take part in the Christmastide devotions of this church. Rev. M. DeP. Maynard, Rector.

During the cold weather, the services of St. John's Reformed congregation will be held in the chapel. Next week's services are as follows: Sunday morning 10:45 sermon "The Promised Messiah." Children's Christmas festival will be held Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Early service of praise Christmas morning at 6:45. Special music will be sung at all of these services.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, the approaching Sunday will be given to services suitably commemorating the Advent of our Lord and Saviour. At the morning hour of worship the pastor will preach the Christmas sermon, and in the evening a large place will be given to Christmas music. The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school will be held on Christmas evening. A fine program is in preparation. You are all cordially invited. The offering at all these services will be devoted to the relief of Armenian and Syrian sufferers.

In the Presbyterian church, Sunday, December 23rd, at 10:45 a. m. the following program will be rendered: Organ—Maestoso McDowell Anthem—"The First Christmas Morn" Stults Violin Solo—Selected Mrs. Louis Schach Sermon—"The Birth of Christ." Evening Service—7:30.

Christmas. A Cantata entitled "The Holy Night" by Ashford, will be rendered by an augmented choir.

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Gen. Muir to Command Pennsylvania Division.

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Major General Charles H. Muir, recently assigned to command the 162nd infantry brigade at Camp Jackson, S. C., has been designated as the new commander of the Pennsylvania national guard division.

General Muir is fifty-five years old, has seen thirty-two years' service in the regular army and was in the Philippine insurrection and Spanish-American war. The new division commander served from 1899 to 1908 as a captain. On March 24, 1908, he was commissioned a major in the Twenty-third infantry, which commission he held until January 11, 1914, when he was elevated to the rank of lieutenant colonel, but was unassigned.

His Portion.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Daniel Hall, late of Unionville borough, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted to the same are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same must present them duly authenticated for settlement.
SARAH J. HALL, J. EUGENE HALL, Administrators, Unionville, Pa. 62-50-9t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Harry W. Tate, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate must present the same duly authenticated for settlement.
MARY M. TATE, Administrator, Bellefonte, Pa. 62-47-6t

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Martha Alicks Johnson, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted thereto are hereby requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same must present them, duly authenticated, for payment.
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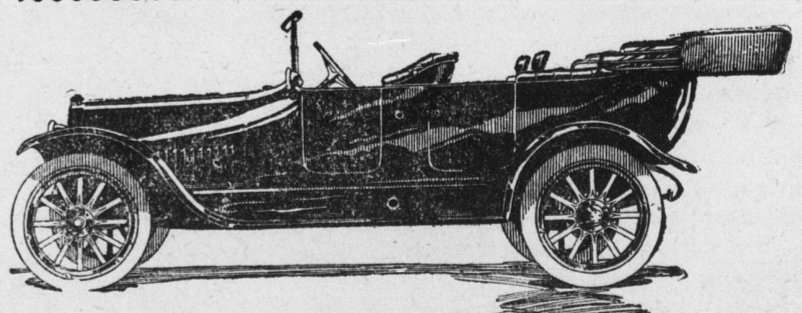
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