#### Looking at Our Milk Problem from Two Sides.

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The question of the milk supply for Bellefonte, which was brought to public attention by the "Watchman" several weeks ago, has developed so many sides in the discussions that have followed that we herewith present a few statistics that may prove of value in forming fair conclusions. As we stated when first discussing the matter there is just as much, if not more, milk in the vicinity of Bellefonte as there ever was, but this fact does not preclude the possibility of a famine in the product here; for the reason that farmers will sell the product of their herds in the best market and the increasing scarcity of farm help is likely to make the easiest market the best market. That is to say a farmer can much more profitably sell his milk at his door to a condensary or cheese factory truck than he can haul it to a distributing dairyman, two or three miles distant, even if he should get a cent or so more a quart for doing so. But the condensary and the cheese factory offer the same price as the milk-man and we therefore have a problem confronting us that is more serious than some people seem able to discern.

Either one of two things must happen. The farmer must take less for his milk or the milk-man must raise

Is it fair to ask the farmer to scale down? Will the milk-man be justifled in raising his price to the consumer? Let us give you a few facts from which you can make your own deductions and answer the question for

From the farmer's or producer's standpoint it is a question of cost of production and a reasonable margin

of profit. In January, 1908, ten years ago, milk was sold on Bellefonte streets at 6 cents per quart and cream at 20 cents. At that time the market price of the grains and feeds necessary to the upkeep of the herd were quoted

Oats					.50 per	bu
Hay				15.	.00 per	ton
				9		
Chop				31	.00 per	ton
				27.		
Com	merci	al Ca	ttle F	ood32	.00 per	ton
Ag	gland	e at	the	market	repor	cts in
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show	you	that	toda	y these	same	food

.....75 per bu 
 Oats
 .75 per bu

 Hay
 .28.50 per ton

 Straw
 .14.00 per ton

 Chop
 .68.00 per ton

 Bran
 .44.00 per ton

 Commercial Cattle Foods.55.00 per ton

Now, if ten years ago the farmer was making a reasonable profit sellday he sells it at 6 cents and 7 cents cantonments. the quart? Add to the above very great increase in the cost of feeding officers: President, H. Walton Mitchhis herd the known increase he has ell, Pittsburgh; vice president, J. G. for labor and try to be fair in your White, New York; secretary, Edwin judgment and we think you will ad- E. Sparks; treasurer, D. W. Peet, mit that the farmer can't lower his State College. Executive committee,

question.

Ten years ago, when he was selling milk on our streets at 6 cents per quart, he was operating on a gross margin of 3 cents per quart. He is doing the same thing today, if he is paying 7 cents for the milk and selling it at 10 cents. But you say he is not paying 7 cents yet. In some cases only he is not, but neither is he selling all of his milk at 10 cents. His public institutions, hotels, restaurants as low as 82 cents, so that his aver-3 cents.

The largest sales of any of the local milkmen do not exceed 250 quarts per day and taking the largest for illustration his gross receipts could not be in excess of \$7.50 per horse and wagon, pay his own wage, that of a boy-helper, replace broken bottles, buy caps at \$27.00 a barrel that once were \$9, be constantly in danger of pure food law fines if some one puts thin milk on him without his knowledge and smile at the tongue-lashings he gets at many backdoors if he doesn't arrive there in time for the milk to be used at breakfast, even though he has been up since 4 a. m. on a morning 16 degrees below zero and fighting his way through two feet of snow.

That's the biggest milkman's case fairly stated. Can he do what he is doing for what he is getting out of it? Take the one who sells only 125 quarts. His gross income is only \$4.50 per day. You say if he can do it at \$4.50 per day the big fellow is making money at \$7.50. No such thing, The little fellow is losing monhe finds it out then Bellefonte will

have to sit up and take notice. It must be admitted that the promilkman's supply is going to dry up good attendance is desired.

gradually unless he adds to his alhim to do at the present prices.

The farmer, as three of them are

#### Bellefonte Strictly Observed the Clos- church worker. ing Order.

industries in this section (with the ex- in Kansas. ception of their kilns) closed down

in town except the meat markets un- etery. til noon, the grocery stores until 5:30, the drugstores, the pool rooms and the picture shows, were closed tight. All the hotels observed the order by keeping their bars closed and cigar case locked. The pool rooms and motion picture shows closed on Tuesday.

exempt from closing the "Watchman" thereby doing its part in conserving the fuel at the State-Centre Electric company, from which plant we draw all the power used as well as electricity for our typesetting machine.

Just what the Monday closing of business places in Bellefonte will mean would be pretty hard to figure out, but it will probably result in the saving of several tons of coal a day, L., in training at Camp Lee, Va.; and this amount will tide quite a number of families over a twenty-four hour cold spell.

been closed for the week.

have closed their mill on account of the scarcity of coal and the uncertainty of freight shipments. The duration of the shut-down will depend entirely on the fuel and railroad condi-

#### State College to Become Government Training Grounds.

May 1 and use the grounds and equip- For twelve years he was employed in stuffs command the following prices: made by government representatives: job and he returned to the home of It was met with unanimous approval. The Board decided to close the regular courses April 30, instead of mid-June.

The government proposes to give ing his milk, as he did at 2 cents and machine repair, engineering, road Houserville; Robert A., of Tyrone, 3 cents a quart to the milkman, is he building and other branches. The and George C., of Axe Mann. He was still making a reasonable profit if to- men will be brought from southern

E. S. Bayard, Pittsburgh; M. W. Will the milkman have to raise his Lowry, Scranton; Vance C. McCorprice to his customers? Let us pass mick, Harrisburg; H. W. Mitchell, honest judgment on his side of the Pittsburgh; Judge Ellis L. Orvis, Bellefonte; J. F. Shields, Philadelphia, and H. V. White, Bloomsburg.

### Pennsylvania Officers Discharged.

Just thirty-one officers of the Twenty-eighth division, the old Pennsylvania National Guard, were discharged from the United States service during the past week. Among the number were Capt. H. Laird Curtin bulk-milk, constituting a very large and Capt. S. M. Huff, both of Bellepercentage of his daily sales, goes to fonte. Capt. Curtin was at home at the time recovering from an attack of the grip and the first intimation he age gross margin is actually less than had of his discharge was through a telegram received at noon on Saturday saying that he had been given an honorable discharge effective January 18th. No further explanation was forthcoming.

day. Out of this he must maintain a ceived that Capt. Huff was also Wibley and was born at Cedarville go to Augusta to see him, as he was of Avon. He was a member of the and naturally will not go now.

from Camp Hancock on Tuesday on a Hall cemetery. ten day's furlough, he being one of the officers retained up to this time.

#### Annual Meeting of Centre County Threshermen.

The annual meeting of the Centre county Threshermen and Farmers' Protective association will be held in house, Bellefonte, on Saturday, January 26th, at 9:30 a. m., at which ey and doesn't know it. And when time the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place and other important business transacted. A member of the State Threshermen's producer is not going to haul his milk association will be present and adto the distributor when he can get the dress the meeting on some questions one of the principal speakers at a afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Samuel same price at his door therefore the of vital interest to the members. A meeting of the Democratic club of Martin, after which burial was made ter, a rapid recovery for both being they will give for the benefit of the

STRUBLE.-Mrs. Elizabeth ready large expense account by going Struble, wife of Watson Struble, died to the farmers himself for his milk at her home in State College last Friand this it is utterly impossible for day, following a lingering illness with

a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of Jonathan now doing, can bring his milk to town and Mary Cramer and was born at and sell it at 10 cents per quart, thus Pleasant Gap on January 30th, 1850. saving the distributor's profit, but hence was not quite sixty-eight years can any farmer, day in and day out, old. She was married to Mr. Struwith help as scarce as it is, afford to ble on November 26th, 1871, and most make a round trip of from 3 to 6 of their married life was spent on a miles, to add not more than 90 cents farm in Benner township but the past a day to the value of a product that few years they had lived in State Colhe can dispose of at his door. We lege. She was a member of the Lutheran church all her life and up until her recent illness was a consistent

She was the mother of twelve children, eight of whom with her husband In accordance with the order of Fu- survive, namely: Mrs. W. M. Fishel Administrator Garfield requiring burn and Harry Struble, of Belleall non-essential manufacturing in- fonte; Oscar, of Buffalo Run; Bruce dustries to close for five days begin- and Clyde, of Houserville; Mrs. Harning Friday morning, the Abramsen ry Benner, of Lemont; Harry and Engineering company, the Titan Met- Fearon, of State College. She also al company, the Pennsylvania Match leaves a brother and sister. Joseph Company and the various limestone Cramer and Mrs. Myra Frazier, both

Funeral services were held at her tight and kept closed the specified late home at 10:30 a.m. on Monday by Rev. W. H. Traub, after which she On Monday all the business places was laid to rest in the Pine Hall cem-

FRANTZ.-Following a brief illness with pneumonia Britton L. Frantz, Pennsylvania railroad ticket agent and postmaster at Bald Eagle, died at 9:20 o'clock on Saturday morning. He was a son of the late While the newspaper offices were Mr. and Mrs. Abram Frantz and was born at Port Matilda on February office did not turn a wheel of any kind, 15th, 1869, hence was a little less than forty-nine years old. When nineteen years old he started to work as a brakeman on the Bald Eagle Vallev railroad and in May, 1897, was anpointed agent at Bald Eagle, a position he filled ever since.

Twenty years ago he married Miss Bertha Johnstonbaugh who survives with the following children: Horace Maude R., Ruth A., Ralph R. and Marie A., all at home. He also leaves four brothers, William and Zane, of Owing to the shortage of coal all Pittsburgh; John, of Bigler, and Pethe public schools in Bellefonte have ter, in California. He was a member of the Bald Eagle Grange and Good The Bellefonte Lumber company Will Council No. 42, Jr. O. U. A. M. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made at Bald Eagle.

MILLER.-Levi E. Miller died on Monday at the home of his parents at Axe Mann following an illness of some weeks. He was a son of George W. and Ellen E. Miller and was born At the annual meeting of the Board in Benner township on December 21st, of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State 1870, making his age 47 years, 1 College held at Harrisburg on Mon- month and 1 day. When a young man day a proposition to have the federal he learned the carpenter trade, an ocgovernment take over State College cupation he followed most of his life. ment for the development of 1,100 en- the P. R. R. shops, Altoona, but ill listed men scheduled for France, was health compelled him to give up his his parents.

In 1903 he was married to Miss Grace L. Hanley, of Altoona, who died in 1909. He is survived, however, by one daughter, Mildred, of Altoona; the men it sends to State College a his parents, one sister and two brothspecial course in automobile driving, ers, namely: Mrs. Mary Shuey, of a member of the P.O.S. of A. Funeral services will be held in the church The trustees elected the following at Axe Mann at 10:30 o'clock this morning, after which burial will be made in the Shiloh cemetery.

> KREBS.—Barbara Krebs, a representative of one of the old-time famiber of the Lutheran church and Rev.

WIBLEY.-Frederick Wibley, who has been an invalid the past five years, died at his home at Struble at noon last Friday, just ten days after the death of his mother. He was the Early this week word was also re- eldest child of David and Catharine among the officers discharged from fifty-nine years ago. Most of his life service. That his discharge was very had been spent at State College. He unexpected is shown by the fact that is survived by his wife, who before just last Friday Mrs. Huff received a her marriage was Miss Emma Mcletter from her husband asking her to Bath, and one sister, Mrs. John Wolf, likely to be sent abroad any day. Lutheran church and an exemplary Fortunately she had not started on citizen in every way. The funeral the trip on account of the weather, was held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon. Rev. W. H. Traub officiat-Lieut. Claude W. Smith came home ed and burial was made in the Pine

ALLPORT .- J. Crammond Allport, a brother of Mrs. Matilda Dale, of this place, died at his home near Warrenton, Va., last Friday, aged eighty-five years. He was a son of James and Matilda Allport and was born near Morrisdale. He was married to Miss Mary Jane Morrison, of the grand jury room in the court Philipsburg, who died several years ago. Surviving him, however, are four daughters and one son. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Dale and Mrs. M. A. Berger, of Patsonville, Md. Burial was made at Warrenton, Va.

Philadelphia on February 12th.

# Here is Your Opportunity!

## Good Reading at Small Cost.

We have had so many inquiries recently as to whether the Watchman would continue the Magazine Clubs it used so satisfactorily last year that we have completed arrange- mittees for the ensuing two years by ments whereby we can again offer our readers and the public in general the clubs grouped below at the low prices

Select the Club you prefer, mail or bring the price quoted to the Watchman office, Bellefonte, Pa., stating the address to which you want the paper and magazines mailed and you will be assured of a selection of reading matter that will give you all the local news of the county, a lot of delightful fiction, house-hold hints, fashions and scientific information.

These offers are open to any subscriber to the Watchman and others who may desire to become subscribers. No mat- oath of E. J. Gehret as borough treaster to what date your subscription to this paper is already urer and also read a communication paid if you send the price of the Club you prefer your credit from H. J. Thompson, of the Statehere will be extended one year more and the magazines will the repairs be made to the two pumps date from the time your remittance is received.

Owing to the fact that the prices of large, illustrated publications, such as are included in these Clubs are continually has to be kept in continuous operation advancing we can hold this offer open only a limited time.



The Watchman and Home Life, 1 year The Watchman and McCalls, 1 year The Watchman and The Peoples Home Journal 1 year 1.91 The Watchman and Woman,s World, 1 year -The Watchman and To-day's Housewife, 1 year -The Watchman and Farm and Fireside, 1 year 1.65 The Watchman and The Tri-Weekly World, 1 year

last week contained a brief notice of at the home of his parents, Mr. and lies of Ferguson township, died at the the sudden death of Dorsey Cronister, Mrs. Carl D. Motz, at Woodward, last number of wash rags, sponges and home of E. T. Parsons, near Meek's who fell dead in a store in Tyrone on Saturday morning following an illness tray-cloths. During October, Novemchurch, on January 12th, following a Wednesday evening. He was a son of some months with a complication ber and December we have been doing stroke of paralysis. She was a of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cronister and of diseases. He was born on August all kinds of knitting for our boys, daughter of the late David and Sarah was born at Centre Line, this county, 27th, 1897, hence was less than twen-who need it so sorely. Up to January Kogen Krebs and was born at White on March 28th, 1842, hence was in his ty-one years old. Before he had at- 1st, 1918, we had finished 20 sweaters, Hall on March 9th, 1851. Her entire seventy-fourth year. He served durtained the age of sixteen years he 6 mufflers and 12 pairs of wristlets. life was spent in that vicinity. She ing the Civil war as a member of went to Akron, Ohio, and got a po- There are 8 sweaters and 8 mufflers is survived by two children, Mrs. Company C, 22nd Penna. cavalry, sition in the peoples Savings and out, which are not quite finished. Archey Laird and Mrs. E. T. Parsons, participated in a number of battles Trust company where he worked four She also leaves one brother, Thomas, and spent six months or more in con- and a half years until failing health by by women who live on farms, and of Tyrone, and two sisters, Emma and federate prisons. Returning from the compelled him to quit work. He was farmers' wives can appreciate what it Margaret. She was a life-long mem- war he went to work for the Pennsyl- a member of the Calvary Evangelical has meant to these women to do this Victor Nearhoof had charge of the the rank of an engineer, running on who had the confidence and respect of the amount of work a country woman funeral which was held on January the Tyrone division many years. He all who knew him. 15th, burial being made in Meek's quit the railroad six years ago and Less than a year ago he was united scarcity of labor. Besides the knit-Miss Nancy Nearhoof and they celebrated their golden wedding January member of Battery A, Eleventh field o'clock on Saturday morning after the Union cemetery at Woodward. which the remains were taken to Cen-

tre Line for interment. HOLMES .- Mrs. Emily McKibben Holmes, widow of James Holmes, died at her home at State College last Friday afternoon, after a long illness with heart trouble and dropsy. She was born in Clinton county on

January 22nd, 1837, hence was within four days of being eighty-one years old. She was married to Mr. Holmes in the fall of 1856, and a portion of their married life was spent on the farm near State College. Thirty years ago they quit the farm and moved to State College. She was a member of the Presbyterian church from girlhood and a good, christian woman. Her husband died some years ago but surviving her are the following children: Dr. Robert E., of Harrisburg; Mrs. Mary Diehl, Mrs. J. B. Martin, I. C., John L., Hamill and James, all of State College, and Miss Mabel, at home.

Funeral services were held at her -Col. J. L. Spangler is booked as late home at two o'clock on Monday in the Branch cemetery.

CRONISTER. — The "Watchman" MOTZ.—George Dewey Motz died

ter, of Warriorsmark, and a sister, lough and arrived home on Wednes- we increased our number from 24 to Mrs. Harriet Beck, of Rochelle, Ill. day. The funeral was held yester- 101, or a little more than quadrupling Funeral services were held at ten day morning, burial being made in our original number. Besides the

Steinberg Store at Pleasant Gap Sold.

The Steinberg store at Pleasant Gap, which was offered at bankrupt sale some time ago and for which a bid of but \$1,400 was received, was When the first sale was held the bid night. made was not nearly large enough to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mallory are reto refuse the bid and have another old. sale, on condition that if no larger | Word came to Bellefonte this week bid could be obtained the store was to of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. go to the original bidder.

he advertised the sale for Tuesday Miss Mary Crider. with the result that a bid of \$2,600 was received and the store was sold. The sale drew quite a number of peo- day appointed Col. W. Fred Reynolds, ple to Pleasant Gap who were looking of Bellefonte, ordnance officer of the for bargains but the Eastern Auction new Pennsylvania reserve militia house outbid them all.

-Mrs. James D. Seibert and Joseph L. Montgomery, both of whom ing the past week, are very much betlooked for.

Brief Meeting of Borough Council.

Though the first regular meeting of the new borough council was held on Monday evening it was of brief duration, owing to the atmosphere of the council chamber, which was not conducive to a long-winded session or the health of the members present. The first thing of importance was the announcement of the standing compresident Walker, as follows, the first named on each being the chairman:

Finance-Brockerhoff, Richard, Flack. Street-Harris, Brockerhoff, Richard. Water-Seibert, Brouse, Cunningham. Fire and Police-Flack, Seibert, Cuningham. Market-Cunningham, Brouse, Cherry

Sanitary-Brouse, Cherry, Harris. Village Improvement-Cherry, Richard

Special-Richard, Brockerhoff, Harris, Seibert, Brouse

There were no verbal communications. Secretary Kelly presented the as soon as possible, inasmuch as the necessary parts are now here, in order to relieve the electric pump which to keep the reservoir full. The matter was referred to the Special committee to confer with the State-Centre company and have the work done as soon as possible.

The Street committee reported that the men were all engaged now in keeping crossings and pavements clean of snow.

The Water committee reported two more fire hydrants repaired on Bish op street, and that the hydrants were now all in good condition.

A petition was presented by residents of east Lamb street asking for a light at the intersection of the alley and Lamb street at the rear of the Hastings property, and the same was referred to the Street committee. The borough treasurer's salary was

fixed at \$300 a year. On recommendation of the Water committee the Christian Science society was exonerated of the \$5.00 water tax assessed against their rooms in

the Furst building. The chairman of the Street committee asked the newspapers to request property owners to clean the snow off the pavements and out of the gutters, especially through the lower streets of the town, otherwise if a breakup should come suddenly they are liable to have their cellars flooded because of the damming up of the water. Bills to the amount of \$230.28 were

#### Report of the Lemont Red Cross Auxiliary.

approved and council adjourned.

The first meeting of the Lemont Red Cross Auxiliary of the State College Chapter was held at the Presbyterian church at Lemont, on Thursday evening, July 5th, 1917. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Edwin Sparks, of State College. Mrs. D. A. Grove was appointed chairman; Mrs. F. L. Mayes, vice chairman; Luella \$1.69 Dale, secretary, and E. C. Ross as 1.91 treasurer. That evening we were only able to secure twenty-four members. These twenty-four went to 1.77 work and the following Thursday had 1.91 our first meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at Lemont.

During the months of July, August 2.15 and September we knitted surgical wipes and wash rags. We also made towels and pillow cases, and turned over to the State College Chapter 150 towels, 40 pillow cases and quite a

This work has been done principalvania railroad company and rose to church of Akron and a young man work; for farmer's wives alone know is compelled to do on account of the since then had worked at the paper in marriage to Miss Isabella Smith, ting and sewing, the country women mill in Tyrone. He was married to of Akron, who survives with his par- are producing many kinds of food and ents and one brother, Earl Motz, a doing work intended only for men. So I do not think any just judge 3rd. In addition to his wife he is sur- artillery, stationed at Fort Douglass, would say the rural woman lacks pavived by one brother, George Cronis- Arizona, but who is now off on a fur- triotism. During the Christmas drive

work we have done we have turned over to the State College Chapter \$93.25. Respectfully submitted, LUELLA DALE, Sec'y.

BIRTHS.

A little girl was born to Mr. sold on Tuesday to the Eastern Auc- and Mrs. Millard Hartswick, at the tion house, of Philadelphia, for \$2,600. Bellefonte hospital on Wednesday

cover the liabilities so the creditors ceiving congratulations on the birth petitioned the referee in bankruptcy of a daughter, who is less than a week

Charles Kirby Rath, of Rahway, N. J. Homer Barnes was the trustee and Mrs. Rath was well known here as

---Governor Brumbaugh on Tueswhich is now being organized, with the rank of major.

---Sixty Academy students are were thought to be seriously ill dur- now hard at work practicing for their annual minstrel entertainment which Red Cross. Watch for the date.