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MANY WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTED.

Work Done by Inspector Deemer T. Pearce During 1917.

Any person who thinks the position of inspector of weights and measures in Centre county is a soft job can easily have his mind disabused of that fact by glancing over the work done by inspector Deemer T. Pearce during the year 1917. All told he examined just 646 scales and measures, which would be an average of over two a day in the year, and to do this he had to travel all over Centre county. Of the above number 525 were found correct and sealed, fifty were adjusted and 67 were found incorrect and condemned. There were two prosecutions during the year, but the reason for same was not given. Following is a statement of the work done:

	Cor and Svd	Incor and Cd'd	Adj
Mine scales.....	12	4	3
Hopper scales.....	4	9	1
Wagon scales.....	17	9	1
Other platform scales.....	50	10	1
Counter scales.....	29	8	1
Spring balances.....	7	3	1
Beam scales.....	4	1	5
Computing scales.....	62	1	9
Dry measures.....	13	13	
Liquid measures.....	41	10	
Milk jars.....	40		
Gas pumps.....	17	2	6
Yard sticks.....	6		
Avotridupois weights.....	239	6	23
Total.....	529	67	50

Among the Soldier Boys.

A. Linn McGinley Jr., arrived home very unexpectedly on Tuesday evening and brought with him a story of good luck that is very gratifying to his parents and friends. The young man was among the first bunch of High school boys to enlist early last summer for service in the navy and has evidently made good on the job. Recently the Navy Department decided to reward those patriotic and ambitious young men who were quick to respond when there was a call for service by sending them to Annapolis. In order to make the selection a competitive one one thousand young men were selected and sent to their homes, on full pay, to spend two months in study and on April 15th they will report to Annapolis for examination and the one hundred ranking highest will be assigned to Annapolis for a three year's course. Young McGinley was one of eight selected from the battleship Minnesota and he will at once enter the High school for a two month's course in study of the special branches assigned. Naturally all his friends hope he will make good and secure the much-coveted appointment.

Willard Eckel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Eckel, returned home on Sunday evening from Camp Hancock, having been discharged from the 108th gun troop on account of his age, he being less than seventeen years old.

Beware of the Itinerant Peddler.

One day last week a stranger of decidedly foreign nativity canvassed Bellefonte selling small packages of sachet powder. Unlike most peddlers he did not have a grip or package of any kind but carried the powder done up in small envelopes in his coat pocket and became very indignant when the lady of the house refused to buy. So far as could be learned he did not do a thriving business and some of the few who did purchase were afraid to use the powder and threw it in the stove.

While in this case the powder may have been all right there is just a possibility that it may have been mixed with some poisonous matter. In these days it is the wisest policy to shun the itinerant peddler of any commodity that kind and make your purchases through a reputable local dealer. It is the one way of being sure of what you buy.

In this connection it might be added that Burgess W. Harrison Walker has decided to refuse licenses to any stranger who comes into Bellefonte to sell a commodity the exact nature of which is unknown, or even in doubt, and this in itself will be some protection to the innocent citizen who might be persuaded by a smooth-tongued individual into buying something because he was selling it at a price cheaper than the staple article can be bought for.

State College Scholarships.

McAllister scholarships at The Pennsylvania State College will be awarded this year to students from Cameron, Centre, Juniata, Mifflin and Wyoming counties. These five counties show the highest ratio of students enrolled in the college to the total population of the counties.

High school principals will conduct competitive examinations to select candidates for the scholarships. Tests will be given in United States history, plane geometry, algebra to quadratics, civil government, English grammar and English classics.

The scholarships were established by Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Hayes, of Bellefonte. They are valid for one year, beginning next September. Examinations will be held and appointments will be made before June 1st.

—They are all good enough, but the "Watchman" is always the best.

Sudden Death of Rev. John Hewitt.

A telegram received in Bellefonte on Tuesday from Coldwater, Mich., announced the death there that morning of Rev. John Hewitt, a former rector of St. John's Episcopal church in Bellefonte and who was quite well known throughout Pennsylvania. The cause and manner of his death is unknown at this writing. Funeral services were held and burial made at Coldwater, Mich., yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Hewitt was about seventy-four years old and was born in England, his father being an Episcopal rector. When he was but a child his parents came to this country and settled in the mountains of North Carolina and it was there his boyhood was spent, his father and mother looking after his early education. When fifteen years old his parents moved to Baltimore and there he had the advantage of two years of college. His health at that time being none of the best he went into the country and rented a small farm which he cultivated himself and pursued his studies for the ministry, and thus through his own indomitable will so equipped himself that he was ordained to the ministry at the age of twenty-two.

He then went south and engaged in teaching returning later to the Manual Labor school in Maryland and in succession taught at Burlington College in New Jersey, Latin at a private school in Mississippi, from whence he came to Bloomsburg as principal of the State Normal school. At that time his parents lived at Sunbury and it was there they died and are buried. From Bloomsburg he came to Bellefonte in 1887 as rector of the Episcopal church, remaining here nine years. On leaving here he went to Lincoln, Neb., where he not only officiated as a minister but founded and was principal of a preparatory school to the State University of Nebraska. From Nebraska he returned to Columbus, Ohio, and in 1911 came to Bellefonte a second time as rector of the Episcopal church. He remained here until June, 1914, when he resigned his pastorate and went to Sunbury as a supply rector. From there he went to Erie and later to Coldwater, Mich., his last appointment.

Although raised in the atmosphere of the southern confederacy, and having been a soldier in the confederate army, Rev. Hewitt later became a member of the G. A. R. and was an enthusiastic worker in the same all his life. During his residence in Nebraska he served as Grand Commander of the organization in that State. He was also an enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity and during his first residence in Bellefonte was elected to the office of Grand Prelate and was again elevated to the same rank during his second residence here.

Having traveled widely through this country he naturally at one time or another came in contact with many of the great men of his day and had thus achieved a wonderful knowledge of state and national affairs. He was broadminded in all his viewpoints of life and a most agreeable and companionable gentleman at all times. In 1914 he waged a campaign in this district as the peoples' candidate for Congress but withdrew before the primary election.

He was married to Miss Margaret Pierson, of Baltimore, and she survives with two sons, Charles, of Albany, N. Y., and Stafford, in Georgia. He also leaves one sister and a brother, Mrs. Susie Broughton and Dr. Hewitt, both in the west.

CUPP.—Mrs. Eliza Cupp, one of the best known women of Warriors-mark valley, died at her home at Centre Line at an early hour Wednesday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained last Friday morning while attending to her regular household duties.

She was a daughter of the late Cyrus and Margaret Chronister, early settlers at Centre Line, where she was born on January 31st, 1841, making her age 77 years and 20 days. Her entire life was spent in the vicinity of her birth. She was a charter member of the Centre Line Methodist church and was always one of the hardest workers in its behalf. Over sixty years ago she was united in marriage to Henry Cupp, who was ninety years old yesterday, and she survives with the following children: Mrs. Harry Branstetter, Mrs. George Rumberger and Mrs. Harry Gensimore, of Warriors-mark valley; Mrs. Irene Newlin, of Tyrone, and Edgar Cupp, living on a farm near Tyrone. She also leaves one brother, Jacob Chronister, of Tyrone.

Funeral services will be held in the Centre Line Methodist church at ten o'clock tomorrow morning by Rev. Gardner W. Willard, after which burial will be made in the Centre Line cemetery.

KNOX.—Mrs. Sarah J. Knox, wife of James Knox, died at her home on Buffalo Run on Tuesday evening following four week's illness with heart trouble. Her maiden name was Sarah Armagast and she was born in Benner township over seventy years ago. When a girl she became a member of the Presbyterian church and had been a faithful worshiper in the same ever since. In addition to her husband she is survived by three children, namely: Miss Lulu A., at home; Henry, in Ohio, and Miss Damaris, a seamstress located in Philadelphia. Funeral services will be held at her late home this (Friday) morning and burial will be made in the Meyers cemetery.

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WHEN THE WAR WILL END.

(Anonymous.)

Absolute knowledge have I none
But my aunt's washerwoman's son
Heard a policeman on his beat
Say to a laborer on the street
That he had a letter just last week,
Written in the finest Greek
From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo,
Who said that the niggers in Cuba knew
Of a colored man in a Texas town
Who got it straight from a circus clown,
That a man in the Klondike heard the news
From a bunch of South American stew's
About some one in Borneo
Who heard of a man who claimed to know
Of a swell society female rake
Whose mother-in-law will undertake
To prove that her seventh loving spouse
Has started the news from house to house
That he has a son who has a friend
Who knows just when the war will end.

Lanning Irvin Died from Kick of a Colt.

Lanning Irvin, for years a well known farmer of Union township, died at 7:45 o'clock on Wednesday morning as the result of injuries sustained on Monday evening when he was kicked in the stomach by a colt he was leading to water. After being kicked Mr. Irvin was able to walk to the house and summon a physician who at once saw that his injuries were likely to prove fatal, but every effort was made to save his life. The doctor's skill, however, did not avail and he died on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Irvin was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Irvin and was born in Union township on February 20th, 1854, hence was almost sixty-four years of age. His entire life was spent on the farm in Union township until the past two years, during which time he occupied the Boggs township poor farm near Snow Shoe intersection. He had been a member of the United Brethren church the past twenty-five years and was a good citizen in every way.

He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Emma Lucas, to whom he had two children, E. C. Irvin, of Altoona, and Mrs. Harris Hugg, of Fleming. His first wife died in 1889 and four years later he married Miss Lydia Miller who survives with the following children: Edan, Ethel and Florence, all at home. He also leaves five brothers and one sister, namely: Marner Irvin, of Swissvale; Harry and John, of Pittsburg; William, of Coney Island; Samuel, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. William Bush, of Clearfield.

Revs. Orledge and Piper will have charge of the funeral which will be held at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, burial to be made in the Stover cemetery near Unionville.

TYSON.—Amos O. Tyson, a former Ferguson township resident, died last Friday afternoon at his home in Greensburg following a lingering illness. He was a son of Samuel and Mary Hamer Tyson, early settlers of Spring township, where he was born on August 8th, 1841. In the spring of 1865 the family moved to Ferguson township and engaged in farming. Following the death of his parents he took over the farm and worked it until 1909 when he sold out and moved to Greensburg where he engaged in truck farming.

He was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Aston, who died in 1888, leaving him with four sons and two daughters. He also leaves one brother, James G. Tyson, of Howard. He was a member of the Methodist church for sixty-five years, had held the office of steward and for many years was a teacher in the Sunday school. He was a most progressive Granger and a past master of Washington Grange.

The remains were brought to Centre county on Monday afternoon and taken direct to the Reformed church at Pine Hall where funeral services were held by Rev. Homer Hadden, of Greensburg, after which burial was made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

MARKLE.—John Markle, a native of Centre county, but who had been a resident of Tyrone the past nine years, died at his home in that place on Monday morning following an illness of about six months with cancer.

He was a son of the late Jesse and Nancy Kuhn Markle and was born at Boalsburg on March 2nd, 1856, making his age almost sixty-two years. His early life was spent on the farm but nine years ago he went to Tyrone and secured employment with the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company where he remained until overcome by illness.

On September 15th, 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Irwin, at Boalsburg, and she survives with two children, James C. Markle, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. R. R. Krebs, of Altoona. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, namely: Joseph Markle, of White Deer; George C., of Linden Hall; Miss Margaret, of Boalsburg, and Mrs. Anna Klinefelter, of Tusseyville.

Mr. Markle was a member of the First Methodist church, of Tyrone, and Rev. A. S. Fasicik will have charge of the funeral which will be held at 2:30 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, burial to be made in the Eastlawn cemetery, Tyrone.

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until his death. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Elks. Burial was made at Lykens, Dauphin county, on Monday afternoon.

GROVE.—Mrs. Sarah Neese Grove, widow of the late William Grove, of Benner township, died on Tuesday evening at the home of her son, E. Howard Grove, near Centre Hall, following a brief illness with congestion of the lungs and heart trouble.

She was a daughter of David and Susanna Kerstetter Neese and was born in Gregg township on November 4th, 1842, hence at her death was 76 years, 3 months and 15 days old. She was one of a family of twelve children, her ancestors being among the early settlers of Pennsylvania. She was united in marriage to William L. Grove in 1861, he dying three years ago. Surviving her, however, are the following children: E. Howard Grove, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Alice Moyer, of Punxsutawney; Mrs. D. M. Shearer, of Reynoldsville; William H., of Coburn; John S., of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Warren Minnemyer, of Coleville. She also leaves one brother, Emanuel Neese, of Penn Hall.

Rev. C. C. Shuey will have charge of the funeral which will be held at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning, burial to be made in the Meyers cemetery on Buffalo Run.

War Savings and Thrift Stamps.

From the weekly report of sales of war savings and thrift stamps, ending February 9th, I find that Centre county had an increase of 2 cents per person for that week.

In this report it was noticed that several other counties had passed the \$1.00 per person mark, and those that had exceeded the \$1.00 mark, as indicated by the report of last week, made material gains.

In an editorial in the State College Times I find that the borough of State College has purchased \$2.27 per person, although the entire county has purchased but 55c. per person.

Certain sections of this county are doing considerable toward the purchase of these stamps, while from other sections I have reports to the effect that even the postmasters are unable to sell a single thrift or savings stamp. There is something radically wrong in these several localities, and they should waken up to their duty as patriotic citizens, and comply in a reasonable way with the request of the government, in the purchase of these government securities.

A letter, in which was enclosed posters, circulars, etc., has gone forward to every minister, Sunday school superintendent and school teacher in the county and they are expected to do their duty in advocating the sale of these stamps.

Centre county is expected to form 140 war savings societies. The Bellefonte High school has organized the first society of this character, and has elected William W. Sieg president, and Mary E. Taylor secretary. There should be one of these societies in every church, High school and township, and the people to whom these circulars have been sent are the ones the government expects to form these societies.

All the information desired by the people of Centre county, relative to these government securities, may be obtained either by calling, or by addressing a letter to the chairman. Additional posters, circulars, etc., are here for the public, and for those interested in government securities.

Every newspaper will receive weekly, if possible, a report from Centre county, and if you will, therefore, retain your local papers from week to week, you will observe the advancement made.

Chairman W. HARRISON WALKER, Centre County.

Junior Red Cross Drive.

A big drive is now on in Centre county for members for the Junior Red Cross. It began on Lincoln's birthday and was to continue until Washington's birthday but the time has now been extended to next Monday.

The managers desire, however, to have all reports sent in on Monday so that a full compilation can be made by February 28th. This drive is being made particularly in the public schools of Centre county and when completed every one of the eight hundred children in the schools of Bellefonte will be enrolled as members.

All those who can afford to do so are willingly paying the twenty-five cents, which is the membership fee in the Junior branch of the Red Cross, and those who can't afford to give the money their fee will be paid out of the fund raised by the entertainment given at the High school building last Friday evening, when the pupils from the old brick building very ably presented "The Princess Chrysanthemum." The amount cleared at the entertainment was just \$120.00, and as much of it as necessary will be used in taking out memberships in the Junior Red Cross for pupils who really can't afford to pay the membership fee and the balance be turned over to the Red Cross.

In publishing the cast of leading characters in the play last week the "Watchman" unintentionally omitted one of the leading characters, "The Emperor," which was very ably taken by Edward Miller.

—Frank Sapko, nineteen years old, was brought to the hospital from Snow Shoe on Wednesday morning. He was suffering with a broken collar bone received by having been caught between a mine car and the side of the mine opening in which he was working.

Substitutes for Wheat Flour Hard to Obtain.

The "Watchman" is a firm and conscientious advocate of the conservation of all food stuffs, but especially wheat and its constituent parts, as it is so much needed for our soldiers in France and to help feed our allies, but so many complaints have come to this office of the inability of customers to get the desired substitutes for flour, and the high price of same that a visit was made to one of the town's leading grocery stores on Tuesday just to find out the exact situation. Following is a list of the substitutes given for use instead of flour and of which the customer is required to purchase pound for pound with wheat flour:

Patentia Flours and Meals	
Cornmeal	Cornstarch
Corn Flour	Hominy
Corngrits	Barley Flour
Rice	Rice Flour
Oatmeal	Roller Oats
Buckwheat Flour	Potato Flour
Sweet Potato Flour	Soy Bean Flour

As named above, fifteen substitutes are given for use instead of wheat flour and of that number only five were in stock in the grocery store and they only in limited quantities, while the price of each was almost double that of wheat flour. The five substitutes in stock and the price are as follows:

Cornmeal, 8c per lb., 10 lbs. 60c.
Cornstarch, per lb., 12c.
Rice, per lb., 12 1/2c.
Oatmeal, 1lb. 3 lbs. 25c.
Buckwheat flour, 12 lbs., \$1.00.

And in the case of buckwheat flour an advance is imminent to \$1.50 for a 12 lb. sack. Rye flour will be in the market after March 3rd, but what the price of it will be could not be given.

Now as a comparison, a 24 lb. sack of wheat flour costs today \$1.40, while the same quantity of corn meal, the cheapest substitute above named, costs \$1.52, while the others run from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for 24 lbs. And at that, the grocer claimed, the few substitutes on hand were hard to get and a rise in their price was imminent.

Whether anything can be done to change the situation is a question unknown to the writer, but it certainly is a matter that should be looked into by the Food Commission, both national and State. There are few people, indeed, who are not patriotic enough to do all they can to conserve the food supply, but there are some people in every community who can ill afford to pay the high price demanded for wheat flour substitutes.

Bellefonte Housewives Fleece by Female Dupe.

A number of Bellefonte housewives are anxiously watching for the woman who sold them good-sized bills of remarkably cheap supplies on Thursday of last week, collected partial payments on same but so far has failed to deliver any of the goods. The woman visited various homes last Thursday and took orders for produce, offering eggs at 25 cents a dozen, onion ham at 20 cents a pound and potatoes at \$1.00 a bushel.

She represented herself as being the wife of a farmer living near State College and gave as the reason why she did not sell her produce at the stores in that place the fact that she preferred selling direct to the consumer and giving them the advantage of the margin of profit that the stores were taking. Whenever she got an order she collected money, in amounts ranging from ninety cents to as high as five dollars, and for such payment she gave a receipt signed with the name of Helen Lawrence. The produce was all to be delivered last Friday.

When Friday passed around and no produce was forthcoming some of the women who had been fleeced reported the matter to the police and an investigation showed that the woman in question came to Bellefonte on Wednesday and spent the night at one of the leading hotels of the town where she registered as "Mrs. James Woods, Tyrone." After canvassing the town on Thursday and making a good day's work of it, she took supper at another hotel where she registered as "Mrs. James Woods, Lock Haven." She left Bellefonte on the train east Thursday evening and is probably at this time selling cheap produce in some other town.

Police officials are of the opinion that she had a male accomplice with her but have not been able to trace the fact definitely.

Test Your Seed Corn.

R. H. Olmstead agent of the county Farm Bureau says we have received further results from our seed corn survey which brings very discouraging results. To date we have tested 27 cribs of corn which have given the following results on the basis of per cent. germination: 89, 23, 55, 93, 82, 96, 50, 85, 100, 82, 92, 67, 72, 90, 75, 63, 25, 65, 64, 67, 41, 39, 83, 83, 92, 92, 64.

The question arises as to what per cent. germination can one afford to plant. We will say that it takes 15 ears to plant an acre with an average yield of 90 bushels. Every ear you plant is equal to a yield of 6 bushels or in other words every ear you plant is worth approximately \$1.00. Can you therefore afford to plant any seed below 100 per cent. germination? It brings the fact further home that every single ear should be tested in order to get a perfect stand as far as the seed is concerned.

If you are interested in testing your seed corn and need any information call or write the Farm Bureau, Bellefonte, Pa.

—The regular session of the February term of court will begin next Monday morning.