

THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY

More people are attending the Lyric theatre now than ever before, and the reason is that they see big programs of moving pictures at popular prices.

On Tuesday evening the employees of the City laundry were literally roasted out. At 5 o'clock the thermometer registered 105 degrees in their main work room and even the electric fans could not reduce the heat enough to make further work possible.

Headmaster James R. Hughes of the Bellefonte Academy has identified 162 students and former students of his historic institution that are now in the service of their country.

The children's party given by Mrs. Telford Fink, Tuesday, in celebration of her daughter Betty's fifth birthday, was one long to be remembered by the fourteen children fortunate enough to be Miss Betty's guests.

Flag raisings and festivals are so much the order of the day now that the people of Axe Mann have also fallen in line and will have a big celebration at that place tomorrow evening.

Another musical treat is in store for the people of Bellefonte and vicinity. On Sunday evening, August 25th, the forty piece band from the Loyseville orphans' home will give an open air concert in front of the High school building on Allegheny street.

If you failed to see "My Four Years in Germany" at the Scenic Monday or Tuesday you missed one of the most historical pictures of the day. But that fact need not keep you from seeing some of the other good pictures which are shown there every evening in the week.

Samuel Solt, a Spanish American war veteran who now makes his home in Williamsport but who formerly lived in Bellefonte, was in Altoona this week and charged John Dodson, a man with a wooden leg with not only robbing him of thirty-five dollars but beating him up as well.

The officers of the McAlister-ville Association and of the Sixteeners' Association have decided that it is not wise to hold the reunion this year. To many this will be a disappointment, but all should feel that at this time nothing could interfere with giving their country the very best service they can.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Joseph W. Undercoffer, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. James Keeman and little girl of Philadelphia, left for a visit with friends at Belmont, Pa. At Olean they were compelled to change trains and it is necessary to go some distance from one depot to the other.

During the week the local editor of the "Watchman" brought down to the office two specimens of tomatoes which he claimed HE raised in HIS garden. They were perfect beauties.

Then the procession to the paper stopped. It was evident that others present would have subscribed in smaller amounts, but hesitated to do so at the time.

NITTANY VALLEY AROUSED TO THE DISASTER THAT THREATENS.

Citizens Meeting at Hecla Park to Devise Means of Saving the Only Railroad that Traverses the Valley.

On Wednesday afternoon sixty-seven persons met in the pavilion at Hecla Park to discuss the calamity that is about to befall Nittany Valley through the dissolution of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania.

While there are a number of representative business men from Bellefonte and the extreme eastern point on the line the great central portion of the valley, the section that will suffer the most serious inconvenience if the road is lost, was represented by only a few of its property owners.

Those who were in a position to know seemed to be of the opinion that if the road is to be saved the work must be done at once, through pleas to Drexel & Co., for better terms, a longer stay of foreclosure of their bonds, and to the Director General of Railroads for intercession.

One of the most terrific electrical storms that has been witnessed here this summer passed over Centre county on Sunday evening, being accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain.

It was Mr. Spangler's suggestion that the meeting get busy at once on a survey to ascertain whether such a sum could be raised. Chairman Blanchard then called for expressions of opinion from those present.

Following on the heels of the storm was a hot wave which prevailed during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, establishing a record for the summer.

Mr. Spangler then took the floor and announced that he had prepared subscription papers as well as a petition to the Director General of Railroads, the latter praying that the government, out of consideration of the lime and limestone, the lumber and props and the farm produce originating in the valley, step in and guarantee the continuance of service during the war at least.

There wasn't any rush on the part of those present to get to the subscription paper; at least that could not be said, but finally Mr. Chas. Dunn, of Mill Hall, stepped up and the ice was broken.

At the Williams family reunion which will be held in John Q. Miles' grove near Martha on Saturday, August 17th, Rev. W. H. Williams, of Spring Mills, will make the address of welcome, while the response will be given by Matt Savage, of Clearfield.

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MERCHANTS ASKED TO CLOSE.

Big Send-off to be Given National Army Men This Afternoon.

The thirty-eight national army men who will leave Bellefonte at 1:35 this afternoon for Camp Wadsworth, at Spartansburg, S. C., will not have the spectacular send-off that marked the departure of the last big contingent from Centre county, but they will be given a farewell greeting that will show them that the people of Centre county are with them heart and soul.

To this end all the stores in Bellefonte have been asked to close their doors at 12:45 o'clock and the merchants and citizens generally meet in the Diamond promptly at one o'clock and march with the boys to the train.

On Monday, however, the local boards inducted into service and sent to Syracuse for special training Perry Griffin, of Stormstown, and Fred Y. Shultz, of Centre Hall, and on the 15th the following three men will be sent to Pittsburgh for special training as motor mechanics: Charles Anderson, Orient Earl Kline and Daniel Clemson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robison, of Milesburg, on Tuesday received a letter from their son, Lieut. Jerrold Robison, stating that he was in the hospital in France recovering from shrapnel wounds on the back of his neck and right arm.

The papers on Wednesday announced the fact that Lieut. Levi Lamb had been seriously wounded in France. The Lieutenant will be well remembered by many Centre countians owing to his career as a student at State College.

Among the young sailors who have been at home this week on a visit are Malcolm Wetzler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wetzler, of Milesburg, who is a member of the band on the battleship Minnesota, and A. Linn McGinley, Jr., a member of the hospital unit on the same ship.

Harold Spillane, of the battleship New Jersey, with his wife, is visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy.

Andrew Saylor is another of the followers of the briny deep who has been home this week on a furlough.

Accompanying Francis Crawford and John Smith to Williamsport on Tuesday for examination for entrance into the navy were Harry Shope, Russell Rider, Joseph Smart, Blanchard Martin and Charles Yocum.

John Cunningham, accompanied by his father, J. M. Cunningham, went to Washington the beginning of the week and took the examination for a wireless operator.

Among the commissions announced this week were Wilfred O. Thompson, of State College, to be a first lieutenant of infantry in the national army, and Frank H. Redding, of Philipsburg, a second lieutenant in the engineers.

Dr. S. M. Huff last week received word from the War Department that he had been commissioned as a surgeon in the Pennsylvania reserve militia, with the rank of Major. Major Huff went with the hospital corps of the First Pennsylvania cavalry to Camp Hancock last September but early this year when examinations were being made of the men for overseas duty he failed to pass and was discharged.

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For Rent.—The larger third floor apartment in the Aiken Block, possession for the 1st of September. Address Mrs. J. A. Aiken.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. Harry Heckman and her small daughter are spending a month with her parents in Philipsburg.

Miss Elizabeth Barnhart left Bellefonte Saturday to spend a two week's vacation visiting with friends at Philadelphia and Allentown.

Miss Mary Schad left Monday for New London, Conn., for a ten day's visit with her brother Frederic, in service as an engineer on a submarine.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Henderson came up from Philadelphia last Friday to spend two weeks with friends in Bellefonte and up Buffalo Run valley.

Mrs. J. K. Barnhart and her two younger daughters, Eleanor and Louise, are spending a part of the month of August at Mrs. Barnhart's former home in Punksutawney.

Robert Morris left a week ago for Kennebunk Port, Maine, for a visit with his wife and children before entering the home service of the quartermaster department at Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Trood Parker, of Clearfield, with Trood, Jr., came to Bellefonte for a ten day's visit with Mr. Parker's mother, Mrs. Alice Parker, and with relatives at Jersey Shore.

Mrs. James Hall, of Renovo, as a guest of Mrs. Daniel Hall, of Unionville, spent Saturday with friends in Bellefonte. Mrs. Hall, who is eighty-four years old, is well known to many of our older residents.

Mrs. Daniel Heckman and Miss Della Heckman will leave Bellefonte about the first of September, expecting to make their home in the future with Mrs. Heckman's daughter, Mrs. Spicer, in Wilkingsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barruff, of New Bloomfield, Pa., came to Centre county last week for a family reunion at the old Leathers home at Mt. Eagle. Before returning home they visited friends in Bellefonte.

Mrs. Frank Montgomery and her sister, Miss Hassell, are visiting with Mrs. Hassell's son Hassell, in service in the navy, at Philadelphia. A part of the time while away from Bellefonte will be spent at Atlantic City.

Upon leaving here Mrs. J. O. Canfield will go to Dayton, Ohio, for a visit with her son before returning to her home at Wynote. Mrs. Canfield has been in Bellefonte with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Daggett, since Thursday of last week.

Miss Mary Musser will leave Sunday for Erie, where she and Miss Miriam Smith will spend next week as guests of friends at a house party. Miss Smith, who has been visiting in Pittsburgh, will go from there to join Miss Musser in Erie.

Dr. and Mrs. Ezra Yocum have been entertaining Mrs. Yocum's sister, of Washington, D. C., and their grand-son, Charles Yocum, of Northumberland, expecting to visit Dr. Schad with his family.

Dr. Edith Schad accompanied her niece, Helen Harris, to Newton Hamilton yesterday, expecting to remain several days to visit with her brother, John P. Harris, Jr., and his family.

Mrs. Jonathan Miller and her granddaughter, Mrs. Mimm, of Scottsdale, had been Mrs. Miller's guest for a week, and went to Selingsgrove Saturday to spend a few days with Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. Straub.

Elizabeth Johnston, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Johnston, of Beaver Falls, came here Wednesday for a three week's visit with her grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Aiken. In two weeks she will be joined by her sister, Jeannette, the two young ladies returning home together the latter part of the month.

MONEY PAID OVER FOR PRUNER PROPERTY, TYRONE.

Last Friday a United States district attorney went to Tyrone and delivered a United States treasury check signed by William G. McAdoo for \$25,000 to John S. Ginter in payment for the new federal postoffice site in Tyrone which includes the well known Pruner block, which has been one of the chief sources of revenue for the Pruner orphanage in this place.

The deal for this property has been hanging fire for a year or longer. In order to make the sale both the Tyrone and Bellefonte councils were required to pass ordinances authorizing the sale. The matter then had to be taken before the court of Blair county for a court decision on the legality of the transaction, but the entire matter has finally been settled by the paying over of the money.

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