

THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

The chestnut crop this year is a fairly good one, and the nuts are of good size and free of worms.

The first real frost of the season occurred on Tuesday, October 1st, but fortunately comparatively little damage was done.

Mrs. Cora Corl, wife of Milford Corl, of Ferguson township, was brought to the Bellefonte hospital on Wednesday for an operation.

On Wednesday Mrs. John Keller, of near Pine Grove Mills, took her young daughter Grace to a Pittsburgh hospital for an operation.

A little daughter was born a week ago to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McMillen, of Harrisburg. Mrs. McMillen is well known here as Miss Mary Mott.

Seven national army men will leave at 3:10 this afternoon for Fort Thomas, Ky. The names of the men were published in last week's issue of the "Watchman."

The Patriotic League will hold its monthly business meeting in the High school building, Friday, October 4th. A full attendance is requested. Time, 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller and their son William will leave their home on east Linn street this week, to occupy a part of Mrs. Newcomer's house for the winter.

The Thimble Bee of the Aid society of the Reformed church will be held at the home of Mrs. M. B. Garman, on Curtin street, Friday afternoon, October 4th.

Manager Garman, of the opera house, yesterday signed a contract for D. W. Griffith's magnificent picture, "Hearts of the World," which will be exhibited two days, matinee and night. Watch for the date.

Joseph Grossman, of Reynolds avenue, is offering his home for sale because he expects to leave Bellefonte. It is one of the best homes in that section and any person desiring to purchase should see him.

The C. O. Peacock Co., of Fifth Ave., New York, will have a showing of serge, wool-jersey, gettoette and all kinds of dresses, coats and suits at the Newman Lady's Shop, on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 7th and 8th. 39-1t

D. Wagner Geiss has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail from the Pennsylvania railroad trains to the postoffice in Bellefonte and vice versa, and started work on the job on Tuesday afternoon, W. Henry Taylor having made his last trip Tuesday morning.

Arrangements have been made with the Bellefonte Fuel & Supply company to take care of all the peach stones and other hard pits collected for the Red Cross. Any person saving or collecting any should take them to the office of that company, in the rear of the Bush house.

It is necessary to make another appeal to the women who have taken wool for sweaters, that they finish same at once. Our Chapter allotment was 200 sweaters, to be completed October first, and the wool was given out with this understanding; but to date only 120 have been turned in.

The State College High school football team will play the Bellefonte High on Hughes field tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at three o'clock. This will be the first real game of the season for the High school and Bellefonte lovers of the sport ought to go out and give them proper encouragement.

The Scenic does not send out invitations to attend the moving pictures presented there. Each evening's program is a standing invitation to all patrons to return for another evening of good pictures. That is one thing patrons are always assured of, the best pictures that can be secured. These include big features as well as interesting comedies, etc.

After being completely remodeled and put in excellent shape throughout the Lyric theatre was reopened on Wednesday evening with the big war picture, "Over the Top." The attendance was unusually large both Wednesday and yesterday evenings and the Lyric has thus established a bid for popularity that bids fair to continue and make it a very popular place of amusement.

Carson Smith, who for many years was a familiar figure along the Bald Eagle Valley railroad as he drove his iron steed from Tyrone to Lock Haven, will be seen in these parts no more. On Sunday he and his wife left Tyrone for Brockwayville, Jefferson county, where they will make their home with their son George. Mr. Smith was an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad more than forty years, a good part of the time as engineer on the Tyrone division.

The big Milton fair will be held next week and from the program arranged by the management it will be worth visiting. There will be free attractions, music by the Milton band every day, and one of the finest strings of race horses ever booked at a Milton fair. One of the big attractions will be an exhibit of forty thoroughbred ponies by the Roselawn pony farm, at Cortland, N. Y. An unusually large stock exhibit has been booked and all told the Milton fair will be worth attending.

EXIT THE C. R. R. OF PA. Steps Taken at a Meeting Held Yesterday to Take the Road Over, if the Money Can be Raised.

As stated last week the Central Railroad company of Pennsylvania went out of business as a common carrier when the passenger train on Saturday night reached Bellefonte. Its charter was surrendered by due process of law over a month ago and not a wheel was turned until Wednesday when a locomotive was sent down over the road to bring some empty cars to Bellefonte.

Even now the future of the road is undetermined. Prominent Bellefonters were in Washington last week in consultation with the director general of railroads and got him interested to that extent that he assured them the matter of extending financial help would be investigated. In view of this fact a public meeting was held in the court house at ten o'clock yesterday morning to discuss the situation. About fifty people were present and Col. J. L. Spangler was chosen to preside. The Colonel told of the meeting he and N. B. Spangler had in Washington last week with John Barton Payne, counsel for the director general of railroads, and that he had assured them that the government would do everything it could to keep the road in operation, if it was to the public interest.

Mr. Payne sent a letter to Drexel & Co. and Judge Audenried, of Philadelphia, asking that the proceedings for the dissolution of the charter of the railroad company be held up, but as no material evidence was before the court justifying such a procedure the charter was dissolved last Saturday. But Drexel & Co. have agreed to wait thirty days before scrapping the road to give the people interested time to see what can be done toward taking the road over.

In addition to residents of Bellefonte and Nittany valley in attendance at the meeting yesterday were Charles Steele and attorney Reminsnyder, of Sunbury; Mr. Furst, attorney for the East Broadtop railroad; Mr. Donovan, of the Mill Hall axe factory, and others, and all were of the opinion that the road properly operated could be made to pay.

Finally to see just what can be done the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of five to gather all facts possible bearing on the physical condition of the road in the past and the possibilities for the future for presentation to the government representative when he visits Bellefonte. The chair was also empowered to appoint a committee of ten, five from Centre county and five from Clinton county, to make a canvas to see how much money can be raised. These committees will be appointed by Col. Spangler very soon so that they can get to work at once. Any action taken, however, will have to be in an out-and-out purchase of the road as the old company is out of it for good.

Another drawback will be that most of the employees of the company have already left for other positions. These include Edward Whitaker, who has gone to the P. R. R. shops, Altoona; W. H. Hamilton and J. H. Hall to Tyrone to work in the P. R. R. yards; T. J. Murphy to DuBois to work in the shops of the D. & P. R. R., while two or three others will go to the Cambria and Indiana road. William McClellan, the veteran at the Bellefonte station, has a good job in view right in Bellefonte so will not have to leave the town. Of the agents along the line J. E. Albers, of Lamar, has accepted the position of agent for the American Railways express at Emporium, while J. B. Rossman, of Salona, will move to Bellefonte and enter the employ of N. J. Hockman, produce dealer.

Most of the men in the office have several things in view but have not yet decided just what to accept, with the exception of train dispatcher Thomas E. Mayes, who is awaiting his call to enter the U. S. service. In the meantime he expects to leave tomorrow on a visit with friends at Howard, Milton and Johnstown, expecting to go to Washington the latter part of next week.

Union County's Big Fair in October.

Due to the fact that the Union County Agricultural society will hold its annual exhibit this year in October, at the close of the circuit of fairs in this section, there should be an unusually large number of fairs, shows and exhibitors on the ground. From the present rate at which requests for space on the grounds are arriving the Midway will be a veritable hive of business on the four days of October 15, 16, 17 and 18. In the various buildings the exhibitions will exceed those of former years in many respects.

The races this year promise to be one of the biggest features of the big fair and in addition to the regular racing program arranged by the association there will be a county race. Five entries have already been made. Special railroad rates will prevail on the railroads and on Thursday the regular excursion will arrive at the fair grounds from Centre county. There will be no change in the price of admission.

William Hall, the convict who escaped from the western penitentiary, shot at guard Whiteman and made a second escape after he had been recaptured, made his way to Altoona, committed two robberies and shot at a policeman, plead guilty to the robberies before Judge Baldrige on Tuesday and was sentenced to the western penitentiary for a period of not less than one year nor more than three years on each count.

The Blue Cross is Calling You.

The War Industries Board of the United States, in order to conserve paper, has imposed fifteen conditions upon publishers of weekly newspapers.

They are designed to eliminate waste and one of them interprets waste to mean the mailing of a paper to any person who is not a bona fide subscriber or whose subscription is in arrears three months or more. We quote it as follows:

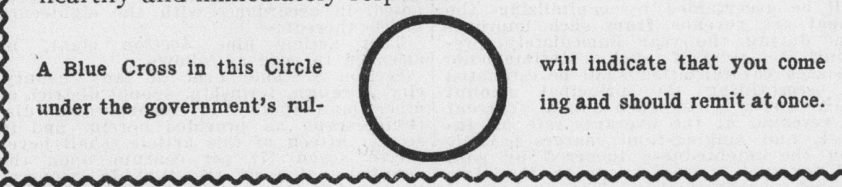
No. 2 No publisher may continue subscriptions after three months after date of expiration unless subscriptions are renewed and paid for.

A SWORN STATEMENT will be required from each publisher on November 1st, 1918, as to how many of these rules have been put into effect by him, and what results in the matter of reducing paper consumption have been obtained.

As the French say: "It is the war." We have had long and pleasant relations with our subscribers and the credit we would extend any and all of them is limited only by our faith in them—which is very great. But the government has ruled that there must be an end to this and we accept the ruling without question. Far be it from us to set up an opposition when the life of the Nation is in the balance.

If there is a blue cross in the circle look at the figures on the label on the front page of this paper. They will show you the month and year to which you are now paid. Then count the number of years that intervene until your corresponding month in 1919 and multiply that by \$1.50 and you will have the amount you should send us to pay up to some period in 1919.

We would send each of you a bill, but postage, stationery and labor in such an undertaking would cost six cents in each case and the "Watchman" cannot afford that. The price of your home paper is probably the only thing you know of that has not advanced and its cost of production has mounted to the point where it is nearly an actual loss to its publisher. For this reason we want to get the information to you at as little expense as possible and have adopted this method, feeling sure that you will heartily and immediately respond.



MILD TYPE OF SPANISH INFLUENZA AT STATE COLLEGE.

Nearly 300 Cases Reported, With One Death.

Some three hundred cases of illness at State College is believed to be Spanish influenza, according to reports from there yesterday. While most of the cases have not developed into an advanced stage all the symptoms indicate the presence of that malady.

The one very serious case is that of Prof. Putney, professor of agronomy, whose condition is very bad. He went through a siege of influenza which developed pneumonia and now it is feared there has been a further development into meningitis. Eleven students have been quarantined in one room in the main college building where every effort is being put forth to prevent the spread of the disease, whatever it may be. But it is not confined to students or the student's quarters but has found victims in private families, in some cases most of the members being ill at one time. Physicians at the College are doing their best to check the spread of the disease and prevent the situation from becoming alarming.

While few of the students are seriously ill it is none-the-less believed to be the Spanish influenza carried into the community by students arriving from the infected districts in the east.

AN EXTENSION WORKER DIES.

Miss Ruth K. Whiting, of Great Bennington, Mass., died about noon Wednesday, from pneumonia, broncho, superinduced by the influenza. She was one of the field workers in the department of home economics and may have contracted the disease while traveling.

No Building in Centre County is Permissible Now Without a Permit.

There appears to be a misunderstanding in regard to building operations under the new order of the United States government. It will be necessary hereafter, to receive the approval of the Building Director of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense for every new operation, and it will be necessary to receive the approval of the Building Director for all repairs costing more than \$2500. Heretofore it appeared to be understood that new operations costing less than \$2500, might be undertaken without the approval of the Building Director. This is not the case, since there must be approval for every new operation.

The procedure to be followed by all persons, firms or corporations desiring to engage in building, construction or repair work hereafter, will be as follows: They must apply, with a full statement of the facts, under oath, to the local Director of the State Council of Defense, E. J. Gehret, who will investigate the necessity of the proposed construction and make a recommendation with a summary of the facts, to State Director Coleman. If Mr. Coleman decides in favor of the construction his recommendation, with a full statement of the facts, will be sent to the non-War Construction Section, Priorities Division, of the War Industries Board, which will then take appropriate ac-

tion in the matter of a permit. In no case will a permit be granted by the War Industries Board without application having first been made to the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense through

E. J. GEHRET, Director for Centre County.

Flags Raised at Titan Metal Company.

Several hundred people congregated at the plant of the Titan Metal company south of Bellefonte on Saturday afternoon to witness the raising of the Stars and Stripes and also a flag designating the Titan as being an auxiliary of the U. S. shipping board. Our Girls band was present and furnished the music. Col. J. L. Spangler presided and interesting speeches were made by burgess W. Harrison Walker, Edmund Blanchard, Lieut. Claude W. Smith and Col. H. S. Taylor. Lieut. Smith, naturally, was the big attraction but inasmuch as the speakers were all limited to five minutes he did not have time enough to tell his hearers very much of what has happened on the other side. He dwelt but a minute or so on the battle of the Marne, in which his company suffered so heavily, but took time to say that if Lieut. E. R. Taylor's company had been on the right of him when the Germans made that drive the story would have been a very different one.

Lieut. Smith stated that the biggest thing in the American army in France today is pep. One finds it everywhere and it is just as contagious among the men when they are called to go over the top as it is one hundred miles from the battle front. The boys all know they have a duty to perform and the way they go about it shows that they are going to do it thoroughly and well. He saw French troops in action and praised them for their bravery and bulldog tenacity, but stated that they were slower and more methodical in their movements. In fact the French, themselves, have been astounded at the pep and dash of the American soldiers.

And speaking of pep, Lieut. Smith appealed to the public generally to stand back of the boys in France by buying Liberty bonds. Put pep into the Liberty loan campaign and buy bonds until you feel it. That's the way the boys are fighting over there. Lieut. Smith was not only given an ovation when introduced but was liberally applauded during his remarks.

The fact that the Titan Metal company has been made an auxiliary plant of the U. S. shipping board may not convey to the general public just how important a concern it has grown to be. It has long been known that practically the entire output of the plant goes to the government for various uses and just last week so urgent was the necessity of having several rods of Titan metal that a government inspector came to Bellefonte and waited until the rods were made then took them with him in the passenger coach right to the place where they were needed badly. And the Titan metal was the best kind the government could secure for the purpose desired. For various other uses it has also proven the best turned out in the United States.

Subscribe for the "Watchman."

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. Wooden returned Saturday from a three week's visit in Pittsburgh.

Andrew Young spent the week-end in Altoona with his daughter, Mrs. Earl Dawson.

Miss Mary Bradley returned on Saturday from a trip to Bradford, Canada and Philadelphia, having been away several weeks.

Miss Emma Montgomery has been home from Tyrone for a few days this week, looking after her home and other interests in Bellefonte.

Mrs. S. M. Nissley left Tuesday for her former home, at McKeesport, going out for a visit of several weeks and for the wedding of her sister.

Mrs. M. W. Reed and her children went to Allentown Saturday for a visit with Dr. Reed, who expected to leave shortly for overseas service.

Mrs. Thomas E. Mayes and her daughter Margaret have left Bellefonte, to make their home in Johnstown during Mr. Mayes' absence in service.

Hon. William M. Allison and daughter, Miss Mabel, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. J. F. Alexander, of Centre Hall, were in Bellefonte Saturday shopping and calling on friends.

Mrs. D. C. Denary and Miss Laudy, of Johnstown, were in Bellefonte recently for a week's visit, spending the time here with Mrs. Joseph Thomas and Mrs. A. Wagner.

Mrs. W. F. Reynolds has returned from a visit with friends at Ashbourne, and with her son Philip, at Newport News, Philip, who is in naval service has left on his second voyage across.

Mrs. Richard Gunsallus and her son, Harry R. Gunsallus, and grand-daughter, Mildred J. Gunsallus, left this week for a two week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Crain, at Pitcairn.

Miss Margaret Fahey, who had lived with Mrs. William P. Wilson for a number of years, went to Chester last week, or before returning to Pitcairn for the winter.

Mrs. J. M. Heinle, who has been in Philadelphia during the summer, is home on a sick leave, and will spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaughnessy Jr., of Howard street.

Miss Jane Miller, who has been spending the summer in Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap, went to Lock Haven Saturday, for a visit of several weeks with her brother, before returning to Pitcairn for the winter.

Mrs. Roy Branden, of Youngstown, Ohio, spent Tuesday night in Bellefonte as a guest of Mrs. J. A. Aiken. Mr. and Mrs. Branden motored as far as Altoona where they are spending the week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Gardner, of Clearfield, came to Bellefonte a week ago spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Wyrchiff Gardner, at Snyderstown, and with Mrs. Gardner's mother, Mrs. Strickland, in Bellefonte.

Mrs. James Tate, of Salona, spent Sunday in Bellefonte with her sister, Miss Anna M. Miller, at the home of Mrs. G. H. Hayes. Miss Miller accompanied her home on Sunday evening returning to Bellefonte on Monday.

Dr. John McGarvey, of Loraine, Ohio, spent a short time in Bellefonte the afternoon of last week on his way for a visit with his mother, near Harrisburg. Being a cousin of the late John McGarvey, his time was spent with Mr. McGarvey's family.

Mrs. Trench Kintzing and her daughter Elizabeth, have been in Bellefonte for a part of the week with Mrs. Kintzing's cousin, Mrs. Olewine. Mrs. Kintzing was on her way home to Wilkesburg, after a month's visit at Lock Haven and State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Thompson have left Elkhurst, Va., in anticipation of making their home at Lemont, where Mr. Thompson has bought all of the holdings of the John I. Thompson estate. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will occupy the John I. Thompson home.

Mrs. Roland Miller, of Ford City, is visiting with friends in Bellefonte and Colville. Mr. Miller's mother, with whom he anticipated spending a part of the time, is in New York, having gone east to see his grand-son, Mark Parsons, before he left for France.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ward Fleming and their two children, with Mrs. Fleming's sister, Mrs. Miller, of Butler, and her son David, will come to Bellefonte today. The party will spend the week-end here as guests of Mr. Fleming's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Fleming.

Charles A. Lukenbach arrived in Bellefonte Wednesday of last week on his drive from Detroit. Leaving there Monday, Mr. Lukenbach made the trip in three days, and after a short visit with members of his family here and at Tyrone, started on the return drive Monday of this week.

Among those from out-of-town who were here last week for the funeral of John Phil Cunningham were, William Cunningham, from Beaver Falls; Mr. and Mrs. James Riley, from Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. James Darcey and Mrs. Joseph Dierkin, from Washington, D. C., and Mrs. James Crotty, from Lewistown.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Armor, of Hartford, Conn., were here over Sunday for a short visit with Mr. Armor's father and sister, Monroe Armor and Mrs. Horton S. Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Armor came to Bellefonte from Tyrone and upon leaving here went to New York to spend several days before returning to Connecticut.

Mrs. Lewis Swartz and her small child left here Sunday to join Mr. Swartz at Braddock, where he is an instructor in the city schools. Mrs. Swartz was accompanied to Bellefonte by Mr. Swartz's mother, Mrs. L. E. Swartz, of Hubersburg, where her sister, Mrs. Allison, of State College, joined them here for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Strouse and Mr. and Mrs. John Strouse, of College township, were in town for a short time yesterday afternoon. They had been attending the Resides sale in quest of cows, but inasmuch as they didn't have any tied on behind their motor when they started home we presume they were unable to get the kind they were after.

Miss Sarah Hockenberry was in Bellefonte Friday, on her way to New Brownsville, going home with her brother William and his wife, who had been visiting with Mr. Hockenberry's mother, Mrs. George Hockenberry, at State College, and with Mrs. Hockenberry's relatives in Centre county. Miss Sarah anticipates making her home at New Brownsville.

Mrs. Edmund Blanchard is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Donnelly, of Ridley Park.

Mrs. G. H. Childs, of Crafton, was in Bellefonte last week for the funeral of her grand-mother, Mrs. John P. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Nantz, of Kirkville, N. Y., have been guests of Mrs. W. O. Brewer and Mrs. Charles Keichline.

Mrs. R. Harold Smith and her small child returned to their home in Pottsville Wednesday. Mrs. Smith had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ray.

Mrs. Robert A. Miller, of Tyrone, and her daughter Jane, who were here for the day, Saturday, were guests during their stay of Mrs. Jack Houck. Mrs. Miller having many friends in Bellefonte, at Axe Mann and at Spring Mills, makes frequent visits to Centre county.

Bellefonte Pays Tribute to Her First War Victim.

Bellefonte paid beautiful and solemn tribute to the memory of the first of our boys who has given his life to his country as the funeral cortege of the late John Cunningham moved from his home to the cemetery last Monday morning.

The military guard presented arms as the flag covered case bearing the remains of the soldier were carried from the house by eight of his boyhood companions. Then they took their places at either side of the hearse and proceeded to the church. All business was suspended, the streets over which the procession moved were swept clean of traffic, and men and women of all classes stepped to the curb, uncovered and stood with bowed heads. On Allegheny street the students of the Bellefonte Academy, all of the High school scholars and those of the Parochial schools formed an avenue of tribute that extended clear to the entrance of St. John's Catholic church where requiem mass was celebrated.

It was wonderfully impressive. The absolute quiet, broken only by the solemn tolling of the court house bell, was mute expression of the reverence, the gratitude, the undying obligation that is ours for those who have gone to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Mr. J. M. Cunningham, John's father, has received the following letters which explain themselves and are published only to show how closely the Navy Department watches every man in the service and how careful it is in the treatment of them. Mr. Cunningham was at his son's bedside all most constantly throughout his illness and finds much comfort in the personal knowledge that it would have been impossible to have done more than was done to save his boy's life. The hospital was splendidly equipped, had ample nurses and physicians who were in constant and really solicitous attendance so that he is satisfied that there is no such word as "neglect" in the lexicon of the U. S. naval hospital at Hampton Roads.

27 September, 1918.

My dear Mr. Cunningham: You have been informed by the Naval Hospital of the death of your son, John Phil Cunningham, Landsman for Electrician, U. S. Navy.

You may rest assured that nothing was left undone, which might have been done, to save your son. The instant he was found to be suffering from influenza he was put to bed and all precautions were taken to prevent complications. When his case was definitely decided to be influenza, he was sent to the Naval Hospital and at that time went out from under my command.

Please accept my warm sympathy, and that of the officers and men who knew your son, in your bereavement. He died in the service of his country, and this should be a consolation to you.

Very respectfully, W. M. CROSE, Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Mr. John M. CUNNINGHAM, 58 South Potter St., Bellefonte, Penna.

Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Va., September 27th, 1918.

Mr. John Mitchell Cunningham, 90 South Potter St., Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir: It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of your son, John Phil Cunningham, Landsman, Electrician, U. S. Navy, at this hospital at 5:25 p. m., September 25th, 1918, from pneumonia, broncho.

Every attention possible, both from a medical standpoint and of comfort, were afforded him, but to no avail. He was under the care of a physician with an abundance of experience in the treatment of this disease and also that of a trained, graduate, female nurse.

Prior to his death he was visited by the station Chaplain and was spiritually well prepared to die.

After assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and requesting that if there is any additional information desired that you will have no hesitancy in communicating with me, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours, M. C. COOKE, Captain (Medical Corps) U. S. Navy, In Command.

Escaped Prisoner Recaptured.

Paul Mereno, the Italian who escaped from the western penitentiary on Saturday, September 21st, did not enjoy his liberty very long, as he was captured by state policemen at Milton last Thursday evening and brought to the Centre county jail on Friday. Mereno made his way to Milton and at once sought work there which he got. Instead of lodging in the town he took quarters in a small Italian settlement about a mile from the town. When arrested on Thursday evening he had in his possession a dangerous looking knife about a foot in length.

See Little Eva and Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as played by Marguerite Clark at the scenic Saturday, matinee and night. 39-1t