

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

The Williams family reunion will be held in the John Q. Miles grove at Martha on Saturday, August 23rd.

The bridge over Logan's branch at the Phoenix mill is practically completed and will likely be opened for traffic some time next week.

Aside from the first five days of the month there has been no excessive heat during July, while some of the days and nights have been unusually cool.

The summer school at State College is now in full swing with a total of 933 teachers in attendance. Dr. W. K. McKinney, of Bellefonte, is bible lecturer for the course.

Only one game of ball was played in the Red Cross league during the week, that was between the South ward and Milesburg last Friday evening, when the former won by the score of 5 to 3.

The old Boalsburg tavern has been reopened for the convenience of the traveling public. It is now in its one hundredth year, which makes it the oldest hostelry in Centre county, but in service it is up to date. See advertisement elsewhere.

The annual reunion of the Lutheran churches of Central Pennsylvania will be held at Lakemont park, Altoona, on Thursday, July 31st. The Orphan's Home band, of Sunbury, has been secured to furnish the music for the day. Good speakers will be in attendance and the public is cordially invited.

Just two more weeks of trout fishing and then Fishing Creek will lose its greatest charm for summer campers. All in all the season has not been a very flattering success so far as the number of trout caught is concerned, although all the streams seem to be pretty well populated with the speckled beauties.

In order to afford her every care and comfort possible Mrs. August Glinz was recently taken to the sanitarium at Wernersville. She has been in poor health ever since last fall when she suffered an attack of influenza. Mr. Glinz motored to Wernersville early in the week to spend several days with his wife.

In his will probated recently the late Henry E. Duck, of Millheim, bequeathed \$250 for foreign missions, \$250 for home missions, \$250 for church extension, and \$250 to the Loysville orphan's home, a Lutheran institution. Several years ago Mr. Duck gave \$1,000 for a ministerial scholarship at the Susquehanna University.

The evenings are growing appreciably longer and with twilight falling earlier than formerly it makes a greater attraction of the motion picture. The scenic is open every evening during the week and the Lyric Saturday evenings, and the public is assured of good programs at both places. If you have a spare hour or two each evening you cannot spend it more entertainingly than at the motion pictures.

The officials and clerks in the court house and members of the Centre county bar this week presented Mrs. Fred Craft with a small chest of silver, including a half dozen knives a half dozen teaspoons, a half dozen pie knives, butter knife and sugar shell as a wedding present. Before her marriage Mrs. Craft was Miss Anne Nolan and had served several official terms in the court house as deputy registrar.

Word was received in Bellefonte yesterday morning of the arrival of private Frank Smith at Camp Merritt, he having sailed from Marselles, France, about ten days ago. It is just possible that Samuel Rhinesmith is with Smith. Lester Musser, the other Bellefonte soldier who was with Smith and Rhinesmith during most of their service in France, is probably on his way home also, as he was sent to Brest some time ago.

Last Thursday afternoon a Pathe motion picture operator came to Bellefonte in a small Sopwith airplane, reaching here just before that severe rain and thunder storm passed over Centre county. The man came here from Clearfield, but did not carry his motion picture apparatus with him, having sent the same to Bellefonte by express. But so far as known he did not take any pictures here and left for the east on Friday morning.

Bellefonte friends of H. S. Ray will be pleased to learn that he has recovered his health to that extent that he was able to leave the Blair county hospital on Saturday, and accompanied by M. A. Landsy went to Sea Girt, Long Island, where he will spend some time at the cottage of his brother, F. D. Ray Jr., of New York city, while further recuperating from what at one time threatened to be a general breakdown, but which has been happily averted through the treatment he received in Blair county.

Miss Mary Miles Blanchard, as chairman of the ticket committee of the Bellefonte Chautauqua, and Miss Helen Schaeffer, her assistant, have begun a canvass of the town for the sale of season tickets for the Chautauqua which will begin next Thursday. These ladies are prepared to answer any and all questions relating to the Chautauqua and you can lighten their work considerably by being prepared to purchase your tickets promptly when they visit you. The price of course tickets is \$2.50; children, \$1.00.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNJUSTLY MISREPRESENTED.

Charge That They Refused to Maintain Detour in Rush Township Untrue.

A statement sent out from Harrisburg last week that the Commissioners of Centre county had refused to maintain a detour in Rush township, where the State purposed constructing a piece of state highway, and as a result all state work in Centre county had been rejected, is untrue. When the statement appeared in the public press, coming as it did from Harrisburg, it naturally excited considerable discussion and unfavorable criticism of the County Commissioners, but an investigation of the case by the "Watchman" editor shows that the Commissioners have not been at fault in any way and any censure of their actions that has been made has been hasty and unjust.

Last Monday evening a telegram was received in Bellefonte from Highway Commissioner Sadler and addressed to the County Commissioners. It was in the nature of a demand to know if the Commissioners would provide and maintain a detour for a piece of state highway it was proposed to build in Rush township, between Osceola Mills and Sandy Ridge, and requesting immediate answer as bids for same were to be opened at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning. Of course the Commissioners were not in session, two of them not even in Bellefonte, but they were promptly apprised of the text of the telegram by telephone. They at once got busy and endeavored to find out just where the proposed highway was to be located in Rush township and whether it would be possible to provide and maintain a detour.

One of the supervisors in Rush township was called up and asked about the matter but was unable to give the necessary information and the only thing the Commissioners could do was to wire Highway Commissioner Sadler that they would investigate the situation and advise him later. In the meantime the letting was held on Tuesday morning and the only bid submitted for the piece of highway in question was one for \$125,772.35, for 12,355 feet of highway, by George I. Thompson & Co., of Clearfield. The bid was rejected and the reason given that the Commissioners had refused to provide and maintain a detour.

But following up their inquiry of Monday night they finally learned that a detour could be provided and maintained where the state highway is requested and they promptly sent a letter to the Highway Commissioner notifying him of that fact and of their readiness to do anything within reason to have the road built, and this week they received a very courteous letter from Commissioner Sadler thanking them for their willingness to co-operate with the Highway Department and assuring them that the section of road in question would be re-advertised and other bids asked for its construction. And from other sources it has been learned that the real reason that the bid was rejected last week was because it was considered entirely too high, and being the only bid the department could do nothing else.

So far as the co-operation of the County Commissioners with the Highway Department is concerned the "Watchman" calls attention to their past record in this respect. There has not been a single instance when they failed to meet the Highway Department in every reasonable request made for the improvement of the roads in Centre county, and when it came to letting the contract for the piece of highway between Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap the Commissioners very promptly agreed to provide and maintain a detour. They did the same for the piece of highway from Gum Stump to Milesburg and all they asked regarding the Rush township road was time enough to investigate and find out if it were possible to provide the detour.

Just one more point: Heretofore there has been no law providing for the expenditure of money by the County Commissioners for providing and maintaining such detours, and all such action on their part was at their own personal risk, but a law passed by the last Legislature and recently signed by the Governor gives them the right to expend the county's money in providing detours so that in the future they will be safeguarded in all such actions.

Barn Burned by Lightning Stroke.

During Tuesday afternoon's severe storm lightning struck the barn on the J. Will Kepler farm near Pine Grove Mills, better known as the Louder farm, and burned it to the ground. Forty tons of hay and twenty loads of wheat also went up in smoke, as well as various farm implements belonging to the tenant, Earl Smetlzer, who also lost all his feed. The wagon shed adjoining the barn was burned. Mr. Kepler carried \$1,600 insurance on the barn, which will not nearly cover the loss. Mr. Smetlzer had some insurance on his property destroyed. Fortunately all the livestock was saved.

The storm evidently was more severe in the western end of the county than in Bellefonte and vicinity as growing crops were knocked down in some places and fields badly washed. Even wheat shocks were carried some distance by the streams of water which coursed down every depression. The damage done was considerable.

Scoutmaster J. W. Adams and a troop of twenty-six boy scouts, of Huntingdon, have been encamped at State College since last Thursday.

Two houses in Munson were dynamited about three o'clock on Monday morning and at 9:10 o'clock an attempt was made to blow up the Bituminous National bank of Winburne. Both houses at Munson were badly wrecked. Edward Davis and family, who moved to Munson from Snow Shoe seven years ago, occupied one of the houses and Mr. Davis is accused of being the principal in the dynamiting outrage. He was badly injured by flying debris and is not expected to live. One of his daughters was also badly hurt.

A state-wide reunion of the alumnae society of The Pennsylvania State College will be held at Hershey park, near Harrisburg, on Saturday, August 9th. An elaborate program is being arranged and among the speakers will be the Hon. W. Walton Mitchell, the new orphans' court judge of Allegheny county and president of the board of trustees of the College. There will also be boating, bathing, dancing and numerous other sports. Members of the society are asked to take husbands, beaux or other friends and make this reunion the greatest ever held.

Last Saturday John Todd, with his son Thurlow and Joyce Bair, of Philipsburg, motored to Bellefonte by way of Port Matilda and as they were driving along the mountain road they came suddenly upon a black bear cub, about one-third grown, which was sportively waddling along in the road. Mr. Todd slackened the speed of his car and gave the baby bear time to get off the road into the underbrush. The mother bear was not in view but the chances are she was not far away. Quite a number of bears have been seen this summer by travelers over the Allegheny mountains.

Charles E. Gates has completed his canvass of Bellefonte in the interest of a new gas and steam heat works but the encouragement he received, or rather lack of encouragement, will hardly justify any company putting a plant here. The people of Bellefonte have only realized during the past two winters that a convenience steam heat and gas were, but now, when an opportunity was given them to have a dependable plant established here they were reluctant in extending even the nominal encouragement of signifying their willingness to use the gas and steam, providing the prices were right. Of course, there were a number of people who were enthusiastic supporters of the movement, but in the case of establishing a costly plant it is numbers that count and the number was not large enough.

The Pennsylvania Match company is taking advantage of the mid-summer shut down on account of the hot weather to make a number of alterations and changes in their large plant in this place which, it is confidently hoped, will greatly facilitate the work of making matches in the future as well as increase the output of the factory. The mixing and chemical rooms will be shifted to another part of the building from which they are now located and other changes made in the different departments so as to provide as nearly as possible an automatic system of turning out matches from the time the blocks of wood are fed into the machines until the matches are delivered to the packers. It will take some time to make the changes now under way but the company hopes to have everything completed by the time cool weather arrives.

Tuesday was a bad day for aviators through this section of the country, owing to the low-hanging clouds and succession of severe rain and thunder storms. At noontime, however, it looked as if the worst of the storms were over and pilots Ellis and Lamborn left Bellefonte about 12:40 in two machines for Cleveland, Ohio. In the neighborhood of Clearfield pilot Ellis got into a wind pocket and before he could get out of it his machine was damaged to that extent that he was compelled to come down. Fortunately he escaped with only minor injuries. When he saw the trouble Ellis had gotten into pilot Lamborn also came down and after assurance that Ellis was all right loaded the mail in his plane and returned to Bellefonte, as the storm westward was increasing in violence. As it was he had hardly reached Bellefonte when the storm struck this section and proved to be one of the worst of the season. The mail was sent west on the 3:10 Lehigh-Pennsylvania train.

Last Thursday pilot Anglin left the Bellefonte aviation field at eleven o'clock with a big load of western mail for New York and when he failed to arrive on time officials of the aero mail service naturally became somewhat anxious, as he had been reported as having left Bellefonte on time. Ut to eleven o'clock Thursday night no word had been received from him or of him, but the mystery was cleared up Friday morning when it was learned that Anglin had been caught in the severe storm which swept over the northeastern section of the State and was blown far south of his course, finally being compelled to land near Sellersville, Philadelphia. Though he escaped uninjured his plane was just enough damaged to make it unsafe to continue his flight to New York. To make matters worse telegraph and telephone service had been disrupted by the storm so that he was unable to get word either to New York or Bellefonte of his whereabouts. But he got his mail to the nearest postoffice as soon as possible and got it on its way to New York and the next morning was able to get a message through explaining his mishap.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. George G. Johnston and her daughters returned to Beaver Falls on Tuesday.

Mrs. S. M. Nissley left Wednesday for a week's visit at her former home at McKeesport.

Mrs. Frank Bartley is spending the week in Lewistown, called there Tuesday by the sudden death of her cousin, Frank McDonald.

Miss Ella A. Gates is spending a portion of her vacation this week at Lewistown with her brother, Benner G. Gates and family.

Rev. Dr. Schmidt went down to Philadelphia on Tuesday to attend a meeting of church representatives relative to the new Reformed hymnbook for the year.

Leola and Gladys Bearor, children of Mrs. Viola Bearor of Milton, formerly of Bellefonte, are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McCloskey.

Linn Saylor, of Girard, Ohio, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Harry Winton, on south Spring street, and with his brother, William Saylor, of Spring township.

Mrs. William Armstrong Kirby and her son left Wednesday for the eastern shore of Maryland, for a visit with Mr. Kirby's family, before returning to Baltimore.

Mrs. Witmer and her sister, Miss Rachel Witmer, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witmer, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mrs. James B. Lane, at her home on east Linn street.

Milton Carver, one of College township's industrious and enterprising young men, was a "Watchman" office caller on Wednesday afternoon while in Bellefonte on a business trip.

Miss Harriet Barton Sloan, of McConnellsburg, is a guest of Mrs. John A. Woodcock, coming here yesterday from Pittsburgh, where she had been visiting with her brother, F. Morse Sloan and his family.

Miss Lucy Miller is home to spend an eighteen day vacation with her mother, Mrs. Della Miller, and the family. Miss Miller came here a week ago from Washington, D. C., where she is in service doing government telephone work.

T. S. Strawn, with his wife and daughter Ellen, and accompanied by several of Mrs. Strawn's lady friends, motored in from New Kensington last week and spent a few days at the Broeckerhoff house, with visits to the Nittany Country club.

Mrs. D. W. Keller, of Philadelphia, left Friday for her home, after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rice, in this place. Mrs. Keller was accompanied by Miss Adeline Kline, who will spend an indefinite time in Philadelphia.

Henry McWilliams, one of the best known farmers of Centre county, drove to Bellefonte Monday, to look after some business pertaining to his farm. Mr. McWilliams is now occupying the farm which has been in the family name for two hundred years.

Mrs. George VanDyke and her daughter, Miss Mary, returned from the western part of the State a week ago, after having spent ten days there with Mr. VanDyke. Mrs. VanDyke will join them in Bellefonte next week, to spend his vacation at home.

Miss Beltz, of Harrisburg, a former superintendent of the Bellefonte hospital, has been visiting for the past week with her many friends in Bellefonte. Miss Beltz had been in ill health for a year or more, but is now slowly regaining her former health.

Miss Elizabeth Cooney and Miss Adeline Olevine will leave today for a two week's trip to the Thousand Islands, down the St. Lawrence river and to New York City. Miss Cooney will then spend some time in the eastern cities buying her early fall millinery goods.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Underwood, of Erie, are visiting with their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Underwood. Upon the expiration of their visit here the two young ladies will go to spend some time with their maternal grand-parents in Johnstown.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hughes went to Pittsburgh Friday of last week. Mr. Hughes expects to spend several weeks in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, in the interest of the Bellefonte Academy. Mrs. Hughes having planned to be with him the greater part of the time.

Mrs. V. Lorne Hummel, of Harrisburg, and her son, V. Lorne Hummel Jr., have been guests of Mrs. Hummel's mother, Mrs. George Williams, for the past ten days. Miss Eulalia Williams is expected in Bellefonte this week, coming here to spend her vacation with her mother and sisters.

John Harper, with the General Electric company, of Schenectady, N. Y., came to Bellefonte Saturday, to spend his two week's vacation at home and to be with his father, Jared Harper, who is now convalescing from a minor operation, performed at the Bellefonte hospital last week.

Mrs. J. D. P. Smithgall, of Franklin, and her two children, Helen and Wade, are in Centre Hall, visiting with Mrs. Smithgall's grandmother, Mrs. John Spangler. Mrs. Smithgall, who was Miss VanPelt, will spend a short time with her friends in Bellefonte before leaving Centre county.

Mary and John Shoemaker, a daughter and son of Mrs. Thomas A. Shoemaker, of Wilkingsburg, came to Bellefonte a week ago for a visit in Centre county. Mary is a guest at the home of Dr. Joseph Broeckerhoff, while John is with his brother Philip, who is general superintendent of the Boal estate, at Boalsburg.

Miss Minnie Collins, of Philadelphia, was in Bellefonte Monday between trains, on the way for a visit with her parents, at Pine Grove Mills. Miss Collins, who had been with the Red Cross overseas service for almost two years, working in both France and Germany, has just recently returned to this country.

Mrs. J. C. Harper, with her daughter and sister, Miss Helen Harper and Mrs. Theodore Gordon, are making their annual visit with Mr. Harper's relatives in Centre Hall. Mrs. Harper and her daughter are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Emerick, while Mrs. Gordon is spending the time with Mr. and Mrs. George Benner.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Weaver, of Romola, were business visitors in Bellefonte on Wednesday and found time to make a brief call at this office, and just naturally he made certain that the "Watchman" will reach him during another year. In this connection it might be said, that Mr. Weaver has been a subscriber to this paper for about forty years and it is just as much a part of his home life as his bible.

Miss Carpenter, of Elmira, is visiting with Mrs. Wells L. Daggett at the Bush house.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gettig and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith will occupy the Mason's camp next week.

Mrs. Thomas Ross came to Bellefonte Monday and is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles A. Morris.

Mrs. Cunningham, of Washington, D. C., is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. K. McKinney, at the manse.

Miss Bertha Moerschbacher left Wednesday morning for a two week's visit with friends in Pittsburgh.

Philip D. Reynolds returned to Bellefonte Tuesday, having been discharged from service at Norfolk, last week.

Mrs. Thomas K. Morris, of Pittsburgh, is expected in Bellefonte next week to spend the remainder of the summer.

Miss Hart left yesterday morning to spend several weeks with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hart, in Canada.

Miss Bertha Hoffman, of Tyrone, is spending the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. Jane Campbell, in Bush's Addition.

Miss Augusta Robinson, of Philadelphia, has been visiting with the Misses McCurdy for the past two weeks, at their home on east Linn street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Heilhecker are entertaining Mr. Heilhecker's mother and brother, Mrs. E. G. and Mr. Morris Heilhecker, both of Williamsport.

Miss Vera Willard, doing Red Cross work at Camp Mills, arrived home the early part of the week on a short furlough, which she will spend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Willard.

The Misses Anne and Rebecca Lyon, of Downingtown, came to Bellefonte Wednesday afternoon and are visiting with their aunts, Mrs. Pugh and Miss Valentine, at their home on Curtin street.

Mary Adaline Harris, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris, of Reading, is spending a part of her summer vacation in Bellefonte with her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Smith, of Bishop street.

Miss Mary Musser has accepted a position with Dannenbaum's wholesale millinery house, and will leave Monday for Philadelphia to begin her work. Miss Musser expects to be in Philadelphia until September.

A. Scott Harris, of the editorial staff of the Pittsburgh Gazette Times, visited for several days with his father, John P. Harris, who accompanied him home Tuesday, expecting to make a visit with his son's family.

Mrs. Sim Baum and her daughter Mary are visiting with Mrs. Hugh J. Boyle in Gettysburg, having left Bellefonte Saturday. Mrs. Baum and her daughter are contemplating a visit to the eastern cities and to the Shore.

James B. Krapp was an over Sunday visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. C. King, of Spring Mills. James is now occupying bachelor quarters in the building on High street, recently purchased by the Superior Silica Brick company.

Mrs. William McGowan and her daughter, Mrs. Case, left Monday for Rochester, N. Y., for a visit with Mrs. McGowan's brother, Joseph Steinkerechner. Before returning to Bellefonte they will spend a short time in Buffalo, Niagara Falls and in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, of Cleveland, Ohio, motored to Bellefonte and are guests of F. W. Crider. Mr. Jacobs came here to meet his mother, Mrs. George Jacobs, of Middletown, who with her niece, will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs on the return drive to Cleveland.

Miss M. H. Snyder has gone to Millford, Delaware, where she will visit for several weeks with her grand-nephews before going to New York to do her early fall buying. While in Delaware, Miss Snyder will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cooke, at their bungalow.

Mrs. Henry Meek is in Centre county for her summer visit with relatives and friends, being at present a guest of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Keichline. Mrs. Meek will go from here to spend a part of the time with friends at her former home in Ferguson township.

Basil J. Mott is expected in Bellefonte within a few days, having been released from service at Camp Dix, after his arrival in this country last week. Mr. Mott has been spending a short time with his sister, Mrs. A. G. McMillan, before she and Mr. McMillan leave for their new home in California.

Mrs. Ernest Weatherly, of Omaha, Neb., who is visiting with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Valentine, at the Bush house, came to Bellefonte Thursday from Newark, Ohio, where she had been spending some time with friends. Mrs. Weatherly will be joined here by Mr. Weatherly, who is east on business.

Mrs. H. F. McGirk, who had been visiting with relatives in Centre county, was in Bellefonte Tuesday, leaving in the afternoon to return to her home at Gloucester, N. J. Mrs. McGirk was accompanied by Martha Gellus, who will spend a part of the summer with her aunts and grandfathers in Philadelphia.

Miss Margaret Broeckerhoff went to Philadelphia Sunday to look after some business relative to the selling of her house. When returning to Bellefonte, Miss Broeckerhoff will be accompanied by Miss Margery Leard, who will be her guest at the home of Dr. Joseph Broeckerhoff, on Bishop street.

Mrs. Samuel Rice left Saturday for her home in Elwood City, after spending two weeks with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rice, on Pine street. She was accompanied by Tyrone by Samill Rice, who was met there by his son-in-law, Curt Ginery, and together they proceeded to Rossiter, where Mr. Rice will spend several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Ginery.

Mrs. H. S. Cooper, of Dallas, Texas, with her daughter and grand-daughter, Mrs. A. T. Barclay and Saralin, will arrive in Bellefonte Saturday, to spend the remainder of the summer with their aunts, the Misses Benner, at their home on High street. Mrs. Barclay will be joined here in September by Mr. Barclay, to go for a visit at his former home in Virginia, before returning south.

Judge B. Frank Keller, who presides over the United States district court at Charleston, W. Va., is in Bellefonte visiting his nephew, Harry Keller Esq., and family. Judge Keller is a native of Boalsburg but has been away from Centre county for thirty-nine years, and this is his first visit here in ten or twelve years. He will spend ten days in the county and will visit friends at Boalsburg as well as in Bellefonte.

Miss Sara Barnetts, who has been a patient in the Bellefonte hospital, will leave today to return to her home in Milton.

Miss Sara Gilmour, who has been a guest of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmour, has returned to her home in Milton.

Mrs. LeRoy Plumb, of Newton, Kansas, and her two children are in Bellefonte, visiting with Mrs. Plumb's mother, Mrs. Joseph Fox.

Mrs. Margaret Dexter, of Washington, D. C., who is with her brother, Jerry Glenn, at Curtin, will be in Centre county for an indefinite time.

Ray Johnson, who spent one year in France with the Brest Casual Co., arrived from overseas Wednesday and is now at the home of Jacob Shirk, on Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blair left Tuesday on a drive to Philadelphia. With them were Mr. Blair's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Entwistle, who have been visiting in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kirk and daughter Dorothy, of Tyrone, and Dr. and Mrs. George Kirk, of Kylertown, were in Bellefonte yesterday, guests of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Kirk.

Mrs. John Slack, of Centre Hall, has been in Bellefonte this week with her sister, Mrs. John Musser, coming here on account of ill health and hoping to be benefited by the change.

Miss Lillian Walker, who had been in Boston, for the winter, is in Bellefonte with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Walker, expecting to remain here until the opening of the millinery season in the fall.

Mrs. Helen B. Waite, an instructor in the schools of Glassboro, N. Y., has been a guest of her aunt, Mrs. John I. Olevine, coming here from Philadelphia a week ago with her sister, Mrs. Dougherty, of State College.

Harry L. Davis, of Pittsburgh, Negotiating Lease of Garman Opera House.

Harry L. Davis, the big theatrical man of Pittsburgh, was in Bellefonte on Tuesday and closed the preliminaries for a six year lease of the Garman opera house with a view of converting it into an up-to-date vaudeville and motion picture theatre. It is expected that the final papers will be executed within a few days and Mr. Davis take possession on August first.

Plans are now being prepared for some very decided improvements in the building which will include an enlargement of the stage, new drop curtain, new plush seats, the lowering of the entrance so as to do away with the present steps, and a general rearrangement of the interior at an estimated cost of from eight to ten thousand dollars. Mr. Davis expects to have all the improvements completed by September 15th, which he has in mind as the date of his big opening, when a full orchestra will be brought here from Pittsburgh to furnish the music for that event.

Owning and controlling, as he does, four theatres in Pittsburgh Mr. Davis is well known in the theatrical world. According to his story while in Bellefonte he has already leased theatres in Johnstown, Altoona, Tyrone, DuBois, Clearfield, Philipsburg, Lock Haven and Williamsport, and the lease of the Garman opera house will give him a complete circuit of theatres in central Pennsylvania. His plan is to give one night of vaudeville and the next night motion pictures, thus alternating during the entire season. The rooms over the entrance to the opera house will be put in good shape as a lodging place for the vaudeville actors while in Bellefonte.

As there doesn't seem to be any doubt now of the deal going through the amusement loving people of Bellefonte can begin to anticipate a season of splendid entertainment, as Mr. Davis' reputation for furnishing the best that can be had is well known to the theatre going public.

Steele Properties Sold at Orphans' Court Sale.

The remaining properties belonging to the estate of William L. Steele, deceased, were sold at Orphans' court sale last Saturday and went as follows:

- One double dwelling to J. F. Steele for \$665.
- Single dwelling to H. P. Kelley, \$900.
- Carpenter shop to John Steele, \$200.
- Double dwelling to Vincent Boldin, \$875.
- Double dwelling to Joe Kucas, \$820.
- The properties which had already been sold and the sale of which was confirmed included the following:
 - Fine street house, Mrs. Julia Holter, \$1,000.
 - Small shop, James D. Seibert, \$100.
 - Stony Batter and corner of Water street double and single dwelling, Samuel B. Weaver, \$1800.
 - Three double dwellings on Quaker Hill, Frank Steele, \$2765.
 - Old homestead property, J. S. McCargan, \$3500.
- Thus the estate totalled \$12,685, which will be divided equally among twelve original heirs.
- One hundred and twenty-five dollars was the amount realized at the lawn social held at the residence of Hon. A. G. Morris, on east Linn street, by the ladies of the Episcopal church last Friday evening.

Wanted.—Woman for companion. Only two in family, mother and son. No housework. Mrs. F. W. Cardon, Clearfield. Call or write Mrs. Charles Noll, Bellefonte. 28-2t

Roomers Wanted.—By day or week. Central location. "W." care "Watchman" office. 28-1t

Lost.—Automobile crank, on or about west Curtin St. Finder please return to this office. 28-1t*

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