

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., October 31, 1919.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

"Broken Blossoms" can be seen at the Pastime theatre, State College, this evening. Don't miss seeing it.

The fifteen days "safety first" campaign conducted by the Pennsylvania railroad company will end today.

While sugar is still a scarce commodity in Bellefonte all indications point to a better supply generally during the month of November.

A Civil service examination will be held at Coburn on November 22nd to fill a vacancy in the fourth-class postoffice at Woodward. The compensation of the office for the past fiscal year was \$216.

Aviator M. P. Chariten, who left Bellefonte at 12:40 yesterday afternoon was killed at 2:30 o'clock when his motor stopped and his machine went into a nose dive shortly after he crossed the Jersey line.

The room in the Brockerhoff house block recently vacated by Blair's jewelry store has been leased by a firm from Milton who will open a fancy cheese store therein. The room is now being put in shape for occupancy.

Is there a Republican, Democrat or Prohibitionist who can go to the polls on November 4th and vote against a poor, crippled, hard-working man like James E. Solt for Overseer of the Poor?

64-43-11—Political Advt.

At the public sale of the Empire Lime company, in the prothonotary's office last Saturday morning, John Mignot outbid his brother-in-law, Conrad Miller, and purchased the one-half undivided interest of the company for \$18,600.

David Finkleman, proprietor of the Bush Arcade cigar store and billiard-parlor, last week installed an automatic peanut roaster and popcorn machine in the big show window of his store and the same has attracted considerable attention ever since.

Bellefonte hotels closed their bar-rooms promptly at four o'clock on Wednesday, the hour when wartime prohibition became effective to the extent of all liquors over one-half of one per cent. of alcoholic content. What the next step will be is now open to conjecture.

Two weeks ago the "Watchman" published a brief item to the effect that Bellefonte can get a silk mill if a suitable location for the buildings can be secured. Since that time one property holder has come forward with an offer to donate the land free of charge, and further developments are expected in the near future.

The people of Bellefonte and surrounding community are requested to buy their Christmas presents at the Episcopal bazaar which will be held in the parish house on November 20th. There will be a full-line of attractive, fancy and practical articles, at reasonable prices. Something suitable for the children, young people and mother and father.

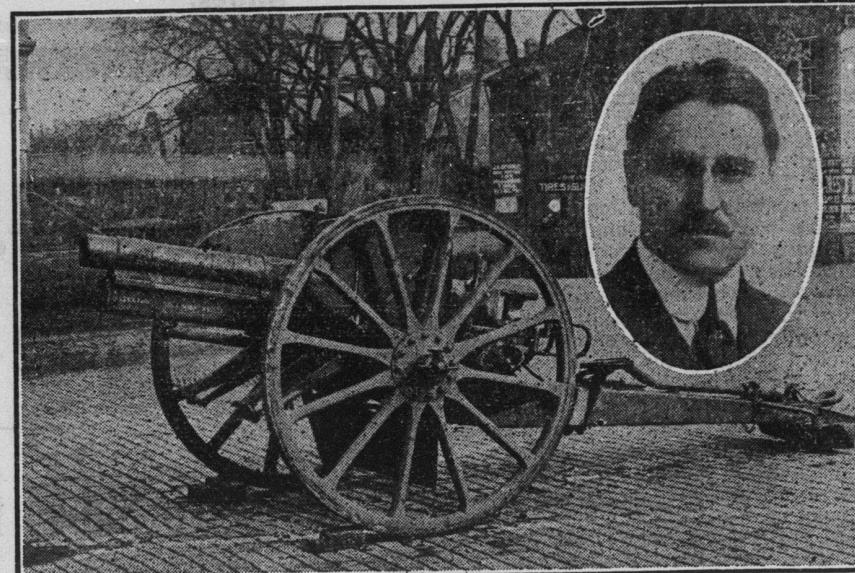
The Curtin Milling company at Curtin is now manufacturing a superior grade of roller flour which they have named their Excelsior brand, and which is as good as any flour on the market. So confident are the millers of its good quality that they have decided to put it on the Bellefonte market. See advertisement on page five as to where it can be purchased.

This is the last day of October and today's weather is supposed to govern that of next month. The political campaign is about over and the battle of the ballots will be fought to a finish next Tuesday. If the best man don't win it will be the fault of the individual voter and he will have no comeback. And just here we might add that it is only fifty-six days until Christmas and none too early to begin your shopping for that time.

It is the duty of every citizen to vote next Tuesday. Don't let anything over which you may have control keep you away from the polls. It is to your interest now, as never before, to vote, for with the cost of living ever going higher and unrest everywhere in the land we should have good men in our local offices. Men of high character, men of broad judgment, men of influence and usefulness in the community and men who know how to save money for all of us.

The Scenic was crowded at every show of "Daddy Long Legs" last Friday and Saturday, which shows that the public appreciates good pictures, and when the same are properly advertised they will draw good crowds. While every show cannot be a "Daddy Long Legs" yet the nightly offering at the Scenic is always good and worth seeing, and many a splendid picture is missed by those who stay away even an evening now and then. To avoid this, be a regular.

Samuel Solt was arrested in Williamsport last week on a charge of fraud preferred by Henry Mott. The latter claimed that some time ago he sold an automobile to Solt for \$395, on which a balance of \$185 is still due. Solt later, it was claimed, sold the car to a resident of Bellefonte for \$150. The car in question is doubtless the one wrecked when Solt ran into the McQuiston house on Thomas street some weeks ago. Solt was held under \$200 bail for a hearing before a magistrate.



Boche "77" Gun Secured by Mr. Walker for Bellefonte

GERMAN GUN ARRIVES.

Boche "77" Reached Bellefonte Last Friday Evening.

The Boche "77," the German gun presented to W. Harrison Walker Esq., by the War Department in recognition of his valued services as chairman of Group 3, Third Federal district war savings division, and chairman of the war savings committee of Centre county, reached Bellefonte last Friday evening from Newark, N. J., after being on the road since October 2nd. The gun was unloaded from the car after dinner on Saturday and trailed by M. R. Johnson's big truck up High street to the triangle in the Diamond where it now stands, and where it has already been viewed by hundreds of people.

According to ex-soldiers who were in the ordnance service in France the gun is one of the German 1898 models and is slightly larger than the French "75." The only parts missing are the breech block and range finder and these the Germans always managed to remove and hide before they surrendered the gun. According to the inscription on the gun it was captured by members of the First Division on July 10th, 1918, at Sur Inver, and was one of a number of such guns originally consigned by the government to the Aberdeen proving grounds, Maryland. One of the wheels of the gun carriage still bears the camouflage paint with which the gun was masked while in action. Two bullet holes are noticeable in one side of the metal guard and it is quite likely they were made by bullets from guns fired by American soldiers.

While the gun was presented to W. Harrison Walker Esq., by the War Department it is his purpose to give it to Bellefonte and a concrete base will be erected on the spot in the Diamond where the gun now stands to which it will be securely anchored. It is hoped to have this work done so that a public presentation and official dedication of the gun may be made on November 11th, Armistice day, which is to be duly celebrated throughout the United States.

While the gun will be located in Bellefonte as the county seat, it will be a memento to all Centre county for the part its citizens played in the war in general. And Mr. Walker deserves all the credit for getting the gun. Alone and unaided he not only made application for the same but served a brief apprenticeship and got ten a fairly good pair of sea legs he was assigned to the cruiser Denver and saw considerable service with the Atlantic fleet both off the coast and in the southern seas. Then the Denver went through the Panama Canal with the Pacific fleet and Herbert asked for a discharge for the reason that he would like to go to college. When the fleet finally reached San Francisco he was given a provisional discharge, but is carried on the naval pay roll at the princely figure of one dollar a month, and is subject to call at any time within the four years if his services are badly needed. But he does not anticipate such a call and has already gotten back into cots and will soon become accustomed to civil life in Bellefonte as all the other boys who spent a year or more before the mast or following the flag.

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