

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

Mrs. Bertram, of Reynolds avenue, tripped on a cellar door on Monday, fell and fractured her right arm. It is just a few days too early to catch trout but you can go to the opera house next Thursday evening and "Katcha Koo."

SIX INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Four of the Victims in Serious Condition and One May Die.

One of the worst automobile accidents that has happened in this vicinity in several years occurred on the Nittany valley state highway about eleven o'clock on Sunday night when an automobile with six young people from Lock Haven coming toward Bellefonte collided with a big truck loaded with lime, a short distance below Hecla Park. The injured are: Edward Johnston, son of Sheriff Tom Johnston, compound fracture of the left arm, compound fracture of the jaw, fracture of the right knee cap and fracture of the left leg above the knee; cuts about head, right arm and body. Johnston is the most seriously injured and may die.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Darlington will visit Bellefonte to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation Low Sunday afternoon, April 11th, at 2:30 o'clock. The service will be held in St. John's Episcopal church, and in addition to confirming the Bishop will preach a sermon.

John Smith, a colored man of Philipsburg, was brought to the Centre county jail on Wednesday on the charge of larceny. Saturday evening he went into the tailor shop of C. W. Owens, in Philipsburg, threw red pepper into the tailor's eyes, grabbed a package containing several suits of clothes and skipped. He was caught before he could get out of the town and being unable to give bail for his appearance at court was remanded to jail.

The will of the late James Scarlet, Esq., of Danville, who died a month or more ago, was probated in the Montour county court last Thursday. Although no inventory was filed it is the general opinion that the estate will figure up to \$300,000. Three-fourths of the income of the property was left to Mrs. Scarlet during her life and the other fourth to his son, James Scarlet Jr., of Philadelphia. On the death of Mrs. Scarlet the entire income goes to the son, also the power to distribute the principal at his death. A Scranton Trust company is the executor and trustee of the estate.

Keystone Store Closed by Sheriff.

The Keystone State grocery store in the Brockerhoff house block was closed by the sheriff last Friday. The Bellefonte store was one of a chain of stores operated by the Keystone State Stores company, of Williamsport, others being located in Williamsport, Muncy, Hughesville and Montgomery. The stores in the above places have been in operation a year or more while the Bellefonte store was opened some six or eight months ago. Recently an effort was made by the management to float a stock issue in order to raise finances to carry the stores along but the effort was a failure. It is understood that the appointment of a receiver in bankruptcy has been asked for.

Anent that Bellefonte Milk Station.

Mr. J. A. Collins, New York representative of the Western Maryland Milk company, was in Bellefonte yesterday continuing negotiations for the locating here of a milk station and progressed to that stage where it looks as if the station is absolutely assured. While in Bellefonte Mr. Collins received a telegram from a man in Washington, D. C., asking if he could furnish him one thousand gallons of milk daily, and another telegram from a milk dealer in Canton, Pa., agreeing to furnish him one thousand gallons daily on a previous order. While in Bellefonte Mr. Collins took an option on a small farm south of town which he expects to fix up and maintain as a summer home.

"Katcha Koo" to be Big Society Event.

The presentation of the oriental comedy, "Katcha Koo," at the opera house next Thursday and Friday evenings, promises to be the first big society event of the season. Practically all the leading amateur talent in Bellefonte will take part in the play. This will include in the neighborhood of one hundred people and they are all practicing every night in order to get their respective parts letter-perfect. The presentation will be given as a benefit for the Bellefonte hospital and the committee in charge is Mrs. M. H. Brouse, chairman; Mrs. Odillie Mott, Mrs. William Katz, Mrs. Harry Yeager, Miss Mary Blanchard, Miss Miriam Smith and Mrs. G. Ross Parker. A professional director is in charge and this is assurance that the various characters will be skillfully assigned and artistically costumed, with elaborate and appropriate stage settings. The chart for reserved seats will be put up at Parrish's drug store on Tuesday morning, April 6th. If you can't get suitable reservations for the first night book them for the second, but in any event, be sure to see this play.

Annual Declaratory Contest.

The annual declaratory contest for the W. S. Furst prizes took place at the Bellefonte Academy on Tuesday afternoon and proved to be one of the closest and most interesting contests ever held. The speakers and their subjects were as follows: "Lincoln at Gettysburg," by W. Brown, of Salamanca, N. Y.; "Daniel Webster," by H. Vilsack, of Pittsburgh; "Success," by C. Mansure, Chicago; "Death on the Field of Honor," by J. Buchanan, Greensburg; "Character," by B. Walker, Detroit, Mich.; "Americanism," by L. Saul, Pittsburgh; "Time," by F. Theis, Wilkes-Barre; "The Boy in Blue," by R. Fraunheim, Pittsburgh; "Citizenship," by N. Runyan, Ellwood City. The judges were Dr. W. K. McKinney, Mr. F. H. Thomas and John M. Bullock. They awarded first prize to Fred Theis, second to Nelson Runyan and a third prize divided between Lewis Saul and Bradley Walker. The piano selections by Mrs. Hess and singing by Mr. Lilling were pleasing features of the afternoon's program. Coach Lilling deserves great credit for the splendid training evinced by all the contestants.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. Kerstetter, of Harrisburg, was a guest Sunday of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Yeager. Mrs. Waterman, of Providence, R. I., is visiting with her brother and his wife, Col. and Mrs. W. F. Reynolds. Mrs. William Wolfe returned Wednesday from Altoona, after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Zeigler. LeRoy Fox, of Lock Haven, and his son George will be Easter guests of the child's grandmother, Mrs. Henry Haupt, of south Allegheny street. Mrs. M. L. Jack and her two children left last week for Mrs. Jack's former home in Beaver county, where they anticipate making their home in the future. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. P. Gray and Mr. Gray's mother, Mrs. William Gray, have returned to their home in Stormstown, after spending the winter in Indiana, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. William S. Furst, of Overbrook, and their three daughters, will come to Bellefonte this week to spend Easter with Mr. Furst's mother, Mrs. A. O. Furst. Rev. E. Janvier, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lingle and their son Walter, of Pitsburgh, will be Easter guests of Mrs. Georgianna Dale, at her home near Lemont. Mrs. Robert Morris and her two sons will spend next week with Mr. Morris at the Ward House, in Tyrone, while A. G. Morris and his daughter, Miss Lida move to their other home. Mrs. Katherine Furey Hunter, of Pitsburgh, has planned to come to Centre county very shortly, and will be a guest during her stay of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Miller, at Pleasant Gap. Miss Helen E. C. Overton is contemplating spending the summer at the Shore. As soon as the Academy closes Miss Overton will leave to accept a position at the Children's Seaside Home, at Atlantic City. Mrs. Joseph Ceder has arranged to come to Bellefonte early in May to open her Spring street home for the summer. Mrs. Ceder has been in Newark, N. J., for the winter, with her son, Joseph Ceder Jr. Miss Elizabeth S. Thompson, of State College, was in Bellefonte the early part of the week, stopping between trains on her way to Howard, expecting to spend the Easter week with friends there and at Clearfield. Miss Lillian Rankin spent the past week in Harrisburg with her sister and brother, Miss Mary and Walter Rankin; Mrs. Preston Lytle, of State College, coming to be with her father, W. B. Rankin, during Miss Lillian's absence. J. Harvey McClure was in Bellefonte the early part of the week on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James I. McClure, before moving from Oil City to Lima, Ohio, to take charge of that new position he was recently promoted to. Having completed his work in Centre county as agent of the Farm Bureau H. H. Olmstead and family took their departure for Susquehanna county on Wednesday afternoon, and henceforth Joseph N. Robinson will be in charge of the Bureau. Miss Martha Haines and Miss Rebecca Yeager, with Mrs. M. H. Haines as chaperone, will go to Clearfield Saturday for Easter and the Easter dance Monday night. While there they will be guests of Mrs. Haines' elder daughter, Mrs. John Black. Anthony Wasson, of Niagara Falls, arrived here yesterday and will be joined here today by his sister, Miss Tillie Wasson, of Harrisburg, both being guests for their Easter vacation of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wasson, of south Allegheny street. Mrs. James E. Lane has returned to Bellefonte from Atlantic City, where she spent the late winter at "The Eastbourne." Mrs. Lane is living for the present at the Bush house, expecting to remain there or go to McKeesport, until opening her house on Linn street. George Kaufman, of Altoona, while off on a sick leave of a month, came to Bellefonte Friday, for some good Centre county produce. Mr. Kaufman was so unselfish with his good eats, that the quantity of eggs he was carrying home were to be divided with the Frank Williams family. Miss Ida Greene is expected in Bellefonte this week, coming here from Erie, where she has been for the winter with her brother Elmer and family. After spending a day or two here, Miss Greene will go to Philipsburg for a week's visit, before opening her home on Water street. Mrs. Walters, who had been here with her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Casebeer, for the winter, returned yesterday to her home in Somerset, accompanied by Miss Luella Rhoades. Mrs. Casebeer and her daughter Betty will follow Mrs. Walters to Somerset tomorrow to be her guests over Easter. Rev. S. C. Stover, pastor of the Reformed church at Boalsburg, was a pleasant caller at the "Watchman" office on Tuesday morning, being on his way to Altoona where he filled the pulpit in the Trinity Reformed church three evenings this week at special services being held there. Mrs. J. T. Garthoff returned Wednesday from a visit to her former home in Rebersburg, going over a week ago to Coburn to attend a nephew's sale. Mr. and Mrs. Garthoff are entertaining their two grandsons, Jack and Clifford Blackford, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Linn Blackford, of Huntingdon. Mrs. Samuel Harris is again at Mill Hill, going there from Harrisburg, to open her house for the summer. Mrs. Harris spent the winter in Shamokin, with her daughter, Mrs. Hartsock, going with them to their new home in Harrisburg. Rev. Willis Hartsock was charged at the recent conference. Miss Anna M. Miller, who has been here for the past ten days, will return to her home in Salona today to complete her arrangements for coming next week to make her home permanently in Bellefonte. Having accepted a position with Dr. J. M. Locke, Miss Miller will take charge of his offices Thursday, making her home with Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes. Among the younger set home from school for their Easter vacation, is Miss Mabel Sheffer, who has as a guest Miss Ada Koppin, of Minneapolis. Miss Sheffer and Miss Koppin are schoolmates at Miss Masons, at Tarrytown, On-the-Hudson. Miss Henrietta Quigley, from Versailles; Miss Henrietta Sebring, from Smith; Miss Margaret Mignot and Miss Della Beizer, from the Mary Woods College at Scranton. Miss Beizer was accompanied by Miss Katherine McLaughlin, of Bedford, who spent a part of the week in Bellefonte.

Escaped Convict Voluntarily Returns to Penitentiary.

On Tuesday a man walked up to the gate of the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh and told the guard that he had escaped from the penitentiary at Rockview and was there to give himself up and take his punishment. The man gave the name of Walter A. Dress. He was taken before warden John C. Francies and on looking up the records it was found that the man's story was correct. Dress, who was an automobile mechanic, was sent up from Butler county on February 9th, 1917, for from two to three years for aggravated assault and battery, burglary and larceny. He was transferred to the Rockview penitentiary several months later and on August 3rd of the same year he in company with Walter E. West and Melvin Cannis, both of Beaver county, made their escape. West and Cannis were caught at Vail on August 11th and they said that on leaving Bellefonte they made their way to Avis where Dress left them. The other two went up the New York Central and across the mountain to Vail where they were captured. According to the story told by Dress to Warden Francies after he parted company with the other two men he made his way west and finally landed in Oklahoma, where he worked several months in lead and zinc mines under the name of Dorn. Finally he enlisted in the army was sent to England and while in training there met and married an English girl. He finally served a few months in France and later was sent home. His wife came over several weeks later and joined him and they then went to Arizona. Recently he confessed to his wife that he was an escaped convict and it was at her persuasion that he came east and gave himself up, she maintaining that she would work and support herself until he got out of prison and able to join her. When he reached Pittsburgh Dress had only thirteen cents in his pockets. He was brought to Bellefonte on Wednesday and taken before Judge Quigley on the charge of breaking and escaping. Warden Francies interceded in behalf of the young man and after listening to his story Judge Quigley suspended sentence, but remanded him to the penitentiary to complete his original sentence. And now, if his conduct warrants it, it is just possible that an effort may be made to secure a pardon for him in order that he may return to his English bride. Instead of being taken back to Pittsburgh to complete his term he was taken direct to Rockview on Wednesday afternoon.

Join a Class.

The Health School of the Pennsylvania Department of Health opens with its prospectus, which will be released to the press April 4th. This defines what it is, what it means to do and what the membership should be. Every reading citizen of the State should be a member. The only obligation implied is that of answering the questions. The Governor of the State is the first enrolled member; all the heads of departments have joined the class which he heads. The lessons are less than one thousand words; each carries a public health truth; and to profit thereby should be carefully read. The answers to the questions are not marked but simply graded. The address to which these answers should be sent will be given in each case. All counties of the State are organized, and nearly all schools. Join a class in which you will find the Governor, the superintendent of education, the iron worker, the carpenter, the farmer, and the laborer. An effort will be made in the near future to organize a troop of Boy Scouts in Bellefonte, a real troop that will mean something to the boys who become members. Edward F. Richard, Harry Keller Esq., and Nelson E. Robb have been elected as the troop committee on organization and this assures that whatever is done will be done right. Lieut. Frederick Reynolds Jr., Dan Clemson and George J. Wolfe are the military men behind the movement. The Best Advertising Medium in Central Pennsylvania. A strictly Democratic publication with independence enough to have, and with ability and courage to express, its own views, printed in eight-page form—six columns to page—and is read every week by more than ten thousand responsible people. It is issued every Friday morning, at the following rate: Paid strictly in advance.....\$1.50 Paid before expiration of year.....1.75 Paid after expiration of year.....2.00 Papers will not be sent out of Centre county unless paid for in advance, nor will subscriptions be discontinued until all arrears are settled, except at the option of the publisher. Advertising Charges. A limited amount of advertising space will be sold at the following rates: Legal and Transient. All legal and transient advertising running for four weeks or less. First Insertion, per line.....10 cts. Each additional insertion, per line.....5 cts. Local Notices, per line.....10 cts. Business Notices, per line.....10 cts. No discount allowed on legal advertisements. Business or Display Advertisements. Per inch, first insertion.....50 cts. Each additional insertion per inch.....25 cts. The following discounts will be allowed on advertisements continued for: Four weeks and under three mos.....10 per ct Three mos. and under six mos.....15 per ct Six mos. and under 12 mos.....25 per ct Twelve months.....50 per ct Advertisers, and especially advertising Agents are respectfully informed that no notice will be taken of orders to insert advertisements at less rates than above, nor will any notice be given to orders of parties unknown to the publisher unless accompanied by the cash. Subscribe for the "Watchman."