

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa. June 18, 1920.

## NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

—Oh joy, oh boy! Another circus, Thursday, July 8th.

—Editor Harter, of the Gazette, is associating with Judges and Senators this week in a trout-fishing camp on Penns Creek.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. Earl Stailey are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child, a son. Mrs. Stailey is well known in Bellefonte, as Miss Julia Curtin.

—“Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain will meet”—Don't you believe it. The Occident and the Orient will both be at the circus July 8th. See them.

—Judge Henry C. Quigley was compelled to cancel his assignment to hold court in Harrisburg this week owing to the death of his father, Capt. James A. Quigley, of Beech Creek.

—An ice cream and strawberry festival will be given by the Women's Guild of the Episcopal church on the lawn of the home of Col. W. Fred Reynolds on Friday evening, June 25th. All are welcome.

—The thimble bee of the ladies of the Reformed church will be held in the Chapel, this (Friday) afternoon. The hostess, Miss Caroline Harper, cordially invites the ladies of the congregation and their friends.

—County Treasurer L. Frank Mayes held his unseated land sales on Monday, and being an auctioneer by profession did his own selling. The sales attracted the usual crowd of buyers, most of whom were interested in a financial way in the various tracts offered for sale.

—The weather may be hot on the streets these long evenings, but you will find it fairly comfortable in the scenic, and nowhere in Bellefonte can you get more amusement and better entertainment for your money than at this popular moving picture show. If you're not a regular, you should become one.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Walker gave a dinner at the Lock Haven country club, Monday evening, in compliment to their house guest, Miss Evans and the guests of Mrs. George P. Bible. The entire party was entertained Sunday at a luncheon given by Mrs. John S. Walker and Miss Shortridge, at their home on Linn street.

—Shortly before noon on Wednesday the waterback in the range of the Pruner orphanage exploded scattering live coals all over the kitchen. Fearing a conflagration that might destroy the orphanage an alarm of fire was promptly sent in. The fire department responded but the flames were easily extinguished before they did much damage.

—Willis Shuey got up at four o'clock last Saturday morning and decided to do a little trout fishing before it was time to go to work. Seeking one of his favorite spots on Logan's Branch he started in and in an hour caught three, the largest of which measured 24 inches in length and weighed a fraction over five pounds. The other two measured 18 and fourteen inches respectively. Not bad for an early morning catch.

—As it looks now Bellefonters will have to go away from home for entertainment on the Fourth of July, as no celebration of any kind has been planned for this place. Of course the Fourth will fall on Sunday, which naturally means that Monday will be the day universally observed. Millheim will dedicate a soldier's memorial on that day, and Snow Shoe generally has something going on, while Philipsburg is also arranging a celebration.

—Globobio Ronandio, who escaped from the Rockview penitentiary last November and was caught in Scranton last week and returned to Bellefonte, was taken before Judge Quigley on Tuesday morning and given the regular sentence prescribed by law. Ronandio's original sentence was for five to seven years and when he escaped he had only three or four months to serve. He will now be compelled to serve out his old sentence and a new one equal to the original.

—The children of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Miller gave them a surprise party on Wednesday evening in honor of their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary, at their home in Bush's Addition. There were present their six children, twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, as well as a number of other invited guests. Delicious and appetizing refreshments were served during the evening and the occasion proved a most enjoyable one for all, and especially for Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

—Some farmers in Centre county are complaining of considerable damage being done their corn fields by the crows and cut worms. Several instances have been reported where farmers were compelled to replant fully one-fourth of their field. But the funniest story was told us the other day on a new farmer who is tilling the soil this year for the first. His corn field is on the hillside and every other row came up very sparsely. Curious to know the reason therefore he dug down and not only found the corn sprouted but the young stalk curled around in every which way, and the only conclusion he could arrive at is that he planted the corn too deep and the young shoots could not find their way to the surface. Whether that is the reason or not, he is replanting his corn.

## BIG COMMENCEMENT AT STATE COLLEGE.

Hundreds of Old Grads and Visitors Present for the Week's Exercises.

During the past three years annual commencement exercises at The Pennsylvania State College have been very much curtailed owing to the war and conditions incident thereto, but this year the doors of hospitality were thrown wide open and the result was one of the old-time commencements, with hundreds of old grads back for a part of the week at least while the college was almost swamped with other visitors from all parts of the State.

While preliminary events to the commencement proper were held as early as Friday evening and Saturday the first official part of the general program was the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class on Sunday morning, by Rev. Dr. C. E. Jefferson, of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York. On Sunday afternoon special memorial services were held in the auditorium for Dean George Gilbert Pond, for thirty-two years a member of the college faculty, and whose recent death at New Haven, Conn., was so sudden and unexpected. Dr. Edwin Erie Sparks, president of the college, presided and touching tributes were paid to the memory of Dr. Pond by Judge H. Walton Mitchell, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, of which he is president; Prof. F. L. Pattee, on behalf of the college faculty; Dr. William H. Walker, practical head of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and who was one of Dr. Pond's first chemistry students, spoke for the chemistry students generally; J. F. Shields, '92, of Philadelphia, spoke in behalf of the alumni, and Mr. Snyder represented the student body. Announcement was made during the week that the movement started less than a year ago by Dr. Pond for the removal from Northumberland to State College of the old Joseph Priestley mansion be carried out just as he had planned and that the group of buildings of which it will be a part be named the “George Gilbert Pond laboratories.”

Announcement was made on Sunday that for the first time in the history of the College a girl had won the John W. White medal in the person of Miss Esther Mae Rauck, of Joanna, Berks county, who has won several scholarships and medals in the past four years. It was also announced that Calvin Wilson Moore, of State College, had won the John W. White fellowship, valued at \$400, to be used in post graduate work, but had very generously resigned the prize in favor of George Stewart Wykoff, also of State College, who will enter Princeton Seminary next fall to prepare for the ministry.

Class day exercises were held on Monday morning and a little incident of that gathering was the presentation to Dr. and Mrs. Sparks by the graduating class of a token of appreciation engraved on parchment and enclosed in a morocco leather case. Dr. Sparks was also presented with a handsome gold watch, a gift of the entire student body. Official presentation was also made of the \$100,000 life insurance endowment fund provided as a memorial by the 1920 class, and which was officially accepted by Judge Mitchell on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Tuesday was alumni day, and notwithstanding the rain a large number of old graduates joined the parade on the campus and made merry with a vim equal to their old college days. At the annual meeting of the alumni association Judge Mitchell, as president of the Board of Trustees, announced that with this commencement the service of Dr. Sparks as official head of the College would cease. He spoke briefly of the many big things he had accomplished during his twelve years as head of the institution and expressed regret that his health made it imperative for him to give up the work. He further stated that up to the present time nobody as yet has been actually approached in regard to becoming Dr. Sparks' successor, but that the members of the Board of Trustees have several parties in view and it is just possible that somebody will be invited soon to become the head of the institution. But he further qualified his statement by saying that the mere fact of the College being without an official head would not influence the Board in acting with undue haste or without very thoroughly considering the question of a successor to Dr. Sparks. Announcement was also made to the association that Charles W. Stoddard, professor or agricultural chemistry, had been promoted to Dean of Liberal Arts and acting Dean of the School of Natural Science, a position held by the late Dr. G. G. Pond for twenty-four years.

Another speaker before the alumni association was Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This was the doctor's first visit to State College and he freely confessed that he was so astonished at the magnitude of the Centre county institution, its location and surroundings that it would be some time before he would be able to express himself coherently in regard to it. He then spoke of his dream of one big university for the great State of Pennsylvania, a statement of which has appeared in the public press from time to time, but stated that he wanted to go on record there and then with the assertion that no dream of his, no movement that he might be able to precipitate would contemplate any interference with or retroaction of the great work being done at State College now. And further than that, he would do everything within his power to broaden and enlarge its sphere of

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—Mrs. W. Morris Furey is visiting in Pittsburgh with her son William, while convalescing from her recent illness.

—Miss Osmer, of Lima, Ohio, came to Bellefonte last Saturday and spent the week among his many friends in this place.

—Mrs. John Marks and her son, Keith, will leave this week for a visit at Mrs. Marks' former home in Berlin, Somerset county.

—D. J. Kelley, of York, spent the week end here with his son, Theodore, who has been a guest of his uncle, William T. Kelly, for several months.

—Mrs. M. C. Barry, a former resident of Bellefonte, but now of Philadelphia, has been a guest of friends in this locality for the past ten days.

—Rev. M. DeP. Maynard, is this week attending the commencement exercises of St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1910.

—Phillip Reynolds, who served in the U. S. Navy, during the period of the war, has entered the Merchant Marine service and will sail shortly for Egypt.

—Benton Tate, of Bellefonte, and Kirk Tate, of Lock Haven, left Saturday for Roanoke, Va., to spend a ten day's vacation with their brother and family.

—Mrs. A. O. Furst and her grandson, John Curtin, Jr., have been visiting in Scranton with some of Mrs. Furst's relatives and are now in Philadelphia.

—J. Milo Campbell, of Pennsylvania Furness, spent Monday in Bellefonte, driving down to attend the meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance company.

—Mrs. DeGolyer, of Evansville, Ill., has been in Bellefonte with her mother, Mrs. V. Y. Harris, called here for the transaction of some business of the Harris estate.

—R. Finley Stewart came in from Midland, Beaver county, the latter part of the week and spent a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. Miller Stewart, on west Linn street.

—Mrs. E. J. Burd, of Millheim, and Mrs. John Kanarr and son, of Centre Hall, spent several days in Bellefonte early in the week, with Mrs. Burd's sister, Mrs. Eben Bower.

—Mrs. James Chambers, of Du Bois, is making her annual visit in Centre county, having come to Bellefonte, Saturday, to spend a week or more with Mr. and Mrs. William Larimer.

—Howard Wetzel, a student at Penn State, has accepted a position at Algonquin, N. Y., for the summer, and while employed there will be a guest of his sister, Mrs. E. S. Farrow.

—Miss Eva J. Gates is in Philipsburg this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Gates and daughter, Betty, having gone over on Sunday as a motor guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bragonier.

—A. Linn McGinley, Jr., who has finished his first year at Penn State, completes spending the summer in Philipsburg with a view to remaining there and abandoning his college course.

—Harvey D. Dunkle, one of the enterprising farmers of Walker township, came up from Mingo on Wednesday to look after some business affairs and was a caller at the “Watchman” office while in town.

—A Scott Harris, of Philipsburg, spent last week in Bellefonte with his father, John P. Harris, J. Linn Harris, of Harrisburg, joining him here late in the week and remaining for a visit with the family.

—Mrs. John Levan and two children, of Watsonstown, have been guests this week of Mrs. Levan's sister, Mrs. Frank P. Bartley, on east Lamb street, expecting to leave tomorrow for Meadville to visit another sister, Mrs. Edward Houser.

—Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Keller, of Ames, Iowa, have been in Bellefonte this week, with Mr. Keller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller and attending commencement week at State College. Mr. Keller was a member of the class of 1918.

—Miss Mabel Sheffer is home for the summer from Miss Mason's School, at Tarrytown on the Hudson, and is entertaining a school-mate—Miss Ada Koppin, of Litfield, Minn. Miss Koppin will spend two weeks or more in Bellefonte as Miss Sheffer's guest.

—Miss Mary Belle Struble, of Washington, D. C., who had been with relatives at Bellefonte and State College for several months, left Monday to spend six weeks in New York city. Miss Struble has had a nervous break down the result of overwork in her profession as a nurse.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Topelt, of Brookline, will be in Bellefonte this week. Mrs. Topelt is coming to remain with her mother, Mrs. R. S. Brouse, until she leaves for her trip to the Orient, while Mr. Topelt, who is a cashier in the Wall Street Clearing House, will spend a week of his vacation in Bellefonte.

—Mrs. William A. Lyon is contemplating making her home in Buffalo, N. Y., and according to her present arrangements will be located there before winter. After getting moved into her new home, Mrs. Lyon anticipates spending much of her time with her children, and with her mother in England.

—Mrs. Heary Meek, accompanied by her grand daughter, Miss Ruth Gillford came here from Altoona Saturday. Miss Gillford returned home Sunday, while Mrs. Meek will visit with her brothers, J. M. and Peter Keichline in Bellefonte and with relatives and friends in the vicinity of her former home in Ferguson township.

—John A. Lane Jr., has returned to Bellefonte to take charge of the basket department at the Basket Shop, expecting to enlarge it, until the output reaches that of several years ago. Mr. Lane has been so closely associated with the arts and crafts of America that he is now recognized in our eastern cities as an authority on this work.

—Miss Veda Wetzel will leave Bellefonte this week, for a visit to Stoyestown with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Wetzel, before going to locate permanently in Akron, Ohio, where her sister, Miss Grace has been for some time. Rev. and Mrs. Wetzel are contemplating joining their daughters in Akron, expecting to make that place their home.

—Miss Eleanor McGinley will leave today for Clearfield, expecting to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Harold Smith, at Euclid Beach on Lake Erie. Miss McGinley will accompany her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams as far as Philipsburg, where they will be for several days while Mr. Williams is attending a state convention of the L. O. M.

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—Mrs. Edith Meyer Knoff went to Olean, N. Y., yesterday, expecting to be there indefinitely.

—Mrs. Frank P. Blair is visiting with her son, Dr. H. A. Blair and his family, at Curwensville.

—Miss Ellen Hayes, an instructor at Westman College, Ohio, is home for her summer vacation.

—Miss Boyce, of Clearfield, is visiting with Miss Katherine Allison, at her home on Allegheny street.

—Dr. Spencer M. Free, of DuBois, spent a part of Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Bellefonte.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Willard have been spending several weeks at their former home in Union City.

—Miss Deborah Lyon left a week ago, to spend a part of her summer vacation with relatives in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Edward Immel will spend the greater part of the summer with her father at her former home in New York State.

—Mrs. Shreffler and her daughter, Miss Kate, will go to Clearfield this week to visit with relatives during Miss Shreffler's vacation.

—John P. Lyon and Fred Witmer left Bellefonte Tuesday for Detroit, Mich., to drive two Studebaker cars in for the Beezer garage.

—Harry Clevenstine spent a part of the week in Allentown, attending the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Association of Bakers.

—Mrs. C. D. Tanner is a guest of her daughter and son, Mrs. Boyle and George Tanner at Hazleton, having gone over the early part of the week.

—Miss Ella Waite and Miss Verona Fisher left Monday night for Philadelphia, where Miss Waite will be under the care of an ear specialist for several weeks.

—Mrs. Roger A. Bayard of Tyrone, is visiting with friends in Centre Hall, after spending a week at “Rhoneymede” the Rhone farm, a short distance from Centre Hall.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Reuben Rose and their two daughters, drove in from Pittsburgh to attend commencement, and visit for a short time with their friends in Bellefonte.

—Mrs. A. Hibler has been entertaining her brother, Miles Osmer, of Oberlin, Ohio, this week. Mr. Osmer is assistant to the superintendent of painting and decoration at the Oberlin College.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Mays and their small daughter, former residents of Bellefonte, but now of Johnson, have been visiting this week with relatives and friends in Bellefonte and Lemont.

—John T. Harris, of Harrisburg, was a guest of his brother, Hard P. Harris for a part of the week, while attending commencement at Penn State. Mr. Harris was a member of the class of 1897.

—Mrs. Daniel Heckman, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Spicher, at Wilkensburg, is visiting in Bellefonte. Mrs. Heckman anticipates spending several weeks with relatives in Centre county.

—Mrs. William Bottorf went to Hazleton Wednesday, where she is visiting with Mrs. Hugh J. Boyle. During her absence her home and family are in charge of her sister, Miss Sue Garner, who has been with Mrs. Bottorf for some time.

—Mr. and Mrs. Swan, with their daughter and son and Miss Alice Bible, were guests for a part of the week of Mrs. George Bible. Motoring from New Jersey, they spent the greater part of the time while here on the popular drives in Centre county.

—Mr. and Mrs. Boyd A. Musser, of Scranton, and their daughter Margaret, spent Wednesday with friends in Bellefonte, coming here from State College, where they were among the commencement guests. Mr. and Mrs. Musser's son is a Freshman at State.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spicher, who farm the Mrs. Mollie Valentine farm near Peru, were in town on Wednesday doing a little shopping and looking after some other business matters. Mr. Spicher had hatched it on the farm for 4 years and thought always he was getting on well, but he thinks differently now that he has a very charming and capable help-meet about the place.

—Frank and Linn Graham, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Benner G. Graham, of Philadelphia, but formerly of this place motored to Bellefonte last Saturday and are spending the week here greeting old friends and fishing for trout. Frank a few years ago was regarded as one of Bellefonte's expert trout fishermen and from the success he has been having on this trip he evidently hasn't lost any of his cunning as a disciple of Izaak Walton.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shuey and their daughter, Miss Rachel, left Monday morning in their Dodge touring car, for Louisville, Kentucky, for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. L. D. Whiting. Planning to make the drive of seven hundred miles in three days, they will spend several more days in Louisville, returning to Bellefonte late next week. Mrs. W. T. Twitmore accompanied them as far as Altoona, where she made a short visit, with her sister, Mrs. Riley.

—Mr. and Mrs. Calvin M. Saunders motored to Bellefonte from their home in Vicksburg Saturday and were joined here by Mrs. Saunders' brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Garthoff and Miss Irene McGinley, for a drive to Altoona. The party while there were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Fink and on returning to Bellefonte Sunday evening, Mr. Garthoff left them, Mrs. Garthoff and Miss McGinley going on to Vicksburg, coming home by train Monday morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lutz entertained a motor party from Union county for the week end, the guests including, Mrs. William Heiss and Norman Heiss, of Millburg, John Hursh, of Cowan and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biddle, of Forest Hill. In addition to these, Ellis Gramley of Freeport, Ill., was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz, but left Tuesday to return to the west. Mr. Gramley came to Pennsylvania with the body of his father several weeks ago.

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