

Democratic Watchman

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Capt. E. R. Taylor resigned his position with the federal government this week and accepted a job as guard at the western penitentiary.

About one hundred and fifty men are wanted for rolling mill work at the Nickel-Alloys plant at Hyde City. See advertisement in another column.

The many friends of William Burnside will be glad to know that he is slowly improving in health and was able to take a short automobile ride on Tuesday.

Centre county continues to lead in the eastern district of Pennsylvania in the purchase of war savings stamps and certificates, having a per capita up to August 31st of \$1.68.

"The Sin of Ingratitude," fearful and far-reaching. A sermon of value to people of every age and of special interest to young folks, at the Methodist church Sunday at 7:30. You will be profited. Take your friends.

The young peoples' society of the Milesburg Methodist church will hold a "fair" Friday and Saturday, afternoon and evening, November 26th and 27th. Remember the dates and also watch for the notices which will appear later.

The Ross Parker family and Mr. Parker's sisters, the Misses Parker, will move Monday from south Thomas street into their new home on the corner of Spring and Howard streets, vacated by the Crawford and LaBarre families.

Among those who are ill in Bellefonte, are ex-Sheriff Woodring, who is in a critical condition at his home on Howard street, and Mrs. Harry Eberhart, who is very slowly recovering from the effects of a stroke suffered Thursday of last week.

Real country ham, fried eggs and baked beans are to be served at a supper to be given by the ladies' bible class of the Lutheran church, on the evening of the 21st of October, in the basement of the church. Price of supper, 75 cents, including dessert.

Chestnut hunters who have been out on the mountains the past week aver that this very luscious and toothsome nut is very scarce this year; and further declare that many young chestnut trees are dying of blight. Verily the passing of the chestnut seems to be in sight.

The annual meeting of the Bellefonte chapter of the Needwork Guild of America, will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Harry C. Valentine, on west Curtin street, on Friday afternoon, October 22nd, at 3 o'clock. All members are asked to send their contributions before this time.

A civil service examination will be held at the Bellefonte postoffice on November 13th, for applicants to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Milesburg. During the past fiscal year the office paid \$710. Application blanks can be secured at the Bellefonte postoffice.

Philipsburg is now making a try at landing Dr. C. T. Hennig's new nickel fabricating plant. About one-half of the fifty thousand dollars' worth of stock necessary to secure the plant has been subscribed. The Chamber of Commerce of that town has taken the matter in charge and is working to land the plant.

The county conference of Women's clubs will be held in the High school building in Bellefonte, Saturday, October 23rd. As has been the custom for a number of years, the program will include two sessions and a box luncheon. Every woman in Centre county interested in any kind of club work, is expected to be present.

The Bellefonte Academy football team defeated the Bucknell reserves last Saturday morning by the score of 13 to 0, and on Saturday evening the student body gave a poverty parade through the streets of the town. The boys paid friendly visits to various places in town and attracted considerable attention as they marched up and down and along the principal streets, displaying their hobo clothes and numerous sets of spindly shanks, with very few prize takers in the whole lot.

On Saturday six men from the armory at Harrisburg came to Bellefonte and early Sunday morning left here with all the equipment of the old machine gun unit for the state capital. The equipment included the big baggage truck, three machine gun trucks and a motorcycle with side car, as well as guns, etc. All the stuff was taken down to the state armory. This cleaned out the armory of all the belongings of the old machine gun unit and is preliminary to the issue of a number of horses to Troop L for drilling purposes.

Quite a number of farmers attended the potato digging demonstration on the Lloyd White farm near Pleasant Gap on Monday afternoon, the purpose being to show the difference in yield between potatoes thoroughly sprayed and those on which no spray had been used, and according to the State College expert the difference equals 188 bushels to the acre. Mr. White, it is claimed, is digging 340 bushels to the acre of sprayed potatoes, while his unsprayed showed a yield of 152 bushels. This difference is enough to make every farmer sit up and take notice.

A Very Creditable Performance by the Patriotic League.

Wednesday evening members of the Patriotic League scored a success and went far towards establishing a reputation for excellence in home-talent performances in "The Train to Morrow" and "The Forest Princess;" the former a one-act farce with an all-star cast—Miss Anna Shaughnessy, Daniel Clemson and Cecil Walker; the latter, a masque with sixteen leading characters supported by solo dances and a ballet as tree spirits, peasants, shepherds, vine dressers, lords and ladies.

For grace and beauty the "support" could not be excelled by many professional ballets, and especially attractive and beautiful were the dances of tree spirits and peasants. For these, there could scarcely be criticism and great credit goes to both directors of dancing and music. In dramatics, the characters were all well-taken for amateurs, some of course, excelling others in merit. Miss Emily Valentine as Swamp Oak, the witch, drew much applause but her experience in former home-talent plays gave her advantage over younger, less experienced members of the cast. These were all good, however,—lovely enough, every one of them, to win an audience but lacking voice and delivery to draw forth enthusiasm that should otherwise have been forthcoming.

The entertainment was given under the following organization: Directors of music, Mrs. Lewis Schad, Mrs. Russell Blair; director of dancing, Mrs. Robert Walker; directors of dramatists, Mrs. Robert Mills Beach, Mrs. Charles D. Casebeer.

The attendance was not what its worth deserved nor the benefit for which it was given—the Anna Howard Shaw Memorial, which is to take the form of a department of Political Science in Bryn Mawr College, but at that the total receipts were \$169.10 and the memorial benefit will receive as its portion \$126.83.

Banner Crowd Saw Penn State Defeat Dartmouth.

The 14 to 7 victory of the Penn State football team over Dartmouth, on Beaver field at State College last Saturday, is now ancient history but the contest and the additional fact of it being the first annual alumni day had the effect of drawing to the College one of the largest crowds that has ever been seen there. And there is no doubt but that everybody was well entertained with the poverty parade of the students, the Bellefonte High and State College High school football game as a preliminary, then the big game between State and Dartmouth.

The "home-coming" of so many of the old students and the visit of Governor Sproul will probably result in the greatest amount of good to the College. The old grads pledged \$31,000 toward a fund of \$100,000 for the erection of new track house or permanent home for all the athletic students while the Governor virtually pledged everything in sight and many things unseen. In fact if the College gets anyways near what its friends intimated it should have two years from now it will not be compelled to turn away a thousand boys and girls because of insufficient accommodations. It might be interesting to note that this was the Governor's first visit to the College as the chief executive of the Commonwealth and only the second time he ever visited the Centre county institution. The first time was thirty years ago as a member of the Swarthmore football team. That was back in the days when Aull and Hildebrand were two stars on the State team, but the rules of the game are different now.

Tomorrow State will play the University of North Carolina on Beaver field, and it, too, should be a game worth seeing.

Two Barns Burned.

Just about three o'clock last Saturday afternoon the barn on the old Conrad Miller farm on the Jacksonville road, now owned by Dr. J. M. Brockerhoff, was discovered to be on fire and the flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to make a fight against them and the building and contents were burned to the ground. The farm is tenanted by William Young and in addition to all the season's crops he lost all of his farm machinery and one sow. Mr. Young carried \$3,000 insurance on his stock, implements, and his share of the crops while Dr. Brockerhoff carried insurance on the barn and his share of the crops, though in neither instance will the insurance cover the loss.

The barn on the old Emanuel Roan farm along the mountain in Buffalo Run valley, now owned by the Cambria Steel company, was struck by lightning during the electrical storm on Monday night and burned to the ground with its entire contents of the year's crops. The farm is tenanted by E. A. Peters and all his farming implements were also burned, but fortunately none of his livestock. The storm occurred between twelve and one o'clock at night and Mr. Peters heard the sharp crash of lightning and got out of bed to see if it had struck anyways near and was dumbfounded to see the one end of his barn ablaze. He hastily dressed and ran out and cut the halter straps of two horses in the barn and got them out safely. All his other stock was in the pasture field. Mr. Peters' loss will foot up to \$5000, with \$3500 insurance.

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Chester Barnes, son of Mrs. Howard Barnes, of Bishop street, and who now holds the position of principal of schools at Norristown, Pa., has been offered the post of director of superior school and pedagogical science in Peru at a salary of \$6,000 a year. Mr. Barnes is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, having taken the honors of his class. So far as known he has not yet decided as to the acceptance or rejection of the offer.

Coming home from Millheim last Thursday night Robert F. Hunter had a rather narrow escape when he ran into the creek at Condottown where a bridge had been torn out during the day. Workmen claim that two signal lights had been placed there in the evening but one of them had burned out and when Mr. Hunter came along he naturally did not expect that the bridge had been torn out. The result was he plunged into the creek, a drop of about five feet. Fortunately he was uninjured and his car very little damaged.

This evidently is a poor season for the traveling show, and the result is just seven shows that were booked for appearance at the Garman theatre have cancelled their contracts and gone off the road. But the motion picture shows can be seen at the Scenic every night in the week except Sunday. While motion picture releases have increased in price they have not gone beyond the ability of manager T. Clayton Brown to give his patrons the best that can be had at all times. In fact every evening's pictures are worth seeing.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bellefonte Chapter of the D. A. R. will be celebrated here, at the home of Mrs. Hastings, on Thursday, October 28th. Many well known women of Pennsylvania, including state and national officers and regents of adjoining Chapters, will be among the guests, the entertainment of whom will be in the hands of the charter members. This Chapter has been especially honored in having three state regents, Mrs. Edwin Erle Sparks, in office at the present time; Miss Helen E. C. Overton and Mrs. W. F. Reeder, both honorary regents.

D. D. Treon, a former express messenger on the Lewisburg railroad, was put on trial in court at Sunbury last week on the charge of larceny, the indictment setting forth that at divers times between May, 1919, and March, 1920, he had purloined from the express car certain fruits, one pair of men's shoes, thirty packages of cigarettes, three pairs of socks, sixteen pounds of butter and one necktie. After hearing the evidence of the Commonwealth the defendant's attorney requested the court to direct a verdict of not guilty on the grounds that the Commonwealth had failed to show that the larceny had been committed in Northumberland county and the court was therefore without jurisdiction, and the court so directed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Musser, who have decided to spend the winter on their farm near Beech Creek, have rented their home on Spring street, furnished, to Mrs. Frank H. Clemson, who with her son, Frank Jr., will come from the farm up Buffalo Run about the first of November and spend the winter here. Mrs. Clemson's son Daniel, also making his home with them during the winter. Miss Mary Musser will retain her own room in the house and stay in Bellefonte. The Clemson family, by the way, is pretty well scattered at the present time, Mr. Clemson and son Fred being with the Leathers Bros., at Allentown; George in Altoona, and Miss Mary at State College, and it is principally because of this fact that Mrs. Clemson is coming to town for the winter.

Four hundred and twenty-eight years ago on Tuesday an Italian named Christopher Columbus discovered America and just because of this fact the banks of Bellefonte took a holiday on Tuesday. Of course when old Christopher set sail from Spain during the summer of 1492 and headed west he had hopes of striking land somewhere, and all he had to do to discover America was to keep on sailing, because as the English tourist traveling in this country once upon a time said, "He couldn't jolly well miss it." In these days of greyhounds of the sea it wouldn't be much trouble to find a country the size of this. Just the same we're glad Christopher found us when he did because it gave us time to grow into what we are now, and also gave an excuse for another holiday.

The Bellefonte Academy football eleven has defeated every opponent thus far this year and has not even been scored against. To-morrow (Saturday) at 2:15 p. m., the Carnegie Tech reserves of Pittsburgh will be the Academy's opponents on Hughes field and the contest should prove battle royal. The fans who saw the Academy defeat Bucknell reserves last Saturday have confidence in the boys from the Hill and expect them to defeat the very strong eleven from the Smoky city. Of course it costs a large amount of money to bring the Pittsburghers here, and it will be necessary to charge 50 cents admission. All boys of the town who wish to see this game must secure the price, as free admission cannot be given. As this will be the last time the Academy team will be seen in action this season on the home field a large crowd ought to be present to cheer them on to victory.

George W. Sherry, division section foreman on the Lewisburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, was placed on the retired list on September 30th, after working for the railroad company for a period of forty years and eight months. Mr. Sherry began work for the company on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad and later worked on the Lewisburg and Tyrone road running from Tyrone to Scotia. When the Lewisburg road was opened between Bellefonte and Montandon in 1885 Mr. Sherry was transferred to Bellefonte and made a section boss. Some years ago when section divisions were established Mr. Sherry was made foreman of the Bellefonte division, a position he filled most creditably until his retirement on September 30th. Mr. Sherry is a little past sixty-seven years of age. His successor has not yet been appointed.

Toll Telephone Service Annulled to State College, Centre Hall and Boalsburg.

Effective at midnight, Sunday night, the Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania annulled its ten cent toll service between the Bellefonte telephone exchange and State College, Centre Hall and Boalsburg, and all contiguous territory embraced within the district of the above exchanges. Toll service, however, is still in force to Spring Mills and Millheim and the territory covered by those exchanges. This is in line with the agreement reached some time ago between officials of the telephone company and attorneys for the petitioners protesting against the toll service.

The Governor of North Carolina to Speak Here.

Next Wednesday night, October 20th, Governor Thomas W. Bickett, of North Carolina, will be in Bellefonte to speak for Governor Cox and the League of Nations. His visit will be made the occasion of a big meeting in the court house at 8 o'clock and all the Democrats of the county as well as others who may be interested in the undertaking to secure world peace are urged to be present.

James D. Connelly, of Clearfield, Democratic nominee for Congress in this District will also be present and speak.

Governor Bickett is an orator and has a message that all good citizens, irrespective of politics, should hear.

Opening of the Hunting Season.

Just as a reminder of the fact we want to mention herewith that the bear hunting season begins today, October 15th, and it might also be stated that it is just as easy to hunt bear as any other kind of an animal, but it is not always so fruitful of results. But according to reports quite a number of bear have been seen in the mountains of Centre county during the summer, but to find them now that the season is on will be another question.

But it will be but a few days now until the opening of the squirrel, pheasant, and quail season, which come in on October 20th, next Wednesday. So far as woodcock and quail are concerned, they are so scarce in this section of the State that very few hunters take the time and trouble to look for them. As to squirrel and pheasant, they were also rather scarce last year and so far as can be learned they are not plentiful enough to make good shooting this year.

If they do there will be nothing for the few ring-neck pheasants that have recently been put out in some parts of the county to fear and nothing for them that we like to picture them as.

Only a few years ago the first ring-necks were planted in Centre county. They thrived so well that if left alone there is a strong probability that ere long the woods will be well stocked with the birds. They appear harder and more prolific than our native pheasant or ruffed grouse so that if given a chance to get started they might prove the medium through which we can avert the extinction of game birds in our forests.

Don't shoot the ring-necks. The temptation may be great, of course, but "lay off" of them for a few years and wait for the real sport when they become plentiful. The fellows who have been instrumental in placing them here are just as keen to throw up a gun on a bird as any man living and, by all the codes of sportsmanship, have a better right to kill a ring-neck than you and I, but they are not going to do it. Let us be the real sportsmen.

William H. Allison, of New York city, and his brother, Frank F. Allison, of Toronto, Canada, have been visiting at their former home at Spring Mills during the past week, going there to spend a short time with their father, the Hon. William M. Allison, who has been ill for the past year.

Mrs. James A. Beaver is spending the month of October with her sister, Mrs. Thomas R. Hayes, in Atlantic City. When going to the Shore Mrs. Beaver was accompanied by Miss Mary Hill, who has been with Mrs. Hayes for several years, but had been in Bellefonte for her annual summer visit.

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After spending the week visiting with friends in the town, Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes will leave Bellefonte tomorrow to go to Delaware, Ohio, where she has arranged to spend the winter. Miss Miller, who has made her home with Mrs. Hayes, will be a guest of Mrs. Dinges and Miss Emma Green for the winter, having gone to the Green home this week.

The Misses Anna, Elizabeth and Emily Parker have given up their home in Somers and come to Bellefonte, taking rooms at the Bush house until the Crawford and LaBarre families are able to get into their new homes on Curtin street when they, with their brother, G. Ross Parker and family will go into the house recently purchased from M. I. Gardner.

Mrs. L. C. Wetzel arrived in Bellefonte from Windsor, Canada, and was joined here the same day by her sister, Mrs. C. U. Hoffer, of Philipsburg, who, with Mrs. Hoffer's grandchild, Susanne Hoffer, have been guests of C. T. Gerberich. Mrs. Hoffer spent the greater part of the week with her father, while Mrs. Wetzel will remain in Bellefonte for a visit of several weeks with her father and Mr. Wetzel's relatives.

Herbert Gray, who has spent the summer in Bellefonte with his sister, Mrs. George Furey, being employed during that time by Thomas W. Cairns, will leave this month to return to Florida for the winter. George Young will accompany Mr. Gray south, hoping to be benefited by a season in the warmer climate. In anticipation of Mr. Young's going, Mrs. Young has closed their house on Thomas street, to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Struble for the winter.

Mrs. Charles Noll, who has been with Mr. Noll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Noll, since her sale several weeks ago, will leave this week for an indefinite stay with her mother, Mrs. Carden, in Clearfield, expecting later to join Mr. Noll in New York city. Their youngest son, Nevin, will remain in Bellefonte with F. P. Blair & Son. Mrs. Fred Noll, of Donora, Pa., and her small child, were guests of Mrs. Noll recently, coming here for a farewell visit and to help in her arrangements for leaving Bellefonte.

C. B. Williams came up from Bayonne, N. J., last Friday to see his mother, Mrs. George Williams, who is in the Bellefonte hospital as the result of serious injuries sustained in a fall two weeks ago. Mr. Williams, himself, was the victim of an accident in Williamsport, though fortunately he sustained no very serious injuries. In Williamsport he changed from the Reading to the Pennsylvania railroad and just as he stepped off the train a big American Express company truck almost ran him down, a projecting parcel on the truck striking him on the nose, inflicting a very pronounced abrasion. Mr. Williams returned home on Saturday night.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. Hibbs, of Norristown, and her daughter, Miss Hibbs, an aunt and cousin of Mrs. E. H. Richard, are Mr. and Mrs. Richard's guests.

Dr. M. J. Locke left Bellefonte on Sunday for Montreal, Canada, where he will attend a clinic at the American College of Surgery. He expects to be away about ten days.

Mrs. John Porter Lyon went to Harrisburg Monday, as a representative from the Woman's club of Bellefonte to the State Conference of clubs in session there this week.

Miss Blanche Houser and Miss Caroline Anderson spent the week-end with friends in Altoona, being house guests during their stay, of Mrs. Ray Shugert.

Miss Alexander, night superintendent at the Bellefonte hospital, has resigned her position and left this week to spend the winter at her home near Chambersburg.

Dr. and Mrs. George Kirk drove to Bellefonte Wednesday, for Dr. Kirk's brother and his wife, who will visit with Dr. and Mrs. Kirk at their home at Kyletown, until their return to Grindstone.

Mrs. W. Raymond Dale, of State College, spent a day in Bellefonte the early part of the week, one of the frequent visitors she makes home on account of the ill health of her father, Morgan Reynolds.

Mrs. Daniel Rhinesmith, of Clearfield, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. M. A. Kirk, from Saturday until Wednesday, one day of that time being spent with Mrs. Kirk, visiting with relatives at Lemont and State College.

Lawrence A. McMullen, of Hecla, and A. R. McNitt, of Bellefonte, were among those from Centre county who went to New York last week for the world's series. Mr. McMullen and Mr. McNitt rarely miss games.

Mrs. John A. Woodcock will leave Monday for a visit of a few days with her son, Dr. Woodcock, in Scranton, before