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A Brief Historical Sketch of the Finances of the Bellefonte Cemetery Association by One Who Kept the Accounts for Twentyfive Years.

The Bellefonte Cemetery Association was organized in 1856. The earliest records show that in May of that year a meeting of citizens was called to devise means for enlarging the old Bellefonte Graveyard (what we call the Old Ground). Hon. James Burnside, Mr. Edward C. Humes, Hon. James T. Hale and Hon. H. N. McAllister were the incorporators. The money to buy the land, lay it out in lots, fence it, construct driveways, erect a house for the care-taker, and for all other improvements was advanced by them, with the express understanding that it was to be re-paid to them, with interest, from the sales of lots, and that, when this was done every lot-owner who had paid fifty dollars for a lot should become a member of the Association and be entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

The Association, therefore, started on borrowed capital. If lots had been rapidly sold for cash, this would soon have been re-paid, but only a limited number of lots were sold in each year, many of them on the installment plan -\$5.00 down and the balance in payments as suited the convenience of the purchaser. Collections were not time before sufficient was accumulated from lot sales to re-pay, with interest, the money advanced. As a matter of fact, some of those old lots never were paid for in full by the purchas-

Meanwhile the property had to be kept up-the fences, the drives, and the house-all of which took money. In time additional ground was needed and the Derr Addition was purchased and laid out. Being town lots, it was more expensive than farm land would have been.

The only source of income the Cemetery Association ever had was from the sale of lots. What was received for permits of graves and care of lots was required to pay the labor and in many of the earlier years was not sufficient for that, the deficit being made up from the money received from sale elsewhere, the rent of this house went | what we have done. to him as part of his compensation.

In ordinary years not more than ten or twelve lots, at \$40.00 or \$50.00, each, were sold, so that the average annual income was about \$500.00.

In 1904, when I became secretary and treasurer, there were \$810.00 in the treasury and the ground was about all sold. The New Addition was then purchased, the ground costing about \$3,000.00. To pay for this ground, have it laid out by Mr. Wetzel, build fences and grade the avenues (the grading alone cost over \$500.00, as it was necessay to cut into the hillside), the Association was obliged to borrow money from the bank on notes. As lots were sold, the money received was applied to the reall were paid, but the receipts of several years were required to do it.

In the year 1907, over \$700.00 was expended on the Care-taker's house for a new roof, painting, plumbing, papering and other improvements. A boardwalk, nine hundred feet in length, was maintained for years along the cemetery property on east High street. This has been replaced by a substantial concrete walk costing between \$300.00 and \$400.00. We have also acquired two small properties on east High street, costing over \$2,000.00. The gardens have been converted into cemetery lots and the houses rented which has added somewhat to our income for the last few years. In 1919 and 1920 a new iron and wire fence, costing over \$1500.00 was erected along High and Howard streets. All of these improvements have ben paid for from the sale of lots, and at present the Association has not one cent of indebtedness, everything having been paid in full.

In nearly every instance where additional ground was purchased or an extensive improvement made, it was necessary to borrow the money, or a large part of it, from the bank, and re-pay it as lots were sold. There never was sufficient money in the treasury at one time in the last thirty years (and I feel sure from an examination of the records that the income has been larger during this period than in the earlier years) to buy property and pay cash outright. Thus the receipts were mortgaged ahead and it required time to get out of debt.

Neither the president nor any member of the Board of Managers ever received a cent of salary. The only salary paid, except that to the Caretaker, was \$100.00 a year to the secretary and treasurer, who sold the lots. issued all permits for graves, collected the money, kept the books and records, wrote the deeds, paid the bills, looked after repairs and improvements to the property and had mortgages and registered Liberty abeth Tressler, both of Bellefonte.

WILL OLD CENTRE LET HER LITTLE ONES STARVE?

We Have Never Been a Shirker Before and We Will Everybody Must Help. Not Now.

Last year Centre county gave over nine thousand dollars toward feeding the starving children of Armenia. This year we are asked to give eighty-seven hundred and sixty dollars and more, if possible.

One hundred and forty-six children have been given us to feed and it will require \$60 to keep each one of the little folks alive for the next year. If you can imagine yourself trying to subsist on five dollars a month you will understand that in this great call we are not asked to provide a bed of roses for the tot of the Near East. If ever there was being made in the Houserville cemean appeal to the heart of humanity this seems to be it, for where is the tery. man or woman who can see a child suffer without flinching. Millions of starving little ones are stretching out puny arms and looking from sunken eyes to us.

Let's go, people. Let's send them bread.

If you heard the story told here week before last by Lady Anne Azgapetian you know something of the horrors that have followed in the wake of war, but not near all of them. They are inconceiveable to any mind that has not been in the field.

Lady Anne is the daughter of an Armenian nobleman, who in 1895 was banished from Armenia by its Turkish rulers on account of his liberal "American" ideas, at the beginning of the war as soon as passports were obtainable, with her husband, General Mezrop N. Azgapetian, she went to Russia-the General joined the Russian army of the Caucasus, Lady Anne immediately attaching herself to a Red Cross unit in the same army. For two years she worked with superhuman energy, often being on duty thirty-six hours. She worked until the night her daughter was born, a little, very red, cross baby, as she said it had a right to be, born of a Red Cross mother, in a Red Cross hut behind the firing line. After the collapse of the Russian Imperial Army, deserted by every one these devoted Armenians against fearful odds, often seven to one, fought very suddenly on Tuesday afternoon desperately and kept the enemy from getting the oil fields of Baku, the at the home of her son, W. D. Sholter, possession of which would have been such a tremendous advantage to Germany and Turkey that many think it would have decided the issue of the war. Later in Bolshevist Russia, with her little baby, she spent ten horrible months of starvation, finally reaching America by way of

But Lady Anne did not leave her home and come to Centre county to tell us her own adventures. Her friends say to her, "Lady Anne, you have worked enough, you have suffered enough, you must stay with your little children and have rest and comfort," to which she answers: "There is nothing I love more than to be with my own babies, but when I think sharply enforced and it was a long of those other little children in Armenia I cannot stay, I must tell America about them.'

> She came to show the Armenian in his true light, not as the peddler, not as the "spineless" man who could not defend his own, but as the statesman, the artist, the industrious farmer, and the soldier. She came to tell us what America and the other Allies owe to that Armenian soldier. After six hundred years of servitude at the beginning of the war Armenia was promised a free Republic by the Turk on condition that they remained neutral. This they refused, declaring the ideals of the Allies were theirs and for this they were massacred by the hundred thousands. Armenia, out of a population of four million, furnished two band she leaves seven children and two brothers, the latter being James the family includes J. J. Arney, (his hundred and fifty thousand soldiers for allied armies. It was Armenian two brothers, the latter being James oldiers who, by filling a breach at a crucial moment coming out of the battle only thirty-six of them remaining from one thousand, stood among the first in preventing the passing at Verdun.

After the Armistice, forgotten by the Allies and the government of America, the remnant of Armenia surviving the massacres and tortures, has lived only through the gifts of the American people.

She came not only to tell of the suffering, some of which she had actually experienced, but much more that she had felt in her soul as a lity, aged 85 years. During the Civil ing together in peace and harmonists, and the soul as a lity, aged 85 years. of lots. The Care-taker received the daughter of Armenia, not only to tell the desperate need for help for the house at the gate for a residence, rent women and children—the little suffering children, the only hope of Ar- of Company C, 148th regiment, he tivating the old home farm, which is debury in 1890 and was called to the free; and, in case he preferred to live menia-but she came to thank us as part of the Armenian people for

You Americans," she says, "are the ideal of the people of Armenia. You are the model after which they have planned to form their country. At the foot of Mt. Ararat, when I saw two thousand refugees being fed through the grace of the dear God and the Near East Relief. the women especially, wanted me to take a message; that the people of Armenia every hour of the day and every day of the week prayed God o bless you.'

Without Lady Azgapetian's personality it is impossible to get the force of her message. Her simple faith, her freedom from bitterness, 1883, hence was in his thirty-eighth mark he has turned over his part of her friendliness and charm of manner, her keen sense of humor and utter unconsciousness of self, as well as the master mind behind it all combined to make her a very remarkable woman, both on and off the platform. Her task is a hard one, she has lived through the years of hor- eral services were held at ten o'clock ror and now traveling over the country day after day she lives it all over again in the telling of the story—often twice through the day.

Last year Centre county gave more than it was asked to carry on the work for which Lady Anne is giving her life. This year we are duction of these notes, until finally asked to feed one hundred and forty-six of the orphans, at sixty dollars a piece. Surely with such an appeal ringing in our ears we ought not only to feed but give housing and education to many of these one hundred and forty-six children.

Charles M. McCurdy, of the First National bank, Bellefonte, is terasurer for the Centre county Near East Relief committee, and all contributions sent to him will be credited to the individual or to any organization mentioned.

The drive is on now. Let's go, people. Let's feed our one hundred and forty-six children and more, too.

year to the Board of Managers and not be used for any other purpose. approved by them. These statements for the last sixteen years are on file and can be examined by any person interested.

As to the care of the lots, each lotowner was a law unto himself. They either cared for them or neglected them, as they saw fit. Some purchased lots, buried relatives and then removed from town, paying no further attention to the lots. There are some old families, whose members are now all dead, with no one to look after the lots. Had the lots been sold for cash down, at a price sufficiently high to warrant setting aside a portion of the purchase money for their perpetual care, there would not be the present large number of uncared-for lots; but, of course, that would have been a hardship to poor persons who could scarcely pay for their lots, without anything additional for perpetual

Several years ago, the Cemetery Association inaugurated the plan of perpetual care of individual lots, upon receipt of a certain sum from the owners. This has been very successful, about fifty-five lots now being

cared for in this way. The perpetual care funds are kept entirely separate and apart from the granted at Cumberland, Md., this Hartle, of Spring creek, were included general funds of the Association. week appeared the names of Harry in its list. This money is all invested in first Lincoln Shutt and Miss Hannah Eliz-

general oversight of the work. An bonds and the income is required to itemized statement of receipts and care for those lots for which the monexpenditures has been exhibited each ey has been paid, and, of course, can-OLIVE B. MITCHELL.

Millions Asked for Charities.

The State Board of Charities has made its report and recommendations for the benefit of the State Legislature in appropriating money to the til it became apparent that machines various charitable institutions of the State and the total of its recommendation aggregate \$19,231,318, as Major set to work to design a cutting detrimental interests conspired against dations the Bellefonte hospital is down for \$22,000, which is \$2,000 more into the business of manufacturing than it received two years ago; the his dainty table commodity on a large Lock Haven hospital \$54,000, as scale. against \$40,000 received two years ago, and the Cottage State hospital at Philipsburg \$180,000, as against \$54,000 the amount of the last appropriation.

Notice to Income Taxpayers!

February 14th to February 18th, inclusive, W. H. Klepper, a deputy revenue collector, will be in Bellefonte, at the court house to assist income tax payers make returns and collect tax.

-In the list of marriage licenses

WILLIAMS .- Mrs. Sara Z. Williams, wife of John R. Williams, died at her home at Lemont last Friday morning as the result of an attack of pneumonia, aged 76 years, 1 month and 18 days. She is survived by her husband and the following children: G. W. R. Williams, Nelson, Martin and Edward, all of Lemont; Mrs. George Fike, of Hunter's Park; David, of Tottenville, N. Y., and Frank, of Perth Amboy, N. J. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mary Brouse, of Pine Grove Mills. She was a member of the United Brethren church for many years and Rev. L. McHenry had charge of the funeral services which were held on Monday morning, burial

ECKLEY .- Mrs. Katherine Rhoads Eckley, wife of Austin Eckley, of Snow Shoe, died at twelve o'clock on Friday night at the home of her niece, Mrs. William Jodon, in Bellefonte, after a lingering illness. She spent eight weeks in the Bellefonte hospital undergoing treatment but a week prior to her death was removed to the home of her niece. She was about seventy-six years old and is survived by her husband but no children. Funeral services were held at the Jodon home at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning, by Rev. Alexander Scott, of the Methodist church, of which she was a member, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery:

SHOLTER .- Mrs. Benjamin Sholter, of Weikert, Union county, died in the Krader building, corner of Allegheny and Howard streets, as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained the same morning. She came to Bellefonte on Saturday for a few day's visit which culminated with such tragic results. She was sixty-four years old and in addition to her son living in Bellefonte, leaves another son, Harry, of Harrisburg. The remains were taken to Weikert on Wednesday for burial.

DRY .- Mrs. Katherine Dry, a native of Bellefonte, died at her home at Tyrone Forge last Friday as the result of a stroke of paralysis. She was a daughter of Abram and Mary Rine and was born in Bellefonte in 1861. At the age of sixteen years she and Morris Rine, of Bellefonte. Bur- wife having died a number of years ial was made in the Grandview cemetery, Tyrone, on Monday.

HARRIS.-George Harris, a Civil Bruce, and the latter's wife and four war veteran who made his home witig month's old son. It is a very unusuhis only daughter, Mrs. Ella Freder al thing for even two families to live Sunday morning chapel exercises, icks, on south Allegheny street, died under the same roof but here are repon Sunday afternoon of general debil- resentatives of four generations dwellwar, in which he served as a member and all devoting their energies to culwas wounded in the shoulder, at the one of the best in that section. Of battle of Petersburg. Mrs. Fredericks course, the great-grandfather has is his only surviving child. Burial been relieved from all manual labor was made in the Union cemetery on by his son and grandson, though his Wednesday afternoon. counsel and advice are still followed in operating the farm. For years he

WALZ .- Fred C. Walz, a native of was one of the leading figures in the Bellefonte, died at the Altoona hos- Centre county Pomona Grange, and pital on Saturday morning following especially in the Grange encampments a week's illness with pneumonia. He and picnics at Centre Hall, but now was born in Belleconte on May 15th, that he has passed the four score year year. He has made his home in Al- the work to younger and more active toona for a number of years past, hands, though he still manifests a where he worked as a drayman. Fun- keen interest in the picnic every year. on Tuesday morning after which burial was made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

He Makes Red-e-serve.

Few of the people who have attended Centre county's first motor show know that the gentlman, Maj. Eugene H. Lederer, who conceived and has promoted the project to such a fonte, who has been vice president of successful culmination, is the ariginator of Red-e-serve.

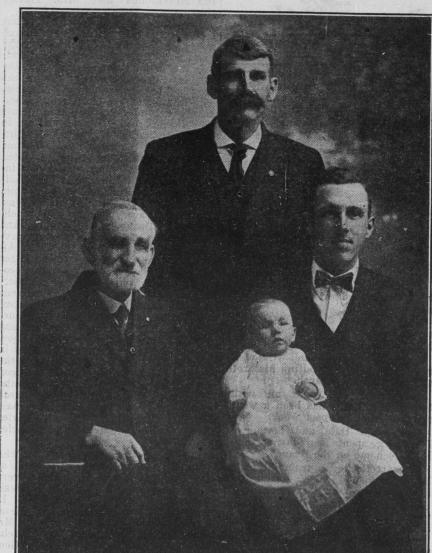
Red-e-serve is a prepared potato system, which includes the Lima-Dechip that has been on the market for fiance line, Lima-Springfield, Springsome time and differs from the com- field-Columbus, mercial Saratoga chip in that it is cut Dayton-Union City, Columbus, Newto resemble a small waffle. Maj. Led- ark and Zanesville, the city lines at erer started making Red-e-serve in a Newark and Zanesville, the light and very small way at State College. The power plant in Zanesville, and the product met with instant demand and Columbus and Orient line. Two othfrom a small beginning on a kitchen er receivers were appointed for other stove at home the business grew to portions of the system. such proportions that he was compelled to secure larger facilities for its recall the fact that J. Harvey Mcproduction. The cutting and cooking Clure went to the Ohio system from was all done by hand and the business | Oil City less than a year ago after the so modestly started kept growing un- property was taken over by the Day must be devised to handle the cutting that they would be able to pull it out in greater volume. Accordingly the against \$16,544,577 appropriated two machine and we understand that it is years ago. In the list of recommen- about completed and as soon as it is ready for operation he expects to go To be made receiver for such vast

BIRTHS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Reiter, of the Bellefonte Academy, are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child, a daughter, who was born Monday. The little Miss has been named Jean Eleanor.

February 9th, from 2 to 3 p. m., at A little daughter was born to Mr. Red Cross headquarters in Petrikin and Mrs. Charles Brachbill, Monday, hall. This health service, which will at their home on Allegheny street. be in charge of the community nurse. Monday being the Stork's day for Miss Mae Peterman, will include the and now if the old saw works we baby girls, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Don- periodic weighing and measuring of should have fairly nice weather the ovan, of Axe Mann, and Mr. and Mrs. babies as well as consultation with balance of the winter, although this mothers on the care, feeding, and gen-

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(Photo by Mallory Studios, Bellefonte, Pa)

Sitting at the right is Mervin Arney's

son, J. Bruce Arney, 30 years of age,

who is holding his four month's old

son, Ralph M. Arney. And one rath-

the family includes J. J. Arney, (his

ago); Mervin Arney, his wife, who be-

fore her marriage was Ella B. Lingle,

and their two children, Pearl and

Bellefonte Man Appointed Receiver of

Ohio Railways.

The entire system of Ohio interur-

ban electric railways, controlling over

five hundred miles of tracks, went in-

to the hands of receivers last week ow-

ing to default in the payment of in-

terest on \$12,000,000 first mortgage

bonds. J. Harvey McClure, of Belle-

the system since last April, was ap-

pointed receiver for a portion of the

"Watchman" readers will probably

& Zimmerman interests in the hope

of its financial difficulty, but various

putting the finances of the system in

shape to meet its interest obligations.

property interests is a position of

great responsibility but Mr. McClure

is possessed of the nerve and business

ability to tackle the job, and his Belle-

fonte friends will watch with inter-

Well Baby Clinic.

further information call Miss Peter-

A free clinic, to be known as a

est the outcome of the situation.

Springfield-Dayton,

FOUR GENERATIONS IN THE ARNEY FAMILY, CENTRE HALL. Generations of the Arney Family.

New President for State College.

In the above picture the "Watch-Dr. John Martin Thomas, for twelve years president of the Middlebury, Vt., man" presents to its readers four generations of the well known Arney college, has accepted the call of the board of trustees to become president family, of Centre Hall. Sitting at the of The Pennsylvania State College left of the picture is the patriarch of the family, J. J. Arney, who is now and as now planned will take up the work about July first. Since Dr. 82 years of age. Standing is his son, I. Mervin Arney, 53 years of age. Sparks' resignation a year ago the college has been without an active executive, the trustees postponing the selection of a man until they found one in whom they had entire confidence. When Dr. Thomas loomed upon the horizon they had confidence in him as the right person and at their recent meeting in Harrisburg the board unanimously voted to extend him a call.

It now develops that Dr. Thomas made a flying visit to State College on January 8th and 9th, looked over the institution, conferred with the deans and trustees and addressed the where he made a deep impression. Few realized at that time that he was being considered as a presidential didate. He was graduated from Midpresidency there in 1908, after serving fourteen years as pastor of the leading Presbyterian church of East Orange, N. J.

Middlebury is an old college, with a present student body of about 300. Doctor Thomas was successful in building up the institution, which consisted of three buildings when he took charge, to thirteen, and instituted a summer session, which has an attendance of more than 200 specializing in languages. He was virtually head of the state educational department in Vermont from 1910 to 1914.

It is his ability as a business administrator as well as an educational executive that attracted the State College trustees to Doctor Thomas. He has been characterized as a "builder" and is considered by prominent State as well as college officials as being entirely capable of handling Penn State's future. He is fifty-one years old, is a director in a national insurance company and one of the prominent New England banks. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention last year.

Judge H. Walton Mitchell, of Pittsburgh, president of the Penn State trustees, gives high praise to the president-elect, saying: "He is one of the big figures in American college life today and has been prominent for years at all national educational gatherings. His record at Middlebury is impressive."

Farmers' Institutes.

Farmers' institute meetings under the direction of C. L. Goodling, county chairman, in co-operation with county farm agent, J. N. Robinson, will be held in Centre county three days, beginning next week. The schedule of the institute meetings follows: Hublersburg, February 11: Pine Grove Mills, February 12, and Spring Mills, February 14.

The State Department of Agriculture has assigned three speakers to the county for the sessions: these people being particularly selected as filling the needs of Centre county. Particular attention will be given at the meetings to the discussion of dairying, potato culture, seeds and injurious weeds, and the speakers assigned by the State are L. N. Morley, Charles F. Preston and Dr. E. M. "well baby clinic," will be opened Dress.

-Bre'er Groundhog most emphatically did not see his shadow in this section of the State on Tuesday, week has not been a very good sameral hygiene of their children. For ple.

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