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A Brief Historical Sketch of the Finances of the Bellefonte Cemetery Association by One Who Kept the Accounts for Twenty-five 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.

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.

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.

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 of lots.

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.

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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 Care-taker, 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

WILL OLD CENTRE LET HER LITTLE ONES STARVE?

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

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.

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.

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."

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 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 daughter of Armenia, not only to tell the desperate need for help for the women and children—the little suffering children, the only hope of Armenia—but she came to thank us as part of the Armenian people for what we have done.

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 to bless you."

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Several years ago, the Cemetery Association inaugurated the plan of perpetual care of individual lots, upon receipt of a certain sum from the owners.

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.

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.

SHOLTER.—Mrs. Benjamin Sholter, of Weikert, Union county, died very suddenly on Tuesday afternoon at the home of her son, W. D. Sholter, in the Krader building, corner of Allegheny and Howard streets.

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.

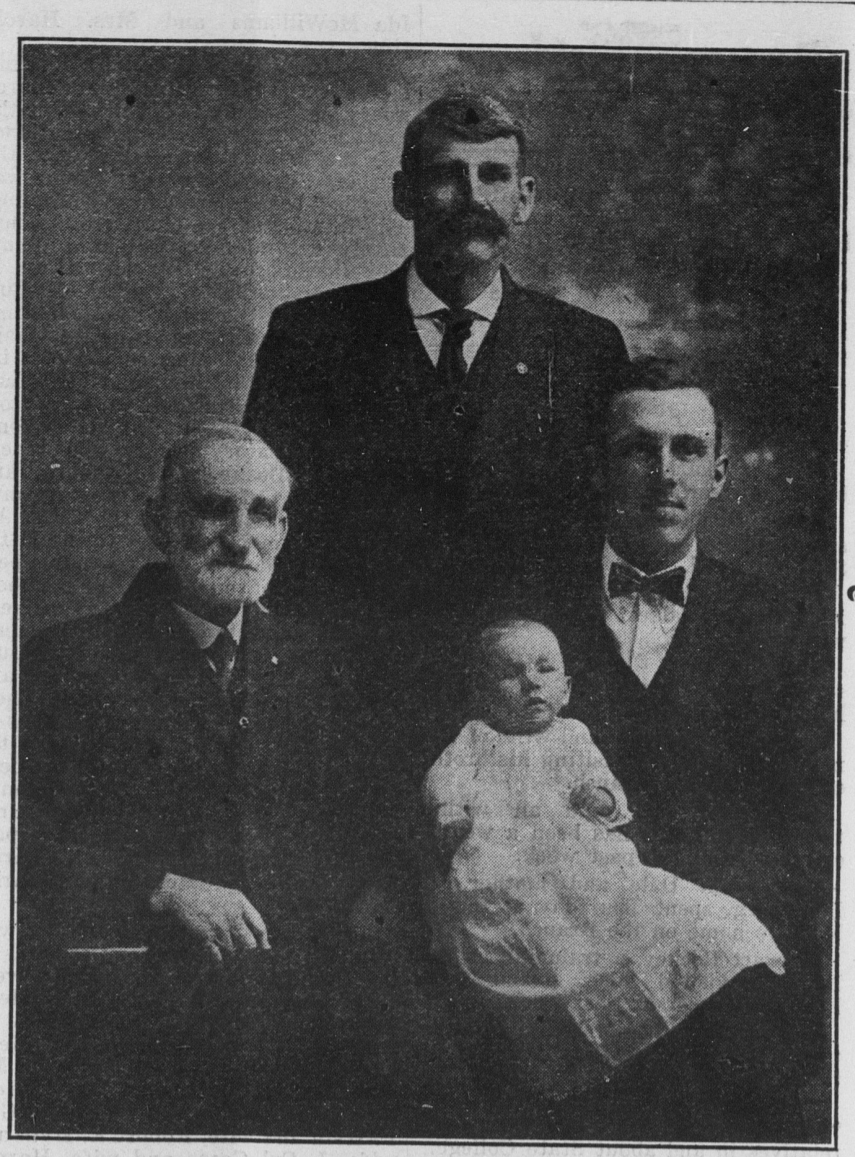
HARRIS.—George Harris, a Civil War veteran who made his home with his only daughter, Mrs. Ella Fredericks, on south Allegheny street, died on Sunday afternoon of general debility, aged 85 years.

WALZ.—Fred C. Walz, a native of Bellefonte, died at the Altoona hospital on Saturday morning following a week's illness with pneumonia.

He Makes Red-e-serve. Few of the people who have attended Centre county's first motor show know that the gentleman, Maj. Eugene H. Lederer, who conceived and has promoted the project to such a successful culmination, is the originator of Red-e-serve.

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.

Well Baby Clinic. A free clinic, to be known as a "well baby clinic," will be opened February 9th, from 2 to 3 p. m., at Red Cross headquarters in Petrikin hall.



(Photo by Mallory Studios, Bellefonte, Pa.) FOUR GENERATIONS IN THE ARNEY FAMILY, CENTRE HALL.

Four Generations of the Arney Family.

In the above picture the "Watchman" presents to its readers four generations of the well known Arney family, of Centre Hall. Sitting at the left of the picture is the patriarch of the family, J. J. Arney, who is now 82 years of age.

Bellefonte Man Appointed Receiver of Ohio Railways.

The entire system of Ohio interurban electric railways, controlling over five hundred miles of tracks, went into the hands of receivers last week owing to default in the payment of interest on \$12,000,000 first mortgage bonds.

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.

New President for State College.

Dr. John Martin Thomas, for twelve years president of the Middlebury, Vt., college, has accepted the call of the board of trustees to become president of The Pennsylvania State College and as now planned will take up the work about July first.

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 has been vice president of the system since last April, was appointed receiver for a portion of the system, which includes the Lima-Defiance line, Lima-Springfield, Springfield-Columbus, Springfield-Dayton, Dayton-Union City, Columbus, Newark and Zanesville, the city lines at Newark and Zanesville, the light and power plant in Zanesville, and the Columbus and Orient line. Two other receivers were appointed for other portions of the system.

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