

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., February 18, 1921.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

—A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gettig the latter part of last week.

—Mrs. George P. Bible is quite ill with pneumonia at her home on east Curtin street.

—The Bellefonte Academy basketball team defeated the Altoona High five on Wednesday evening by the score of 61 to 82.

—The Ladies Aid society of the Lutheran church will hold a bake sale in Olewine's hardware store this coming Saturday, and will continue each Saturday until Easter.

—If that staid old ground-hog is frisking around very much these days he is likely to take a chill, because it is not just the kind of weather for any animal that has been housed up all winter snug and comfy to be out in.

—Willard P. Eckel, of Bellefonte, who deserted from the U. S. navy on Sept. 20th, 1920, was apprehended in Bellefonte the latter part of last week and on Sunday was taken to Philadelphia and turned over to the U. S. naval authorities.

—The Penn State players will present The Devereux company in the auditorium at State College on Tuesday evening, February 22nd, at 8:15 o'clock, in that historically dramatic play, "Daniel Druce," by W. S. Gilbert. Seats 50, 75 cents and \$1.00.

—Spring will be here officially in a little more than a month, but in the mean time, go to the scenic in the evenings and see the motion pictures. All you need to do is follow the crowd any evening in the week and you will land at the best moving picture show in this vicinity.

—"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" will be the attraction at the opera house Thursday, February 24th. There are very few people who have not read Mr. Fox's book of the above title and as dramatized by Eugene Walter it has resulted in a play that is both thrilling and fascinating. Don't fail to see it.

—W. L. (Buck) Taylor, famous Indiana scout and picturesque character of the early west who the past two years has tried his hand at farming in College township, will address the Lutheran Brotherhood this (Friday) evening at eight o'clock. The meeting will be held at the home of H. P. Schaeffer, on High street.

—The Susquehanna University concert five will appear in a splendid program of songs, readings, sketches and piano numbers in the High school auditorium Thursday evening, February 24th, at 8 o'clock p. m., under the auspices of the Lutheran Brotherhood. The public is urged to attend this splendid entertainment.

—Last Friday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harter were on their way home to Shawville, Clearfield county, after attending the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Hoy, and at the Weaver railroad crossing just west of the Milesburg station their car was hit by the Pennsylvania-Lehigh express east. Mr. Harter escaped with a few bruises but Mrs. Harter was thrown from the car and considerably bruised and shocked. She was brought to the Bellefonte hospital and an examination disclosed the fact that no bones were broken. The car was badly damaged.

—On Saturday morning a spike buck came down off of the mountain at the Henry Shook farm about two miles beyond State College and after pasturing around in the field attempted to jump a wire fence. His legs caught on the wire and it was thrown to the ground sustaining a broken back. On the advice of district attorney James C. Furst the animal was shot, taken to State College and sent to Bellefonte on one of the Emerick busses. The deer was skinned and dressed at Beezer's meat market and Monday morning was delivered to the Bellefonte hospital.

—On Monday of last week Judge Maxwell, of Bradford county, sentenced Floyd Smith to death by electrocution for the murder of his child. The next day the sheriff of that county brought Smith to Centre county for the purpose of delivering him over to the authorities at Rockview but they refused to receive him as no date for his electrocution had been named and they had no warrant to accept him. Consequently the sheriff was compelled to take him back home, and was obliged to spend the night in Williamsport, lodging his prisoner in the Lycoming county jail.

—In keeping with their usual custom the Bellefonte Academy minstrels will give their entertainments this year for the benefit of the firemen of Bellefonte. The dates for the big show have been set as May 24th and 25th. Last year several other local organizations had entertainments very close to the date of the minstrels and while this did not detract from the quality of their performance it is just possible it may have infringed somewhat on the receipts. Inasmuch as the benefit this year is to be for the firemen of Bellefonte, it should be an object that will appeal to the general public, and for this reason, all organizations should give the minstrel date a wide berth. The firemen, of course, will have direct charge of the sale of tickets and also assist in advertising the minstrels, and anything you can do to help them along should be done willingly.

SUSANNA MARY MEEK.

Susanna Mary Meek, widow of P. Gray Meek, and daughter of George W. and Rachel Barron Meek, died at her home in this place at two-thirty Tuesday afternoon; having been ill only since noon of the day preceding.

She was born on May 20th, 1843, on the homestead farm in Ferguson township, where her grandparents, William and Elizabeth Meek had settled part of the tract that was granted to Capt. George W. Meek, in 1790. She came of Scotch-Irish ancestry, both on the paternal and maternal sides and traced her lineage back to Robert Meek, who emigrated from Edinburgh, Scotland, and settled in Maryland long enough before the Revolutionary war for six of his sons to enlist in the struggle for independence; her great grandfather, George Meek, having been a captain in the revolutionary army. All of her early life was spent on the farm and her secondary education was secured at the near-by Pine Grove Mills Academy which she attended until leaving for Harrisburg to enter the Pennsylvania Female College from which she graduated.

In January, 1862, she married her cousin, P. Gray Meek, and shortly thereafter came to Bellefonte to make a home in the house now occupied by Mr. Thomas Hamilton, on north Allegheny street. The tragic days of her early married life were many because of the militant Democracy of her mate and the crisis, which came in March, 1865, when he was carried away to a federal prison on a charge that fell immediately it was preferred, could have been met by this young wife and mother only by the sustaining grace of God which filled her soul with ever increasing hope and love and self negation from her early girlhood to the close of her glorious life.

Though many of her forbears were Covenanters her branch of the family became Methodists and the old Meek church and cemetery that still stand near her birth place tell the story of the fruit their work in the Vineyard of their Master bore. Indeed her earthly father's home had many mansions for it was the refuge of the sorrowing and stricken always and the circuit riding ministers made it the abode of themselves and their families when there were no such things as parsonages for those who carried the gospel in the pioneer days. All of her life she was a Methodist and only relinquished active work when it became apparent that stricken ones in her own home needed her ministrations more than her church.

Her life ended just within a day of the second anniversary of the passing of her husband. Surviving are their children: Mary Gray, Elizabeth Breckenridge, George Reuben, Dr. Eloise, and Winifred Barron, wife of Thomas K. Morris. Rachel Luella, the eldest of the children, died in September, 1909. Of her father's family of six children three lived to ripened years. Elizabeth Breckenridge, John Minor and Breckenridge died in their youth. William E., of Ferguson township, and David George, of State College, preceded her only after passing their seventieth milestones.

Services will be held at the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. E. H. Yocum and Rev. Alexander Scott will officiate.

Here let us pay brief tribute to a woman whose life has been a daily inspiration for the "Watchman." If it has rendered service to any man, if it has stood steadfastly back of any cause that might have brought pleasure and comfort to humanity, if it has tried to build and not destroy it has been the passion for love and the tenderest concern for others welling out of the heart of this splendidly courageous woman that has spoken through those whom her life has influenced. All of its good works she has shared in and those only.

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose tears would come down to me,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were damned of body and soul,
I know whose prayers would make me whole,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

—Kipling.

Celebrated Ninetieth Anniversary.

Last Friday Mrs. Jonathan Bilger, of Pleasant Gap, was ninety years old and celebrated the event with quite a gathering of her descendants and friends at her comfortable home in that place that evening. In addition to a most delightful social evening delicious refreshments were served. In fact the large table was so completely filled with cold viands, large cakes, etc., that it was a wonder to see. The guests present included Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rees, Mrs. Abbie Rockey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hile, Wilson Bilger and family, Mrs. Harry Corl, Miss Annie Bilger, Virgie Bilger, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kanarr, Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Hile and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Bilger and family and Harry Bilger.

Mrs. Bilger is a remarkable old woman. She was born at Liverpool,

Perry county, in 1831, but came to Centre county with her parents when quite young and located in Pennsylvan. After her marriage to Mr. Bilger, however, they took up their residence at Pleasant Gap and that has been her home ever since. Notwithstanding the fact that she is ninety years old Mrs. Bilger is a remarkably well preserved woman. She is as active as a woman of sixty or seventy, does her own housework and most of her gardening during the summer season.

—Mrs. William Bottorf entertained a number of her friends at a card party at her home on Spring street, on Tuesday evening, and the same evening Miss Mildred Emerick entertained some of the younger set in a similar manner.

Wanted.—Waitresses for dining room and restaurant. Apply at Bush House office.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

A Call to All Who are in Any Way Interested in Dear Old Bellefonte.

In our cemetery there are between 800 and 1000 lots. Of that number, about 450 are cared for. If you are a lot owner, and have not already done so, won't you make an effort to put your lot in perpetual care? Thereby insuring your loved ones a decent resting place in the years to come when you, too, will no longer be here to see that the briars and weeds are cleared away, and the green grass is regularly cut and cared for, over their last resting place. We, too, are fast passing away, and how can we expect future generations to carry on a work we ourselves have been too indifferent to perform?

Perpetual care is \$200 for a full lot, \$100 for a half lot. If you cannot afford that now, arrange to pay the Cemetery Association \$4.00 for full lots and \$2.50 for half lots, for the cutting and weeding for the summer. Not forgetting your duty toward your dear ones this and every other summer.

We, the women of the town, whose dead sleep there, are asking through the columns of our county papers who have kindly printed these articles for us, that all who respond generously to our urgent call for \$3000.00 to place in perpetual care all that historic part, over one hundred years old, where lie such noted men and women, the very cream of those early days, whose graves are fast disappearing through neglect.

Then we ask for \$3000.00 additional, to place in perpetual care those many other lots who have no one left to give them thought or attention.

This fund of \$6000.00 being properly invested, will give the Association an income sufficient to hire the proper help and enable them to keep the cemetery clean year after year, so we need no longer be ashamed of our "God's Acre."

Mrs. J. L. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
Mrs. J. S. WALKER, Vice-Chairman.
Miss MARY GRAY MEER, Secretary.
Mr. JAMES B. COOK, Treasurer.

Little Fay Teaman Injured in Auto Accident.

Fay Teaman, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Teaman, was knocked down and run over by an automobile in the Diamond at noon on Monday and sustained a fracture of the left leg just above the knee. The accident happened so quickly that people passing at the time are unable to say just how it did occur. It was just at the noon hour when the school children were on their way home and a number of automobiles were passing back and forth through the Diamond. One of the big busses drove up, stopped and was discharging its passengers when Mr. Krader came along in his machine. Just as he did, according to the most reliable stories, the little girl ran out from behind the bus right in front of the Krader machine. The driver of the latter was running very slow but at that was unable to stop with the result that the child was knocked down and the machine passed over her left leg, fracturing the bone. Mr. Krader stopped within the length of his car but the child had already been picked up, was tenderly placed in another machine and rushed to the Bellefonte hospital, as it was not then known how seriously she was hurt. Fortunately, however, she suffered no internal injuries.

While the accident is to be deeply regretted it is unwise to place the blame on the driver of the car. He was not going in a reckless manner but at a speed even below that required by law. But it does emphasize the fact that all drivers of machines cannot exercise too great care when the streets are full of children. They are always liable to attempt to cross the street at any point and regardless of approaching automobiles, and we feel sure that any driver of a car would far rather stop his machine and wait for the children to pass than run the risk of hurting one of them, if he thought there was the least danger of doing so.

—See the Potter-Hoy Hardware Company before buying your fencing. They have the right fence and at the right price.

Entertainment by Standard Bearer Society.

Young ladies of the Bellefonte Methodist church, members of the Standard Bearer society, have been making elaborate preparations for the entertainment which they will give in the lecture room of the church this (Friday) evening at eight o'clock. The program will include "an afternoon in a Chinese hospital," with native costumes; a vocal selection by Mrs. Morris Krader and other musical numbers. The public is cordially invited to attend. An offering will be taken to help along the work of the society. Following is the program in full:

Orchestra
Song by Standard Bearer Girls
Reading.....Thelma Williams
Piano Solo.....Marion Morrison
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Krader
Pantomime....."Oh, Zion Haste"
Piano Solo.....Marjorie Hill
Vocal Solo.....Mildred Zettie
An Afternoon in a Chinese Hospital,
Standard Bearer Girls
Vocal Solo.....Tamazine Kerstetter
Orchestra

—General sales exchange day at the Geiss livery stable, February 22nd.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Roy C. Witmer is in Baltimore this week on a business trip.

—Mrs. F. H. Clemson has been in Allentown this week visiting her son Frederick.

—Frank Bradford, of Centre Hall, was in Bellefonte Wednesday, attending to some business.

—Charles Haines, of McKeesport, is in Bellefonte visiting his mother, Mrs. David Haines.

—Col. Emanuel Noll is out in Detroit, Michigan, visiting his daughter, Mrs. Chauncey F. York.

—Miss Russle Cole came home from Philadelphia last Saturday for a brief respite from her studies in vocal music.

—Dr. Edith Schad expects to leave today for Pittsburgh to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Gail Chaney and husband.

—Miss Elizabeth Cooney, of The Hat Shop, is in New York and Philadelphia, looking over the latest styles in spring headwear.

—Manager Morris J. Kelly went down to Washington on Wednesday on business connected with the government aviation field in this place.

—Mrs. Mitchell Stever, of Altoona, was an arrival in town Saturday evening. She came down for an over night visit with her sister, Mrs. Barclay.

—Mrs. W. T. Twitmore went down to Williamsport on Monday to see the new grandson who recently arrived at the home of her son, Charles Brachbill.

—Miss Lulu Johnston returned to her home in Williamsport on Wednesday after a pleasant visit at the home of her brother, J. Kennedy Johnston Esq., and family.

—Mr. Charles T. Homan, of State College, was in Bellefonte on Wednesday attending to some business matters that needed looking after before the spring work opens up.

—Burgess W. Harrison Walker, and John S. Walker and Hard P. Harris attended the annual convention of the State Association of Boroughs at the Penn-Harris hotel in Harrisburg on Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Miss Lulu McMullen, who spent some time at Galen Hall, Atlantic City, for the benefit of her health and later visited her cousins at Lansdowne, returned to her home at Hecla last week very much improved.

—John G. Dauberman, of Centre Hall, was a business visitor in Bellefonte yesterday. For a man who travels around as much as he does he makes few stops in Bellefonte, as this was the first time in over a year that he spent any time in the county seat.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Callaway went down to College Point, N. Y., on Sunday, owing to the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Harry L. Garber, who is in a hospital as the result of a recent operation. Mrs. Callaway's stay will be indefinite, depending entirely upon her daughter's recovery.

—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac O. Campbell, of Fairbrook, motored to Bellefonte Friday afternoon. It was an exceedingly unpleasant day but they bailed at the Campbell farm was being held up by a broken press and bad roads notwithstanding Mr. Campbell had to come to town for the repairs necessary to get it working again.

—John W. Miller, one of the younger generation of farmers in Ferguson township, motored to Bellefonte on a business trip on Monday and found time to spend a few minutes in the "Watchman" office. Though classed among the younger farmers he might also be termed one of the most progressive and his farm home is one of the nicest in that section of the county.

—W. Harrison Walker Esq., spent several days of the past week in Johnstown on professional business. When one takes into consideration his intensive work in the Thrift movement in Pennsylvania, his preliminary work as county chairman for the Central European relief drive, and his extensive private practice he is kept on the jump most of the time, but at that, he looks as if he enjoys it.

—John G. Munson was an arrival in Bellefonte on Sunday, coming here to see his mother and make arrangements for her greater comfort in the future. Mr. Munson is now located at Rogers, Mich., with one of the affiliated companies of the J. G. White company, of New York city, and he is evidently kept pretty busy on his present job as it was a year last October since he visited his old home in this place.

—Boyd S. Musser, of Berkeley, California, arrived in Bellefonte on Sunday, being on his way over to Woodward to attend the funeral of his father, the late William Musser, who died last week. It has been fourteen years since Boyd left home and in that time he has served in the world war and spent eleven years in California, and only three times in the eleven years has he seen snow flakes flying in the air. At the present time flowers are in bloom in California and the wheat in the fields is from twelve to fifteen inches high.

—William Gibson, or "Billy" as he was more familiarly known in the days that he used to roam around State College, was a Bellefonte visitor the early part of the week, his first trip into this section in twelve or fourteen years. After leaving Centre county Mr. Gibson went on the road as a traveling salesman for the Murphy Co., selling calendars and while traveling around he got an idea in his head that the life of a country printer was one of ease and comfort, so he secured a plant at Slippery Rock and went into the newspaper business. But the war came along, prices of printing materials soared skyward and good help became scarce so the proverbial hen's tooth, so Billy quit the newspaper, moved to Crafton and went back on the road selling calendars. While he has naturally grown older in the years he has been away from Centre county, time has not changed him to that extent that he was not easily recognized by his old friends hereabouts.

Young Men Held for Trial.

On Tuesday Alderman Anthony, of Lock Haven, rendered his decision in the case against C. Frederic Schad and Robert Bullock, arrested in Lock Haven almost two weeks ago on the charges of larceny and arson, in which he held the two young men in one thousand dollars bail for trial at the April term of court in Clinton county. A. E. Schad, of Bellefonte, went on the bond and the young men were released from jail.

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."

Telephone Company Annual Meeting.

The annual stockholder's meeting and election of the Nittany Valley Telephone company was held at the offices in Bellefonte on February 11th. The secretary's report showed a fair business during the past year, but owing to the unusually high cost of labor, materials, etc., the resources barely sufficed to pay operating and other expenses; and at the prevailing rates it will not be possible to accumulate a reserve fund for future replacement of lines and poles and other improvements. Another year, however, may bring a change in the secretary's report.

All the old members of the board of directors were re-elected, the board being constituted as follows: Ellis L. Orvis, T. R. Bridgens, Joseph H. Hayes, J. L. Rachau, J. H. Beck, William Clevenstone and L. H. Swartz. The board elected the following officers: President, Ellis L. Orvis; vice president, J. H. Beck; secretary and treasurer, J. F. McCormick, of Lock Haven. Mr. McCormick and W. W. Smith, of Bellefonte, were selected as managers for the ensuing year.

Option Taken on Nittany Inn, State College.

Exclusive announcement was made in the "Watchman" in the issue of January 7th, that the Nittany Inn at State College was on the verge of changing hands. At that time, however, no definite announcement could be made for the reason that those in charge of the Inn refused to either confirm or deny the story. It now develops that the "Watchman" story was correct even to the name of the purchasers, as is evidenced by an advance notice now being sent out by Lee H. Hoffman, manager of the Hoffman hotels, to the effect that "The men who own and operate the Hoffman hotel chain, now comprising hotels in Bedford, Gettysburg and Ligonier, have secured an option on Nittany Inn. Changes in the building and equipment will be made, and new furnishings secured, resulting in an up-to-date plant, which under our efficient management will supply a heretofore lacking necessity."

Green—Hoover.—L. Y. Green and Miss Sara Hoover, both of Port Matilda, were married in Bellefonte on Tuesday last week by Charles E. Driver, of the Methodist church at that place. Immediately following the ceremony the young couple departed on a brief honeymoon trip to the western part of the State and returning have already gone to housekeeping in their own new home at Port Matilda. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hoover, of Port Matilda, and is a graduate of the Bellefonte High school. Following her graduation she entered the services of the Pennsylvania railroad company but of late had been the efficient stenographer of the Superior Silica Brick company. Mr. Green is the very efficient superintendent of the company at Port Matilda and the many friends of the young couple wish them a long and happy married life.

Beaver Colony Thriving.

The beaver colony established last year in the Penn State forest is thriving this winter, according to a report sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry by district forester Bartschat, of Milroy. He said the lack of deep snow enabled the animals to obtain plenty of food. Visitors have been coming to the dam all winter, as they are able to drive their automobiles to within half a mile of the colony.

Forester Bartschat and forest ranger Smith, of Coburn, attended a farmers' meeting at Spring Mills on Monday.

To decide on the boundary line between the Logan state forest and the Penn state forest, foresters Morton, of Petersburg, and Bartschat met at Greenwood Furnace Tuesday. Forest rangers Ross, Benson, Wirth and Monsell also attended the conference.

Test Your Seed Corn.

If you have not already tested your seed corn for germination now is a good time to start, says J. W. Robinson, county farm agent. Corn that has come through to this time without injury will be safe for the remainder of the winter. It is estimated that 50% of Centre county's farmers test their seed corn. Which 50% do you belong to? Every ear of corn planted means from four to six dollars' worth of corn next fall. Can you afford to plant many poorly germinated ears? It costs no more to produce a field of corn with a 100% stand than with a 60% stand. If you will send or bring a sample of your corn to the Farm Bureau office at Bellefonte Mr. Robinson will be glad to run a germination test for you.

—See the Potter-Hoy Hardware Company before buying your fencing. They have the right fence and at the right price.

—When in doubt as to your paper take the "Watchman."

Sale Register.

MARCH 10, 1921.—At the residence of D. M. Kline on the Lewistown pike, just south of Axe Mann, a clean-up sale of his full line of farm implements, horses, cattle and hogs. Sale starts at 9 a. m. L. Frank Mayes, Auctioneer.

MARCH 1921.—At the residence of Jared Evey, on the T. E. Jodon farm, near Axe Mann, 5 horses, 25 head of cattle, 55 hogs and farm implements. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m. L. Frank Mayes, Auctioneer.