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To Correspondents.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

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Hope Springs Eternal, Etc.

Almost two years ago Edmund Blanchard forsook the home and friends of his youth and went west, not to grow up with the country but down into the Texas oil fields in the hope of striking oil and making his fortune.

South of the city about one mile, on the Hale lease, there stands an old and weather beaten derrick, clean and glistening in the sun as wolf-scoured bones upon the plains.

Once this rig, among the very first to tower above the broad waste of the Breckenridge territory, was new.

But hope springs eternal in the human breast and again today success seems imminent. Trials, hardships and disaster have been overcome and after passing through the hands of many owners this derrick, two years and three months after its erection will soon be the greasy and ill-smelling black monument of determined human endeavor.

Started away back in June of 1910, which according to oil field lore is ancient history, this well, now the property of the Breck-Bonded Syndicate, was started.

After two contractors had lost heavily in trying to put down this well, Ed Blanchard, a month ago, moved on his drilling equipment to take a flyer at what appeared to be an impossible task.

The hole was crooked, a string of tools and a bailer were also lost by previous drillers. With only these obstacles confronting him, Blanchard and his driller, Lee Hubert, most successfully drilled by the lost tools and succeeded in reaching the top of the lime, Monday.

Oil men who are acquainted with the Breck-Bonded well are extending hearty congratulations to Contractor Blanchard for his daring in taking over such a venture, and Driller Hubert for his skill and knowledge in accomplishing this most difficult task.

Mifflin County Fair Next Week.

It would have taken a tub over 300 feet in diameter and 325 feet high to hold the four billion pounds of butter produced in the United States last year. The milk from which this butter was made could not have passed over Niagara Falls in less than several hours.

The fair will present record-breaking exhibits in nearly every department, according to fair officials. Dozens of letters have been received from persons interested in exhibiting at the fair, asking for a premium list telling about the \$3,500 in prizes to be awarded. The women are much interested in the baking and sewing exhibits.

An excellent entertainment program has been planned by the fair management. The amusement features include horse racing, \$5,200 in purses, fireworks, music, a midway show, aviation, and vaudeville. Other features have been arranged of lesser importance. Any one desiring information about the fair, which will be held at Lewistown next week, can obtain it by writing to secretary W. D. Russell, at Lewistown.

Academy Road Improvement Fund.

In enclosing his check for this fund to Mr. Hughes, a former Bellefonte boy, who is now a successful lawyer in New York city, writes:

"It gives me great pleasure to contribute \$25.00 towards the fund concerning which you wrote me. \* \* \* Your indomitable spirit in rebuilding the Academy after the recent holocaust deserves every commendation and support and I deem it an honor to be able to help in so worthy an undertaking."

The fund to date is as follows: Amount previously acknowledged, \$555.00; Edmund G. Joseph, New York city, 25.00; J. Linn Blackford, Huntingdon, 5.00.

GENTZEL.—Benjamin Gentzel, for many years a familiar figure in Bellefonte, died at the Bellefonte hospital on Sunday afternoon. During the past several months Mr. Gentzel had worked for Philip Beizer on the farm and for some time past had complained of dizziness when engaged in any work that required him to do much stooping down.

Mr. Gentzel was seventy-two years old and was a son of Henry and Caroline Epley Gentzel, and was born on the farm in Penn township. His boyhood days were spent there but after the death of his father the family moved to Spring township, on the old Lyon farm. Most of his life was spent on the farm but during the past ten or more years he had lived in Bellefonte.

He was married to Miss Amanda Scheffer, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Frank Cole, of Chicago. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Amelia Neese, of Coburn. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Gentzel lot at Zion.

THOMPSON.—The "Watchman" last week carried a brief notice of the death of Budd Thompson, which occurred at his home at Martha last Wednesday morning following a stroke of paralysis. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Thompson, early settlers of Bald Eagle valley, and was born at Martha over seventy years ago.

During his active life he engaged in farming and lumbering being quite successful in both enterprises. When the lumbering interests played out in Bald Eagle valley he turned his attention elsewhere and with other Centre countians purchased large tracts in West Virginia. Later coal was discovered and the coal interests in West Virginia now o'ertop the lumbering industry and for some years past have yielded large returns.

Mr. Thompson was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church and a splendid citizen in every way. Though he has occupied the old home at Martha all his life he never married and his only survivors are one sister, Mrs. Nora Thompson, widow of the late Dr. James A. Thompson, of Port Matilda, and his nephew, J. Thompson Henry, who with his wife, had charge of the old homestead. The funeral on Saturday afternoon was largely attended, burial being made in the Presbyterian cemetery at Port Matilda.

HEPBURN.—Alpheus S. Hepburn, a former resident of Bellefonte, died quite suddenly at his home in New Kensington last Friday, as the result of a stroke. His death was quite a shock to his friends here as just about three weeks previous he had been in Bellefonte on a visit and was then in the best of health.

He was a son of Robert and Mary E. Hepburn and was born in Bellefonte, being 57 years and 3 months old. As a young man he learned the carpenter trade with his father and followed that occupation all his life. He left Bellefonte about seventeen years ago and worked in various places before locating at New Kensington.

He is survived by his wife but no children. He leaves, however, two brothers and a sister, William and S. E. Hepburn, and Mrs. Robert B. Fry, of Bellefonte. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Saturday and taken to the Fry home where funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. Alexander Scott, of the Methodist church, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

MARTIN.—Cornelius Martin died at his home on South Allegheny street, Bellefonte, shortly before noon on Wednesday following an illness of more than a year as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was born at Curtin and was seventy-one years old. For many years he had been a track foreman on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Charles, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Elizabeth and Helen, all of Bellefonte. Funeral services will be held in the Catholic church at ten o'clock this morning, burial to be made in the Catholic cemetery.

MILES.—Mrs. Kathryn Fetters Miles, a former resident of Bellefonte, died at the Danville sanatorium last Saturday, where she had been undergoing treatment the past two years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fetters and was born in Bellefonte about forty years ago. She was twice married, her first husband being Merrill Morgan, by whom she had one daughter, Margery. Her second husband was Howard Miles, of Tyrone, who died several years ago. The remains were taken through Bellefonte on Monday to Tyrone, where burial was made.

WILSON.—Mrs. John C. Wilson, a sister of Mrs. R. Reed Randolph, of Pine Grove Mills, died at her home at Petersburg last Thursday following an illness of three weeks as the result of heat prostration, aged sixty-four years. Burial was made on Sunday afternoon.

TRIPPLE.—Charles W. Tripple, a native of Bellefonte, died in a hospital at Rochester, N. Y., at five o'clock on Saturday evening following a brief illness. The exact nature of his illness is not known at this writing. Just about two weeks ago his sister, Mrs. H. C. Yeager, received a letter from him in which he stated that he had a bad cold but was improving and no other word came from any one of his illness and the first knowledge of his death was a telegram received by Mr. Yeager on Sunday morning.

Mr. Tripple was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Tripple and was born in Bellefonte on February 4th, 1861, making his age 60 years, 6 months and 9 days. The greater part of his life was spent in Bellefonte. He was educated in the public schools of the town and as a young man accepted a job as driver for the Adams Express company. Later he became agent for the company and was in charge of the Bellefonte office for a number of years.

He later worked in Tyrone and finally located in Rochester, N. Y., where he was caretaker of the property of Dr. Metzger, a position he had held since the beginning of the world war. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Harry C. Yeager and Mrs. J. D. Geisinger, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. George W. Kerstetter, of Harrisburg. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Monday evening and taken to the Yeager home on Spring street, where funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon. Burial in the Union cemetery was in charge of the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks.

CRONEMILLER.—Noah Cronemiller, an old-time resident of lower Pennsylvan, passed away at his home in Aaronsburg on Monday of general debility. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cronemiller and was born at Aaronsburg eighty-five years ago. When he grew to manhood he began his life's work as a clerk in the store of D. O. Bower, at Aaronsburg. Some years later he went to Centre Hall and clerked for Henry Holloher and thirty-seven years ago he came to Bellefonte as a clerk in the store of Jared Harper, making his home with the Harper family. He held that position for fourteen years then returned to Aaronsburg and made his home with his sister, Mrs. Dainel Rote, until her death, and since then had lived alone. He was the last of a family of six children. He was an honest and industrious gentleman and always worked for the best interests of his employers. He was a life long member of the Reformed church. His funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, burial being made in the Aaronsburg cemetery.

HOLT.—James Holt, postmaster at Fleming the past eight years, died at his home in that place on Tuesday night following a lingering illness with Bright's disease. He was forty-seven years old and most of his life was spent in Unionville and vicinity, where he was most highly esteemed as a citizen of high character and usefulness and an official who had brought his office to a high degree of efficiency. He married Miss Orrie Steere and she survives with three children, P. I. Holt, of Milesburg; Mrs. Elwood Way, of Unionville, and Russell, at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Emma Gates and Jasper Holt, in West Virginia; Mrs. Minnie Gates, in Ohio; Mrs. Thomas Irvin, Woodland; John and Samuel Holt, of Unionville. Funeral services will be held at his late home in Unionville at ten o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning, burial to be made in the Unionville cemetery.

Real Estate Transfers.

Henrietta Robertson, et al, to Daniel Brink, tract in Philipsburg; \$5000.

Wm. H. Kauffman, et ux, to John Kauffman, et ux, tract in Gregg township; \$1.

Harvey E. Walker, et ux, to Chas. Houser, tract in Benner township; \$250.

Robert H. Hettinger, et al, to William H. Hettinger, tract in Gregg township; \$1500.

Herbert H. Small, et ux, to Wm. Groh Runkle, tract in College township; \$1.

Wm. G. Runkle, et ux, to Annie B. Tate, tract in State College; \$800.

David Dennis to Simon E. Ward, tract in Ferguson township; \$300.

James Blaine Watson, et ux, to James Nixon, tract in Philipsburg; \$480.

Homer G. Stein to Wm. Tressler, tract in Spring township; \$800.

Eleanor A. McCoy, et al, to Wm. M. Allison, tract in State College; \$7000.

Lillian A. N. Lukentaler, et bar, to K. Cherington, tract in State College; \$20,000.

Wm. Dolan, et ux, to Emma A. Martin, et al, tract in Walker township; \$1.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

(Continued from page 8, Col. 6.)

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Spicher, of Wilkinsburg, have been with relatives and friends in Bellefonte since the fore part of the week.

Mary Shoemaker, a daughter of Mrs. Thomas A. Shoemaker, of Wilkinsburg, is spending a part of her vacation in Bellefonte.

Miss Eulalia Williams is in Bellefonte on her vacation, visiting with her mother and sister, Mrs. George Williams and Miss Helen.

Miss Henrietta McGirk left on Saturday, for Philadelphia and New Jersey, where she will spend a few weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. Charles Gilmour went to Philadelphia a week ago to join her daughter, Miss Margaret, for a two week's stay at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heisler have been in Beaver Falls during the week, going out last Friday for a visit with Mrs. Heisler's sister, Mrs. Robert Gentzel.

Miss Eleanor Weston and Miss Anna Strub are at Camp Neokawin, at Canton, Pa., representing Centre county at the annual convention of the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Mary H. Linn and her brother, Henry S. Linn, are entertaining their sisters, the Misses Sallie and Bess Linn, and Mrs. John J. Reardon, of Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Johnstonbaugh, of Axe Mann, had among their guests last week, their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barron, of Altoona.

Dr. R. L. Capers accompanied his wife, Mrs. Capers and their child to Philadelphia on Wednesday, expecting to spend the remainder of August there and at the Shore.

Mrs. H. C. Quigley and her son Hugh have been in New York State for the past two weeks visiting with relatives, while Judge Quigley, with Miss Henrietta and Mrs. Reynolds have spent the greater part of that time at the Country club.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Undercoffer left Wednesday morning to spend Mr. Undercoffer's two week's vacation with relatives in Philadelphia, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Mosella, at Brooklyn, from where they will make the trip up the Hudson and then terminate their vacation with a short visit to Asbury Park.

Mrs. N. R. Ellsworth, of Atlanta, Ga., came to Bellefonte from Pittsburgh yesterday to join her mother, Mrs. Oursler, who with Mrs. Ellsworth's two daughters, Mabel and Helen, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Beatty, Mrs. Oursler and Mrs. Ellsworth are Mrs. Beatty's mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter motored here from Pittsburgh last Thursday and were guests at the home of Mrs. Porter's brother, James Herron, on Curtin street, until Monday, when they returned home taking Jean Herron with them for a visit with relatives in and about Pittsburgh. Mr. Porter, by the way, is the gentleman who was the victim of the sensational hold-up that occurred in Pittsburgh in July, when bandits shot him and almost got away with a forty thousand dollar payroll he was carrying.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker, of Saltsburg, Indiana county, were Bellefonte visitors on Wednesday and while here were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Herron, on Curtin street. Mr. Walker is editor and owner of the Saltsburg Press and is one of those fortunate country newspaper men who has been successful enough to occasionally jump from the hard editorial tripod into the hazardous holsters of a fine motor and tour a bit. He is on one of those pleasure jaunts this week and the famed good roads of this section are what lured him in this direction.

Corrected List of Soldiers.

Following is the corrected list of soldiers' names to be placed upon the soldiers' monument now being erected in Milesburg. Any other changes or corrections should be reported at once to Toner A. Hugg, Milesburg.

Spanish American War—1898.

In the Churches of the County.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The church building is closed for the month of August because of the repairing of the interior. There will be no services Sundays or week days this month. Services will be resumed Sunday, September 4th. The rector will be out of town for the month but can be reached in case of any need through the Senior Warden of the parish, Col. W. Fred Reynolds.

Rev. M. DeP. Maynard, Rector.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Christian Science Society, First building, High street, Sunday service 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. To these meetings all are welcome. A free reading room is open to the public every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4. Here the Bible and Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. Subject, August 21st, "Mind."

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH.

There will be no services held next Sunday except Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D., Minister.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST.

All roads lead to this church on the corner of High and Thomas streets, where all regular services are held each Sunday and mid-week. Flee from the devil by going to church and worshiping God.

George E. Smith, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(Announcements for August 21 and 28.) Bible school 9:30. Senior League 6:30. Class meeting Tuesday evening, 7:30. Prayer service, Wednesday 7:30.

During vacation the pastor's address can be had of Morton Smith, at the postoffice.

Alexander Scott, Minister.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Wray Reed is laid up with an attack of the grip.

Candidates for township offices are not very numerous.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams took in the big Blair county fair yesterday.

College, were recent guests at the St. Elmo.

The Erb family will hold their annual reunion at State College tomorrow (Saturday). Their paternal ancestor, Jacob Erb, was the founder of the village of Erbtown.

Mrs. H. Passmore, of Harrisburg, Mrs. Blanche Hess and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Brown, of Yagertown, were entertained at dinner at the John F. Kimpfort home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Goheen, of Baileyville, accompanied by their daughter Elizabeth and Mrs. Sager and daughter, of Tyrone, spent Tuesday afternoon with friends in town.

Mrs. Ralph Musser was taken to the Bellefonte hospital last Friday by S. M. Hess and on Saturday underwent an operation. Latest reports indicate that she is getting along splendidly.

Quite a number of people from hereabouts attended the Grange picnic at Warriorsmark last Saturday. The Pine Grove Mills ball team defeated Warriorsmark by the score of 10 to 8.

Farmer W. A. Lytle, of Buffalo valley; Mr. and Mrs. John Lytle and Mrs. Charles Lytle, of Altoona, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller, of Pleasant Gap, were week-end visitors with friends in town.

Though he has disposed of his residence in this place to G. R. Dunlap merchant E. M. Watt will continue in business here until the expiration of his lease, which will be the greater part of a year.

The community picnic at Pine Hall last Saturday was a success in every particular. Through serving refreshments and holding a festival in the evening the Lutheran Sunday school realized \$230.00.

About fifty of the younger set enjoyed a corn and weenie roast last evening at the W. C. Shoemaker home in the Glades. Miss Blanche Shoemaker and Miss Catherine Thompson were the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ash, accompanied by Mr. Ash's parents and sister Helen, motored here from Bloomsburg and were guests at the Frank Fishburn home. Harry and wife expect to spend the winter in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Isenberg, of Gettysburg, are visiting friends in Centre and adjoining counties. Mr. Isenberg is a veteran of the Civil war, having served under Gen. Phil Sheridan, and is a remarkably well preserved gentleman.

Clarence Irvin, of Pennsylvania Furnace, whose barn burned to the ground in July and whose house burned several weeks later, went to the barn yesterday morning and found his best horse with a broken leg. The animal had to be shot.

The venerable William Comfort, who is eighty-five years of age, has just returned from an extended trip through Nebraska and Missouri, visiting friends and relatives. Notwithstanding his advanced age he stood the trip remarkably well.

Prof. Samuel P. McWilliams and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson, of Cannonsburg, are on a motor trip which will carry them through the eastern part of the State and New Jersey. They spent Sunday at the J. E. McWilliams home in town.

Word has been received of the death of James Miller, a native Centre countian, at his home in Freeport, Ill., on Monday. He was 74 years of age. Two sisters living in Centre county survive, Mrs. J. H. Keller, of Linden Hall, and Mrs. George Williams, of Pine Grove Mills.

CENTRE HALL.

The Lohr reunion will be held at Grange park tomorrow (Saturday).

Miss Cora Boal is seriously ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Heckman.

Rev. Roy Corman and wife are visiting Mrs. Corman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher.

Miss Mary McQuiston, of Bellefonte, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Booser.

Rev. Daniel Gress and daughters circulated among their many friends in this locality during the past few weeks.

Mrs. Isaac Smith and daughter, Miss Grace, are spending this week in Mifflinburg, guests of the Montelius family.

Mrs. Ellen Miller and sister, Miss Caroline McCloskey, visited at the home of C. D. Bartholomew for several days.

Miss Mary Foreman, daughter of F. A. Foreman, of State College, spent a few days in Bellefonte, Miss Jane Foreman, in this place.

Rev. and Mrs. William Lane and daughter Roberta, of Clyde, N. Y., spent some time in and about Centre Hall during the past two weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. Barry and four interesting children, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting Mrs. Barry's mother, Mrs. William Mitterling.

Dogs That Destroy Sheep Are Menace—Should be Shot.

The sheep-killing dog constitutes one of the greatest menaces to the sheep industry. Such dogs not only kill sheep, but keep out of the sheep business men who are otherwise inclined to go into it, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Sheep-willing dogs work both singly and in groups, but usually in twos or threes. They do not limit their attacks to the flocks of the immediate vicinity in which they are kept, but travel for miles in all directions, spreading destruction in the flocks with which they come in contact. Because their work is so often done under the cover of darkness it is almost impossible to catch them in the act of worrying sheep, hence they can seldom be positively identified.

After a dog has once formed the habit of killing sheep it seemingly becomes a mania with him and he is seldom if ever broken of it. He not only destroys sheep himself but leads other dogs to the work. No consideration should be given such dogs; and if additional losses from this source are to be avoided, they should be killed as soon as their habits are known.

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