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## W. C. T. U. COUNTY CONVENTION

Interesting Gathering of White Ribboners at State College Last Week.

The 36th annual convention of the Centre county W. C. T. U. was held in the Presbyterian church at State College September 22nd and 23rd, with a good attendance. Pronounced interest was manifested in all phases of the convention. Miss Rebecca Rhoads, county president, presided, assisted by Miss Amanda Landis, State vice president.

At the executive and official board meetings, important business was discussed and new methods of proceeding for the coming year adopted. Among the plans for the year were the securing of special workers to organize the young people's department; a program of moral education to be conducted by Dr. Sina Stratton, a noted W. C. T. U. woman, now on Dr. Finegan's State educational board; the distributing of literature throughout the medium of the Sunday schools; the adoption of special programs for local meetings and continued emphasis on law-enforcement and scientific temperance teaching in the schools. Resolutions were adopted as follows:

"Recognizing our dependence on Almighty God and thanking Him for the comfort and blessings already given us, we again implore His guidance and direction and pledge ourselves to renewed consecration in His service. Whereas:

1. Observance and obedience to law and enforcement of the laws are vital to the very existence of our democracy.

Resolved, That we urge that this basic principle shall be taught in our schools, preached from our pulpits and that it may dominate the lives of our rising generation.

2. Realizing the need of officials in our county who will enforce the laws, especially the 18th amendment, be it

Resolved, That we implore our members to support no candidate for office who is not pledged to enforcement of the law and whose past record is above reproach in this respect.

3. Resolved, That we extend our thanks to our beloved president for her untiring interest and energy in the temperance cause and to all her helpers; also to Miss Landis and the musicians for their beautiful music, and the speakers for their inspiring addresses.

4. Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the trustees of the State College Presbyterian church for the use of their beautiful edifice during our convention, and to the members of the State College Union and friends for their hospitable entertainment.

5. Resolved, That we, as members of the W. C. T. U., may be more loyal to the cause of temperance and that by our walk and conversation be more anxious to set forth an example for right living.

6. Resolved, That we, members of the W. C. T. U., use every possible means to create sentiment in favor of disarmament; that we especially endeavor to create public interest in the coming conference to be held in Washington on Armistice day. We urge upon our members to write to our representatives in this conference asking their active influence toward disarmament.

7. Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the press of Centre county for the publicity given our work through the local papers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. M. SCHMIDT,  
Mrs. R. F. GLONNER,  
MARY G. TWITMYER.

The address of welcome, neatly defining the word "convention," was given by Mrs. N. L. Hummel, president State College Union. Response by Mrs. Schmidt, of Bellefonte, county vice president.

A gavel, made of the wood of a tree planted by Mrs. Frances Willard, was presented to Miss Rhoads by the State College Union, as a token of affection and a memento of the occasion of the convention.

The speakers were well chosen and came with vital messages. Dr. John Martin Thomas, president of Pennsylvania State College, spoke Thursday afternoon. His message was inspirational and filled with helpful suggestions that make for efficient workmanship. He emphasized the need of placing good biographies, such as that of Frances Willard and others, in the hands of children and young people. He manifested deep respect for the cause championed by the White Ribboners and gave a keen analysis of the methods a worker must use. Noting Miss Rhoads' social welfare department exhibit of work among soldiers and sailors which she had used in her display booth at the San Francisco convention, he commented very highly on this special work, saying he knew the need for it, having, himself, been army chaplain on the Mexican border, and spoke feelingly of the dearth of the soldiers' life in that section. His father, a minister, and one of the earlier workers for temperance, and his mother, a W. C. T. U. woman, were instrumental in getting the license removed from the home-town of his boyhood days and he, himself, has always tried to live by the principles advocated by the W. C. T. U.

Miss Landis, State vice president, spoke at the Thursday evening ses-

sion. After a brief resume of the history of prohibition and its world progress, she made a strong appeal for law enforcement. On her recent world tour she had opportunity to observe the effect of prohibition on the child-like peoples of the East. Japan, whose tendencies toward drunkenness have increased appallingly during the past years, has by the example of the United States incorporated a law into her constitution abolishing the sale of intoxicants to minors. If India is ever given control of excise law she will at once adopt prohibition.

Miss Landis' address was prefaced by a short speech from Rev. N. L. Hummel, of State College, who emphasized the need for the W. C. T. U., and all social work to maintain a Christian aspect. First tarry at the cross as did the women of old—then go out to herald a new day.

On Friday afternoon, Miss Rhoads briefly recounted the perils of her western trip, when the special W. C. T. U. train was held up by floods and cloud-bursts. She told of the enthusiastic greetings received by the delegates of the national convention at San Francisco, of the interest displayed by the press and the city at large (the press devoting whole pages daily to reports and pictures); the city and churches having decorated the main streets with arches, floating banners and pennants with "Welcome W. C. T. U." inscribed thereon, and a leading hotel having same cordial welcome printed on its menu cards.

The daily attendance at this great convention extended into the thousands, as it was held in the same large civic centre made famous by the meeting of the Democratic National convention last year. At the banquet one thousand were seated at the tables, including the Governor of California and many others of prominence. Just on the eve of the convention a cablegram from England was received announcing the death of Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle, the honored president of the World's W. C. T. U., thus making the national president, Miss Anna Gordon, president of the world's organization, also, for the present. Law enforcement was the key-note of the national convention with emphasis on continued activity along all department lines. Centre county W. C. T. U.'s president appeared on the national program several times, conducted two hour conference, one afternoon, and was elected secretary of the board of national superintendents.

Following Miss Rhoads' talk the election of officers resulted in all the old officers being re-elected.

Dr. I. L. Foster gave a short and stirring appeal for interest in law enforcement, for better guardianship of our boys and girls, and for greater interest in elections—particularly primaries.

Dr. John Wesley Hill, of the flying squadron of the federal enforcement bureau, proved himself to be a brilliant and forceful speaker. Of a combative temperament, his is the spirit that enjoys the battle. He represented Uncle Sam—one time senior partner with Tim Murphy—is now in court to defend the plaintiff. The government is centralized in a Kaiser or Mikado or in parliament, but every man and woman citizen of the United States is the government, is individually responsible for the upholding of the constitution. Whoever condones or encourages law violations is as much of a lawbreaker as the worst criminal. He flayed those as yellowest of the yellow who, for fear of unpopularity, injury to business, or for any other reason fail in their duty of reporting such acts of treason against our government as are all violations of the 18th amendment. He positively asserted that a recent ruling of the Supreme court makes home brewing absolutely against the law. It is, he said, the duty of the district attorney to investigate the evidence brought him. If he fails to do this, he can and should be impeached. If the local officials are traitors in failing to do their duty, report to the district prohibition officer. If he fails, report him directly to the federal authorities, who will deal summarily with him, probably dismissing him from office, as has been done many times, so that now derelict prohibition agents are getting pretty well weeded out from the federal force. He confidently affirmed that remarkable progress has been made in law-enforcement, and we have every reason for great thankfulness for better general conditions under prohibition, in spite of wet propaganda to the contrary.

## State Policeman Hurt in Motorcycle Accident.

Robert E. Coyle, a member of the state police squad located in Bellefonte, was hurt in a motorcycle accident late Saturday afternoon when his machine skidded when he attempted to turn the corner coming off east Bishop street onto Allegheny with the result that he was thrown off and the machine fell on his right leg. He was taken to the hospital where it was found that his right knee and ankle were badly sprained and foot lacerated. While no bones are broken the injuries are of such a nature that he will likely be out of active duty for a month. Coyle, whose home is in Philadelphia, was removed from the hospital to the W. C. Coxey home on east Bishop street, on Monday, being able to get around on crutches.

Members of the Jewish faith will celebrate Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) next Monday. The holiday will begin at six o'clock on Sunday evening and end at six o'clock Monday evening.

## FOR THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY.

A Public Health night of free movies will be given in the opera house, Monday night, October 3rd, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, under the direction of the Bellefonte Chapter American Red Cross and the tuberculosis committee of the Woman's club. For a year and a half the Red Cross has conducted a visiting nurse service that has proven, beyond doubt, the value of such a service in a community. The tuberculosis committee has directed its efforts to educational work in the schools with gratifying results. But a large majority of our community have not had opportunity to be benefited by and, perhaps, not even informed as to the scope of work carried on by either of these agencies or by the State through its Health Department, and that wider knowledge may obtain, this evening of educational movies has been arranged.

The first part of the evening will be devoted to films furnished by the Red Cross, while, during the latter half, will be shown films of the National Tuberculosis Association and State Health Department. The program offered is as follows:

Winning Her Way.  
Mrs. Brown versus the High Cost of Living.  
The Knowing Gnome (for Juniors).  
The Awakening of Cicily.  
The Spirit of Service.

Our children (State Health Department).

A Town Under the Microscope (describes the activities of the Framingham demonstration).

The Lone Game (Tuberculosis society).

Along the Riviera (Red Cross).

Representatives of the three agencies carrying on public health work in our community are Dr. J. L. Seibert, county medical director for the State Health Department; Rev. M. DePue Maynard, president, and Mrs. Blanche Schloss, chairman of nursing activities, Bellefonte Chapter, American Red Cross; Miss Helen Overton, chairman tuberculosis committee of Woman's club.

**WALKER.**—Isaac G. Walker, a well known resident of Gregg township, died at his home north of Penn Hall last Thursday evening after a brief illness with pneumonia. He had been in good health up until Monday of last week when he caught a severe cold while assisting a neighboring farmer with his threshing. Pneumonia quickly developed and he passed away on Thursday.

Mr. Walker was a son of Andrew and Catharine Stine Walker and was born at Salsburg, Huntingdon county, on March 23rd, 1850, making his age 71 years and 6 months. When he was a boy the family moved to Ferguson township and practically all his life was spent in Centre county. When a young man he became a member of the Presbyterian church but later transferred his membership to the Lutheran church, and was always a regular attendant and devout worshiper. Mr. Walker was a staunch Democrat and a faithful supporter of his party and its principles.

In 1879 he married Miss Kathryn Smith, of Laurelton, and they had seven children: Milton G., of Warriorsmark; Willis S., of Tyrone; C. Roy, of Freeport, Ill.; S. G., of Spring Mills; Foster D., of Plano, Ill.; Irvin R., of Pine Grove Mills, and Clarence, deceased. His first wife died a number of years ago and in 1917 he married Mrs. Sara Gentzell, who survives. He also leaves three brothers and a sister, A. Stine Walker, of Pine Grove Mills; Levi W., of Williamsport, ex-sheriff W. Miles Walker, of Bellefonte, and Dr. Clara G. Walker, of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 9:30 o'clock on Monday morning by Rev. C. F. Catherman, after which burial was made in the Salem cemetery at Penn Hall.

**KERLIN.**—Mrs. Sarah J. Kerlin, widow of Abram S. Kerlin, passed away at the home of her son, Arthur E. Kerlin, at Centre Hall last Wednesday evening, as the result of injuries sustained in a fall almost ten weeks ago when she broke her hip. She spent six weeks in the Bellefonte hospital immediately following the accident, but was removed to the home of her son three weeks ago.

Mrs. Kerlin was a daughter of Lafayette and Matilda Moore and was born in Potter township on April 29th, 1845, making her age 76 years, 4 months and 26 days. The early years of her married life were spent in Potter township but thirty-five years ago the family moved to Centre Hall. She was a faithful member of the Centre Hall Lutheran church and a conscientious Christian woman.

Her husband died about twenty years ago but surviving her are three sons and one daughter, namely: Arthur E., of Centre Hall; Walter M., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Edwin M., of Beverly, Mass., and Mrs. Nellie Morrill, of Amesbury, Mass. Rev. M. C. Drumm, pastor of the Lutheran church, had charge of the funeral services which were held at ten o'clock on Saturday morning, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

**STINE.**—Mrs. Lavinia Stine died at her home on north Spring street at three o'clock yesterday morning after a week's illness. She was a daughter of Jeremiah and Barbara Mayes and was born in Buffalo Run valley on August 3rd, 1857, hence was past 64 years of age. She was married to Daniel Stine who died some years ago. Mrs. Stine returned from California about a year ago and two months ago took up her residence in the Longwell house on Spring street. Her surviving children are Frances, Jeremiah and Mrs. M. F. Lesh, all in California; Dorsey, of Clearfield, and Homer, at home. Private funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, burial to be made in the Meyer's cemetery.

**BACHMAN.**—Nathan Bachman, who lived on the W. G. Runkle farm below Milesburg, was kicked in the stomach by one of his horses on Tuesday of last week, was brought to the Bellefonte hospital on Wednesday and died from his injuries on Thursday.

He was a son of Benjamin and Mary Pick Bachman and was born at Millburg, Union county, in January, 1854, hence was in his sixty-eighth year. He came to Centre county when twenty-eight years of age and engaged in farming. For twenty-two years he occupied the farm of Samuel B. Miller, northeast of Bellefonte. During the past few years he had lived on the W. G. Runkle farm in Boggs township.

Thirty-five years ago he married Miss Amelia Lyons who survives with the following children: Mrs. Roy Stone, of Clearfield; Mrs. William Allen, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Orrin Allen, of Fillmore; Mrs. George Anderson and Wilbur Bachman, of Bellefonte; Harry and Eleanor, at home.

Funeral services were held at his late home at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon by Rev. M. DePue Maynard, after which burial was made in the Treziulny cemetery.

Mrs. Bachman and children wish in this way to express their gratitude and thanks to all friends and neighbors who rendered help and consolation in the time of their bereavement, and were so kind as to furnish the use of their cars on the occasion of the funeral.

**ADAMS.**—Mrs. Clara M. Adams, wife of Robert Adams, died at her home in Blair county on Sunday evening after a brief illness. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meyers and was born near Gatesburg, this county, in March, 1880, hence was in her forty-second year. She was married to Mr. Adams in 1912 and their married life had been spent in Huntingdon and Blair counties. In addition to her husband she is survived by her father and the following brothers and sisters: Willis Meyers, of Williamsburg; John, of Gatesburg; Earl, of Port Matilda; Roy, of Tyrone; Mrs. Eleanor Kingan, in California, and Mrs. Maude Ellenberger, of Marengo. Funeral services were held at her late home at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, after which the remains were taken to Gatesburg for interment.

**HUDSON.**—Phillipsburg lost its oldest native resident in the death last Saturday evening of Robert Hudson, who would have been 94 years old on November 13th. His father, John Hudson, came from England and accompanied Hardman Phillips on his first trip to the spot which is now Phillipsburg. There Robert was born in 1830 and that had been his home ever since with the exception of the four years he served during the Civil war. He conducted a saddlery and harness making shop practically all his life until his retirement a few years ago. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the G. A. R. His wife and six children survive. Burial was made on Tuesday afternoon.

A surprise week-end home party was given W. T. Twitmyre by his children last week, in celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday, the guests including B. Alton Twitmyre, of Allegheny, N. J.; Dr. and Mrs. Pickle, of Millersville, and their children, Katherine, Harriet and Wilbur, who motored up Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Twitmyre, of Sunbury, and their daughter Betty, and Dr. Wilbur Twitmyre, of Lancaster, and his youngest son, Richard. In addition to the children and grand-children at the birthday dinner Sunday, were Mrs. Emerick, of Unionville; Miss Rebecca Heverly and Philip D. Waddle.

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**DUBBS.**—James A. Dubbs, a brother of the late John G. Dubbs, of Bellefonte, died at his home at Cold Stream, near Philipsburg, last Tuesday night following an illness which dated back eighteen months.

He was a son of Jeremiah and Eliza Dubbs and was born at Centre Hall on January 30th, 1847, hence was in his seventy-fifth year. He was married at Centre Hall in 1871 to Miss Martha Kennelley, of Spring Mills, and two years later they moved to Philipsburg. There he engaged in the lumbering business but later worked at the carpenter trade and prior to his illness was with the Penn Public Service company. He was a member of the Magnolia Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Red Warrior Tribe of Red Men.

Surviving him are his wife and two daughters, Mrs. William Laffin, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Homer Wagner, of Houtzdale. He also leaves five grand-children and three brothers, Andrew and George Dubbs, of Bellefonte, and Thomas, of Pittsburgh. Funeral services were held at his late home at 2:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon by Rev. Franklin T. Eastment, after which burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

**HOLMES.**—Miss Mary Holmes, a native of Bellefonte, passed away at her home in Wilkesburg at five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, of a complication of diseases, after a long siege of illness.

Her parents were Wesley and Lila Miles Holmes and years ago owned the house where the Bellefonte hospital now stands, their old home being the nucleus of the present institution. It was there she was born about fifty-four years ago. While yet a girl her father sold the home in this place and moved to Lock Haven where he engaged in the crushed limestone business. From Lock Haven they moved to Wilkesburg and following the death of their father the daughters carried on the business. Miss Holmes was an ardent member of the Presbyterian church and was quite active in all church work. Though the family left Bellefonte years ago she frequently visited friends in town.

Her parents are both dead but surviving her are two brothers and two sisters, John and Wesley, both of Wilkesburg, and Adeline and Cora, at home. The remains were taken to Lock Haven on Monday morning where burial was made at 2:30 o'clock the same afternoon.

**REARICK.**—Mrs. Margaret Walters Rearick, wife of Rev. J. M. Rearick, a former pastor of the Lutheran church at Centre Hall, passed away at her home at Elk Lick last Thursday, after a long illness. She was fifty-six years old and in addition to her husband is survived by three sons and three daughters. The remains were taken to Middleburg where burial was made on Sunday.

## United Brethren Conference Closes.

The eighty-third session of the Allegheny conference of the United Brethren church came to a close in Altoona on Sunday evening with the announcement of the appointments by Bishop Bell. Rev. George E. Smith was returned to the Bellefonte church and the other appointments in Centre county include J. E. Ott, Port Matilda; G. A. Sparks, Runville, and A. V. Mountain, Zion. Rev. C. W. Winey was returned to Wilkesburg.

A big bus load of members of the Bellefonte church went to Altoona early Sunday morning to attend the closing sessions of the conference. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bathurst, Miss Adaline Bathurst, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bathurst, Walter Bathurst, Roy H. Grove, Augustus Wolf, Miss Sadie Wolf, Samuel Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bartley, Mrs. George Behrer, Miss Annie Lambert, Mrs. Emma Nelson, Miss Annie Baney, Mr. and Mrs. John Ammerman and J. Ellis Stine.

A conference on the church school service league will be held in St. John's parish house, Bellefonte, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, October 5th and 6th. Miss Frances H. Withers, head of the league for the whole Episcopal church, will conduct the conference, while those attending will come from the various churches in the diocese of Harrisburg. The sessions begin Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 and continue until Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A district meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the Huntingdon Presbytery will be held in the Presbyterian chapel, Bellefonte, Wednesday afternoon and evening, October 3rd. Mrs. Hamilton, from the New York home board, and an able representative from the foreign board will be present. All the women in the Presbyterian churches of Centre county are cordially invited to be present.

It is now up to the voters to vote for J. M. Keichline at the election, if they want the taxes collected, duplicates settled and the taxes reduced. His past record gives you that assurance.

The world's series baseball games are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 5th, and as it looks now they will all be played in New York.

9 out of every 10 people will tell you that the best place to buy your shoes is at Cohen & Co's department store.

## September Court Proceedings.

The regular term of September court convened on Monday morning with Judge Henry C. Quigley on the bench. Carol Brown, of Curtin township, was made foreman of the grand jury.

The first case tried was that of the Commonwealth vs. Harry Nixon, charged with desertion and non-support. After hearing the testimony the court made an order directing the defendant to pay the costs of prosecution and five dollars a week toward the support of his wife and child.

N. B. Spangler vs. The Globe Indemnity company, an action in assumpsit. Mr. Spangler is the trustee in bankruptcy for R. B. Taylor and the action was brought to recover money paid to the defendant company within four months of the adjudication of the bankrupt. After hearing the testimony the court directed the jury to find a verdict for the defendant.

Several cases to revive judgments were disposed of by defendants appearing in court and confessing judgments in favor of the plaintiffs.

Commonwealth vs. B. R. Brown, charged with operating a motor cycle while under the influence of liquor. After hearing the evidence the court instructed the jury that they could not convict on the testimony submitted but could dispose of the costs which they did by putting three-fifths on the prosecutor and two-fifths on the defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Mat Hemmis, charged by Angela Hemmis with threats to kill. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and divided the costs equally between the prosecutor and defendant.

Several betrayal cases were disposed of by the court imposing the usual sentence.

Commonwealth vs. John Polce, cruelty to animals. Prosecutor, Ignatz Benzie. Not guilty and the costs divided equally between prosecutor and defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Mrs. John Martin, assault and battery. Prosecutor, Agnes Verbitsky. Verdict of guilty and defendant to pay the costs. The court also told defendant that if she went back to Hazleton on or before December 1st she would hear nothing further about the case, otherwise she would be called up for sentence.

Commonwealth vs. L. R. Goss, charged with boot-legging. Not guilty and the costs divided between the defendant and informant.

Commonwealth vs. H. S. Miller and Raymond Miller, assault and battery. Prosecutor, A. C. Williams. Not guilty and the costs divided between the prosecutor and the defendants.

Edward Emel, Harvey Walker and William Walker were convicted of serious crimes charged against them by Sara Wilkinson and Helen Gregg, the jury being out but ten minutes.

## Clinton County Detective Sent to Jail.

At a brief session of court last Friday morning Samuel Myers, county detective of Clinton county, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor and was sentenced by Judge Quigley to pay a fine of one hundred dollars, costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the Centre county jail for a period of six months. Readers of the "Watchman" will recall the fact that on April 4th detective Myers, while on a trip up Nittany valley drove his car into the rear end of Mrs. George E. Harris' car, on the state road in the vicinity of Hubersburg. Mr. Myers was decidedly under the influence of liquor at the time and it was only by good luck that the occupants of the Harris car escaped serious injury. Immediately after Judge Quigley imposed sentence Mr. Myers was taken to jail. His sentence will also mean the revocation of his driver's license for a period of one year.

John E. Mattis plead guilty of attempting to pass a forged check and was released on parole upon the payment of the costs.

William Austin, of Philipsburg, plead guilty to feloniously pointing and firing firearms on the streets of Philipsburg and was fined \$200 and costs and sent to the county jail for a period of six months.

Several minor offenders got off with suspended sentences upon the payment of the costs.

The Spruk company are now engaged in laying brick on the state road from Pleasant Gap up the mountain. It will take 146,000 brick to surface the road from a point a short distance above Noll's store to the watering trough, and while the quantity on hand is only about half enough for the job they have promise of daily shipments in quantities to keep them busy and with the right kind of weather during the month of October will likely complete the job this fall.

Valley last Saturday. The boys' basketball team will play tomorrow and it is quite likely they will prove more formidable. State football team's opponents will be the Penn State. Gettysburg will be the Penn State's opponent.

For Sale.—A Continental bicycle in good condition. Inquire of William H. Keller, Bellefonte.

John L. Nighthart is now picking his second crop of raspberries this season.

If you want all the news when it is news, read the "Watchman."