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LAND OF MILK AND HONEY.

Interesting Letter from Former Bellefonte Boy Now Located in Los Angeles, Cal.

Bellefonte readers of the "Watchman" will no doubt read with interest the following letter from Charles P. Miller, a son of John C. Miller, who was born and grew to manhood in Bellefonte. He graduated at State College with the class of 1915 and after spending several years as an assistant chemist with the Westinghouse company at Pittsburgh went west and is now holding a good position with a large electrical company at Los Angeles, Cal.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 29th. To the Editor of "The Watchman."

You will find enclosed check for renewal of my subscription to the "Watchman," which reaches us regularly Wednesday following day of publication, and you can form no conception of our eagerness to peruse its columns; and though so far distant from our former home, we have a lively interest in all that transpires in dear old Bellefonte.

Every item, every line, is carefully read, from the pungent editorials in commendation (?) of Harding, Penrose and the G. O. P., to the ever changing ads. of the scenic. It informs us of the frequent visits of the Stork, bringing gladness, care and responsibility to the hearth-stone of former friends. It relates the doings of the elfish "Dan Cupid," who is ever busy with his unerring bow and arrow transforming friendship into love, ending in the blissful union of hearts and lives.

Then, too, with sorrow, we read of the gathering in by the "Grim Reaper," of those whom we knew so well in our days of boyhood. Truly, the "Watchman" is a welcome visitor in this, our far western home, where everything is so strange, so different from what we had been accustomed to. It is a marvelous country and in verity "a land flowing with milk and honey;" and yet so little known among the easterners.

The soil is so fertile that the yield from agriculture is enormous. The scenic beauty is beyond description, and climatic conditions are ideal. We have no cold, bleak winter, no ice nor snow, and the summer temperature will not average any higher than in Pennsylvania. We have no thunder nor lightning, nor wind storms, which cause such havoc east of the Rockies, and being but seventeen miles from the Pacific coast we have the benefit of ocean air, which is most exhilarating. Now do not consider me a California booster, but after a residence of over a year I feel that the poets had California in mind when they wrote:

"It is a land of pure delight"
"Where every prospect pleases
And man alone is vile."

As for Los Angeles, it is a wonderful city and a revelation to those who visit here, for remember, fifty years ago it had a population of 5000, while today it numbers approximately 800,000, and is still growing rapidly. Nor is it of a mushroom growth, but firm and substantial. As a tourist resort it has no equal, owing principally to its mild climate, excellent roads and so many interesting and historic places to visit.

The hotels, with which our city abounds, cannot be surpassed, and are taxed to the utmost, especially during the winter months. The public buildings and mercantile establishments are equal to those found in any city, and the stores are models of up-to-dateness. There are a great number of churches, many being magnificent. One Methodist congregation is at present erecting an edifice which will cost \$1,000,000, and a Presbyterian congregation will soon commence on a building equally as fine. Within a few months the Episcopalians will build a pro-cathedral to supply the place of the one they recently sold for half a million dollars. The Christian Scientists have at least ten churches, all of which are beautiful and costly.

All sects and creeds are represented here, from the Hindu temple to the humble Salvation Army barracks, for our population is cosmopolitan, being drawn from every portion of the globe. There are many Japanese and Mexicans, and though the former are not looked upon as desirable citizens, it can be said to their credit that they are industrious and law-abiding. They principally engage in agriculture and excel in that line, for they understand the art of producing two blades of grass where a native born would grow but one.

The business depression now prevailing in the east is not felt here, there being work for every one. There

is no want or destitution such as in many other large cities. Our manufacturing establishments are running normal, and there is a vast amount of building in progress.

The moving picture interests are a large factor in our local industries, millions being invested in the various studios. In this connection would say that the film world is undergoing a season of tribulation owing to the episode in which "Fatty" Arbuckle figured so prominently. Many of the stars are just as dissolute, and in order to keep the industry from falling into disrepute there is going to be a general housecleaning.

But I have written enough to show that I am enamored of California, and my only regret is, that all my friends are not here to enjoy the glories of the "Golden State."

CHARLES P. MILLER.

GALBRAITH.—Fighting to the last to overcome that insidious disease, tuberculosis, Miss Elizabeth Kling Galbraith finally passed away at four o'clock on Monday evening at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. Kerstetter, in Lock Haven. She became ill over a year ago and last May went to the Cresson sanatorium. She returned home in August and a little over four weeks ago went to the home of her aunt in Lock Haven where she was under treatment by Dr. Mervine. Slight improvement was noticed at first but it was only a temporary hope and she finally passed away.

She was a daughter of Frank and Cora Kerstetter Galbraith and was born in Bellefonte on July 1st, 1892, hence was 29 years, 3 months and 2 days old. She is survived by her parents and twin sister, Mrs. Edward Shields, of Jackson, Miss. She was a member of the Presbyterian church for a number of years. Dr. A. M. Schmidt had charge of the funeral services which were held at her late home on Bishop street at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

MILLER.—John W. Miller, a well known resident of Pennsylvania, died at his home at Shingletown last Thursday evening following a long illness with heart trouble. He was a son of John and Mary Miller and was born at Pleasant Gap on March 15th, 1853, making his age 68 years, 6 months and 6 days. As a young man he learned the trade of a stone-mason, which he followed a number of years, then engaged in farming, an occupation he followed for many years. Early in life he became a member of the Lutheran church and was a faithful member all his life.

In the autumn of 1890 he married Miss Alma Rishel, who died in 1915, but surviving him are one son and a daughter, Alexander Miller, of Pitscairn, and Mrs. Raymond Rudy, of State College. He also leaves one brother, D. W. Miller, of Pine Grove Mills, and a sister, Miss Mary, at the old home.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church at Boalsburg at 9:30 o'clock on Monday morning by Rev. A. M. Lutton, after which burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

BOAL.—Miss Cora Cummings Boal passed away at her home at Centre Hall at 7:45 o'clock on Wednesday morning following an illness of nine weeks with Bright's disease.

She was a daughter of William and Melissa Bell Boal and was born in Potter township on December 31st, 1877, hence was not quite forty-four years old. Her entire life was spent in Potter township and Centre Hall and she had a host of warm friends who sadly mourn her death. She was a member of the Presbyterian church from girlhood and not only lived a consistent christian life, but was a faithful worker in the church and Sunday school.

Her parents and a young brother preceded her to the grave but surviving her are three sisters, Mrs. John Heckman, of near Centre Hall, and Martha and Elsie at home. Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick, of the Presbyterian church, will have charge of the funeral which will be held at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning, burial to be made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

HARTER.—John Smith Harter died at the Methodist home for the aged in Tyrone on Monday morning as the result of a complication of diseases following an attack of influenza two years ago. He was a son of Andrew and Eva Smith Harter and was born at Jacksonville, this county, on May 8th, 1846, hence was in his seventy-sixth year. Early in life he engaged in farming at Clintondale, and as a side line taught school during the winter. He also served as a justice of the peace in Clinton county. He was an active member of the Methodist church all his life. Fifty years ago he was married to Miss Elizabeth Rishel, who survives with one brother, W. I. Harter, of Blanchard. He also leaves a half-sister, Mrs. Belle Hile, of Blanchard. The remains were taken to Clinton county for burial.

GUISEWHITE.—Anna Flinn, wife of Samuel Guisewhite, died at the Bellefonte hospital, Tuesday, October 4th, at the age of sixty-eight years, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Alice, at home; Mrs. Allen Waite, Bellefonte; John, Joseph and Cherrytree. Also two sisters and one brother, Mrs. John Pickle, Miss Rose Flinn and Charles Flinn, of New York. Services will be held in St. John's Catholic church this (Friday) morning, after which interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

UZZLE.—George B. Uzzle, one of the best known residents of Snow Shoe, passed away at his home in that place at six o'clock on Monday morning of creeping paralysis. He had been ailing for a year or more and about six weeks ago was brought to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment. He spent three weeks at that institution without any show of improvement and was then removed to his home in Snow Shoe.

Deceased was a son of John G. and Elizabeth Etters Uzzle and was born at Snow Shoe on May 10th, 1863, hence was 58 years, 4 months and 23 days old. During his boyhood days he attended the public school at Snow Shoe in the winter time and worked on his father's farm in Burnside township during the summer. When he grew to manhood he engaged in the hotel business at Clarence where he lived until 1906 when he retired and since that time had made his home in Snow Shoe. He later became interested in the coal mining business and other activities in that section.

In May, 1886, he married Miss Fanny Kramer and they had five children, all of whom preceded their father to the grave. He is survived, however, by his wife and one brother, James F. Uzzle. Also one half-brother and four half-sisters, namely: John Uzzle, Mrs. Reed Russell and Mrs. Lena Bland, of Snow Shoe; Mrs. Melvin Derr, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Lemuel Zindel, of Snow Shoe.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, burial to be made in the Askey cemetery.

CRISSMAN.—George Homer Crissman, a nephew of W. Homer Crissman, of Bellefonte, died at his home in Erie at 6 o'clock on Monday evening. He had been in failing health for some years and totally blind for some time past.

Deceased was a son of J. H. and Mary W. Crissman, of Clearfield, and was fifty years of age. His boyhood life was spent in Bellefonte, the family moving from here to Philipsburg and later to Clearfield. For years he had been in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad and was well known throughout Clearfield county. He is survived by his wife and two children, as well as his parents. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Wednesday morning for burial in the Union cemetery.

Pat Kelley in Brokerage Business in Philadelphia.

P. W. Kelley & Co. is the name of a new brokerage firm which has opened offices and a board room in the Land Title building, Philadelphia. Mr. Kelley having purchased the stock exchange seat of Montgomery & Co., of Philadelphia. He has also been elected a member of the Philadelphia stock exchange. "Pat," as he is familiarly known, is a Centre county native, having been born and raised at Snow Shoe. He served during the world war with the famous Buckeye division, which was almost constantly in the front line. Centre county friends of Mr. Kelley will naturally be interested in his success, and he is just as desirous of securing as large a clientele as possible from his home county.

Leo Toner, manager of the opera house, states that another good musical comedy is booked for Tuesday night, October 18th, it being "Not Tonight Josephine." This show will come here well recommended by audiences where they have played this season. Keep the show and the date in mind.

That wonderful candy-maker, John D. Sourbeck, started manufacturing his special grades this week and on Wednesday opened his store on High street for the fall and winter season. In this connection we might add that we personally know his candy is good because he brought a generous collection of it to this office and we just as generously sampled it. Mr. Sourbeck's grandson, Joseph Sourbeck, will be associated with him in the future.

Several Bellefonters made it a point to be at the food sale held by the women of the Presbyterian church at the Variety shop last Saturday in order to get a loaf of home-made bread, but they were doomed to disappointment, as not a loaf was taken there for sale. Verily does it seem that the old-fashioned bread baker is becoming scarcer and scarcer, not only in towns the size of Bellefonte but in small villages and even the country districts. This fact is borne out by the ever increasing sale of baker's bread. At nine o'clock last Saturday evening not a loaf of bread was for sale in Bellefonte, both the bakers and all the stores having sold out. Every country store these days handles baker's bread, and it finds ready sale even among some farmers. While in the very nature of things baker's bread should be the most sanitary of any made there is doubtless many a man who frequently pines for a loaf of the home-made variety, but few girls these days know how to mix a batch of dough, let alone bake the bread.

Auction Sale of Used Automobiles.

Twenty-five repaired automobiles will be sold at auction at Schuyler Bros. garage, in Lock Haven, on Saturday, October 8th, tomorrow. All of the cars will be sold to the highest bidders and great bargains await those who are after them. The sale will start at 12:30 sharp. 66-39-1t

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CENTRE COUNTY WOMEN IN CONFERENCE.

Many Women's Organizations Represented in Big Gathering at Lemont Last Saturday.

The annual conference of Women's clubs and women's organizations held in the Presbyterian church at Lemont, Saturday, October 1st, was perhaps in numbers and interest manifested, the most successful gathering of women ever held in Centre county. The meeting opened at 10 a. m. with Miss Helen E. C. Overton presiding and Mrs. John S. Walker serving as secretary. After singing "America," three minute reports, covering the organization work for the year were asked and listened to with much interest. The clubs represented included the Howard Social club, the Howard Civic club, Boalsburg Civic club, Bellefonte Woman's club, Centre Hall Social club, League of Women Voters, Oak Hall Civic club, Centre Hall Red Cross and the Howard Red Cross. A report of the work of Miss Elizabeth B. Meek on health work and announcement of moving pictures along the line of education in the Bellefonte opera house Monday, was followed by Miss Mary H. Linn's report on the Armenian Relief, stating that Centre county's apportionment for the past year was between \$7,000 and \$8,000, and that over \$12,000 had been contributed. All the above organizations in reporting demonstrated the fact that the women of Centre county are doing wonderful uplift work along educational, health and relief lines.

The conference was much honored in having present, Miss Florence Dibert, president of the Pennsylvania Women's Federated clubs, who gave a splendid talk along the line of co-operation in women's work, and with the working together of the 436 clubs, with 60,000 members, their work in education, civics and general betterment work their power would be unlimited. Miss Dibert spoke particularly of the school appropriation of \$32,000,000.00, and of the purpose of the women of the State to have knowledge of the expenditure of this great sum of money, further urging them to stand firmly for the right in politics, regardless of party affiliations. Miss Dibert's address was appreciated and heartily applauded.

Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, of McElhattan, well known newspaper man and author, and also a member of the State Forestry Commission, was next on the program. His instructive talk as to the state monuments of forest preserves and recreational parks on which committees women are so efficiently serving was full of information, as were his appeals for the mountaineer children of Pennsylvania, whose condition, according to his statements, were no better than those of the Cumberland mountains; ending his talk by urging a more pronounced work in preserving forests from fire at the hands of fishermen and hunters. The conference will receive from Col. Shoemaker a gavel for its use, made from wood from the Lower Old Fort.

Mrs. Edwin E. Sparks, of State College, State Regent, reported for the Bellefonte and State College Chapter of the D. A. R., speaking briefly of their work for the year, and especially of the erection of a marker at the Lower Old Fort, near Aaronsburg. The meeting here was adjourned for the lunch hour, the entire body of women, numbering over one hundred, gathering on the church lawn, where the hostess clubs, Oak Hall, Boalsburg and Lemont, served a delicious lunch; the coffee being donated and served by the Andrew Struble grocery store, of State College, which was demonstrating the worth of the Premier brand of coffee.

The afternoon session of the conference convened at 1:30 o'clock, the first business being a vote of thanks to Col. Shoemaker in appreciation of his helpful interest in the conference work. Following this came reports from the State College Alumnae club and Woman's club, showing activities along all lines of woman's work. Our Philipsburg delegates, who did not reach Lemont until noon, brought much that was helpful. Mrs. George W. Ziegler reported for the Current Events club; Mrs. Todd for the D. A. R. and the Red Cross, and Mrs. Charles McGirk for the League of Women Voters.

State College furnished several vocal musical selections, which were greatly appreciated. Miss Dibert again talked to the Conference on education, laying great stress on the kindergarten work. Asked the women to be interested in the Huncy Home for women; the Laurelton Home for Feeble Minded women, dwelling on the case of our young girls.

Prof. Jonas Wagner, former superintendent of the Bellefonte schools, and now a member of the State Board of Education, talked to the Conference on the coming improvement in school facilities for the country girls and boys. This improvement will mean township High schools, vocational schools, transportation of the students, etc. Mr. Wagner's talk was most instructive as to information for the future of the public school work. Both he and Miss Dibert spoke of the necessity of the appointment of women in working out the new educational plans.

Discussing the bringing together of county clubs a motion carried that Milkheim be associated with State College; Milesburg with Bellefonte, and Snow Shoe with Unionville. Following this came the election of Miss Helen Williams for county treasurer, then a report of the resolution com-

mittee, of which Mrs. A. L. Kocher was chairman, and after hearing that Howard had been selected as the next place of meeting, the Conference adjourned.

ELIZABETH S. WALKER, Sec.

High School Athletics.

The athletic program of the High school which has been so much at sea so far, is at last beginning to assume definite shape. The unfortunate termination of last year's football schedule is familiar to all, and while the ardor of real lovers of the sport was not cooled, strong objections were raised on the part of parents and resulted in doubt as to the advisability of resuming football this fall.

A thorough investigation of student sentiment was made and resulted in a four to one vote in favor of football. However, the High school authorities felt that the parents were after all entitled to first consideration concerning football.

Accordingly, a letter was sent to the parents of all boys desiring to play, briefly explaining the situation and asking their written consent for their sons to play. But ten permissions were granted, thereby destroying all hopes of football.

The boys of the High school were again given a chance to express their opinions as to what should be done this fall and they agreed that soccer should be introduced as the next best fall sport for requiring real action and athletic ability without the elements of danger of ordinary football.

Practice was started this week and outside assistance is being obtained. Mr. John Payne, supervisor of vocational schools, and organizer of a number of soccer teams in the county, has consented to aid. Ready competition may be expected with Philipsburg, Clearfield, the Vocational school at Spring Mills and the second class High schools in the county.

Unusual Star Course.

The popularity and success of the Star course series of entertainments presented by the High school in past years prompted the arrangement of a similar program for the coming year. Five entertainments will again be given, representing the best of the Lyceum schedule of musical and comic productions. There will be a complete change of program from last year and the various numbers will be novel and unusual.

Season tickets will be sold at the same price as in previous years, two dollars for the five numbers. It is hoped that the patrons of good entertainment in Bellefonte will co-operate with the High school in making the Star course a success.

The first number will be presented October 31st by The Gertrude Crosby company, with a variety of piano, violin, song, and reading selections. All numbers will be given in the High school auditorium.

Cafeteria Opened at Bellefonte High School.

A cafeteria was opened at the Bellefonte high school building on Monday where out-of-town students who do not care to carry a box can secure lunch every day practically at cost. While the menu will not be elaborate there will always be plenty of substantial food, such as soup, baked beans, fruit, bread and butter and on cold days hot chocolate. The list will be varied each day. The cafeteria will be under the direction of several of the teachers and the students in the class of home economics.

Nittany Inn to be Remodeled Soon.

Nittany Inn, at State College, was on Saturday taken over by the recently organized State College Hotel Co., Inc. Architects Roth & Jackson, of Philadelphia, have prepared plans for extensive improvements to the present building and the contract for the work has been awarded to the P. H. Turnbull company, of Philadelphia. Part of the old building will be torn down and a new addition will include a spacious roof garden, new dining rooms, an up-to-date cafeteria restaurant and a large addition of approximately fifty new rooms, each with bath. The new hotel is designed to be modern in every respect. Lee F. Hoffman, of the Hoffman hotel system, will be general manager, and D. S. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, will be managing director of the new hotel.

All over the country local prognosticators have been predicting an early fall and a severe winter. In fact some of them are doubtless disappointed because the ground is not already covered with snow, but the fact is no one knows anything about the kind of weather we are going to have. So far as the season is concerned warm weather has already been prolonged beyond the period of cold days and hard frosts last year, and at this writing there is no indication of frost. In fact it is an old saw that when hens molt late in the season cold weather is still some distance away, and many flocks are just now molting. This would indicate a late fall at least, even if the winter should prove to be cold. Mariners claim, however, that the gulf stream is moving west and that we are due for a mild winter. In fact Capt. George P. Runkle, when in Bellefonte recently, stated that it was a pronounced fact that the gulf stream was changing its course and it was only a question of time until the climate of the northern part of the United States will be warmer and that of England much colder.

Electric Companies File New Schedule of Rates.

The State Centre Electric company, Juniata Public Service company, and the Middleburg Light, Heat and Power company, furnishing electric service in the territory described below, have filed with the Public Service Commission to become effective November 1st, 1921, supplements to their existing tariffs. The new supplements make the following changes in existing rules:

The rule covering maximum requirements commonly known as the demand in connection with Rate D—moderate size power rate, is changed to provide for the determination of demand in the month for which bill is rendered by a suitable measuring instrument for any continuous 15 minute period. Under the present rule a demand is the greatest amount of current used at any one time, which may be estimated or measured, and which remains at the same figure until exceeded by a later reading.

The definition of minimum charge as shown in Rate D is corrected to read "in any preceding month" so that the rule now reads "no monthly bill shall be for less than equivalent of 20 hours' use of the maximum requirements in any preceding month."

The following clause is added to Rate C—one horse power to 50 horse power motors:

Terms of Contract: Contract continues for one year and thereafter until written notice to discontinue is given by either party, plus a reasonable time for making the disconnections, not to exceed 10 days.

The rule in connection with application for service has been amended to provide that an application for service must be signed before service is commenced.

The State-Centre Electric company furnishes service to a large part of Centre county and a portion of Clinton county. The Juniata company to towns in Juniata county and the Middleburg company to towns in Snyder county.

Child Murderer Respite.

Floyd Smith was brought to the Rockview penitentiary on Saturday from Bradford to undergo the death penalty on Monday morning for the murder of his wife's month old baby in April, 1920. On leaving the Bradford county jail in the custody of the sheriff and deputies Smith expressed confidence in the fact that he would not be electrocuted on Monday morning, and he wasn't, the Governor having granted him a respite on Sunday night. Smith was convicted of the crime of murder at the February term of court, 1921, and promptly sentenced by Judge Maxwell. The next day the sheriff of Bradford county and two deputies brought the prisoner to Rockview but the prison officials could not receive him at that time and he was taken back to the Bradford county jail. Now that he has been granted a respite Smith feels confident he will never be electrocuted.

While Smith escaped the electric chair for the time being Love Wilson, colored, of Harrisburg, was not so fortunate, as he met his fate at 7:03 o'clock.

Big doings are anticipated for State College the latter part of next week in connection with the formal inauguration of Dr. John W. Thomas as president of the College. The occasion will also be made a home-coming of old students and responses have already been received from hundreds of them who anticipate coming back for the big time. A three day celebration has been arranged, beginning on Thursday and lasting over Saturday. Governor Sproul has been invited and will be present, if possible, while prominent educators from all over the country will likely be there as well as many men of prominence in the political and commercial life of the State. The big outdoor event will be on Saturday afternoon when the Lehigh football team will play the Penn State warriors on Beaver field.

Two automobiles met on the road on the Snow Shoe mountain, this side of the Reese Settlement on Sunday afternoon, and in attempting to pass each other the car going up the mountain caught the left front wheel of the car coming down and pulled the steering gear out of shape. The result was the car ran off the road and down the steep mountain side a distance of fifty feet, where it lodged against a large tree. None of the occupants of the car were injured and strange as it may seem, the car was not greatly damaged. It was very fortunate, however, that it stayed right side up, which undoubtedly averted a serious accident.

Plans are under way for the planting of memorial trees on The Pennsylvania State College campus in memory of former students who were killed or died in the war. The landscape gardening students and the Harrisburg alumni club are the first to take this step which other classes and organizations are expected to follow. The first trees will be planted on Alumni Home-coming day, October 15th.

The big Milton fair will be held next week, and as it is the only fair in this section of the State a good string of horses is assured. But the racing will not be the only feature of the fair, as every available space has already been taken for exhibition purposes. There will also be a number of big free entertainments, so that the Milton fair will be one worth going to see.