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Wheat Isn't the Farmer's Only Means of Profit.

We hope every farmer and every owner of a farm who reads this issue of the "Watchman" will read the article on page three entitled "Changing Farm Conditions."

Milo Campbell, farming the old homestead near Meek's church, in Ferguson township; a farm that had been looked to furnish a living for generations of his ancestors, saw something easier and more profitable than merely corn, oats and wheat.

Lately young Aaron Kepler has been giving a bit more acreage to potatoes and paying more attention to their planting and cultivation. He has one of the finest farms in "the Glades" of Ferguson township and this year will probably realize more cash from the sale of the potatoes he is raising than the total of his wheat crops for the past five years has been.

Of course we understand that a farmer must sow wheat in order to seed for grass, but he should not look on it as his principal crop; rather only as a means to an end while specializing in something more profitable, such as pigs, onions, beans, potatoes, thoroughbred heifers, dairying and a number of other undertakings he and his land are adapted to.

Condemnation Proceedings Brought Against Steam Heat and Gas Co.

In the years that have elapsed since the closing down of the Bellefonte steam heat and gas plants no effort has been made to maintain the property at the corner of Spring and Lamb streets in a condition to prevent deterioration and the result is that through idleness, rust and general decay what was at one time a valuable property has depreciated into a pile of junk, with a comparatively small marketable value.

In addition to the depreciation in the physical value of the property its decayed condition makes it a constant menace to the hundreds of children in attendance at the High school building. Because of this fact Bellefonte borough council has for two years or more been figuring on ways and means to get rid of the menace, but nothing definite ever resulted because of the inability to locate the present owners of the property, the plant having gone through at least two sheriff sales and considerable litigation.

But now it looks as if something definite will result from condemnation proceedings instituted by the Bellefonte school board, which holds liens against the property for unpaid taxes for a period of about twenty years. Under the present law school boards have the right to take property for school purposes under condemnation proceedings and papers in the process have been posted on the property and also served on all the men who figure on the records as being connected with the property in any way.

While the primary purpose of the school board is to get rid of the menace which the plant now constitutes, the property is also desired for school purposes. The continued growth of the Bellefonte schools will, in the course of a few years, compel the

school board to provide more room, and this can best be done by the erection of a new High school building and devoting the present Allegheny street building to the grades. Of course this may not be necessary for four or five years, but it is none too soon to acquire the property on which to build.

Japanese Relief Fund.

Additional contributions listed below have been received by the Bellefonte Chapter Red Cross for Japanese Relief. The total receipts now exceed the Chapter's allotment of \$1500.

- Previously reported \$944.00
Anna H. and Mary Hoy 5.00
Mrs. J. Valentine 5.00
American Limes & Stone Co. 100.00
Caroline M. Valentine 10.00
Cash 1.00
Red Cross, Howard 10.00
James R. Hughes 10.00
Lutheran S. S. Pleasant Gap 10.00
Methodist Congregation 13.00
Pleasant Gap 13.00
Isaac Mitchell 5.00
T. B. Hamilton 5.00
Mrs. James R. Hughes 10.00
Mrs. Sallie M. Hayes 10.00
Miss Elizabeth S. Morris 10.00
Order of Elks 100.00
Democratic Watchman 5.00
Maize H. Bronse 5.00
Ella Gray 5.00
Crystal Springs Rebecca Lodge 5.00
W. Harrison Walker 5.00
Mira Nimes 5.00
Cash 10.00
Cash 10.00
Red Cross, Fort Matilda 25.00
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Max Kuhn 5.00
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Cash 1.00
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E. F. Garman 1.00
J. Zeller 1.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Buck 5.00
Civio Club 5.00
Ladies Aid Society 5.00
Friends Bible Class 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. George Holt 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Holt 2.00
Cash 2.00
Rev. J. F. Andrews 1.00
Miss Mary Lansberry 1.00
Miss Olive Bender 1.00
Miss Laura Rumberger 1.00
Cornelius P. Smith 1.00
Mrs. Allie Hall 1.00
Mr. H. McElwain 1.00
Miss Hannah Thompson 1.00
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E. E. Sters 1.00
S. W. Holt 1.00
Mrs. Fred Peters 1.00
Mrs. Rebekah Kerstner 1.00
John Saxon 1.00
Mrs. Carrie Rowan 1.00
Mr. H. H. Hurl 1.00
Cash 1.00
Mrs. J. M. Robinson 1.00
Calhoun's 1.00
Mrs. Margaret Morrison 1.00
Mrs. Robert Adams 1.00
Mrs. Margaret B. Howcroft 1.00
N. E. Robb 10.00
Womans' Club, Bellefonte 25.00
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Is Life An Insoluble Mystery?

Willis Reed Bierly, law book publisher, of Philadelphia, has taken up the torch that Levi A. Miller, Pleasant Gap's philosopher, threw down in a recent issue of the "Watchman." Mr. Miller's contributions to the columns of this paper have commanded attention in all parts of the country. He hesitates at nothing and discusses the immortality of the soul with the same imperturbable confidence that he advertises men as to how to train a wife. Several weeks ago he discussed the philosophy of life and reading it Mr. Bierly was prompted to make public his conception of the great mystery. It follows a reminiscent reference to an early day clergyman of Pennsylvania, whom some of our older readers will probably recall.

Editor "Watchman:"

Two articles, one long, one short, in the last "Watchman" aroused my introspection as to the long one and my reminiscent store-house as to the short one.

Of Lewis Tobias, the youngest son of an aged German Reformed minister, who died while in charge of not only the Rebersburg congregation, but other congregations in Pennsylvania, Brushvalley and Sugarvalley, my recollection is that he served the pulp of about nine churches, and his salary was \$300 a year, with donations, marriages and funerals. The good pastor then were very kind. The pastor's family, which was a large one, as stated, "Lewey" being the baby, were esteemed, nay, loved, and well cared for. The preachers never mixed in politics then. Although the Rev. Daniel Tobias was a Democrat of the Andrew Jackson school, as is obvious from his naming his son Lewis Cass, in honor of one of the foremost statesmen of the times; no less ever heard him talk politics, much less preach politics. He followed the behest of St. Paul to preach "Christ and Him Crucified." This later was the one theme of the author of the "Bonnie Briar Bush." How few today do walk in that straight and narrow path which leads to life eternal. He spoke with the clarion voice of age the message from the Supernal, which ceases in function, but never dies.

This brings me to the long one: "What is Life?" Brother Miller has the concept, but the text he sets before us does not furnish a clue to "the Mystery," as he calls it, which the Methodist parson, after 50 years, gave up as unsolvable.

I have a mind to quote you Socrates and the great Cicero, who spoke from the divine impulse that flashed within them. But I will not enter that sphere of thought. The origin of human life is set down in the second Chapter of Genesis, verse 7: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

So the "living soul" of man is the breath of God and thereby he is endowed with eternal life.

Ignorance and lack of proper training make bad animals, as they make bad men and women.

—Get your job work done here.



MRS. REBECCA CRUM FRY.

FRY.—Mrs. Rebecca C. Fry, wife of Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, died at six o'clock on Monday evening following a protracted illness with heart trouble and dropsy. She had been in feeble health for some months but able to be up and around her home until a week prior to her death.

Mrs. Fry was a daughter of Hugh and Rebecca Gilliland Larimer, early settlers of Ferguson township, and was born on the old home farm where most of her life was spent, on August 23rd, 1849, hence had reached the age of 74 years and 25 days. She was educated at the Pine Grove Mills academy and seminary and on Christmas day, 1883, she was united in marriage to Capt. W. H. Fry. Her home was known far and wide for its open hospitality where both friend and stranger were always sure of a welcome. She was one of those rare women who not only won friends but had the faculty of keeping them. She was a member of the Presbyterian church for sixty-two years and was not content to be just a faithful attendant but did her full share of church work and was especially interested in missions. Coming from an old line Democratic family she inherited its Jeffersonian principles and when the women were given the ballot she was prompt to register and was the first woman to cast a ballot at Pine Grove Mills.

In addition to her husband she is survived by three sons, Dr. Hugh L. Fry, of Jackson, Miss., who reached home in time to see his mother before she passed away; George B., of Rock Springs, and A. Fred, on the old home farm. She also leaves the following step-children: C. M. Fry and Mrs. T. A. Mallory, of Altoona; Mrs. W. K. Goss, of Tyrone; Mrs. J. F. Kimpfort, of Boalsburg; Mrs. Charles M. Dale, of State College, R. F. D., and William H. Fry, of Tacoma, Wash. Seven grand-children also survive.

Brief funeral services were held at the home at two o'clock Thursday afternoon and final services held in the Presbyterian church by Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, assisted by Rev. J. E. English, after which burial was made in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

INGRAM.—Mrs. Sarah Jane Ingram, widow of the late Frank Ingram, of Union township, died on Thursday of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William McDonald, of Latrobe, following an illness of some months with a complication of diseases, aged 69 years, 1 month and 25 days.

Her maiden name was Sarah Jane Way and she was born in Union township, where she spent practically all her life. She was a member of the Baptist church and a good, christian woman. Her husband died a number of years ago but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Nora Pringle, of Derry; Mrs. Harry Derr, of Juniata; Mrs. William McDonald, of Latrobe; Alex and LeRoy, of Brownsville; Harris, of Hollidaysburg; William, of Bald Eagle, and George, of Bellefonte. She also leaves twenty-seven grand-children, six great-grand-children, her aged mother, Mrs. Hannah Way, of Unionville, and the following brothers and sisters: Ellis and Joseph Way, of Unionville; Meredith, of Altoona; Mrs. Laura Zeigler, of Wingate, and Mrs. Gertrude Swartz, of Harrisburg.

Funeral services were held at the McDonald home in Latrobe on Saturday evening by Rev. A. J. Orledge, of Wall, formerly of Runville, assisted by Rev. A. B. Sprague, of Olean, N. Y., and on Sunday the remains were taken to Unionville for burial in the Stover cemetery.

GILLEN.—Mrs. Margaret Gillen, widow of William Gillen, died on Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Doll, on Bishop street, Bellefonte, as the result of general debility. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meese and was born in Centre Hall on September 7th, 1838, hence was a few days over eighty-five years of age. Her husband has been dead for many years but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. William Doll and Edward I. Gillen, of Bellefonte; Charles, of Vandergrift, and Augustus G., of Williamsport. Funeral services were held in the Catholic church at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. Father Downes, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Another little son was born on Thursday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Foye, of Bloomsburg. Mrs. Foye prior to her marriage was Miss Nancy Hunter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Hunter, of Bellefonte.

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Complete Democratic Vote Cast at Primaries September 18th, 1923

Table with columns: Sheriff, Pro., Treas., Reg., Rec., County Com., Dist. Atty., County Aud., Co. Sur. and rows for various districts including Bellefonte, Centre Hall, and Unionville.

UNOFFICIAL REPUBLICAN VOTE CAST AT TUESDAY'S PRIMARIES

Table with columns: Sheriff, Treasurer, Register, Recorder, County Commissioner, District Atty. and rows for various districts including Bellefonte, Centre Hall, and Unionville.

NOTE: The total vote for Roy Wilkinson, who had no opposition for Prothonotary, is not given in the above table, but is estimated at 4000; nor is the vote given for Samuel B. Holter and Robert D. Musser, candidates for Auditors, as they had no opposition. Dr. W. R. Heaton was nominated for coroner and H. B. Shattuck for county surveyor. The votes given in the table for John G. Love and Arthur C. Dale for district attorney, in Edward township, the north precinct of Patton, and the west precinct of Snow Shoe township represent the total republican and democratic vote cast for them—which were not separated on the tally sheet.

"Jap" Steel Killed in a Fall.

Jasper Steel, well known in upper Bald Eagle valley, met an accidental death while helping with the threshing on the George Fink farm, near Martha Furnace, Wednesday morning. The accident that caused his death occurred about eight o'clock in the morning. He was on the cross-loft throwing sheaves to the machine when he made a misstep and fell through the hole to the barn floor. His shoulder was crushed, several ribs broken and he was hurt internally so that he died about noon.

Deceased is survived by a widow and a large family, most of whom are married. He will be buried from the Martha Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Harry Charleson, who has been chief mechanic at the Emerick Motor Bus company plant the past year, has resigned his position and on October first he and his wife will return to their home town, Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, where Mr. Charleson will establish a garage and repair shop of his own.

Miss Louise Cruse to Marry.

The wedding of Miss Louise Cruse, eldest daughter of Mrs. Charles Cruse, of Bellefonte, to Mr. Eugene Winslow, of Patton, will be celebrated at Edgefonte, the Garman country home, on Saturday, September 29th, at noon.

Miss Cruse will have no bridesmaids, but Miss Winslow, a sister of the groom, will be maid of honor and Charles Cruse, a brother of the bride-elect, will be best man. Only the immediate friends of the family will be present. After a motor wedding trip they will be at home at Patton where the groom is engaged in the coal business.

Seek Student Playwright.

In order to secure a play which they may present at the college and on the road in Pennsylvania towns, the Pennsylvania State College Thespian club has offered a \$150 prize to the student who writes the best acceptable script for a musical comedy. The Thespian club is the oldest organization of its kind at Penn State, and great competition is expected in the play writing and for positions in the cast.

While the commonly used rubber hose is perhaps the best method of cleaning the lower portions of the car,

Washing the Car.

For all the news you should read the "Watchman."