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Wilson's Armistice Day Speech.

No utterance of public official or private citizen within a period of recent years has so stirred the public mind and conscience of the country as the brief message delivered by former President Woodrow Wilson at his home in Washington on Saturday evening, in celebration of the anniversary of Armistice day.

But the radiant record of achievement was subsequently tarnished when we "turned our backs upon our associates and refused to bear any responsible part in the administration of peace or the firm and permanent establishment of the results of the war, won at so terrible a cost of life and treasure," which, he characterized "a sullen and selfish isolation which is deeply ignoble because manifestly cowardly and dishonorable."

In "fighting President Wilson" by preventing the ratification of the covenant of the League of Nations these partisans won a brief victory, which is certain to turn into an enduring defeat. They have confused the politics, commerce and industry of the civilized world and set back the tide of progress for years.

Pennsylvania Day at State College.

That golden tornado which swept from the South as the chief attraction at the Pennsylvania day exercises at State College last Saturday did not prove to be even a stiff breeze when it struck the gridiron on Beaver field and after the struggle was over the score read, State 7, Georgia Tech 0.

The crowd was probably three-fifths as large as that at the Navy game three weeks previous, but among the visitors were hundreds of young ladies from all parts of the State, guests at the numerous house parties held over the week-end.

Alleged Bank Swindler Caught.

Edgar C. McFeaters, of Pittsburgh, but at one time a resident of Tyrone, was arrested in Cumberland, Md., on Tuesday last week and taken to Altoona to answer a charge of unloading a lot of worthless stock on the First National bank, at Juniata. McFeaters, it is alleged, unloaded over one hundred thousand dollars' worth of worthless stock on banks and private investors in central Pennsylvania, among his victims being two banks in Centre county.

County Institute for S. S. Y. P. Workers.

On Monday afternoon and evening the young peoples leaders and pastors of the county will meet in the Methodist church for instruction in Y. P. work. Miss Esther I. Williams will be in charge.

Daniel Heim last week tendered his resignation as superintendent of the Bellefonte silk mill and has been succeeded by Clarence Wetzel, of Shamokin.

Public Meeting for the Hospital Monday Night.

Come and Have Your Say as to the Future of the Institution.

For a year or more the present condition and the future service of the Bellefonte hospital have been discussed, privately, by those most active in their interest in the institution and publicly in the newspapers of the county.

Constructive criticism has been very general and all of it has led the board of managers of the hospital to the conclusion that the public is interested. Just to what extent the interest manifested will go is the uncertain element in the matter.

On July 1st, 1902, the petition for a charter for the Bellefonte hospital was presented to the court. The first meeting of the Board was held August 5th, 1902. The hospital was then a small brick building at the rear of the present home of Mrs. Amelia Holz, on Spring street. It had been built by the late Dr. R. G. H. Hayes as a sanatorium and after conducting it as a private venture for a short time he offered it to the community with the result that it was taken over.

Almost at once the board discovered that the quarters of the hospital were inadequate and that steps should be taken to secure a more commodious building with ground sufficient to permit enlargement should that be necessary. In November, 1902, progress in this direction had been made to the point where two properties were under consideration. One, the James McClain home, on the corner of Curtin and Armour streets, and the other, the McKee property, the present location of the hospital.

The hospital was conducted for two years wholly on funds solicited locally. After that time it applied to the Legislature for aid and was given a small maintenance allowance. From that time to the present it has continued to function, serving all parts of the county and growing each day in usefulness, yet lagging in the addition of facilities with which to meet the growing demands on it.

With the loss of nearly half of its annual allowance from the State has come a problem as to its continued maintenance as well as a general conviction that material changes in its physical condition should be made.

Inasmuch as it is a public institution and its board feels that it should be guided as nearly as possible by the public impulse the question of what is to be done in the present emergency is one that should be taken up with the public.

Accordingly a meeting has been called for the court house in Bellefonte on Monday night, November 19th. At that time it is hoped there will be a representative gathering from all districts in the county served by the hospital. Then the matter of a drive will be discussed openly and frankly. Nobody will be asked for subscriptions, but everybody will be asked to express his or her opinion of the practicability of a drive.

In order that all may have a clear idea of what is under consideration before they come to the meeting we might add that several weeks ago a special committee was appointed to make a survey of the hospital as to its needs for increased efficiency and more economical operation.

That committee secured the advice of a very high authority on hospital operation, Mr. Henry C. Wright, of New York, who came here and after a thorough examination of the institution made quite a lengthy report. This report was unanimously endorsed by the committee and sent to the board of managers with the recommendation that it be adopted and acted upon at once.

The board approved the report in principle, but with the reservation that its approval be not final until the public had been fully taken into its confidence and acquainted with the meaning of the whole movement.

Will you come to the meeting Monday night? It is your hospital. You should say what in your judgment is best to be done with it. You should be as frank with your board as it is being with you.

Read Mr. Wright's report below and get your own ideas as to what is under consideration.

I spent a portion of Wednesday, October 17th, 1923, examining the existing plant of the Bellefonte hospital, and thereafter made a verbal report to the Board of Managers, which in substance is here incorporated.

The existing hospital plant has the following major defects:

1. Location of Administrative Office. FINDINGS.—The hospital is administered with considerable difficulty and loss of motion owing to the fact that the administrative office is on the ground floor, on which there are no patients. The ambulance entrance is on the first floor, on which floor also is the operating room, and patients are on the first, second and third floors.

A superintendent in a small hospital must supervise practically everything, and the effort required of the superintendent in going from her office on the lower floor to the ambulance entrance, operating rooms, and patients on the various floors, is very taxing.

RECOMMENDATIONS. The administrative office, particularly in a small hospital, should be so located that the superintendent, without moving from the office, can keep track on the major operations of the hospital, such as the coming of visitors, the arrival of patients, whether walking or by ambulance, the preparation for operations, the easy access to the various services for patients.

To fulfill these conditions, it would be necessary in the Bellefonte hospital to locate the administrative office on the first floor. The operating room is located at the rear of the hospital, adjacent to the one rear entrance. The public should not be allowed to come in by this entrance.

RECOMMENDATIONS. The kitchen facilities, and the means for distributing food are very inadequate, involving an undue amount of labor without the satisfactory result of getting the food to the patients in a heated condition.

equate space in the existing hospital for a kitchen. It seems necessary to build a new structure which will include a kitchen on the ground floor, with services on the other floors to be referred to later.

In order to accommodate a sufficient number of private rooms, it will be necessary to make this wing 45 to 50 feet long, and it would be advisable to have it extended to the north end of the building on the opposite end of the main building from the present fire escape. On the ground floor of this building, place a kitchen, diet kitchen, storage rooms for the kitchen, with new hot-water service by which the food may be transported to the floors above.

6. Dining Room. FINDINGS. The nurses at present dine in the dining room of the wooden building adjoining the hospital. The dining facilities are reasonably serviceable at the present time, while the kitchen is in that building. If the kitchen be re-located it will be necessary to re-locate the dining room.

RECOMMENDATIONS. It is advisable to operate but one kitchen. Nurses should be fed from this kitchen. For ease of operation the dining room should adjoin this kitchen. I would therefore recommend that the room on the ground floor now used as a waiting room for the nurses' dining room. When the new wing is built, it will adjoin the kitchen. I would recommend that the dining room be devoted to children (not less than six beds) and the nurses' dining room to the nursery. This groups together classes of patients which are more or less related and should be handled as a unit.

7. Children's Service. FINDINGS. There is no children's service, and consequently it is necessary to distribute children more or less among adults, which is always unfortunate.

RECOMMENDATION. Children cannot be adequately and properly cared for unless they are grouped together. They should not be in wards with adults, and they need different utility, food and bathing services than are needed by adults.

8. Private Rooms. FINDINGS. Conferences with the superintendent, members of the medical staff, and members of the Board of Managers, seem to indicate that there is pressing need for additional private rooms.

RECOMMENDATIONS. To overcome the shortage in private rooms, I would recommend that the third or top floor of the new wing be devoted to private rooms. Forty-five to fifty beds should accommodate six or seven private rooms, depending upon the space reserved for utility services and a stairway. This number of rooms appears to be all that will probably be needed.

9. Nurses' Residence. FINDINGS. The nurses are now housed in two separate houses, one on the extreme part of the ground, and the other is adjacent to and adjoining the hospital. The separation of the nurses into two groups makes it difficult for the superintendent to supervise them, and is objectionable from every standpoint. Moreover, the wooden building adjoining the hospital is partly built on the fact that it abuts a blank wall in the hospital, has inadequate light and ventilation for nurses, and several nurses are sleeping in one room, with beds closely crowded together.

RECOMMENDATION. Better residence facilities for nurses are obviously much needed. Nearly all modern nurses' homes are built with single rooms for nurses with appropriate common rooms which minister to the comfort and cheer of the nurses. Such facilities cannot be presently provided except in a new building, especially designed. Owing to lack of funds, it may not be feasible and advisable for the Bellefonte Board to attempt a new building for a nurses' residence. Under these circumstances, it would be advisable to reconstruct the building that adjoins the hospital to the rear portion of the lot, and to reconstruct it, making as many single rooms as feasible.

10. Heating Plant. FINDINGS. The heating plant for the hospital is so located that a large amount of dirt resulting from its operation gets into the operating rooms and rooms adjacent to it.

RECOMMENDATIONS. The dirt and noise developed by the heating plant in its present location cannot be overcome as long as it remains where it is. Space was provided in the existing laundry and power house for one or more heating boilers. It would seem advisable to provide heating facilities at this point as soon as finances will warrant.

11. Balcony. FINDINGS. The patients have no serviceable sun airing balcony. Such a facility is very much needed for the welfare of the patients.

RECOMMENDATIONS. I would recommend that a balcony with abundant windows that can be opened or closed at will be built on the end of the building now occupied by the fire escape.

ESTIMATED COST. A new wing can be built for approximately \$50,000. A new stairway, balcony, and various other reconstructions recommended, including new furnishings, should be covered by an additional \$25,000.

A new nurses' home, as recommended, seems probable that all of the reconstruction and new construction I have recommended in this report would be covered by \$75,000.

On motion, after full discussion, it was unanimously resolved as follows: That the report of the committee and the accompanying report of Mr. Henry C. Wright as to the findings and recommendations of Mr. Wright, the financial needs for other purposes, and the total amount of funds needed, meet with the hearty approval of the Board.

2nd. The President of the Board is authorized and directed to arrange with the local newspapers for the publication of the committee's and Mr. Wright's reports and this resolution, in the issues of these papers for next week, and to arrange for and announce in the local newspapers of next week the holding of a public meeting of the citizens of Centre county, at a time and place to be fixed by the president, to consider and pass upon these reports and, if approved at this meeting, to consider the best plans for organization of an efficient fund to raise the needed funds.

3. The final action of the Board upon the committee's recommendations as to the amount of the drive, and upon the questions involved in the organization of the drive, is postponed until after this public meeting.

Trial List for December Court.

Following is the trial list for the December term of court as announced by prothonotary Roy Wilkinson:

- George M. Emerick vs. Use of H. S. Braucht. Feigned issue, non assumption.
W. F. Case & Sons Mfg. Co. vs. H. L. Flegal. Assumpsit.
Pickering Coal & Clay Co. vs. Central Refractories Co. Assumpsit.
George E. Homan vs. John McPhillips. Replevin.
William P. Bell vs. R. D. Wilcox. Trespass.
I. J. Dreese vs. B. A. Severcool. Replevin.
Thomas W. Young vs. Samuel Seber. Trespass.
Helen T. Wilson vs. A. T. Sellers. Trespass.
James H. Cullen vs. Charles H. Rowland. Trespass.
J. Irvin Wagner vs. James Leathers. Trespass.

DELIGE.—Mrs. Sadie Delige, who held the record as a long-time patient in the Bellefonte hospital, having been taken there shortly after the institution was opened in 1903, and been there continuously ever since, died on Saturday night as the result of chronic rheumatism, having been almost helpless for some time past.

She was aged about sixty-five years but little information could be obtained about her early life. She always maintained that for a number of years during her young womanhood she was a ring performer in a well known circus but no data could be obtained to confirm her story.

According to her story it was while with the circus that she met and married a colored man named Delige. They had one son, George, who lives in the west. She is also credited with having two sisters living in different portions of Centre county. During all the time she was in the Bellefonte hospital her bills were paid by the county, and the total for her maintenance and treatment there ran into thousands of dollars.

The remains were buried in the Union cemetery on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, the county commissioners officiating as pall-bearers.

STAMM.—Mrs. Edna S. Stamm, wife of Frederick Stamm, died at her home at Millmont on Thursday last week following a brief illness. She was a daughter of Andrew and Susan Harter and was born in Marion township forty-two years ago. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: John, Nevin, Anna, Belle, Robert, Hugh, James, Philip and Franklin P., all at home.

She also leaves these brothers and sisters: Mrs. Elias Breen and Mrs. Lawrence Hile, of Axe Mann; Franklin P., of Louisville, Ky.; Clementine, of Marion township; Harry E., of Bellefonte; Albert, of Renovo, and George, of St. Louis, Mo., as well as one half-brother and three half-sisters, namely: Jacob Sharer, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Susan Buck, of Nesbrough, Pa.; Mrs. Sadie Woerner, of Chicago, and Mrs. Emma Dale, of Lemont. Burial was made at Boalsburg, on Sunday.

STERE.—John Cyrus Stere, senior member of the firm of J. C. & J. B. Stere, merchants, of Unionville, died on Sunday morning as the result of a stroke of apoplexy, following an illness of several years. He was a son of John and Ann Eliza Stere and was born in Clearfield county almost seventy-three years ago. As a young man, however, he located in Unionville and some years ago purchased the A. J. Griest store which he and his son have conducted very successfully. In 1879 he married Miss Susan Blair, at Milesburg, who survives with the following children: Harry M. and J. B. Stere, both of Unionville, and Mrs. Victor L. Wagner, of Jersey Shore. He also leaves one sister and two brothers, Mrs. Catherine Ammerman and William Stere, of Union township, and Philip, of Akron, Ohio. Burial was made in the upper cemetery, at Unionville, on Wednesday afternoon.

SOLT.—Word was received in Bellefonte on Tuesday by the Morgan family of the death in Altoona, at two o'clock that morning, of Dennis L. Solt, a son of John L. and Anne Daley Solt. After going through a siege of typhoid fever double pneumonia developed and his death followed within a week. He was born in Bellefonte on July 10th, 1907, hence was 16 years, 4 months and 3 days old. When five years old the family moved to Altoona and that had been his home ever since. For some time prior to becoming ill he had been employed in the transfer department of the P. R. R. shops. In addition to his parents he is survived by two brothers and one sister, John W., Nora Jane and Ernest, all at home. Burial will be made in Altoona this (Friday) morning.

MARTZ.—George William Martz, the little son of Roy and Ada Martz, died at his home at Lewistown last Thursday morning, following four days illness with diphtheria. He was four and a half years old and in addition to his parents is survived by an older sister. The Martz family, until last spring lived in Potter township, this county, and have many friends there who sympathize with them in their bereavement. The remains were brought to Centre county Friday morning and buried in the Zion Hill cemetery, near Tusseyville.

NOLL.—The funeral of Mrs. Tracy Noll, wife of Emanuel Noll, who died at her home in Milesburg on Wednesday of last week, following several week's illness, was held on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Brown officiated and burial was made in the Trezlynylny cemetery. Mrs. Noll was 38 years old and leaves her husband and eight children, Nita, Eleanor, Elizabeth, May, Frederick, Willard, Wayne and Caroline. She also leaves her mother, three sisters and one brother.

BIBLE.—Mrs. Nancy W. Bible, wife of Jacob R. Bible, died at her home near Phoenixville on November 4th, as the result of an attack of pleuro-pneumonia. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Decker, and was born near Centre Hall sixty years ago. She married Mr. Bible eighteen years ago and he survives with no children. She leaves, however, one sister and three brothers, Mrs. W. O. Rearick, of Milroy; Frank W. and James L. Decker, of near Centre Hall, and Morris, of Williamsport. Burial was made at Phoenixville.

A New Issue of Bell Telephone Stock.

An issue of \$20,000,000 cumulative preferred stock was offered the public by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania on November 14, according to an announcement made recently. The price of the stock is \$100 per share. It will draw an annual dividend of 6 1/2%, payable quarterly.

The stock may be paid for in full, or if desired it may be purchased on the installment plan at the rate of \$10 per share per month. Interest will be allowed on installment payments at the rate of 6% per annum.

This issue of stock will be preferred both as to assets and dividends over the \$60,000,000 of the company's common stock all of which is held either directly or indirectly by the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, the parent company of the Bell system. The prospectus points out that the company operates more than 800,000 telephones in Pennsylvania with a force of more than 21,500 employees. There are 433 central offices and more than two and a half million miles of wire in the system of Pennsylvania.

The proceeds of this new stock issue will be used to retire the indebtedness incurred in the construction of existing revenue-producing plant and to build additional like plant.

The maximum number of shares which may be applied for is twenty, that limit being fixed because the company desires as many as possible of the telephone users of Pennsylvania to become stockholders and thus acquire a direct financial interest in the company.

Under existing laws dividends on this stock will be exempt from the normal Federal income tax and the stock will be exempt from the present Pennsylvania State tax of four mills.

Inquiries and applications may be made at any of the exchanges of the company.

Little Child Killed by Train.

Eugene Hobart Barger, the twenty-one month's old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Barger, who live near the Penn's Cave station, was instantly killed by the passenger train west on Tuesday evening. The child had wandered away from home and going onto the railroad lay down right over one rail. The train, with engineer Harry Page at the throttle, was thundering along at about forty miles an hour and rounding a slight curve the engineer was horrified to see the child lying on the track just a short distance away. Notwithstanding the fact that he closed the throttle and threw on the air it was impossible to stop the train or even make an attempt to save the boy, whose life was literally ground out beneath the ponderous wheels of the locomotive and train.

In addition to the parents one brother and one sister survive. Funeral services were held yesterday morning, burial being made in the Georges Valley cemetery.

Poultry Meetings.

On November 20th and 21st the Centre county Farm Bureau, with the assistance of H. D. Monroe, poultry extension specialist, will hold poultry meetings in different sections of the county. Winter feeding, poultry diseases and other management problems will be discussed. With eggs at a very high price every poultryman should be interested in learning how to produce them most economically. The schedule follows:

Tuesday, November 20, at 2 p. m., at farm of Frank Dushen, near Tusseyville.
Wednesday, November 21, at 10 a. m., at farm of W. H. Weaver, west of Madisonburg.

Deal—Hartsock.—Harold H. Deal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deal, of State College, and Miss Hazel Hartsock, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hartsock, of Stormtown, were married on November 3rd, by Rev. Carruthers, at his home at State College. The young couple took a motor wedding trip to the eastern part of the State and are now arranging to go to housekeeping at State College.

Bartley—Corman.—Charles L. Bartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bartley, and Miss Miriam J. Corman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Corman, both of near Bellefonte, were married on Sunday evening at the home of the bridegroom's parents, the ring ceremony being used.

The Bellefonte Lodge of Elks, at their Halloween carnival, cleared exactly \$1924.86, which will be turned over to the Bellefonte hospital.

1923 Methods Give Record Potato Yield.

How many Centre county farmers would like to harvest 518 bushels of potatoes from a single acre?

This feat has been accomplished by Alex Mitchell, of Luzerne county. And his entire patch rolled out the "spuds" at practically the same rate as the measured acre gave him the record yield. Alex is now a member of the honorary 400 bushel potato club. This, in brief, is how he did it. Last year the field was in cauliflower and this spring he gave it two heavy applications of manure. Mitchell is a firm believer in the use of manure and he put it on so thick that in some places it was necessary to walk it into the furrow when the field was plowed. He also has great faith in good, disease-free seed, which he secured through his local county agent from Michigan. Pesky was the variety he planted. The third factor in his success, he says, is spraying. The spuds were sprayed nine times during the growing season.