

Democratic Watchman

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

The Lewisburg train was two hours late on Wednesday morning, owing to the deep fall of snow.

The regular February term of court will convene next Monday morning and continue until all business is disposed of. No very grave Commonwealth cases are listed for trial.

The condition of Capt. Wm. H. Fry, the "Watchman's" veteran correspondent of Pine Grove Mills, who was brought to the Bellefonte hospital, last Thursday evening, is not materially changed.

Mrs. Menold's Sunday school class of the Presbyterian church will hold a food sale in Spigelmeyer's store Saturday, February 23rd, beginning at 10 o'clock. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the Near East relief.

A chimney fire on the old Brown property, on east Howard street, now occupied by Charles Ammerman called out the Bellefonte firemen on Tuesday morning, but it burned out without doing any damage.

The Pitt Freshmen quintette will play the Bellefonte Academy basketball team in the armory tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Lovers of the sport should be on hand as a fast game is assured.

The "Gypsy Girl's Quintet," the fifth number in the lyceum course, will appear in the court house on Wednesday evening, February 27th, at 8:30 o'clock. This is a musical organization that will be worth hearing.

Mrs. R. Russell Blair last week turned over to the Bellefonte hospital a check for \$420, being fifty per cent. of the net proceeds of "The Black and White Revue," the minstrel entertainment given under her auspices a few weeks ago.

The contested election case of the Clinton county sheriff was heard before Judge Baird, at Lock Haven, on Monday. The contest grew out of alleged irregularities in the count of the vote at Mill Hall but a recount made on Monday, did not affect the result, and in dismissing the case the court placed the costs upon the petitioners.

The committee appointed by the Presbyterian congregation of Bellefonte to convey the call to the Rev. Wm. C. Thompson, of Danville, to become pastor of the church, have received his informal acceptance. He will come to Bellefonte and preach the first Sunday in March but will not come here to begin his pastoral work before the first of April.

Col. H. S. Taylor was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Admiral Dewey camp, No. 86, United Spanish war veterans, of Altoona, last Friday evening, held in observance of the anniversary of the sinking of the battleship Maine, which occurred in Havana harbor on February 15th, 1898. It was decided to hold similar anniversary meetings each year in the future.

Washington's birthday we can celebrate but once a year, but Sunday aside, the scenic is open to all of us every evening in the week, offering the most attractive and wholesome entertainment to be found in Bellefonte or surrounding community. Only the best of motion pictures are booked by manager T. Clayton Brown and every night's program is worth seeing. Be a regular and see them all.

Thaddeus R. Hamilton celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary on Sunday at the home of his brother Thomas, on Allegheny street. Seems to us only a few months since Mr. Hamilton had a birthday celebration and we feel sure none of his friends would take him to be a man four score and nine years old, so we just wonder whether he isn't doubling up by celebrating twice a year.

William H. Garman sold his home on east Lamb street, this week, to Clarence Weitzel, manager of the Bellefonte silk mill. Possession will be given on or about the first of April when Mr. Garman and family will move to the "Dim Lantern," near Runville. Mr. Weitzel, with his wife and child are now staying with Mrs. Showers, on Spring street. The price paid for the property was \$3,600.

Howard J. Thompson, owner of the Wilson property adjoining the Elks home on High street, this place, expects to begin work just as soon as weather conditions permit, on the erection of a brick and steel one story building sales room that will occupy the vacant portion of the lot. At its rear and practically covering the entire rear portion of the lot he will erect a fire proof garage, 108x90 feet. Entrance to it will be made through a driveway between the present office building and the new structure.

Vol. 1 No. 1 of The Racket, published by the Bellefonte High school, reached our desk this week through the medium of the Bee Hive Printery, Howard, Pa. It is neatly printed and contains reading matter of direct interest to the school and students, with advertising matter on several of its eight pages. As an infant in the wide field of school papers it should continue to grow in interest with every succeeding number, especially with an editorial staff composed of Benjamin Sheetz, Jack Yeager, Mary Katz, Basil Martin, Miles Magargol, Elizabeth Hunter, Mahlon Robb, James Bower, William Harvey, Thurston Smith and William Nichols, with E. K. Stock, E. O. Keller and J. E. Gilston as faculty advisors.

DRIVE FOR BELLEFONTE HOSPITAL TO BE MADE EARLY IN APRIL.

Unless plans already nearly completed fail the long talked of drive for maintenance and improvements for the Bellefonte hospital will be made during the first or second week in April.

\$100,000 are needed to pay off mortgage, floating indebtedness and provide changes and new construction necessary to more modern, efficient and economical service.

It will be recalled that late in October Mr. Henry C. Wright, one of the two reputed most expert authorities in the country on hospital construction and service, came to Bellefonte and after a complete survey of the local institution and the possible demands upon it from the territory it serves, made a detailed report of the changes that were absolutely essential to its continued functioning as a modern hospital.

The report was published in full at the time so that most of you are aware of his recommendations. Suffice it here to say that they did not suggest enlargement beyond the needs of the population of the parts of Centre county served, or any change or outlay except where they would serve a definite purpose in comfort and economy of operation.

Mr. Wright's estimate of the cost of these changes was \$75,000. To consolidate the heating, sterilizing and power plants in the building already constructed to house them and thus reduce the care and fuel to one fire box instead of three, as at present, and also remove a fire menace and dirt producer from under the main building, will cost approximately \$10,000. The floating indebtedness is about \$6000, and there is a \$6000 mortgage to be paid. In general these are the items making up the total of the amount to be raised.

The great question is not one as to their need. That is evident. It is can the sum be raised and how.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers held in this place last Thursday evening, in conference with Rev. Romic and Messrs. Harvey and Leitzel, representing the Chamber of Commerce of State College, the question of ways and means was thoroughly threshed out and while there was some opposition to putting the drive in charge of an experienced campaign manager it was finally decided that that seemed the only practical thing to do—since it was generally agreed that no one could be found, locally who could afford to give every moment of five weeks of his time to the undertaking. The sacrifice of time and expenditure of work seemed too great to expect of any individual.

In accordance with this final agreement the secretary was instructed to get into communication with Mr. John Roy, of New York, who has just completed highly successful drives in Johnstown and Spangler. Mr. Roy will probably be engaged if his terms are satisfactory or no one locally volunteers to give the time and ability that are required. Here is the chance for any who disapprove of employing an expert to prevent that by offering their own service.

While \$100,000 sounds like a large amount it is not for a great and prosperous county like Centre. We do not know what plan will be adopted, but it is reasonably sure that it will be based on the assessed valuation of the various towns and townships of the county. It is our suggestion that the county be divided into seven groups as follows:

1. Unionville, Union, Huston, Taylor and Worth townships.
2. Milesburg, Boggs, Curtin, Howard borough, Howard and Liberty townships.
3. Snow Shoe borough, Snow Shoe and Burnside townships.
4. Bellefonte, Spring, Benner, Walker and Marion townships.
5. State College, College, Harris, Ferguson, Patton and Halfmoon townships.
6. Centre Hall, Potter and Gregg townships.
7. Millheim, Penn, Miles and Haines townships.

Since all parts of the county, except Philipsburg and Rush, are to be canvassed, the campaign takes on a general interest and while the Bellefonte hospital has been a general institution its name rather implies that it is just for Bellefonte. As a matter of record by far the largest part of its service is rendered to other communities than Bellefonte and just last Thursday, for illustration, one less than half of all the patients in the institution were from State College.

It has been suggested that the name be changed to Centre County Hospital and that representatives from every district be elected to the Board, both of which suggestions meet with favor, but to carry them into effect will require a change of the charter of the institution, which can easily be made.

Woman's Club Meeting.

The meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Monday evening, February 25th, in the auditorium of the Allegheny street school, when Mrs. Gregg Curtin will give an illustrated lecture on The Romance of Old California. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

A truck load of thirty-seven young people from Stormstown motored to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Glenn, at Briarly, last Friday evening, where they were joined by a number of others from Waddle, and all enjoyed several hours of dancing.

The Third Annual Dinner of County Democrats a Great Success.

Notwithstanding the heaviest snow storm of the season raging all day Democrats from all parts of the county, with the exception of the Philipsburg region, gathered at the Brockhoff house, in Bellefonte, Tuesday evening for the get together and dinner festivity that was inaugurated three years ago by chairman Gray.

In the face of such weather conditions and dangerous roads it was a wonderful evidence of interest in party affairs, supplemented, of course, by anticipation of a repetition of the pleasure all had at the two preceding functions.

The dinner was scheduled for 7:30, but long before that hour the lobby of the hotel was crowded with Democrats—in fact, as one lady who had evidently forgotten how many were in evidence last fall, remarked—more Democrats than she thought were in the county. There were not quite as many of her sex as in former years. That was probably due to the bad weather, but enough of them to add grace and charm and show that the women mean to take their place and hold it in the councils of our party.

It was nearly eight o'clock when landlord Lansky threw the dining room doors open and Bryant's orchestra began the processional to the tables. As nearly as we could count there were covers for one hundred and eight and every one was taken. The dinner was not elaborate but it was good. Very good indeed. Soup, then roast chicken, peas and potatoes, a salad, ice cream, cake and coffee. There was plenty of it, served hot and deftly so that the men, at least, were in a splendid humor because they had been properly catered to at the most vulnerable spot.

The real feast began shortly after the coffee was served. Then J. Kennedy Johnston Esq., presiding for chairman Gray opened the post prandial part of the program. He spoke briefly on the purpose of the dinner, calling special attention to the necessity of the party's nominating only such men in the future as will inspire public confidence in their intention to do the right thing and hold public office as a public trust. His reference to the rectitude, the service and the inspiration of Woodrow Wilson brought prolonged applause. When it had subsided he introduced Mrs. J. Fleming Allen, of Williamsport.

Mrs. Allen, of course, was well known to many who were there because it will be remembered that she was one of the speakers on the occasion of the first of these get together dinners. It wouldn't do to say—nor would it be gallant—that like rare old wine she has improved with age. Better, possibly, to say that Mrs. Allen has retained all her enthusiasm and charm and gone deeper into the fundamentals of Democracy, so that her talk, though peppered with her pleasing quips at the opposition, was a very serious and thoughtful call to duty. Her arraignment of "Normalcy" left not a leg for it to stand on and her plea to get the country back to some constructive policy of government for the many instead of the few inspired all with a determination for renewed efforts for the reestablishment of the Democratic party in power. The party that gave the country eight years of government in a crisis when opportunities were greatest yet not a scandal developed.

Hon. Wooda N. Carr, of Uniontown, followed Mrs. Allen. He came as a substitute for the Hon. Bruce Sterling, who had been called to Chicago unexpectedly and had to cancel his engagement to speak here. It has been a long time since the Democrats of Centre county have heard a speech just like Mr. Carr's. It was just the kind for that gathering. Full of sound Democracy, clever stories, calling forth peals of laughter one moment; the next, holding his auditors spell bound with oratorical flights such as they rarely hear. Mr. Carr's exposition of why he is a Democrat certainly made all of those present proud of the fact that they are Democrats.

By the time Mr. Carr had concluded it was nearly eleven o'clock so that the toast-master could allot only a few moments to Senator William I. Betts, of Clearfield. He succeeded, however, in cramming a very impressive message to the Democrats of Centre into the time that was given him. He stressed the need of our selection of a Presidential nominee who can go before the country with clean hands—so clean as to command the confidence of the great independent vote of the land which actually now holds the balance of power in all national contests.

At the conclusion of Senator Betts' remarks the gathering broke and lingered about the hotel for awhile to felicitate and talk a little local politics and then went home convinced that it had been, indeed, an affair worth their venture into a bad night to attend.

At a meeting of the council of administration of The Pennsylvania State College, on Wednesday, a ruling was made that all student owners of automobiles will have to dispose of their cars before April 20th. This date falls during the Easter vacation and will give the student owners an opportunity to take their cars home and leave them there. It was also announced that special permits will be granted where a car is found a necessity to the student attending college.

Mrs. Morris Kelly, of Spring street, suffered an acute attack of appendicitis on Sunday, but is now somewhat recovered.

GAS AND STEAM HEAT PLANT AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT.

Hearing in Condemnation Proceedings Started on Monday but Adjourned Till April 7th.

Several months ago the Bellefonte school board instituted condemnation proceedings for the purpose of having the old and somewhat dilapidated plant of the Bellefonte Steam Heat and Gas company declared a nuisance; partly because it is an eye-sore in the locality in which it is located but mostly because it is regarded as a menace to the life and limbs of the students in attendance at the High school building.

In compliance with the condemnation proceedings the court appointed as a board of viewers M. Ward Fleming, attorney; Arthur C. Dale, surveyor, and Hard P. Harris. These gentlemen, in conjunction with members of the school board and their attorney, S. D. Gettig, made a thorough inspection of the plant on the 19th of January, and in a subsequent report recommended that the same be condemned, but refrained from fixing a valuation until qualified appraisers could be heard from.

Monday, February 19th, was set as the date for hearing testimony for and against the condemnation, but only a brief start was made in the proceedings. The school board was represented by S. D. Gettig and N. B. Spangler while W. D. Zerby represented the Gas and Steam Heating Co., the exact status of which is still in litigation.

The only testimony taken on Monday was that of ex-Judge Ellis L. Orvis, who stated that the heating plant contained eight or nine boilers, most of which are in condition for generating steam. That there are two banks of retorts for the manufacture of gas from coal, all practically new as to usage; one-half of them installed only about a year before the gas plant was shut down and the other set installed just before the shut-down. In addition there is a complete outfit for the cleansing of gas, two holders for gas and the equipment for handling the same from the time the coal is used until the gas is stored. In addition there are several miles of gas and steam heat mains under the streets of the town, most of which could not be duplicated today as the pipes were made of wrought iron instead of cast iron. Judge Orvis stated that in his judgment a gas plant in Bellefonte would pay but stated that it would be more economical to put in a gas machine of modern construction, which could be installed for from \$8,000 to \$10,000, and would then give a gas plant cheap at \$50,000.

With the conclusion of Mr. Orvis' testimony the hearing was adjourned until April 7th.

The Bellefonte gas plant dates back almost three-quarters of a century, or to be exact, to 1855, when it was constructed at a cost of \$50,000. In 1884 the steam heating plant was built at an expenditure of \$75,000. In later years additions were made to the plant at an expenditure of \$30,000, which makes the total amount of money invested \$155,000.

The plant was operated with more or less success until after the breaking out of the world war when the unprecedented rise in the price of coal made operation prohibitive and the plant was closed down. There is a first mortgage against it of \$12,000 and a second mortgage of \$30,000. Mrs. Mary L. Orvis holds six of the first mortgage bonds, par value \$500 each, and all of the \$30,000 issue.

Following the shut-down of the plant, and consequent failure to pay taxes or interest on bonds, litigation was instituted involving the title of the property, and it is still hanging fire in the common pleas court. Legal title as far as the court record appears is still in the hands of the Bellefonte Gas and Steam Heating company, which gave a general mortgage to W. D. Zerby, as trustee, for a series of bonds aggregating \$30,000, which however, were subject to the prior mortgage of \$12,000. In default of payment of interest foreclosure proceedings were instituted and the plant was sold at sheriff's sale, H. T. Mann being the purchaser for \$12,000. Growing out of that sale a rule was instituted in the common pleas court which has not yet been disposed of, so that the real owner or owners of the plant is a rather complicated problem.

To Celebrate Its Twentieth Anniversary.

The sons and daughters of old Centre county now living in and about Philadelphia will celebrate the anniversary of the Association they formed twenty years ago with a dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford, in that city, on Thursday evening, February 28th. The Centre County Association of Philadelphia has come to be quite an organization. Its get-together picnics, dinners and other functions have proven interesting and pleasing opportunities for the hundreds, all with the same home ties, living in that city, to meet and greet each other with that genuine cordiality characteristic of country life and so rare in the great centers of population. Every one is invited to this dinner. The price will be \$3.00 per plate.

The lumber job on the Lohr tract near Waddle, which was recently purchased by R. A. Smith, of Tyrone, is booming under the supervision of Ed. Taylor. When it is all cut the mill will be moved into the R. F. Glenn meadow at Briarly, where it will operate on ties for some time.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Judge Henry C. Quigley is holding court in Erie this week.

Elliot L. Morris is in New York this week attending a convention of mining engineers.

W. R. Brachbill spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. N. F. Wagner, in Watertown.

John G. Love Esq., will be in Philadelphia over the week-end on a business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Snyder left Snow Shoe this week to go to Sunbrook Farms, their future home, near Hollidaysburg.

Miss Nellie Gehret has been spending several weeks with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Gehret, at Lock Haven.

John Love, of Altoona, will come over today for an over Sunday visit with his parents, at their home on Reynolds avenue.

Mrs. Rose Brigger returned to New York, Saturday, after a pleasant two weeks' visit with her niece, Mrs. Charles Schlow.

John B. Payne, county vocational director, will address county institutes at Bloomsburg and Wilkes-Barre, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Nellie Flack left for New York city Sunday, to spend the week in the retail and wholesale houses, selecting spring millinery stock.

Daniel Rhinesmith, of Clearfield, was in Bellefonte for the week-end, a guest of his sister, Miss Bess Rhinesmith, and his brother, William, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Young, of Altoona, were in Bellefonte between trains on Sunday, having come down to see Miss Ella A. Gates, a patient in the Bellefonte hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Locke spent the latter part of last week in Philadelphia and went on to Atlantic City for the Sunday at the Shore. They were guests at the Chalfonts—Haddon Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Miller, of north Spring street, went down to Mackeysville, on Sunday, for a visit until Tuesday with Mrs. Miller's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gardner.

J. Frank McCormick, city manager of the Penn State telephone of Lock Haven, was an all day business visitor to Bellefonte, Monday, being here in the interest of the telephone company.

Mrs. William E. Hurley returned Tuesday from Erie, to which place she was called several weeks ago by the sudden illness of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Reese, who is now greatly improved.

Miss Rebecca Valentine has been in Williamsport since last week on a visit with her brother, Stanley B. Valentine and his family. Miss Valentine has entirely recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lambert, of Johnstown, are south on a visit with Mr. Lambert's mother, at Buckeye, Texas, where they expect to spend several weeks. Mrs. Lambert is better known in Bellefonte as Mrs. Robert Sechler.

During Mrs. Russell Blair's enforced vacation of three months, as organist of the Episcopal church, the position is being filled by Mrs. Samuel L. Shalleross, who recently came here from Wilmington, with Mr. Shalleross, of the American Lime & Stone Co.

Mrs. Harold Kerstetter, of Pleasant Gap, was in Bellefonte on a shopping expedition, last Friday morning, and made a brief call at this office; her time being limited to the few moments she had at her command prior to catching the bus for her trip home.

Thomas A. Miller and C. M. Fry, two faithful engineers on the Pennsylvania railroad, with headquarters in Altoona, and Mrs. Thomas A. Mallory, of the same city, were all in Bellefonte on Wednesday to see Capt. W. H. Fry, a patient in the Bellefonte hospital.

S. W. Stine, a jobbing salesman, of Lebanon, was entertained at the G. Fred Musser home Tuesday evening. Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Stine spent the winter at the Brockhoff house at which time the former was representing the Serv-Tos Food Products company.

Mrs. E. O. Struble went to Cresson, Tuesday, for a short visit with her son, Ralph and his wife, expecting to go from there to Vintondale and to Nanty-Glo, for a stay of several days with cousins. Mr. Struble will join her Sunday at Cresson, both returning home that evening.

George M. Gamble and his daughter, Mrs. Williams, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Alter K. Ush on a drive to Millersburg, Friday of last week, going on from there by train to Harrisburg, where they were over Sunday guests of Mr. Gamble's oldest daughter, Mrs. Oestertag and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Ush made the return drive home on Sunday.

Mrs. James S. Wilkie returned to Bellefonte from New York, having abandoned her trip to Scotland at this time, after learning that it would be impossible to bring her mother into this country before June. Mrs. Wilkie, who with her new home on Water street, is arranging now to carry out her plans for the trip to Glasgow some time during the summer.

John W. Harper came from Schenectady yesterday to accompany Mrs. Harper and their small daughter back home Sunday, and for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Jared Harper. Mrs. John Harper and the child have been in Bellefonte with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Barnhart, for a month or more, having gone to Philadelphia to come home with Mr. Harper's mother, upon her return, following her illness in the University hospital.

Mrs. J. M. Decker and her daughter, Mrs. John Smith, came to Bellefonte early in the week from Lancaster, where Mrs. Smith had gone from Shamokin for a short stay with her parents, and are occupying the Decker apartment in the Cadillac building during their stay. Mrs. Smith is back home to attend a Washington's birthday party at Penn State and for a visit in Bellefonte, while Mrs. Decker will be home only until the beginning of the week.

Mrs. Paul L. Coates, of Parkesburg, and her small daughter, Ella Frances, arrived in Bellefonte Friday of last week, for a visit with Mrs. Coates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McGinley. Mr. Coates joining her here the next day for an over Sunday visit. Mrs. Coates came at this time to have a day with her sister, Mrs. Harold Smith and her three children, who had been in Bellefonte since before Christmas and who left Saturday for their new home near Pittsburgh. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Coates are better known here as the Misses Sara and Eleanor McGinley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris left Monday for a visit in Pittsburgh.

Houser—Lenker.—The comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lenker, at Lemont, was the scene of a pretty wedding, at high noon yesterday, when their daughter, Miss Sarah Levinia Lenker, was united in marriage to Paul Wright Houser, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Houser, of Bellefonte. Three dozen or more guests, all relatives of the contracting parties, witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the bride's uncle, Rev. Thomas C. Houtz, of Selinsgrove, the beautiful ring service being used. The attendants were Mrs. Jesse T. Shuey, of Lemont, as matron of honor; Miss Thelma Hazel, of Bellefonte, and Miss Pearl Martz, of Philadelphia, bridesmaids; Martha Long, of Berwick, ring bearer; Jesse T. Shuey, best man, and William Kline, of Bellefonte, and Edward Houtz, of Lemont, ushers.

Following the ceremony and congratulations a delicious wedding dinner was served after which Mr. and Mrs. Houser left on a brief wedding trip the itinerary of which they kept secret. The young couple will reside at Lemont where the bridegroom has a very successful garage and auto supply business.

Zong—Johnstonbaugh.—Glenn J. Zong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zong, of Oak Hall, and Miss Vivian E. Johnstonbaugh, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Johnstonbaugh, of near Bellefonte, journeyed to Centre Hall, last Saturday afternoon, and were united in marriage at the Evangelical parsonage by the pastor, Rev. J. Fred Bingham, the beautiful ring ceremony being used. They were attended by Miss Ruth Catherman, of Millheim, and Paul Ishler, of Linden Hall. Immediately following the ceremony the wedding party went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lohr, brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom, where a bountiful wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Zong are both well known and popular young people in their respective communities and have many friends who wish them a happy and successful married life.

Breon—Cox.—Homer A. Breon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Breon, of State College, and Miss Christina B. Cox, of Pleasant Gap, were married at the Reformed parsonage in Boalsburg, on Tuesday, by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Stover. The young couple will go to housekeeping at State College where Mr. Breon is employed by the Bellefonte Central Railroad company.

Bellefonte Fuel and Supply Co. Changes Hands.

The property and business of the Bellefonte Fuel and Supply Co., on Race street, this place, was sold on Tuesday to David Chambers, of Clarence, and L. F. Mayes, of Lemont. The consideration is reported to have been \$40,000. Possession was given yesterday when Miss Verna Chambers, formerly deputy county treasurer, took charge of the business and for the present, at least, will continue to direct it.

On Monday a deal was closed whereby the Bellefonte Presbyterian church became the owners of the beautiful home of Mrs. Joseph L. Montgomery, at the corner of Allegheny and Lamb streets. It was bought for use as a parsonage and the consideration was \$12,000.

At the same time the Presbyterians disposed of their old manse on Spring street to Mrs. S. E. Showers who now occupies it for the conduct of a boarding house. She paid \$12,000 for the property.

Meeker Garage, at Millheim, Destroyed by Fire.

The big two-story frame garage of L. E. Meeker, at Millheim, was entirely destroyed by fire on Monday night, as well as its contents of auto supplies, etc. Four automobiles stored in the building were taken out without damage. The fire started shortly after ten o'clock, and was discovered by a member of the Millheim borough council on his way home from meeting, but before an alarm could be given one end of the building was in flames.

A hurry call was sent to Bellefonte for assistance and the Undine fire company responded with their pumper while the Logans went down in their squad truck. Notwithstanding the fact that they made a record run the building was practically burned to the ground when they got there, and as no other buildings were on fire the Bellefonte firemen did not go into service. The loss is estimated at approximately six thousand dollars.

For Sale.—One Show Case and Electric Light Fixtures.—Sim, the Clothier. 69-7-3t

Fire and Lightning insurance at a reduced rate.—J. M. Keichline. 69-6-12t

Sale Register.

Friday, March 21.—At residence of Lee R. Markle (old Colyer farm) one-half mile east of Old Fort, horses, cattle, farm implements—general clean-up sale. Also lot of household goods. Sale at 9 a. m. L. Frank Mayes, Auc.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected Weekly by C. Y. Wagner & Co.
Wheat - - - - - \$1.10
Shelled Corn - - - - - .50
Rye - - - - - .50
Oats - - - - - .50
Barley - - - - - .50
Buckwheat - - - - - .50