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Political Announcements.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE.

We are authorized to announce that John F. Short is a candidate for Delegate to the National Democratic Convention from the 23rd Congressional District.

A SOJOURN IN CHUNGKING.

Mrs. North Tells Incidents of Final Steamer Trip in China.

Chungking, Nov. 11th, 1923. Dear Home Folks:

Here we are at last in Chungking. We've been here since Wednesday, the 7th. Reached here about 7:30 that morning and had to wait till we got word up to the Suttons that we were here, before anybody came to meet us.

We anchored just about eight miles below Chungking the night before so got in here rather early in the morning.

Our trip from Ichang up was uneventful save for the difficulty we had in getting over the wild rapids. Bill has told about that in his letter, so I won't go into detail about it.

I had my first sedan chair ride up to the Syracuse-in-China compound from the boat. You can't imagine the sensation of being carried up steps and down steps in a chair by three men.

Yesterday I went down town with Mabel Mas Lean (one of the Syracuse unit, a nurse). I wish I could describe all of the things I saw.

I wish you could see the chrysantheums out here that grow right in the yards. It is the season for them now, and we have them all over the house, lovely ones, such as you buy at the hot-houses at home.

We have been very busy unpacking and repacking to go on to Chengtu. It is not definitely settled when we will start, but we want to get the packing out of the way so that we will be free to do as we please for a few days.

It's going to be fine to get letters from home. Be sure to date them all so that we'll know whether we're getting them all.

SARAH.

Modern Woodmen Drive.

The Bellefonte camp Modern Woodmen of America, now numbering 110 members, is making a drive this month to recruit ten new members.

to Chengtu as we were coming from Ichang to Chungking, we will be happy.

Before I forget it, I want to tell you that I have unpacked the big, heavy trunk and not one of the vases was broken. In fact, nothing was broken, except the silver loving cup that Bill's Sunday school class gave him.

It is just as hard as everything to get a letter written here. There is something doing all the time and when you sit down in the living room to write there are always so many people there talking that it's impossible to think.

We've just returned from the most glorious day in the Chungking Hills, the hills where most of the Chungking people spend their summers. We started out at 9:30 this morning in sedan chairs, had to cross the river by boat (stayed in our sedan chairs which were placed in a native sampan) and when we reached the other side of the river we had a two hours' ride up the mountain to the bungalow where we had lunch.

We had lunch with English people by the name of Davidson. Mr. Davidson is in business, but almost all of his family are missionaries.

We have finished packing to go to Chengtu. Now it remains to get a boat (a steamer) to take us to the place where we get the houseboat.

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We're going out into the country today, where we will be living when we come back from Chengtu.

Don't worry about us. We're both well and happy and having a fine time. The people out here are all lovely. I will go into detail about them in another letter.

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Conservation Spirit Revived at State College Meeting.

Conservation activities in Centre county received a big boost on Monday night when a new form of organization was proposed at a joint meeting of the Centre County Conservation Association and the State College Conservation Association in the Presbyterian church at State College.

The names of about twenty different organizations interested in conservation within the county were suggested by Prof. Ferguson, and each will be asked to join the County Council with annual dues of but \$2 for each organization.

Game warden Thomas Mosier was at the meeting and gave some valuable advice in matters pertaining to the present game laws.

Before the meeting closed it was decided that at least four meetings of the State College association should be held each year. One of these is to be held just before the opening of the hunting season and another just before the opening of the fishing season.

Great enthusiasm was shown in all conservation matters and every one left with the outstanding idea that a new lease of Centre county's conservation life had been introduced by Prof. Ferguson in his plan for a County Conservation Council.

Snow Shoe Township Man Victim of Terrific Assault.

H. H. Gillette, truant officer and deputy constable of Snow Shoe township, is in the Lock Haven hospital with a badly fractured skull the result of being struck on the head with the blunt end of a pick, on Thursday evening of last week by Frank Auman, formerly of Bellefonte.

For some time past a number of families at Clarence and vicinity have been disregarding the public school compulsory attendance law and officer Gillette was instructed to arrest all parents who refused to send their children to school.

Mr. Ferguson called a joint meeting of the State College and the county associations for the presentation of the proposal and it was decided that the new form of Council should be operative as soon as fifteen organizations signify their willingness to join.

Among the organizations that will be asked to join the Centre County Conservation Council and elect delegates thereto are the following: The State College Conservation Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the Rider Gun Club, the Stone Cabin Gun Club, the County Grange, the Laurel Run Tigers, the Boat Troop, the Foresters Club, the Bellefonte Fishing Club, the Modock Gun Club, the Wildcat and Fleetfoot Hunting Clubs, the State College Business Men's Association, Boy Scouts and Women's Clubs.

Officers of the State College conservation association were elected as follows: President, P. A. Frost; vice president, C. B. Steel; secretary, Russell Castleberry, and treasurer, N. E. Hess. Phil Foster is the retiring president and C. N. Fisher, the secretary. The new secretary is to be the association representative on the proposed Conservation Council.

During the session of the State College association on Monday evening a motion was passed recommending to State game officials that the new law with respect to killing fox hounds caught chasing deer be reverted to the old law which provided that only state game representatives be allowed to do the killing in such cases.

A vigorous protest was also registered on the manner in which dogs are allowed to run loose in and about State College, with particular reference to unlicensed strays.

The fish committee of the association made a report that showed great interest in the fish supply in Centre county streams. A request has been made for a special fish warden to patrol the county streams to stop illegal fishing, and they hope to have this request granted.

Dean Watts, who is president of the State Conservation Council, also spoke in favor of the forestry bond issue. He corrected a somewhat general impression that this money would be spent at one time, by saying that Commissioner Stuart declares that it will take 15 or 16 years to judiciously spend the entire amount for the best interests of future generations in maintaining a lumber supply within the State.

Dean E. A. Holbrook, of the college school of mines, attending his first conservation meeting spoke on the stream pollution problem in the State. He declared that he has looked into the question from all sides and so far as the pollution of streams by mines is concerned, knew of no possible remedy.

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McClellan.—Mrs. Blanche B. McClellan, wife of Lester D. McClellan, of Altoona, died on Thursday night of last week in the Altoona hospital following a month's illness with paresis.

She was a daughter of Robert and Levine Strunk and was born near Bellefonte on January 3rd, 1892, hence was 32 years and 3 months old. On October 24th, 1912, she married Lester D. McClellan, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClellan, of Bellefonte, their brief married life being spent in Bellefonte, Tyrone and Altoona.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Saturday morning and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller where funeral services were held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Schmidt, assisted by Rev. Shuey, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

GRAY.—Mrs. Rachel A. Gray, widow of the late Zane Gray, of Tyrone, died at her home in that place on Monday night as the result of an attack of pneumonia. Her maiden name was Rachel Amanda Waddle, a daughter of Philip Benner and Rachel Moore Waddle, and she was born at Waddle, in Buffalo Run valley, eighty-one years ago.

She had one daughter, Carrie, married to Charles Stuart, who died some years ago. Mr. Gray also preceded her to the grave so that her only survivors are two half-brothers, James Waddle, of State College, and Philip D., of Bellefonte.

Word of what happened quickly spread through the village of Clarence and Gillette was given first aid treatment then taken to the Lock Haven hospital on the night train over the New York Central railroad. Word was also telephoned to Bellefonte and sheriff E. R. Taylor deputized constable Joseph Wade to hunt down Auman. That officer failed to locate him on Thursday night and early Friday morning sheriff Taylor and two deputies went to Snow Shoe and started on a hunt for Auman, locating him that afternoon in hiding out in the vicinity of Cherry Run.

She was a daughter of John and Julia A. Barnhart and was born at Curtin on December 9th, 1837, hence had reached the advanced age of 86 years, 3 months and 28 days. The greater part of her married life was spent in Bellefonte. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal church and a pious, christian woman. Her husband died some years ago and her only survivor is one son, Gregg Curtin, of Bellefonte.

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RICHARDS.—David Richards died at his home in Philipsburg last Wednesday afternoon following a prolonged illness with dropsy. He was a son of Thomas and Sarah Beckwith Richards and was born at Port Matilda on March 29th, 1853, hence was 71 years and 4 days old.

He married Miss Addie Butterbaugh, of Indiana county, who survives with two children, Thomas J. Richards, of Bristol, and Mrs. Walter Kohler, of Pittsburgh. He also leaves two sisters. Burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

HOLT.—George Holt, of Fillmore, died at the Bellefonte hospital, last Friday night, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy sustained early that day. He was a son of Thomas and Mary Spear Holt and was born at Curtin on July 3rd, 1860, hence was 63 years, 9 months and 1 day old.

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ASTON.—Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Aston, widow of Benjamin Aston, died at her home in Benner township last Thursday, following two years' illness as the result of an embolism. She was a daughter of James and Mary Jane Leach Wilson and was born at Hecla, being 82 years, 9 months and 11 days old.

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She was a daughter of James and Mary Jane Leach Wilson and was born at Hecla, being 82 years, 9 months and 11 days old. Most of her married life was spent in Milesburg and Boggs township. Her husband has been dead for a number of years but surviving her are several children. Burial was made in the Curtin cemetery last Saturday.

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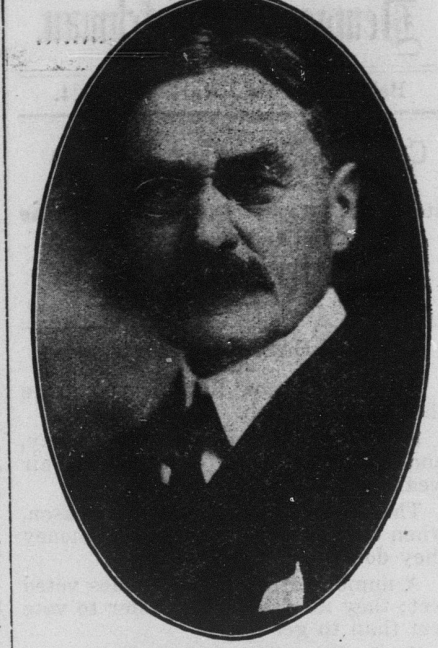
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James A. McClain.

Another of Bellefonte's sons came into the lime light last Friday night when James A. McClain, of Spangler, speaking to the Kivansians, who were then getting set for the start of their hospital drive the next morning, made the wholly unexpected request that he be given the honor of leading off with a gift of \$500.

The announcement threw the gathering into an outburst of enthusiastic cheering that lasted for several minutes and effaced all pessimism as to the outcome of the great undertaking.

Mr. McClain was a poor man when he left Bellefonte. Today he is the outstanding figure in the northern Cambria coal fields. Cashier of the First National bank of Spangler, president of the Bluebaker coal company, member of the Board of the Miner's hospital and leader of every welfare movement in his community.

Born at Bellefonte, September 30th, 1849, he moved with his parents to State College, in 1856, and in the fall of 1860 returned with the family to make their home here in the house on north Allegheny street now owned by W. G. Runkle Esq.

While in that office, in collaboration with the late J. C. Meyer and Harry Keller Esq., he made a comprehensive index of all records and installed the system that has been found the most efficient up to this date.

His successes in the coal fields of Cambria county have been continuous. Starting in a small merchandise business and fighting his way, step by step he has worked himself into the position that has made it possible to return to the scenes of his youth and offer the munificent inspiration of last Friday night.

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—County commissioner James Swabb has been confined to his home at Linden Hall, this week, with illness, although his condition is not regarded as serious.

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