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## Political Announcements.

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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 morn-

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 1 won't go into detail about it. I want you to know, though, that I was more frightened then than I felt I would be of the whole Chinese army if they should begin firing at us. You can't imagine the noise the engines made when they blew off steam. That's what frightened me. Then to see that swirling torrent of water and wondering what would happen if we didn't make the rapids. I certainly felt a great deal better when we had gotten safely over. And the distance that it took us about an hour to get over, you could have walked in about five minutes on land. I was in fine condition to get the weeps when the man went overboard, as Bill tells in his letter. That was the climax to a tremendous nervous strain.

I had my first sedan chair ride up to the Syracuse-in-China compound sensation of being carried up steps scared to death they'd let me fall. I'll have Bill take my picture and send fact. I don't know whether I'll ever you can form any kind of picture of the city. The streets, you understand, are for pedestrians as well as for horses, pigs, dogs, and any kind of animal they might have in Chungking. There are not a great many horses, but the soldiers are here now and they have quite a few. It is the strangest sight to see them (the horses) walking up and down steps just as humans do. Everything that is made or sold in China is done right out in the open. Some things are rather interesting to the odors, however, have made me sick so far. And we've smelt about the worst of them, I think.

I wish you could see the chrysanthemums 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. And also the fruit. We usually have three or four kinds for breakfast, and some times eat some of each kind. This morning day. They are fine people. Mr. Rape we had pomela (something like grapefruit but not so acid and it can be eat- can imagine what he looks like. en like an orange), tangerine oranges, plain oranges and persimmons. The persimmons are delicious. Bill and I are both crazy about them.

We have been very busy unpacking It is not definitely settled when we also a beautiful place. I'll tell about will start, but we want to get the that, too, in the next letter. packing out of the way so that we will be free to do as we please for a few days. It is an awful job. We will not so that we'll know whether we're getbe able to go overland to Chengtu ting them all. from here. We must take a small steamer part way, then transfer to a native houseboat and travel a week or ten days in that, and then go by chair overland for about four days. In ordinary times we could make the whole why we're going by water. It's safer to go by water now than by land. If we are as fortunate going from here without the pollution of at all.

Is water like water li

Ichang to Chungking, we will be hap-

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, snapped right off at the point where the pedestal is joined to the cup. I byterian church at State College. packed that, too. All our trunks came through in fine condition and nothing trunks here and take just the two wardrobe trunks, the little steamer and the little army trunk to Chengtu. This is the trip that will tell on our baggage if we happen to have rainy weather when we make the overland trip, or if the native boat leaks.

Tuesday Evening. It is just as hard as everything to something doing all the time and cil. when you sit down in the living room to write there are always so many people there talking that it's impossible to think.

people spend their summers. We Centre County Conservation Associaine how lovely sedan chair riding is the County Council. when you get used to it. But it takes anybody fall. I do get scared to movement in the county. death, though, when they start to run

down a steep flight of steps. years old, was one of the pioneer mis- join. sionaries out here. He is still here. They have a beautiful bungalow up on the hills with many conveniences, in our chairs. I don't like to travel

got in in time tonight. We have finished packing to go to Chengtu. Now it remains to get a vation association were elected as folfrom the boat. You can't imagine the boat (a steamer) to take us to the lows: President, P. A. Frost; vice place where we get the houseboat. We and down steps in a chair by three thought we were all fixed to leave on men. And they go so fast! I was Saturday of this week, but the boat Hess. Phil Foster is the retiring we were to take has been ordered Just wait until I have my own chair. down to Shanghai immediately and we won't be able to get another boat it to you. We certainly are in China until a week from tomorrow. Travel now. You can't get away from that in China is very uncertain. We never expected to have to stay so long in be able to describe the streets so that | Chungking. I'll certainly be glad when we reach Chengtu. We thought we would reach there by Thanksgiving time but it looks now as though we'd be lucky if we get there for

Christmas. 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. For one thing, all of the children need handkerchiefs and don't have them. I think I'll start a campaign in America for handkerchiefs for Chinese chilsee, others not so much so. None of dren. And you never saw people who enjoyed spitting more than the Chinese do. They spit all the time and any place at all.

today, where we will be living when school is also out there. The Rapes (Mr. Rape is principal of the school now), have invited us out to spend the not. is taller than Bill and thinner, so you tin made a report that showed great

well and happy and having a fine time. The people out here are all trol the county streams to stop illelovely. I will go into detail about them in another letter. The house and repacking to go on to Chengtu. that we're in now (the Suttons) is

It's going to be fine to get letters from home. Be sure to date them all

## Modern Woodmen Drive.

men of America, now numbering 110 clared that Centre county is a "vertrip by chair from here, but it is not members, is making a drive this month itable hot bed" for conservation and safe now and it looks as though it will to recruit ten new members. The be still less safe in a few days. There | Modern Woodmen is a fraternal orhas been terrific fighting here all sum- ganization of about forty years'

to Chengtu as we were coming from 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 meetexcept the silver loving cup that Bill's ing of the Centre County Conserva-Sunday school class gave him. That tion Association and the State College Conservation Association in the Pres-

The proposal, which was presented by Prof. J. A. Ferguson, who is secgot wet. We will leave the two big retary of the State Conservation Council, is to retain the present organizations of the county and town conservation associations and all the allied organizations, but to form what will be known as a Centre County Conservation Council made up of one delegate for each of the various county or local organizations including hunting and fishing clubs, and the County Council to have representaget a letter written here. There is tion in the State Conservation Coun-

The names of about twenty different organizations interested in conservation within the county were suggested by Prof. Ferguson, and each We've just returned from the most | will be asked to join the County Counglorious day in the Chungking Hills, cil with annual dues of but \$2 for the hills where most of the Chungking each organization. In this way the started out at 9:30 this morning in tion will maintain its present status, sedan chairs, had to cross the river as will the State College Conservaby boat (stayed in our sedan chairs tion Association, and these two will which were placed in a native sam- be on an equal basis of representation pan) and when we reached the other on the County Council as the Rider ride up the mountain to the bungalow | the Boal troop or any other organizawhere we had lunch. You can't imag- tion that desires representation on

It was pointed out that since the a little while to get used to going up organization of the Centre County and up such very steep places. You Conservation Association at Boalswonder what would happen if one of burg, in 1920, the only active organithe men would slip. And sometimes zation that has kept on the job is the the paths are so narrow and on one State College branch association, and side will be a sheer drop of what that under the proposed organization, seems like hundreds of feet when you a small group representing wider inlook down. The men are very sure- terests would be able to carry out the footed, as a rule and they seldom let original objects of the conservation

Mr. Ferguson called a joint meeting of the State College and the counby the name of Davidson. Mr. Da- of the proposal and it was decided vidson is in business, but almost all of | that the new form of Council should his family are missionaries. His be operative as soon as fifteen organ-

Conservation Council and elect dele-We had a delightful time. We left State College Conservation Associaway home and reached here a little American Legion, the Rider Gun Club, he had done Auman took to the woods after six. The Chungking streets the Stone Cabin Gun Club, the County and went into hiding. were dark as we came through them Grange, the Laurel Run Tigers, the Boal Troop, the Foresters Club, the

> Officers of the State College conserpresident, C. B. Steel; secretary, Russell Castleberry, and treasurer, N. E. 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. Unmile or more.

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. It was pointed out that rabbit breeding season is now on and that the supply is Wednesday morning. being cut down through dogs being al-We're going out into the country lowed to run loose at all hours of the day and night, despite the fact that we come back from Chengtu. The the State dog law requires that dog owners keep their animals under control at all times, whether licensed or

The fish committee of the associainterest in the fish supply in Centre Don't worry about us. We're both county streams. A request has been made for a special fish warden to pagal 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 The Bellefonte camp Modern Wood- within the State. Dean Watts also de told of the activities in this line for the past several years.

Dean E. A. Holbrook, of the college mer and Chungking was taken by the Southern forces. It now looks as United States is now in excess of one conservation meeting spoke on the though the Northern forces were million. It has fraternal insurance in stream pollution problem in the State. about to return and try to regain the force exceeding one billion six hun- He declared that he has looked into city. This will all sound terrible to dred million dollars and since its or- the question from all sides and so far you home folks, I'm sure, but it re- ganization has paid in death claims as the pollution of streams by mines ally isn't so bad as it sounds. Of \$295,000,000. Its present surplus is is concerned, knew of no possible remcourse, it's bad enough, but when the thirty-five millions. The organiza- edy. In many cases there must be a Chinese shoot, they usually shoot into tion has a sanitorium near Colorado choice between mines and pure

Game warden Thomas Mosier was at the meeting and gave some valuable advice in matters pertaining to the present game laws. He said that of the county with beaver and bear future. At the same time he expressed doubt that bear would stay in the county.

Before the meeting closed it was decided that at least four meetings of be held each year. One of these is to Bellefonte, Tyrone and Altoona. Surbe held just before the opening of the viving her are her husband and four hunting season and another just before the opening of the fishing season. questing Harrisburg officials to amend season back to conform to the deer

Great enthusiasm was shown in all conservation matters and every one and Mrs. Curtin Taylor, all of Belleleft with the outstanding idea that a fonte. new lease of Centre county's conservational 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 died at her home in that place on ers some of his experiences as chairside of the river we had a two hours' gun club, the Bellefonte fishing club, of being struck on the head with the Monday night as the result of an atblunt end of a pick, on Thursday even- tack of pneumonia. Her maiden name the hospital in Spangler, his adopted ing of last week by Frank Auman, was Rachel Amanda Waddle, a daugh- home. Most of his audience knew he formerly of Bellefonte. The latter is now in the Centre county jail await- Moore Waddle, and she was born at ty but no one thought of a gift here ing the result of Gillette's injuries.

families at Clarence and vicinity have spent at the home of her birth but offered a silver loving cup as a trophy been disregarding the public school compulsory attendance law and officer Gillette was instructed to arrest all been her home ever since. She was a parents who refused to send their life-long member of the Methodist ering into an outburst of enthusiastic children to school. Consequently on church and always an active partici- cheering that lasted for several min-Thursday evening he went to the pant in all phases of church work. home of Stiney Shall, at Clarence, to start his enforcement work. On entering the house he found in addition years ago. Mr. Gray also preceded he left Bellefonte. Today he is the out-We had lunch with English people ty associations for the presentation to Shall three other men present, one her to the grave so that her only surof them Frank Auman. From all re- vivors are two half-brothers, James bria coal fields. Cashier of the First ports the men had been drinking and Waddle, of State College, and Philip National bank of Spangler, president an altercation followed during which D., of Bellefonte. Charles Jones, of father, who is now about seventy izations signify their willingness to Shall and two of the men escaped Milton, Del., whom Mr. and Mrs. of the Bluebaker coal company, memfrom the house. Gillette blamed Au-Among the organizations that will man for assisting Shall in his escape be asked to join the Centre County and a quarrel followed, the men finally exchanging blows when Auman on Wednesday afternoon, burial being among them an electric light plant. gates thereto are the following: The grabbed a pick and brought it down made in the Grandview cemetery, Tyon Gillette's head, knocking a hole in there about four o'clock, walked part tion, the Chamber of Commerce, the the skull. As soon as he realized what

Word of what happened quickly spread through the village of Clarat night here. You can't picture a Bellefonte Fishing Club, the Modock ence and Gillette was given first aid Chinese street at night. It made me Gun Club, the Wildcat and Fleetfoot treatment then taken to the Lock Hasort of creepy. I shall not do any Hunting Clubs, the State College Bus- ven hospital on the night train over she suffered a general breakdown his uncle's store. After a year there more traveling at night than I have iness Men's Association, Boy Scouts the New York Central railroad. Word some months ago, her condition grad- he became a brakeman on the Snow to. In fact, you can't do much, for the and Women's Clubs. Other county or- was also telephoned to Bellefonte and ually growing worse, and on Satur- Shoe railroad and held that job until city gates are closed at 5:30. We just ganizations interested in conservagot in in time tonight.

sheriff E. R. Taylor deputized constable Joseph Wade to hunt down Auhospital. Twenty-four hours later given their old places back. For six man. That officer failed to locate she passed away. him on Thursday night and early Frideputies went to Snow Shoe and have to face trial for murder.

McFARLAND. - William McFarland, a member of one of the pioneer families of Spruce Creek valley and whose ancestry traces back to the colonial days before the revolutionary der the new law it was pointed out war, died at his home at Graysville, that any one is allowed to kill such last Saturday, as the result of cancer dogs caught chasing deer for a half on the face. Several years ago he fell and broke his hip which left him somewhat crippled and later cancer developed which caused his death. During his illness he was tenderly cared for by his sister Mary, who did everything possible to relieve his suf-

fering. Mr. McFarland was eighty-three years old, was born and spent his entire life at Graysville. When the Civil war broke out he promptly enlisted for service in the 49th Penna. Vols., known as Col. Bill Irwin's regiment. He made a gallant soldier during the years he spent on the battlefield. He was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian church, a good citizen and a true friend. His only survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Cyrus Gross, of Graysville, and Miss Mary, at home. the funeral services which were held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, cemetery.

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. 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 Sat-

-Rear Admiral William S. Sims. big attraction at State College last night, talking to the students on the college undergraduate and the Eighteenth amendment.

McCLELLAN.-Mrs. Blanche B. Mc-Clellan, wife of Lester D. McClellan, of Altoona, died on Thursday night of last week in the Altoona hospital folsteps are being taken to stock parts lowing a month's illness with paresis. She was a daughter of Robert and and that this may be done in the near 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, the State College association should their brief married life being spent in children, Earl, Irene, LeRoy and Violet. She also leaves her mother and A resolution was also adopted re- the following brothers and sisters: Frank Strunk, of State College; Mrs. the game laws so as to move the bear Harry Miller, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Wesley Kunes, of Blanchard; Harry season, making them both open and Strunk, of State College; Mrs. R. K. close according to the present deer McMullen, of Milesburg; John, of Pleasant Gap; Ray, of Tyrone; Mrs. Joseph Kelleher, Mrs. Walter Scull

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.

ow of the late Zane Gray, of Tyrone, the meeting merely to tell the workter of Philip Benner and Rachel was still interested in his native coun-Waddle, in Buffalo Run valley, eighty- when he had his own institution to For some time past a number of one years ago. Her girlhood life was support. He went further. He also after her marriage to Mr. Gray they located in Tyrone and that place had over the top.

She had one daughter, Carrie, mar- the outcome of the great undertaking. ried to Charles Stuart, who died some eral services were held at two o'clock rone.

CURTIN.—Mrs. Margery Isabel Curtin, widow of the late General north Allegheny street now owned by John I. Curtin, died at the Bellefonte W. G. Runkle Esq. When a boy he hospital on Sunday evening, as the was employed as a mule driver in the result of chronic myocarditis. Con- ore mines in Spring township and in siderably past four score years of age 1863 went to State College to clerk in

day morning sheriff Taylor and two Julia A. Barnhart and was born at night under the late W. L. Malin and Curtin on December 9th, 1837, hence in 1871 was made agent and telegstarted on a hunt for Auman, locat- had reached the advanced age of 86 rapher at Julian, later being transfering him that afternoon in hiding out years, 3 months and 28 days. The red to Milesburg and Snow Shoe. in the vicinity of Cherry Run. He of- greater part of her married life was While at the latter place he became fered no resistance to arrest and was spent in Bellefonte. She was a mem- active in politics and in 1881 secured brought to Bellefonte and locked in ber of St. John's Episcopal church and the Democratic nomination for Registhe Centre county jail. Auman is a pious, christian woman. Her hus- ter of Centre county. He was elected about twenty-six years old, and as band died some years ago and her and re-elected for a second term. Gillette's recovery is doubted he may only survivor is one son, Gregg Cur- While in that office, in collaboration tin, of Bellefonte.

of the funeral services which were index of all records and installed the held on Wednesday afternoon, burial system that has been found the most being made in the Union cemetery.

longed illness with dropsy. He was a ally penniless. son of Thomas and Sarah Beckwith His successes in the coal fields of Richards and was born at Port Matil- Cambria county have been continuous da on March 29th, 1853, hence was 71 | Starting in a small merchandise busiyears and 4 days old. During the ness and fighting his way, step by step Indiana county, who survives with two munificent inspiration of last Friday children, Thomas J. Richards, of Bris- night. bin, and Mrs. Walter Kohler, of Pittsburgh. He also leaves two sisters. Burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

died at the Bellefonte hospital, last Monday and Tuesday, the committee Friday night, as the result of a stroke which some time ago took an option He was a son of Thomas and Mary burg as a proposed home for the age Spear Holt and was born at Curtin on was authorized to purchase the sam Rev. Harry Fleming had charge of July 3rd, 1860, hence was 63 years, 9 and proceed at once to raise the nec months and 1 day old. His wife, who essary money to enlarge the building prior to her marriage was Minnie and endow the home. burial being made in the Graysville Spicer, died July 28th, 1923, but surviving him are the following children: William, Edward, John, Randolph, among them being Rev. W. C. Thomp Madaline, Marie, Robert, Elizabeth son, the new pastor of the Bellefont and George Jr., all at home. Funeral church. Ralph W. Illingworth Jr., services were held on Tuesday after- member of the graduating class o noon, burial being made in the Ad- the Western Theological Seminary, a vent cemetery in Boggs township.

KIRK.-Miss Alice B. Kirk, who of late had been making her home in Johnstown, died at the Cottage State hospital, Philipsburg, last Thursday, as the result of blood poisoning. A daughter of Harrison and Margaret Kirk she was born at Unionville on at Linden Hall, this week, with il December 11th, 1865, making her age 58 years, 3 months and 24 days. She leaves one brother, John Kirk, of Sandy Ridge. The funeral was held last of the United States navy, was the Saturday morning, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

> ANDERSON .- Harry L. Anderson, infant son of George and Violet Baughman Anderson, died at the fam-



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 Kiwanians, 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 GRAY.-Mrs. Rachel A. Gray, wid- a gift of \$500. Mr. McClain was at for the team that shall go furthest

> The announcement threw the gathutes and effaced all pessimism as to

Mr. McClain was a poor man when standing figure in the northern Cam-First National of Bakerton, treasurer Gray raised from childhood, is also ber of the Board of the Miner's hosincluded among the survivors. Fun- pital 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 years he worked in the Bellefonte She was a daughter of John and planing mill and studied telegraphy at with the late J. C. Meyer and Harry Rev. M. DePui Maynard had charge Keller Esq., he made a comprehensive efficient up to this date. After leaving the Register's office he bought the RICHARDS.-David Richards died old nail works store and when the at his home in Philipsburg last Wed- Nail Works failed he went down in nesday afternoon following a pro- the crash, leaving Bellefonte practic-

many years of his residence in Phil- he has worked himself into the posiipsburg he worked as a teamster. He tion that made it possible to return to married Miss Addie Butterbaugh, of the scenes of his youth and offer the

> Huntingdon Presbytery to Establish Home for the Aged.

At the spring meeting of the Hunt HOLT.—George Holt, of Fillmore, ingdon Presbytery, held in Tyrone of of apoplexy sustained early that day. on the Keller property at Hollidays

Four ministers were received int membership from other Presbyteries Pittsburgh, was examined and ordain ed as a minister of the gospel. A adjourned session of the Presbyter will be held at Lewistown on May 8tl

-County commissioner Jame Swabb has been confined to his hom ness, although his condition is not re garded as serious.

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