

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

At a special meeting, on Monday evening, the American Legion decided upon April 12th and 13th as the dates for their annual minstrel show.

L. F. Bishop has been appointed manager for the National Air Transport company at the Bellefonte landing field, in place of Forrest Tanner. Mr. Tanner, however, will be retained as a mechanic.

The Westminster Guild, of the Presbyterian church, will hold a food sale in the Variety shop tomorrow (Saturday) morning, beginning at 9 o'clock. Just the place to buy something for Sunday.

A special session of court will be held on Tuesday of next week to dispose of pleas of guilty and any other cases that may be presented preliminary to the meeting of the grand jury the following week.

It took just two days last week for expert workmen to place all of the new chairs in the remodeled State theatre. The new curtains and stage equipment are on the way but have not yet reached Bellefonte.

The ladies' auxiliary of the American Legion will give a Valentine party in the Logan engine house on the evening of February 14. Bridge and five hundred will be in play and the admission will be 50 cents.

A group of State highway engineers is making a re-survey of the highway between State College and Tyrone, and it is rumored that the object is the elimination of some of the most dangerous curves and steep grades.

Mrs. James Craig was guest of honor at a surprise party, Saturday night, given for her by her mother, Mrs. Frank Warfield at her apartments in Petriken Hall. The guests were nine of Mrs. Craig's most intimate friends.

The annual football dance of the Bellefonte Academy will be held in the new pavilion at Hecla park on Friday night, February 17th. Johnny Buck's orchestra, of State College, will furnish the music. The public is cordially invited.

The three negroes, of Philadelphia, scheduled to die in the electric chair at Rockview, Monday morning, were all granted respite until February 20th, that their pleas for commutation of their sentence can be heard by the board of pardons.

Ben Beezer, one of the efficient force of employees at the P. R. R. freight station, entered the Centre County hospital, on Wednesday afternoon, for an operation which, although not of a serious nature, will probably keep him off duty a month or longer.

The Titan Metal company has a very interesting exhibit in the show window of the Bell Telephone company's business office in the Bush Arcade, and every person who has stopped to view it has been amazed to learn that the company manufactures so many different articles at its plant just south of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Sophia Ferrier, of Oklahoma, Clearfield county, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary, Saturday. According to her story she was born in Sugar valley, Clinton county, on January 28th, 1828, and half of her life was spent in this county. She had been a resident of Clearfield county for the past forty years.

Bernt Balchen, one of the fliers who has been associated with Byrd on several of his marvelous flights, was a brief visitor in Bellefonte on Monday. He was on a flight from New York to Winnipeg, Canada, and stopped at the local aviation field for a supply of gas and an inspection of his machine. He remained only about five minutes, then took to the air and continued his flight westward.

Herbert Beezer is now rapidly recovering from a recent operation at the Centre County hospital. B. J. Beezer, an employee of the P. R. R. Co., entered the hospital the early part of the week, as a surgical patient. At the Mrs. Richard Lutz home on east Howard street, Mrs. Lutz is thought to be seriously ill, while her daughter, Mrs. Cossly is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

John P. Fretz, the new manager of the Scenic theatre and lessee of the remodeled State theatre, is anxiously awaiting the completion of the latter in order to give the people of Bellefonte and vicinity something unusual in the line of motion pictures and other entertainment. In the meantime he is showing a superior line of films at the Scenic at reduced prices, a fact greatly appreciated by the many patrons.

Those desiring copies of the autobiography of Dr. L. M. Colfelt can get them now at Hunter's book store in this place. The edition is well printed, substantially bound and sells for \$1.75 or by mail to any point in the United States for \$2. This is the compilation of the work that the Watchman published serially last year and would be a valuable edition to any library. Not alone to those who know Dr. Colfelt personally but others, as well, since it is such an interesting and intimate narration of a life and philosophical discussion of many phases of politics and religion that are uppermost in the public mind today.

LATEST NEWS IN RAILROAD CIRCLES.

P. R. R. Co. Accepted Bellefonte Central Bid for Fairbrook Branch.

Word was received in Bellefonte, on Monday evening, that the Pennsylvania Railroad company had accepted the bid of \$52,130 of the Bellefonte Central Railroad company for the Fairbrook branch from Fairbrook to Stover Station which the P. R. R. ceased operating as a going concern on Sunday midnight; although the last regular trains were operated on Saturday, to be exact. All that now remains to be done before the Bellefonte Central becomes the formal owner of the line is an order of authorization from the Interstate Commerce Commission to take possession, and this will probably be forthcoming in the near future.

Of course, the taking possession of same does not mean that operations will be promptly resumed by the Bellefonte Central, as that will be a physical impossibility. The company will first have to build the connecting link from its present line at Struble to Fairbrook to connect with the Fairbrook branch, but this work, they figure can be done within six months, or in time for the shipment of farm crops and other heavier freight movement next fall. While it will mean that the western section of Centre county and Warriorsmark valley will be without train service for some months, in the end they will have an improved service over that of past years, with direct railroad communication to State College and Bellefonte.

Word was also received in Bellefonte early in the week that the P. R. R. Co. is storing the track of the abandoned branch with empty cars, but for what purpose has not been learned.

P. R. R. WANTS RATE REHEARING.

The Pennsylvania has filed a petition with the Public Service Commission requesting a rehearing in the matter of adjusted rates to State College and other points on the Bellefonte Central. It will be recalled that early in January the Interstate Commerce Commission handed down a ruling that the Bellefonte rate was to apply to all shipments to and from State College and to points within a radius of eighteen miles of Bellefonte; said rate to become effective February 25th.

Naturally large shippers have been waiting until the new rate would become effective, and it is reported that over two hundred cars of building material alone have been held up to get the advantage of the new tariff to State College.

Whether the Pennsylvania's request for a rehearing will prevent the rates becoming effective on the 25th remains to be seen. Officials of the Bellefonte Central, it is understood, have filed an answer to the petition protesting to the possible delay that might result from a rehearing.

Former Bellefonte Girl Wins Automobile in Philadelphia.

A recent edition of "Daily News", Philadelphia's tabloid newspaper, carried a large illustration of Franklin Bach Huntington, a great-grand grandson of Benjamin Franklin, in the act of presenting the title to a new model Ford to Miss Ruth E. Kline.

Ordinarily such an illustration would be of little interest here. But when it features a Bellefonte girl interested quickens at once.

Miss Kline is a daughter of the late John Kline, well known attorney in Bellefonte a number of years ago. She was born in the Kline home on east Curtin street and after her father's death resided there with her mother, sister and brother until they moved to Philadelphia.

She is now advertising manager for the Frank and Sedar store, a very excellent position, and it was while attending a banquet of the "Poor Richard" Club in Philadelphia that she won the capital prize. Now she can motor up next summer and show the trophy to relatives and her many friends here who will doubtless join in our congratulations on her good luck.

Big Basket Ball Attraction for Bellefonte.

The Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. basket ball team has secured as a big attraction for Tuesday evening, February 14th, the world famous Oleson's Swedes for a game on the local floor. This team has already been seen in action by a number of the local fans who will surely want to see them again.

The Swedes are known from coast to coast as the best traveling team in the country, having played one hundred games last season and losing only seven. Up to the present time this season they have won 47 out of 49 games played.

The athletic committee of the Kiwanis club is backing the game and deserves credit for bringing this splendid aggregation of basket ball stars to Bellefonte. The Y. M. C. A. team has won eight straight games this year and suffered no defeats, so that the game with the Swedes ought to be an exciting contest. Watch for further particulars.

State Treasurer Samuel Lewis on Monday sent out checks for appropriations to schools in fourth-class counties, Centre county's share being \$97,184.13.

Capt. W. H. Fry Seriously Ill.

Just before the Watchman went to press, yesterday, we received word of the very serious illness of Capt. W. H. Fry, at his home at Pine Grove Mills. Last week he contracted a slight cold and on Saturday went to Boalsburg to attend the funeral of his close personal friend, James Reed. The church in which the services were held was not very warm and the result was he became thoroughly chilled and naturally his cold became worse instead of better. At that he seemed to be getting along fairly well until on Tuesday night when pneumonia developed and yesterday, according to reports, one lung was badly congested.

Capt. Fry was eighty-four years old last July, so that he has not the physical power of resistance to such a disease as a younger man would naturally possess, and his condition yesterday was critical enough to cause members of his family considerable alarm.

Ladies! A very interesting demonstration of how easy it is to appear beautiful is to be made at Tanners Cut-rate store, on High street, Bellefonte, next Monday. If you are interested it will be worth your while to call there and see Miss Hurd, famous cosmetician, put on "a perfect make-up."

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Strouse, of Washington, D. C., and very well known in the western end of Centre county, have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Edna Catherine, to Mr. Edward Hopper Romaine. The ceremony will be performed at the bride's home 2001 Rhode Island Ave., Northeast.

Bellefonte evidently got the tail end of the snow storm which swept over the eastern part of the State Friday night and Saturday, as the fall here was less than two inches. But the snow was followed by the coldest weather of the winter, on Monday morning, when the thermometers in Bellefonte registered down to eight degrees below zero while other places in the county reported ten below.

According to a bulletin recently issued by the Department of Agriculture there were more horses, mules, cattle and sheep in Pennsylvania, as of January 1, 1928, than there have been at any time during the past three years. Insofar as the horses and mules are concerned the increase in their number would seem to disprove the general belief that motors and trucks have been decreasing the need for them.

The Storch property on west Linn street was sold last week to C. E. Robb, for \$8,500, and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robb after the first of April. A. C. Hewitt and his family have been living in the house since it was built several years ago.

The C. D. of A. will give their regular card party in their club rooms to-night. Refreshments—25 cents admittance. The public is cordially invited to join them.

Phil H. Powers, who for a number of years has been general manager of the Keystone division of the West Penn Power company, with headquarters at Ridgway, has been promoted to commercial manager of the West Penn company, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, the change becoming effective March 1st. His successor on the Keystone division will be G. Kemp Fuller, now with the West Penn company, at Pittsburgh.

The executive committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Centre county were entertained at luncheon by Mrs. W. A. Broyles, at her home in State College last Thursday. An informal conference followed the luncheon. Plans were made for the entertaining of Miss Lendall Wiggins for a week's work within the county in preparation for the young people's encampment at State College in June. Important legislative matters were discussed. The next meeting of the committee will be held in Bellefonte in April.

Notwithstanding the fact that the winter has been noted for its lack of snow, trappers of fur-bearing animals have been meeting with better success than they have had for some years. This is especially the case with foxes, wildcats and skunks. Down in the Woodward section sixty or more foxes have been taken so far, with four wildcats and forty skunks. Trappers in other sections of the county are having equally good results and if the same kind of luck continues during February and March it will prove the best season in many years.

The Bellefonte Academy had another small fire, on Tuesday morning, but fortunately it was discovered before it had progressed to the point of disaster. The fire was discovered by Miss Daise Graham, as she was making her rounds of inspection shortly after nine o'clock. As she opened the door to one student's room she found smoke. She promptly gave the alarm and students hurried to her aid. The smoke came from a burning mattress, which was pretty badly charred, but several of the students grabbed it and chucked it out of the window. Cigarettes probably caused the blaze.

Old Paper Announces the Death of George Washington.

Some days ago Robert Bruce Harrison brought to the Watchman office a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, published in New York State, which is 128 years old. In fact, it was dated January 4, 1800, and was Vol. II No. 88 of that paper. It is a four-column folio and over a page of it was given over to news of the death of George Washington, first President of the United States. A heavy black border and column rules were used as an expression of mourning for the departed Washington.

Washington died on December 14th, 1799, and it was twenty-one days later that the announcement appeared in the little weekly paper published in Ulster county, N. Y., not very far from the present day methods.

The paper also carried over a column of sheriff sale notices, and a page of advertisements, among which was one by a man cautioning the public and merchants not to harbor his wife nor give her credit on his account, as he would pay no debts of her contracting.

Another advertisement was for the sale of one-half of a saw mill "with a convenient place for building and an inexhaustible supply of fire wood. Also, a stout, healthy, active Negro wench." Just why the latter went along with the half of the saw mill the advertisement failed to explain.

The copy of the paper containing the above was yellowed with age and badly frayed at the edges and where folded but the printing on it is still clear and readable. It was found among the papers of the late John Hook, of Boalsburg, but how it came into his possession has not been explained. Following his death in 1917 it fell into the keeping of Mr. Harrison and he regards it as a priceless relic and is taking very good care of it.

TWO OLD ALMANACS

Two other printed relics brought to this office a few days ago by Harry Walkey, of Bellefonte, were almanacs published and given away by the Democratic Watchman for the years 1879 and 1880. Both are profusely illustrated with wood cuts and in addition to the calendar months contained considerable reading matter of interest, postal rates of that day, the tabulated vote of the State and Centre county for the previous year, as well as a list of the county officers.

The one for 1879 contained considerable advertising and among the number was one for the Bush house, of which George Hoppes was then the landlord. Another was that of W. T. Twitmore, who was at that time located in the Bush Arcade, and John Brachbill's furniture store, located where his son holds forth today. Other advertisers who have passed on were S. and A. Loeb, J. Newman, Isaac Guggenheimer, H. K. Hicks and Charles Heisler, all of whom will be remembered by the elder people of the town, and seeing their once familiar names is like hearing a voice from the almost forgotten past.

Four Young People Have Narrow Escape in Auto Accident.

Four young people had a miraculous escape from death or serious injury in an auto accident at the Weaver crossing on the Bald Eagle railroad, above Milesburg, about four o'clock on Saturday morning. They were Mickey Love, Ed Witmer, Annie Irwin and Miss Estright. According to the story of the young men they were taking Miss Estright to her home at Wingate.

On approaching the Weaver crossing they failed to notice a moving freight train on the track until they got quite close to the railroad. Witmer was driving the car and he applied his brakes so quickly that the rear end of the car skidded around and struck the moving train which pushed the car forward and down over the embankment into Bald Eagle creek. The car was badly wrecked but the occupants were rescued and rushed to the Centre County hospital. As all of them were in the water they suffered considerably from the cold and exposure by the time they reached the hospital. Miss Irwin sustained cuts and lacerations on her head and face and a badly sprained ankle, while all the others had minor cuts and bruises. All of them, however, were able to leave the institution after their injuries had been given proper attention except Miss Irwin, who was compelled to remain several days. The car was the property of Joseph Witmer.

College Girls on Inspection Tour.

A group of Senior girls in the home economics course at the Pennsylvania State College are in Philadelphia for an inspection tour of hotels, hospitals, markets and other places from which they may gain information on institutional administration in which they are majoring. The girls following their graduation next June expect to become dietitians, cafeteria managers or institutional directors. They are accompanied by Professor Phyllis K. Sprague.

Card Party for Charity Fund.

Members of Rebecca lodge, I. O. O. F., will give a card party on Friday evening, February 10, in the Odd Fellows Hall. It will be for the benefit of the charity fund of the order; refreshments will be served and admission 50 cents. All are invited.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. James B. Lane went out to McKeesport, Wednesday, for her winter visit with her son, Richard and his family.

Mrs. John Blanchard has been in New York this week, having gone over on Wednesday for a short visit with her sister and on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Love went to Williamsport, Tuesday, spending several days there with friends in celebration of their third wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cordis Snyder were here from Frostburg, Md., over the past week-end, house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris of east Linn street.

Mrs. Cohen, who had been visiting in Bellefonte for a week, as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller, of Bishop street, returned to her home in Tyrone, Sunday.

Mrs. Sara Brown is here visiting with Mrs. Louise V. Harris, having come to Bellefonte from Merion the early part of last week, to spend several weeks with Mrs. Harris.

W. M. Cronister, a former sheriff of Centre county and now a resident of Altoona from which point he operates a sand mine in Blair county, spent Friday night in Bellefonte.

It being the end of the semester, Mrs. Charles E. Dorworth has been spending the vacation week with her children in Philadelphia, Charles Jr., being a student at Lehigh, while Rebecca is at Bryn Mawr preparatory school.

Miss Mary H. Linn and Miss Anna McCoy were in Tyrone, Tuesday, attending an executive meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Huntingdon presbytery, which was held in the Y. M. C. A. owing to the repairs now being made on the Presbyterian church.

George A. Beezer, F. W. West and D. M. Kline, of Bellefonte; Harry Flegal, of Philipsburg, and I. J. Dresse, of Lemont, made up a party that motored to Harrisburg, Wednesday morning to look over the automobile show in that city. A glimpse of the new State straight eight is what they went down to get.

Mrs. William Derrine had with her over the past week-end, her son, Frank, of Juniata, and will have as guests for the coming week-end her other son, Jesse K. Derrine, of Ambridge, and his two daughters, the Misses Betty and Dorothy, both of whom are well known here through their frequent visits to Bellefonte.

Miss Mabel Allison, who was a guest of friends on a drive to Florida a month ago, returned north by rail today of last week. During her stay in Florida, much of Miss Allison's time was spent in motoring, having visited most places of interest on both the eastern and western coasts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sommerville, who closed their house on the Tom Beaver farm early in January, going from here to Mrs. Sommerville's former home in Milton and then out to New York, are now in Charleston, S. C. on their way to Florida. Upon leaving Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville had made no definite plans as to when they will return to Bellefonte.

Miss E. Jayne Aikens arrived here from Cleveland, Wednesday, to spend a part of the week she will be in Bellefonte, with her many friends in Bellefonte, being a house guest while here of Mrs. John S. Walker and her sister, Miss Shortlidge. Miss Aikens will spend the remainder of the time with Mrs. Frank Bradford, at Centre Hall, and at Selinsgrove.

I. M. Harvey, of State College, was a Bellefonte visitor, on Tuesday, and a caller at the Watchman office. Since the consolidation of the Harvey Bros. bakery with the State College bakery he finds himself with so much idle time on his hands that he hardly knows what to do. Prior to the consolidation he worked every day at the Harvey bakery but admits that he didn't do much of the hard work and that some of the days were rather short on hours, but he was there, just the same.

Edward Woodring, once a Bellefonte boy, but for the past twenty-two years an engineer on the Tyrone division of the P. R. R., was down here between trains, on Monday, making arrangements to enter his son at the Bellefonte Academy. The boy is at present at Perkiomen, where he is on the football, track and wrestling squads and if he has the grit of his dad he ought to be good at all of them. Being so he will be ready for the fast athletic company he will find at the local school.

Former Judge Ellis L. Orvis, John Blanchard, N. B. Spangler and S. D. Getting Esqs., were in Philadelphia the beginning of the week and appeared before the Supreme court in the interest of the largest list of cases ever carried up at one time from the courts of Centre county. To be exact there were seven cases, six of them being appeals from the decision of ex-Judge James C. First and one an appeal of a case in which Judge H. W. Whitehead, of Williamsport, was the sitting judge.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner were in Bellefonte last Friday, having come over from State College, to meet their son, Mathiason at the aviation field, upon his arrival there from Newport News. The young man is in the U. S. Navy air service and left Virginia at 1:30 P. M. arriving at the Bellefonte field at 3:35, making the trip in two hours and 10 minutes. Having injured the wing of his plane slightly when making his landing, he was obliged to stay here for a day or more while it was being repaired, before making the return trip.

James R. Hughes returned, last week, from his trip to the Pacific coast with the Pitt football team, and as it was his first visit to the Golden State he made the best of his opportunity, to see as many of its wonders as possible. But one of the principal aims of his trip was to inspire a desire in the hearts of the football fans of that State to see his football team in a post season game a year hence, and he received sufficient encouragement to believe that a game will be arranged, probably with the Bakersfield High school, the champion Prep team of the coast. During Mr. Hughes' two weeks in California he made it a point to hunt up as many of the Bellefonte people as he could locate, and was gratified to find them all doing well and contented and happy. And in practically every such home he visited he found the Democratic Watchman a regular weekly visitor.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson left State College, Sunday, on a drive to Florida, Miami being their objective point.

Dr. Waterworth, of Clearfield, made one of his frequent professional visits to Bellefonte Sunday, being called here in consultation for Alfred Cohen, who is a patient in the Centre County hospital.

N. A. Staples, assistant district engineer of the State Highway Department, in Philadelphia, but for several years located in Bellefonte, was a visitor here the latter part of the week, having come up for a conference with department officials here and at Clearfield.

Mr. and Mrs. William Malone left Bellefonte Monday to go to Clearfield, where Mr. Malone, as an employee of the State highway department, is obliged to make his home on account of the recent moving of the Department offices. The Malones vacated an apartment in the Cadillac building.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Wright and Miss Anne McCormick will drive here from Harrisburg today. Dr. Wright coming up to attend a committee meeting at the penitentiary upon which he is serving under Governor Fisher, while Mrs. Wright and Miss McCormick will spend the time with Miss Linn and her brother, Henry, during their stay in Bellefonte.

Mrs. H. B. Mallory, of Altoona, joined her sister, Mrs. Hendricks in Bellefonte last week, both women being guests of the Coxey and Johnson families. Mrs. Mallory and Mrs. Hendricks were honor guests at a combined birthday celebration given for them Thursday evening by their sister, Mrs. Coxey, at which thirty or more members of the family were guests.

Young Bellefonte Soldier Given a Military Funeral.

The remains of Francis Joseph Auman, who died from injuries sustained in a fall from his horse at Fort Sest, Texas, on January 22nd, arrived in Bellefonte at 9:40 o'clock last Saturday morning. They were sent home under escort but the soldier who accompanied them missed connections along the way and did not reach Bellefonte until 1:20 o'clock.

The remains were taken to the Herbert Auman home where they laid in state until three o'clock Sunday afternoon, the hour of the funeral. The services were in charge of Rev. Frear, Episcopal rector at State College. Members of Troop B. and the American Legion escorted the remains to the Union cemetery, where interment was made.

According to information brought to Bellefonte by the escort Auman had been out with his troop at drill and returning to camp his horse stumbled and he was thrown off, his head striking the concrete roadway. Although stunned for an instant he remounted and rode his horse to the stables and it was not until he reached the barracks that he collapsed. He was then rushed to the hospital but died shortly after.

New Gas Plant Might be Built at Pleasant Gap.

Several months ago Robert F. Hunter appeared before the Bellefonte borough council and outlined a proposition he had in view of the erection of an artificial gas plant in the neighborhood of Pleasant Gap for the purpose of supplying gas to residents of Bellefonte and State College, at the time requesting council to grant him a six months optional right to a franchise, which was done.

According to an announcement made this week it now looks as if the plant might be a reality. Bellefonte men interested in the project have received assurances of financial backing and a preliminary survey shows that a plant located in the neighborhood of Pleasant Gap for the purpose of supplying gas to Bellefonte and State College, as well as intermediate points, would be not only feasible but a profitable venture.

Christian Endeavor at U. B. Church.

The committee on Christian Endeavor work was more than pleased, Sunday evening, at the good turnout of young people who appeared at 6:30 o'clock to participate in and enjoy the Endeavor program. The topic, "The Church at Work," was fully discussed by Mrs. R. R. Davison, and the meeting was an inspiration to all who were there. The pastor takes this opportunity of announcing the meeting for February 5th, at the same hour, under the leadership of LeRoy Confer. This service will be interspersed with song, prayer, scripture, topics of discussion relative to Christian Endeavor work, and special music. Many people have found their place of work for Christ and the church through this capacity. Go, find yours.

Annual February Sale.

20% discount on all cash purchases of furniture, rugs and linoleums, except kitchen cabinets. Free delivery within a radius of 50 miles. Phone 3-R-11.

S. M. CAMPBELL, Millheim, Pa.

SALE REGISTER.

MARCH 20, Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Leah E. Smith, on the McFarlane farm, 1 mile east of Boalsburg, 5 horses, 24 head of cattle, 10 hogs, barred-rock chickens and a full line of farm implements. Also some household goods. Sale at 10 a. m. L. F. Mayes, auctioneer.

Bellefonte Grain Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price per bushel. Includes Wheat, Eye, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Buckwheat.