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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce that T. E. Costello, of Bradford, McKean county, is a candidate for nomination on Congress on the Democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primaries to be held April 24, 1928.

LEGISLATURE

We are authorized to announce that Andrew Curtin Thompson, of Philipsburg, Pa., is a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for Representative in the General Assembly at Harrisburg. Subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held on Tuesday, April 24, 1928.

FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE TO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

I hereby announce my candidacy for delegate to the Democratic National Convention from the Twenty-third Congressional District, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primaries, to be held on April 24, 1928.

JAMES KERR, Clearfield, Pa.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CHAIRMAN

To All Centre County Republicans:

I have been urged by Republican representatives of all elements in our party in recent contests in Centre county, to become a candidate for Chairman of the Republican County committee. In the hope and belief that I will be able to accomplish much toward re-uniting the party, I have agreed to the use of my name for County Chairman on the ballot at the primaries on April 24th, 1928. My policy will be a square deal to all Republicans, irrespective of past differences among them, and my one aim will be to achieve Republican victory in the county. Upon this basis, I respectfully ask the support of all Republican voters.

PHILIP D. FOSTER
State College, Pa.

There Are Many Uses for Gas.

Naturally in the wake of the project to give Bellefonte, State College and intermediate points artificial gas service there is much discussion as to the probable success of the venture.

Electricity has come into such general use for so many purposes that at first thought there would appear to be very few needs for gas.

The men back of the enterprise know what they are doing, however. Capital doesn't often seek investment in barren fields and in this connection it might be interesting to know that there are 21,000 uses in industry to which gas can be put.

Few who have been relieved of the daily job of stoking the kitchen range and disposing of ashes, and perhaps fewer modern housewives in whose "work room" the gloomy old coal stove has been replaced by the shining, efficient gas range, realize the multitudinous tasks now performed in the industrial field by gas, comments the Pennsylvania Public Service Information committee.

Food is dehydrated by gas; hogs are singed, cement blocks are dried, asphalt mixed, bananas ripened, ammonia is evaporated, all through processes utilizing gas. Heat treating of all kinds, annealing, jannealing, brazing, brick making, calcining, carburizing, enameling, lead hardening, glass making and linotype printing are industrial tasks in which gas plays a prominent part.

"How many men have given consideration to the advantages of running a flexible line up from the city mains to heat rivets on a construction job," asks Mr. Whitwell, in describing the building of a bridge across the Columbia river outside of Portland, Oregon, which was riveted by means of manufactured gas.

—You can purchase the best grade of Hood hip boots at Yeager's for \$4.85. 15-1t

Tells How to Select Right College Course.

At this season of the year when boys and girls are about to be graduated from high schools, they and their parents begin to think about possibilities of college. If the way is clear for a college course for the son or daughter, the most important item is the selection of the college to be attended and the course of study that is to be pursued there.

To assist young men and women and their parents, the Pennsylvania State College has included in its booklet of preliminary announcement for 1928-29 a section under the heading "Selecting Your College Course." It is designed to aid the prospective student in his selection of a curriculum. This is quite a task for some boys and girls because of the many avenues that are open for training in the average college, for at Penn State alone there are 39 different curricula. This free Penn State bulletin may be obtained by writing W. S. Hoffman, registrar, or the department of public information at State College.

—Our March furniture sales were the largest in our history. There's a reason.—West Co. 15-1t

HARPSTER.—Mrs. Deland Patton Harpster, widow of James C. Harpster, died on Friday morning, at the home of her son-in-law, Merrill Homan, in Ferguson township. She had been a sufferer for some years with heart trouble but as late as the middle of the week went on a drive to Centre Hall, making Easter purchases for her grand-children.

Her maiden name was Deland Patton and she was born in Blair county, being at her death 54 years and 9 months old. As a young woman she married James C. Harpster, of Rock Springs, and for a long term of years they lived on a farm in Ferguson township. Twelve years ago they quit the farm and moved to State College. Following Mr. Harpster's death, or during the past six years, she had made her home with her only daughter, Mrs. Homan. An only son, Ralph Harpster, was killed by being thrown from a horse onto the State road, near Rock Springs, a number of years ago.

Mrs. Harpster was a life-long member of the Lutheran church and the funeral services, at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, were in charge of Rev. John F. Harkins, assisted by Rev. J. S. English, burial being made in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

HEVERLY.—Mrs. Sarah Mallory Heverly, wife of Charles Heverly, passed away at her home on Bishop street, at 1.30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, following an illness of more than a year with heart trouble and other complications.

She was a daughter of John and Mary Mallory and was born in Bellefonte on July 24th, 1848, hence was in her eightieth year. She married Mr. Heverly on January 3rd, 1867, and lived to celebrate their sixtieth anniversary last January. The first twenty years of their married life were spent at Axe Mann but for forty years they have resided in Bellefonte. Mrs. Heverly is survived by her husband and five children: Mrs. Thomas Howley, Alfred J. and Augustus C. Heverly, of Bellefonte; Ned, of Axe Mann, and Elmer, of Duncansville. She also leaves three brothers, Alfred and H. B. Mallory, of Altoona, and Roland, of Buffalo, N. Y.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church all her life and Rev. W. C. Thompson had charge of the funeral services which were held at her late home at 2.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

GLENN.—William Glenn, a well known retired farmer, died at his home at Lemont, on Wednesday morning of last week, following an illness of several years. He was a son of James and Susannah Glenn and was born in Ferguson township on June 15th, 1858, hence was in his seventieth year. He followed farming all his life until failing health compelled his retirement a few years ago.

He married Miss Annie Williams who survives with one son and a daughter, Hamill Glenn, living near Pine Grove Mills, and Mrs. Margaret Shirk, at home. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey, of Altoona.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church and Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick had charge of the funeral services which were held at ten o'clock on Saturday morning, burial being made in the Branch cemetery.

MILLER.—The remains of John Miller, who died in Monroe county, on Sunday, following an illness of several years, were brought to Bellefonte on Monday and taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. S. J. Musser, at her apartment in the Harris block, where funeral services were held at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Robert Thena, of the Reformed church, of which he was a member. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

Mr. Miller was a son of Henry and Catherine Miller and was born on a farm, in Spring township, 79 years ago. He spent all his life on the farm on which he was born until leaving Centre county twenty-three years ago. He never married and his only survivor is his sister, Mrs. Musser.

WILCOX.—Mrs. Florence Wilcox, widow of Rev. Thomas S. Wilcox, at one time pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church, died at her home in Williamsport, last Friday morning, following a brief illness with bronchial pneumonia. She was a native of Baltimore but all her married life was spent within the confines of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist church. Dr. Wilcox died a few years ago but surviving her are two sons and one daughter, Dr. Thomas S. Wilcox, of Altoona; Frysinger Wilcox, of Oakland, Cal., and Miss Elizabeth, at home. Burial was made at Williamsport on Tuesday afternoon.

Three Weeks of Court to be Held at May Term.

Judge M. Ward Fleming has issued his edict for three weeks of court at the May term. The grand jury has been summoned to appear on Wednesday morning, May 16th, to consider the bills of indictment to be presented by the district attorney. The regular session of court will convene on Monday morning, May 21st, and will continue for three weeks, or until all the business on hand has been disposed of. Judge Fleming hopes that with three weeks of court the docket of untried cases can be pretty well cleaned up.

Bellefonte Kiwanis Had Interesting Luncheon Meeting.

Visitors at the weekly luncheon of Bellefonte Kiwanis, held at the Brockerhoff house on Tuesday, included J. B. Ring, of Oakfield, N. J.; Howard V. Bullinger, of Boston; Glenn Johnston and L. A. Schaeffer, of Bellefonte; J. B. Meek, Harry Sauer, Jack Frost and Fred Clemson, of State College; E. A. Hoadley and H. H. Russell, of Williamsport.

Mr. Russell, who is the division agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, was the principal speaker, and naturally his talk had to do with the work in which he is interested. He made a comparison of the railroad of 1920 with that of today, and emphasized two important points in the management, efficiency in service and economy to patrons. Speaking locally he stated that certain of the trains operated in and out of Bellefonte cost the company \$1.25 per mile, while the returns are only 37 cents, and that is the reason the company desires to curtail the service.

J. Kennedy Johnston Esq., gave an interesting account of a visit made to the New Castle Kiwanis last week, and Kiwanians were urged to have their cars inspected as soon as possible.

The Agricultural committee reported that plans are in the making for three meetings with the farmers of Centre county during the summer. The first will be at Hecla park on June 28th. The second will be a tour through the farming sections of the county and as a third meeting Kiwanis will be host to several agricultural organizations in Bellefonte.

Before adjourning Horatio S. Moore read a well prepared paper on "Bellefonte, the Best Small Town in Pennsylvania."

Penn State Thespians on Annual Road Tour.

Presenting their annual musical comedy in which all parts are taken by men students, the Penn State Thespians are on their usual spring road tour this week. They opened their show, "Honestly Yours," in Bellefonte on Monday, the first of seven showings scheduled for the trip. They are appearing in Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Sunbury, and will appear in Pittsburgh next Monday. Returning from Pittsburgh the Thespians expect to appear in Johnstown and either Altoona or Tyrone. A professional coach has trained the cast and chorus for the show, which is said to be up to the usual standard set by the Penn State boys in recent years.

Penn State Increases Its Scholastic Standards.

As another great step forward in raising the scholastic standards at the Pennsylvania State College, the practice of offering students a re-examination in a course they have failed has been abolished. Hereafter, when a student fails in a course he must repeat that course in a subsequent semester or year, the rule going into effect next fall. In the past if a failure of a course was by a mark equivalent to a grade within ten points of the passing grade, a re-examination was possible. An average grade of 70 per cent in all subjects is required for graduation from Penn State.

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The Bridge Event of the Season.

Thursday evening, April 19th, Milton C. Work will conduct one of his famous evenings of Bridge in Huntingdon. Mr. Work thrills and amuses while he instructs; injecting just enough wit and humor throughout the entire evening without detracting from the bid and the play. There is not a slow moment from start to finish. There are plenty of bridge teachers but there is only one Work.

You will regret your failure to hear Mr. Work. Call your bridge friends on the telephone and arrange to drive to Huntingdon, Thursday, April 19th.

The demand for Easter flowers in Bellefonte this year exceeded that of any former year. Represented in the offerings were large displays from two Williamsport green houses, the State College green house and Halfmoon Gardens, in Bellefonte. The agents of both the Williamsport displays got rid of practically all their plants, a large part of the State College display was sold while the delivery truck of Halfmoon Gardens was on the go from morning to night making deliveries, which did not include the purchases made from displays in a number of business places in town. None of the displays shown in Bellefonte offered any better or prettier selections than the Halfmoon Gardens, and this being the case why would it not be better in the future to patronize the home industry. Mr. Tabel has gone to a lot of trouble and expense to build up a greenhouse the equal of any in this part of the State and deserves all the local patronage.

—When the full length porch was torn down from the front of the Bush house it left the building with a very undressed appearance. To relieve this an ornamental coping is being put on just above the first floor doorways and windows, which will be a decided improvement.

—If it's a living room, see West Co. We can save you money. 15-1t

Delightful Musicals by D. A. R.

More properly, it was a musical given for the Bellefonte chapter, D. A. R., in the Presbyterian chapel, Bellefonte, Thursday evening, March 29th, as the entertaining feature of the regular monthly meeting (April, held in advance) by the thirteen piece Pennsylvania State College student orchestra, trained, led and accompanied by one of the chapter members, Mrs. H. H. Havner, of State College.

It was a "crescendo." At first like "stately steps" came the precision and accuracy of the rendering of the first of the classic numbers of the programme, then the "ware notes" soared, and the volume and flood of harmony "filled us, thrilled us," especially when they accompanied and blended with those of the voice of the tenor soloist.

Upon the completion of the programme those in the assemblage, composed of "Daughters" and their guests were received by the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Ivan Walker, Mrs. Louisa Harris, Mrs. John I. Olewine, Mrs. N. B. Spangler, of Bellefonte, and Miss Tillie Keller and Miss Mary D. Potter, of Centre Hall, who, before coming to the chapel, had entertained the musicians and the past regents of the chapter at dinner at the Brockerhoff house.

Many Easter Donations to the Centre County Hospital.

The management of the Centre County hospital acknowledges with thanks the following Easter offerings:

From the members of the Woman's Guild of St. John's Episcopal church, of Bellefonte—16 tray covers, 23 bands, 1 baby blanket, 11 dozen safety pins, 46 diapers, 6 petticoats, 4 wash cloths, 20 infant's dresses, 18 shirts, 6 bars castle soap.

From the Woman's Aid society of the Presbyterian church—24 infant's slips, 12 infant's petticoats.

From the Bellefonte public schools—30 dozen eggs, 20 pounds sugar, 5 pounds oatmeal, 1 package post bran, 1 can tea, 6 cans soup, 35 jars fruit, 1 package raisins, 2 cans red raspberries, 1 can white syrup, 14 cans corn, 3 cans pumpkins, 1 loaf bread, 5 cans lima beans, 1 package Jersey Jems, 4½ dozen oranges, 2 bushels potatoes, 2 pounds chocolate, 1 package muffins, 1 pound rice, 70 glasses jelly, 22 jars vegetables, 1 package dried peaches, 3 cans evaporated milk, 1 pound Rumford baking powder, 14 cans peas, 12 cans peaches, 7 packages cornstarch, 3 cans pork and beans, 1 can sea clams, 1 peck apples, 14 packages corn flakes, ½ pound tea, 4 packages jelly, 1 package macaroni, 8 quartis relish, 1 can beets, 1 can sauerkraut, 6 cans tomatoes, 1 can wax beans, 4 packages pudding.

Automobilist Drowned in Moshannon Creek, Near Winburne.

Charles Kempe, aged 69 years, of Lane, Clearfield county, drowned in the wreckage of his car, in Moshannon creek, near Winburne, on Monday morning. Nobody saw the accident occur and the man had been in the water probably an hour when his body was found.

Kempe was a laborer at the brick plant at Winburne. He left his home at 6.30 o'clock to motor to his work in a Ford car. From all indications he was motoring along on the road parallel with the creek when the road bed, evidently weakened by Saturday night's hard rain, gave way, which caused him to lose control of his car and it upset into the stream. Kempe was likely knocked unconscious and the water being quite deep drowned before being discovered.

—Miss Tillie P. Keller and Mrs. A. H. Stover are two Centre county Sabbath school workers who have reserved space on the special train that will carry the Pennsylvania delegation to the convention in Los Angeles, Cal., next July. The train will leave July 4 and return July 28. If you have a thought of taking the trip, Darius Waite, Bellefonte, secretary of the Centre county association, will gladly supply the literature informative of the program and expenses.

—The inmates of the Centre county jail had the pleasure, recently, of listening to a talk by Rev. Rose Snyder, wife of William Snyder, pastor of the U. B. church, of Bellefonte. Mrs. Snyder is a fully ordained preacher as well as a good singer and her services by all those who had the privilege of being present.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles I. Heverly, of Howard, and Luella M. Clements, of Jacksonville.

Adolph Kraus, of Philadelphia, and Minnie Fink, of Lock Haven.

James Edwin Williams and Sarah C. Marshall, both of Bellefonte.

Walter J. Winslow, of Philadelphia, and Eleanor C. Lucas, of Jacksonville.

—Just received, a solid car of living room suites, at unheard of prices. Sold on liberal terms.—West Co. 15-1t

—And before Harry Sinclair gets through with his court trials he may need the considerable sum Senator Borah tried to give him.

An East London vicar put this question to his children in the church: "What is a saint?" One small boy replied quickly, "I reckon a saint is a bloke that's good when nobody's lookin'."

Teacher: "What is your name?" Boy: "Julie." Teacher: "You should say Julius." (Then turning to the next boy.) "What is your name?" Boy: "Billions."—Ex.

Talks With The Editor

This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

Some weeks ago we published an interesting biographical sketch of Dr. T. F. Dornblaser, a native of Nittany valley, who is now located in Germany. A copy of the Watchman evidently reached the gentleman and his reaction to it is voiced in the following most interesting letter. It refers to days in Centre county and Bellefonte that we have no personal recollection of, but we have heard so much of them from older associates and always have been so intensely interested in them that at times we fear we give the impression of having lived through them ourselves.—Ed.

Nowawes Bei Potsdam, Germany,
March 27, 1928.

To the Editor of the Watchman,
Dear Sir:

It surprised me to see a copy of one of my letters in the columns of the Watchman, some weeks ago. The print, as well as the composition, was so well done, that it seemed to me like an improvement on the original. Where you got the photograph accompanying the letter I do not know. In my opinion it also flatters the original. If it were placed side by side with my present octogenarian physiognomy, it would hardly be recognized as my photograph.

The appearance of this number of the Watchman, which some friend was kind enough to send me, awakened many interesting reminiscences of Bellefonte and vicinity. As a boy about twelve years old, I have a very vivid recollection of a great Democratic mass meeting, in the county seat of Centre county. It was the year in which Governor Bigler was the candidate for that high office. It was my privilege to witness, in Nittany valley, a procession a mile long, of loaded wagons, and decorated conveyances, moving toward the great political assembly. Pretty much all my relatives, and friends, were represented in that long procession. Since the prospective Governor had been interested in the lumber business, the Democrats in Pennsylvania, and Brush valley built a raft of lumber some seventy feet long, placed it on wheels, and with a half-dozen spans of horses, brought it across the mountain, and led the great procession through the principal streets of Bellefonte amid the vociferous cheers of many thousands of spectators.

It was inspiring to see the immense crowd in an open square, surrounding a temporary platform from which the future Governor, and other prominent politicians harangued the people. The intense enthusiasm gave evidence of the successful election of the lumberman which soon followed.

But that which left the deepest impression on my boyish mind was the sudden death of a young man at one of the hotels, during the dinner hour. While he was sitting at the table his head suddenly fell forward on his plate, without giving any evidence of pain or suffering. When his associates examined him, he was

already dead. This event seemed to solemnize the whole day's proceedings.

Among thousands of others, I also looked with sorrow upon the lifeless corpse that afternoon. They said he was one of the young men who helped to steer the timber raft through the streets.

At that time more of my relatives and friends resided in Centre county, than in my native county—Clinton. My father-in-law, Squire John Shannon, of Centre Hall, was elected as treasurer of Centre county. My uncle Benjamin Schaeffer served some years as sheriff of the county, while other relatives and friends were elected as representatives to the State Legislature and other minor offices.

Prior to the Civil war Capt. Israel B. Schaeffer, of Nittany Hall, an uncle of mine, raised the cavalry company known as the Independent Dragoons. Early in the war this company, composed almost entirely of Centre and Clinton county boys, was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg and enrolled as Company E, 7th Penna. Cavalry. This command was assigned to the army of the Cumberland under Gen. George H. Thomas and remained under his command to the close of the bloody war. Before leaving Harrisburg for the front the ladies of Harrisburg presented a beautiful flag to our regiment, and Governor Andrew Curtin, of Bellefonte, delivered the presentation speech to the gratification of all our boys.

It was also my privilege to have several interesting visits with General and Governor Beaver, of Bellefonte. His character and unswerving fame was calculated to reflect lasting honor upon the community in which he resided.

His patriotic services to his country was witnessed by the sacrifice of his own flesh and blood. The fact is, you must travel a long distance before you can find a more beautiful valley, than old Nittany, with its big red barns, comfortable farm houses, mountain walls, running streams, and crystal springs.

To this enchanting vale in Central Pennsylvania, the fountain city of Bellefonte, stands as the entrance portal from the west.

Most cordially,
T. F. DORNBLASER.

We are wondering if there are any who might read the above letter who recall who the young man was who met such a tragic end at the Bigler rally.

In the days referred to by Dr. Dornblaser political gatherings were great occasions. All parts of the county turned out and for those in the remote sections it meant a trip of nearly three days. In wagons, on horseback and in buggies men would start from remote sections the night before the big day; arriving here in the morning and not starting the homeward trek until all the speeches, parading and barbecuing was over, which was usually in the morning hours of the third day.—Ed.

—Living room furniture at all prices. 30 suites to pick from.—West Co. 15-1t

—Miss Edith Mabel Tower, of Little Rock, California, has accepted the position of children's division superintendent for the Pennsylvania Sabbath school association. She will assume the duties on May 15.

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