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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of May 16, 1879.

There will be a match race at the fair grounds, for \$20.00 a side, on Thursday, May 22, between H. H. Kline's horse "Tobe" and Mart Cooney's horse, "Harry."

Fires in the mountains of this county are so general that we might truthfully say that the entire woodlands of the county are ablaze.

Abram Pifer, a prominent farmer and member of the Grange, died at his home in Howard township on May 10. He was 60 years old.

James Chambers, aged 73, died at his home in Patton township on the 10th.

From May 5 to May 13 there were 194 arrivals registered at the Bush house.

Fanny May's troupe of English blondes didn't make a very favorable impression here. The general verdict is that it was a poor concern.

We notice that the "ivy green," or whatever it was that used to cling to the stone residence of the late Dr. McCoy, at "the Works" has all been torn down.

The residence of George Hastings in Benner township was totally destroyed by fire about five o'clock last Saturday morning.

The Cummings house is now being run as a temperance hotel. Frank Crouse has opened a temperance saloon in the basement where he will specialize in ice cold lemonade.

At a meeting in Milesburg on the 6th a committee was formed to secure tombstones for all soldiers of the late war whose graves are not marked.

Linen coats and straw hats have made their appearance.

For dressing in boy's clothes and appearing in public, the other day, a colored girl by the name of Cheever was arrested by officer Montgomery and jailed for 24 hours by chief Burgess Hastings.

Noah Musser and son, of Filmore, have decided to try their luck raising thoroughbreds and yesterday received by express three fine, pure bred chestnut white pigs.

It looks as though the glass works will be put in operation soon. A delegation of glass workers from Malaga, N. J., were here last week inspecting the plant and about decided to rent it and run it on the co-operative plan.

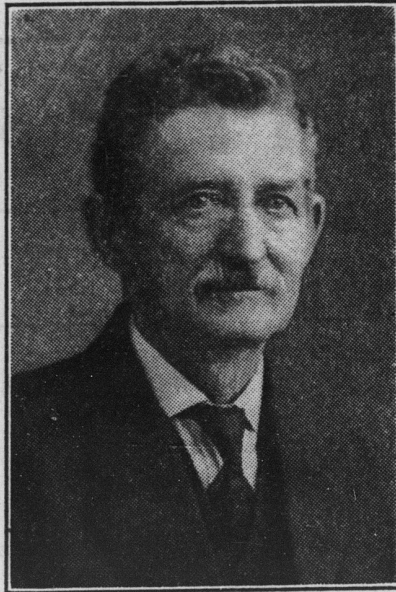
Col. Hoy, the temperance lecturer, was very much disappointed with the size of his audience last Monday night. He said it was not worth while for him to remain in Bellefonte longer because the people did not seem interested in the cause.

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McGOWAN.—Mrs. Tillie McGowan, wife of Frank McGowan, of Newton, Kan., died at the Axtell Christian hospital, in that city, on May 2nd, as the result of complications following an attack of influenza.

Her maiden name was Tillie Hazel and she was born on Spring creek, Centre county, about seventy-five years ago. As a young woman she married Frank McGowan, of Benner township, and after a few years spent in this section went to Newton, Kan., where they have since lived.

In addition to her husband she is survived by three children, Mrs. John Savage, of Colorado Springs; William McGowan, of Amarillo, Texas, and Charles, of Newton, Kan. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. W. C. Fortney, of Milton, Pa. Funeral services were held and burial made at Newton, Kan., on May 4th.



LEVI A. MILLER.

MILLER.—Levi A. Miller, an old veteran of the Civil war, has answered the last roll call. He passed away early Monday morning at the home of his nephew, Robert A. Miller, in Tyrone, very unexpectedly.

He was a son of George W. and Mary Driver Miller and was born in Paxton township, York county, on Jan. 1, 1842, hence had reached the age of 87 years, 4 months and 12 days.

Mr. Webber came to Penn State in 1906, just 23 years ago, as an instructor, and rose to the rank of associate professor of structural engineering. In 1912 he became professor of architectural engineering, a position which he held until 1918 when his outstanding ability won for him the post of superintendent of grounds and buildings, a newly created position in the reorganization of the college administration that took place at that time.

Those surviving are the widow, formerly Miss Olive Holtzberger, of Lafayette, Ind.; a son, Dean, a teacher in the Kennett Square high school and a daughter, Mrs. Eugene A. Dambly, of State College.

HILLIARD.—Miss Margaret Hilliard passed away at her home near Pennsylvania Furnace at four o'clock last Friday morning, following a brief illness with pneumonia and other complications.

HASSINGER.—Harry I. Hassinger died last Saturday, at the home of his parents, near Coburn, following a brief illness with influenza and yellow jaundice.

FINK.—George W. Fink, a former resident of Port Matilda, died in Tyrone on Tuesday morning following an illness of some weeks.

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WEBBER.—The Pennsylvania State College lost one of its oldest and most valued employees Tuesday morning in the sudden death of Roy I. Webber, efficient superintendent of grounds and buildings, who was in charge of the great building program now underway on the college campus.

In his fifty-third year, Mr. Webber had been working strenuously at his construction tasks in recent weeks, but had appeared in his usually excellent health up to Tuesday morning when he complained of being ill while in his office in Old Main. He went to his home at 403 Allen street, and Dr. L. E. Kidder gave him attention for some time.

The loss is an especially severe one to the College at this time because of the great building construction work now going on and expansions planned for the immediate future with the \$2,250,000 building fund just appropriated by the State.

"It is indeed a great loss," said President Hetzel. "Mr. Webber was a most valuable man and one with whom it was a pleasure to be associated. We shall miss him."

Roy Irvin Webber was born in Warsaw, Ind., Aug. 27, 1876, and was graduated from the engineering college of Purdue University in 1899. He obtained the degree of civil engineer from the University of Illinois in 1906, where he was an instructor from 1902 to 1906.

Mr. Webber was a full cousin of the late John Montgomery Ward, in his day the most famous baseball player in the country. She was the last of her generation of the Ward family, and her only immediate survivors are her husband and son.

While living in Bellefonte Mr. Schreyer married Miss Della Robbins, of Philadelphia, who survives with no children. He leaves, however, two brothers, Hayes, of Mechanicsburg, and Charles, of Oak Park, Ill. Though he had been away from Bellefonte for over a third of a century he never lost his interest in Bellefonte and until the last few years was a frequent visitor back to the home of his birth.

COMLEY.—Mrs. Mary Anne Comley wife of William Henry Comley, died at her home in Tyrone, last Thursday night, as the result of an attack of angina pectoris, following an illness of six months.

She was a daughter of Thomas and Ellen Dillman McEwen and was born at Unionville, Centre county, on March 23rd, 1859, hence was 70 years, 1 month and 16 days old.

Brief funeral services were held at the Comley home, in Tyrone, at one o'clock Saturday afternoon, after which the funeral party went to Unionville where services were held in the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock, by Rev. H. Willis Hartsock, burial being made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

FLEMING.—The death of Mrs. Belle Ward Fleming, wife of Republican county chairman Wilson I. Fleming and mother of Judge M. Ward Fleming, at her home on north Spring street shortly after nine o'clock last Friday morning, was cause for sincere sorrow and regret on the part of many friends; not because her passing was unexpected but for the reason that she had made such a valiant battle for life.

Mrs. Fleming's maiden name was Isabella Priscilla Ward. A daughter of Philo and Hannah Hall Ward she was born near Bellefonte on September 9th, 1859, hence was in her 70th year. When a child her parents moved into Bellefonte and here she grew to womanhood and received her education.

On June 5th, 1879, she married Wilson I. Fleming, of Bellefonte, and it might here be added that they were planning for a golden wedding celebration when Mrs. Fleming was taken ill. All their married life was spent here and Mrs. Fleming's primary interest was centered in her home. A faithful and loving wife and mother she gave unstintingly in making her home a place of rest and comfort and in the upbringing of her only child, the present Judge M. Ward Fleming.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Fred Fry is housed up with an attack of grip and lumbago.

Mrs. Charles Louck is a surgical patient in the Centre County hospital.

Capt. J. J. Light, of State College, was in town Thursday on a business trip.

Mother's day was very appropriately observed in all churches here, on Sunday.

Mrs. John Durner had as a guest over the week-end Mrs. Thomas McMahon.

Mrs. W. L. Foster departed, on Friday, for Lansing, Mich., to visit her daughter.

W. R. Port, of the State College Times, is a patient in the Williams-hospital.

Mrs. Frank Haney and daughter Ruth visited her parents, at Centre Hall, over Sunday.

Mrs. John Isett, of Spruce Creek, was a week-end visitor at the home of Mrs. Cyrus Goss.

Fred Randolph and family motored over from Huntingdon and spent Sunday at the St. Elmo.

The stork made its third visit to the Harry Potter home, last week, and left a new baby girl.

Mrs. Sallie Burwell and two daughters spent Sunday in Tyrone with her son Allen and family.

Charles Harrison, of Bellefonte, was here the latter end of the week looking up his insurance business.

Mrs. Maude Fry and son Glenn motored to Centre Hall, on Tuesday, and brought home 300 day old chicks.

Mrs. Ruth Goss Little has been discharged from the Clearfield hospital, having recovered from a surgical operation.

Gilbert Barto, with his wife, mother and sister Roxie, of Guyer, were week-end callers at the W. Brooks Fry home.

Eugene Irwin, of Pennsylvania Furnace, will have a big stock sale on Friday, May 24th, beginning at 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Claude Smith is ill with a complication of diseases, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kyle Osman, at State College.

Charles Yearick has completed the remodeling of his store, at Rock Springs, and is about ready to stock up with goods.

At a regular meeting of Washington camp P. O. S. of A., a donation of \$10 was made to the Centre County hospital.

John Kaup and wife, of Lock Haven, and Mrs. Sallie Kaup were dinner guests, on Sunday, at the Mrs. Viola Smith home.

Hugh L. Dale has been away on a business trip among the dairy farms in the neighborhood of Rising Springs, Maryland.

A. C. Kepler was taken violently ill, on Friday, and was rushed to the Altoona hospital. His condition is reported as serious.

Rev. John F. Harkins attended a meeting of the board of trustees of Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, last Thursday.

Owing to the illness of two members of the High school band the open air concert for last Sunday was postponed until May 26th.

Miss Rosetta Snyder, a student at Pott's business college, Williamsport, spent Mother's day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Snyder.

John C. Dunlap has returned to his home in Indiana after spending two weeks at the home of his sisters, helping them with their garden.

Miss Anna McDonald, a native of Centre County but who has been living in Nebraska for some years, is a guest of Mrs. Nannie Bailey.

George P. Irwin and wife, Paul Sunday and wife and Mrs. Margaret Sunday attended the Odd Fellows gathering, in Huntingdon, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Neidigh and family motored down from Altoona and spent Sunday at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Neidigh.

Miss Rachel Segner, telephone operator in the Boalsburg exchange, accompanied by her mother, motored here on Tuesday and called on several friends.

Robert Foster Jr., and sister, Miss Harriet, of New York city, were over Sunday visitors at the home of their parents, Hon. and Mrs. Robert M. Foster, at State College.

At a congregational meeting at Graysville Presbyterian church, on Sunday morning, a call was extended Rev. Samuel E. Brown, of Washington, Pa., to become pastor of the charge.

The preaching services in the Methodist church at Pine Grove Mills the coming Sabbath, May 19th, will be at eleven o'clock instead of 7:30, as heretofore. This change is made on account of Rev. Shuey being invited to preach the haccalaurate sermon to the graduating class of the Hubbersburg High school on Sunday evening. Everybody welcome to attend these services.

Seven veterans of the Civil war, whose ages averaged 84 years, were guests of honor at a regular meeting of Nittany post No. 245, American Legion, at State College, last Thursday evening. They were J. W. Sunday, M. M. Garber, John E. Holter, Thomas A. Snyder, C. E. Martz, P. H. Dale and Capt. W. H. Fry. Hon. Laird Holmes was the speaker of the evening and after the business meeting refreshments were served.

The annual Memorial sermon will be preached by Rev. W. W. Moyer, in the Reformed church here, Sunday, May 26th, at 2:30 p. m. All veterans as well as members of the P. O. S. of A. are invited. Regular Memorial services will be held on May 30th, at Graysville, at 10 a. m., where Rev. J. S. English will be the speaker. Pine Grove Mills at 2 p. m., and Pine Hall at 6 p. m. Meek's cemetery, Gatsburg, Ross church, Tapolpe, Rock Springs, Pennsylvania Furnace and the Branch cemeteries will be decorated by details of veterans. Donations of flowers will be much appreciated.

UNIONVILLE.

Mrs. Mary Root, of Bellwood, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Frances Hall.

John Holt left, on Monday, on a camping expedition on Young Woman's creek.

John Resides is having considerable repairs made to his residence by the Hagan Bros., of Spring Mills.

Mrs. Julia Parsons and granddaughter, Louise Tingué, went to Jersey Shore, on Monday, for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Medie Stere and Mrs. Susanna Henderson and little daughter Rose went to Philadelphia, last Friday, on a visit with friends.

Mrs. John Resides went to State College, last Saturday, to help Mrs. Alfred Spotts in one of the fraternities for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Holt and Mr. Dunlap, of Clearfield, were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Hotel Union, the home of Mr. Holt's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Detling and family and grandpa Detling, of Connellsville, were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Detling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Summers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waite, of Stormstown, attended Mother's day services here, on Sunday, and visited with Mrs. Waite's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Brugger, in the afternoon.

Mrs. Rebek Kerchner was a visitor in Altoona, on Wednesday, at the hospital where her brother-in-law, Aaron Kepler, is a patient. He had a very serious operation for appendicitis and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Last Saturday evening members of Lumen Lodge, I. O. O. F., gave a banquet in their new apartments. Chicken and waffles were served to about 120 persons, who were members of the lodge, with their wives and friends. A very delightful time was enjoyed by all. Music by the town orchestra.

The funeral services for Mrs. Mary Comley, of Tyrone, were held in the M. E. church here, Sunday afternoon, in charge of her pastor, Rev. Hartsock, assisted by Rev. Crawford, of Milesburg. Mr. and Mrs. Comley were residents of this town several years ago and have many friends here who extend their sympathy to the family in their loss of a kind and loving mother.

Mother's day was observed by all our pastors by special sermons for the day. In the morning at 10:30, Rev. Crawford gave an excellent discourse and before delivering his sermon presented a very fine Bible, which was a gift from a former pastor, Rev. M. C. Piper, of Milesburg, for pulpit use. Several of the junior girls sang very nicely a selection to their mothers. Mrs. Arista Lucas was the oldest mother at the service, being 80 years young, as Rev. Piper sometimes puts it, and Mrs. Clara Eckenroth, who is visiting her son Charles, 70 years young, too. Rev. Oakwood delivered a fine sermon at 7:30, with appropriate music for the service while beautiful flowers of the season adorned the room. Rev. Mitchell, of the Free Methodist church, also gave a fine sermon in the evening to an appreciative audience, using for the basis of his subject "Faith, Hope, Charity." The Quartette rendered very beautifully "Tell Mother I'll be There."

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ANDREWS.—Dr. W. W. Andrews, one of the leading physicians of Phillipsburg, died on Monday afternoon as the result of complications following an attack of influenza about three months ago. He was 68 years old and was born in Columbia county, his parents moving to Lock Haven when he was a boy. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and had been practicing in Phillipsburg since 1891. He is survived by his wife and one daughter. Burial was made on Wednesday afternoon.

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A SPECIAL MEETING.

There will be a special meeting of the Bellefonte Woman's club on Monday evening, May 20th, at half past seven o'clock, at the High school building. As a very important matter is to be discussed all members, whether active or not, are urgently requested to be present.

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JACKSONVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lucas spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. Lucas' parents and, on Monday, moved to Curwensville, where they are going to housekeeping. Mr. Lucas is employed on a dairy farm.