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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of August 8, 1879.

Rev. William Laurie, pastor of the Presbyterian church here will spend his three week's vacation at Watkins Glen and at the seashore.

Miss Annie Dolan won the handsome oil painting at the Bellefonte band festival; having received the most votes. Misses Kate Gummo and Theresa Hazel won the mammoth prize cake.

Miss Sally Burnside and Miss Kate Jackson, of this place, illuminated the Watchman sanctum for a few moments, on Tuesday, by their bright presence.

Only a few months ago the telephone was a mystery to most of our people. Now Bellefonte has four lines in successful operation.

Dr. George L. Potter No More—It is our painful duty this week to record the death of Dr. Geo. L. Potter, of this place, who expired at his residence on Spring street, on Saturday night last, the 2nd inst, at a quarter past ten o'clock, aged about 56 years. Dr. Potter was one of the ablest and most successful physicians and surgeons in this section of the country, and his death is not only a great loss to the profession, but to the community and, especially, the moneyless poor to whose appeals the good and kindly doctor never turned a deaf ear.

Dr. Potter first saw the light of day at Spring Mills, this county, in February, 1823. He was the son of Gen. James Potter and great-grandson of Gen. James Potter, one of Washington's confidential friends and a noted officer of the Revolution. Thus has ended the useful life of a great physician and one of the most amiable of men. (Dr. Potter was the father of our townsman, James H. Potter—Editor's note.)

Yesterday was rainy and cool. Quite a relief.

Phillipsburg, Rush, Worth, Snow Shoe, Milesburg, Boggs, Huston, Curtin, Walker, Gregg, Potter, College, Spring, Benner, Patton, Ferguson and Halfmoon townships have adopted uniform text books for their schools. This makes 141 schools out of 213 in the county to adopt books in uniform series.

The Bellefonte and Snow Shoe railroad is soon to pass into the control of the P. R. R. Co. This is a Philadelphia company with a paid in capital of \$600,000 and first mortgage bond issue of \$99,000. The Pennsylvania's object in acquiring it is to obtain a shorter route to the east for the bituminous coal in that field.

The trial of Peter Herdic before the quarter sessions court of this county for obtaining money under fraudulent pretenses from W. F. Reynolds and Co's bank here will be likely to excite a good deal of interest. Mr. Herdic's counsel are Hon. C. T. Alexander, Edmund Blanchard and J. L. Spangler. The opposing talent will be the District Attorney, Gen. James A. Beaver and A. O. Furst. This is an array of legal talent that ought to make things lively.

Dr. John M. Peddicord, of Harrisburg, has arrived in town for a visit and brought with him his fine collection of bows and arrows. Archery is all the rage and already two clubs have been organized here.

Roy Wilkinson county probation officer, addressed Kiwanis at its weekly luncheon at the Penn-Belle, on Tuesday. His subject was the functioning of the office he fills. At the same time W. Harrison Walker, president of the club, announced that Harold Kincaid, who accompanied Commander Byrd on his Arctic expedition and who was the last man to look over Colonel Charles Lindbergh's plane before he made his famous trans-oceanic flight, will be present to address the Bellefonte Kiwanians some time during the latter part of this month or early in September.

A stub of a cigarette thrown under the front steps at the Sim Baum home, on north Allegheny street, caused a fire about twelve o'clock Wednesday night, which partially destroyed the steps before the fire was discovered by two young men passing by. The lawn hose was brought into action and the flames quickly extinguished.

It now looks as if Edgefonte will not be headquarters for the new unit of the State highway patrol. The State balks on executing a lease for longer than a year and the Germans won't agree to that. The probability is the troop will not be located in Bellefonte at all.

LEATHERS.—Mrs. Clara Taylor Leathers, one of the best known women of Unionville, passed away at the Centre County hospital, at 10:45 o'clock on Sunday night, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. Mrs. Taylor lived alone and was stricken while preparing dinner for herself and Richard Denlinger, young son of Mr. and Mrs. William Denlinger, of Patton, who came to visit her on the 1 o'clock train. The lad was met at the train by Basil Robison and the two boys proceeded to the Leathers home. On entering the house they found Mrs. Leathers lying unconscious on the kitchen floor. Neighbors were called in and a doctor summoned who had her brought to the hospital but she died without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Leathers was a daughter of Thomas and Susan Taylor and was born at Unionville on September 23rd, 1862, hence was not quite 67 years old. In the latter eighties she married Toner Leathers and they at once located in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Leathers held a government position. He died about twenty years ago and for eight years thereafter Mrs. Leathers conducted a lunch room in the pension building. Twelve years ago she returned to Unionville and had since made that place her home.

She was a member of the Methodist church, superintendent of the home department of the Sunday school, president of the Oak Ridge Cemetery association, president of the Unionville Civic club, secretary of the woman's Bible class and secretary of the Unionville Lodge of Rebekahs. She was a woman of pleasing personality and will be sadly missed in the community in which she spent most of her life.

She had no children and her only immediate survivors are a half-brother and half-sister, William Taylor, of Saxton and Mrs. Elias Hancock, of Runville. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at Unionville, at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. M. H. Crawford, burial being made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

MARTIN.—Mrs. Frances Belle Martin, widow of Cornelius Martin, passed away at the home of her son, Charles E. Martin, on south Allegheny street, Bellefonte, last Thursday morning, following an illness of several weeks with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meese and was born at Fillmore on September 15th, 1862, hence was not quite 67 years old. Practically all her married life was spent in and near Bellefonte. Mr. Martin died some six or seven years ago and for the past three years she had made her home with her son Charles. She is survived by four children, Charles, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Harry Fry, Birmingham, N. Y.; Mrs. Archie Irwin, of Tyrone, and Thomas Martin, of Coleville. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Miss Fennie Meese, Mrs. Elmer Sager, Scott and John Meese, all of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, in the Presbyterian church at Milesburg, by Rev. H. E. Oakwood, assisted by Rev. M. C. Piper, burial being made in the Treziulny cemetery.

KLINGER.—Mrs. Emma Gill Klinger, widow of the late John Klinger, died at her home on east Lamb street, Bellefonte, at noon last Thursday, following only four days' illness as the result of an attack of pneumonia.

She was a daughter of William and Rachel Young and was born in Union county on March 2nd, 1843, hence was 86 years and 5 months old, lacking one day. When she was a child her parents came to Centre county and as a young woman she married John Klinger and all her life since had been spent in Bellefonte. She was a member of St. John's Reformed church and a most estimable woman in every way. Her husband died thirteen years ago but surviving her are one son and a daughter, Edward Klinger, of Bellefonte, and Miss Ida, at home. She also leaves one brother and a sister, Henry Young, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Jennie Black, of Port Allegany.

Funeral services were held at her late home, on Lamb street, at 3:30 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, by Rev. W. C. Thompson, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

The plant of the Sutton Engineering company resumed operations in all departments yesterday morning, after a week's lay off for quarterly accounting. The community will be pleased to learn that the quarter was the best in the company's history and that there is business enough booked to keep the plant running full time the rest of the year.

Bellefonte friends of Mrs. L. L. Lambert, formerly Mrs. Robert Sechler, of Bellefonte, will learn with regret of her serious illness in a Johnstown hospital following a serious operation the latter part of the week. Latest reports, however, say her condition is slightly improved.

All garages and automobile dealers in Bellefonte and most of Centre county will close their place of business at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, August 16th, to permit the owners and employees, to attend the picnic at Hecla park.

STOVER-MEYER REUNION DRAWS MANY OF THE CLAN

The eighth annual reunion of the Stover-Meyer clans was held at the Woodward cave, near Woodward, on Saturday of last week. Rain started falling about the time people started from home, but even with unfavorable weather conditions, the attendance was above three hundred.

During the forenoon the Aaronsburg band played some of their excellent musical selections, after which a good old time German dinner was served.

It is more than 150 years since Jacob Stover Sr. visited Penns Valley, more than 200 years since the first Meyers migrated to America and more than 100 since they settled in Penns Valley.

Thos. A. Meyer, president of the association presided at the meeting held in the afternoon and after some interesting remarks he introduced Mr. H. F. Meyer, of Palmyra, Pa., who spoke on reunions and gave some very interesting remarks of such gatherings. Next was an address by Mary Abbott Meyer whose father, the late Hon. Harry Meyer, of Rebersburg, wrote the "Genealogy of the Meyer family. Mrs. Abbott following her father's example, when faced with the necessity of speaking in public, composed a poem. The poem was unusually interesting and cleverly exact concerning the Meyer history.

Rev. J. J. Weaver gave a very excellent address on the early history of the Stover and Meyer clans and showed how the two clans are interrelated.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year, namely: President O. F. Stover, Rebersburg; secretary, I. A. Meyer, of Coburn; treasurer A. S. Stover, of Aaronsburg.

At the suggestion of Dr. F. E. Gutelius the following were appointed as historians; Mrs. Abbott for the Meyers and Rev. Weaver for the Stovers.

The meeting was informally adjourned and a number of people lingered for the evening meal.

The date of the next reunion is the first Saturday of August, 1930, (August 2, 1930) and the same place, Woodward cave.

The Stovers and Meyers wish to express their appreciation to the cave management for the use of their park facilities.

Following is the address in verse delivered by Mrs. Mary Abbott Meyer:

Friends, relatives and all, Who have come here today Not long since, she spoke to me, Your President, so brave and gay. "Now Mrs. Abbott," says he to me, "At our reunion soon to come A speech we'll expect from you, About the Meyers—Every one."

But I protested and begged off, And said speeches were not my line; That I neither spoke nor wrote Nor had I an inch of time. Until at last he arose, And with a stern commanding air Said, "This settles it right now. For none other I'll look elsewhere."

Then I begged him for a topic As to what folks would care to hear, That I must know my subject If before them I should appear. Then he smiled and said quietly In these words, "I'll now tell you "If Rev. Weaver takes up the Stovers You must brag up the Meyers too."

Now I have thought and searched and studied For all the good things I might say, When there flashed from memory's treasure

A German Class of Bye gone day; How our my college teacher Turned to me in "Wilhelm Tell" And told me the story of my name, How it had been formed, so well.

A character in the play, "der Meier" How a Swiss, so staunch and true; In such a family name The Middle Ages this word knew. Then the Meier was the keeper Of an estate so rich and vast: The Steward of his master's lands, The guardian of the present and the past.

But the word goes back yet further "Ill it strikes the Latin text: From Magnus, and Terminus, In English, large, larger, largest." And when I gaze about and see Some Meyers, as fat, fatter fatter, I think my professor knew his lesson, Since others are tall, taller, tallest.

Then as I kept on thus a thinking There came rushing back to me Some stories of the Meyers That I heard at father's knee, Yet none in poor houses, and that is that; Of their loyalty, there is no question, As the old-time words still hint: "That the Meyers always stick together" Dass Sic ganz vereint sind.

Of their poverty and struggles How they toiled to clear the land; Of their fear of hostile Indians Prowling about—a savage band. Of their law abiding character Their industry and thrift Their devotion to their Maker, In him they placed their trust.

That among them they're religious Worshipping God, not idols new; That the earlier ones were musicians, Millwrights and good farmers, too Plain in dress and quiet in manners Not swayed by each new fad; Cherishing traditions of their fathers, As they came down to lass and lad.

Politically they have been divided, Half Republicans; half Democrat. While none great wealth have hoarded Yet none in poor houses, and that is that; Of their loyalty, there is no question, As the old-time words still hint: "That the Meyers always stick together" Dass Sic ganz vereint sind.

Then may we of the sixth generation, Or is it the seventh, or the eighth, Since our ancestors braved the ocean, And traveled across its greatest breadth— To settle here in Pennsylvania, To become roof, flesh and bone, To give us a goodly heritage, A love of God, country and home.

May we by these pleasant gatherings Keep alive this family tree; May we learn who are second cousins Whether they spell Meyer with O or with E. And if we do shake hands with a Stover, Let us remember that Rev. Weaver Said good things about them, and true.

The Public Service Commission has refused the application of the Phillipsburg Motor Bus Co., for permission to operate between Chest Springs and Phillipsburg.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL NEWS.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. Claude Herr were at Ocean City, last week, having motored down to spend a week at the shore.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farrar, of Spring street, returned Saturday, from a week's visit with relatives in Houtzdale and Morrisdale.

—The Rev. Clarence Arnold, with Mrs. Arnold and their family, left last week on a month's drive through the middle Atlantic and New England States.

—Miss Elizabeth Gamble is on one of her occasional visits to Lancaster, there spending several weeks with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Osterag.

—Mrs. Harry Jackson is home from a two week's visit with Mrs. Edward Koke, and the Misses Lucas, in Williamsport, having returned to Bellefonte, Wednesday afternoon.

—Mrs. Flora O. Bairfoot, of Centre Hall, well known in Bellefonte, entered Geisinger hospital in Danville last Thursday, and is still in that institution undergoing treatment.

—Mrs. Henry Resides, her daughter, Maryolive, and Otto Corman, are on a ten days drive to Ohio, where they will spend the greater part of the time, with friends at Akron.

—James B. Lane, of Letonia, Ohio, has been back home this week, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Lane, the former of whom is very ill at the Lane home on north Allegheny street.

—The Rev. Robert Reed, Mrs. Reed and their daughter Angelina, are back from Columbus, Ohio, to spend the month of August in Centre county as guests of Mrs. John I. Olewine, Mrs. Eottorf and Mr. Bottorf.

—Mrs. Telford Fink, with her daughter and four sons, have been over from Tyrone, visiting with the children's grandfather and aunt, Charles Omer and Miss Elizabeth, and other relatives in this locality.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Van Jodon, and families, drove to Harrisburg, Sunday, to spend the day with the Homer C. Knox family, in camp at Seidel Park, a resort along the river at Harrisburg.

—Patty Lane Fay Jr., who is here with her parents from California, visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Lane, went over to Altoona, Saturday, to spend the week with her aunt, at the Fay home in that place.

—Lawrence McClure is among those from Bellefonte who have been in Atlantic City this week, having gone down Sunday, for a visit with his father, James McClure, a summer shore guest of the Charles McClure family, at Ventnor.

—Mrs. Wilcox, of Norfolk, Va., who is among those back home for a summer visit, is a house guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry H. Curtin, at Curtin. Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Curtin were formerly the Misses Eleanor and Elizabeth Ardell, daughters of the late John Ardell.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hoy, have as house guests their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Hoy and her daughter, of Williamsburg, who are in Bellefonte for a two weeks visit, at the end of which time, Mr. Hoy will join them here for a short stay, and to accompany them home.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Smeltzer, of east High street, have had as guests during the week, their son Norman Smeltzer, of Schenectady, N. Y., who is home for his summer vacation, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smeltzer, who were here from Philadelphia, on a week-end motor trip.

Jodon—Blair.—George W. Jodon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jodon, of north Allegheny street, and Miss Beatrice Blair, a graduate nurse of the Centre County hospital, class of 1928, left Bellefonte at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning, motored to the vacation camp of Rev. Homer C. Knox, at Seidel park, near Harrisburg, where they were married by the pastor. Returning home they were given a wedding dinner and reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jacob McClellan, at Stormstown, last evening. The young couple will live in the Fred Houser apartment. Mr. Jodon is employed at the Titan Metal company plant.

Breneman—Rank.—John W. Breneman, an instructor in mechanics at State College, and Miss Catherine A. Rank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Rank, of Williamsport, were married at the First Evangelical church, in Williamsport, on Wednesday of last week, by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Fleckerstine. The attendants were Mrs. Francis T. Woods, of Elmira, N. Y., a sister of the bride, as matron of honor; Howard E. Breneman, best man, and Francis T. Woods and Robert E. Breneman, ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Breneman, will reside at State College.

Coble—Fowler.—John Thomas Coble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coble, of Oak Hall, and Miss Ruth Lulu Fowler, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fowler, of Maitland, Pa., were married at the Presbyterian parsonage, in Bellefonte, Thursday, July 25th, by the pastor, Rev. William C. Thompson. The young couple will go to housekeeping at the Evergreens, a mile east of State College, where the bridegroom is employed.

—Rev. William Snyder will be the preacher at the Union service in the Lutheran church, on Sunday evening.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

John W. Talbert, et al, to Overseers of Walker Twp., tract in Walker Twp; \$1. Clayton R. Orton, et ux, to H. M. Babcock, et ux, tract in State College; \$1200. Jacob W. Moyer to Ralph A. Brandt, tract in Penn Twp; \$40. Harry E. Fry, et ux, to Edward E. Weiser, tract in Bellefonte; \$121.

—During the school term that closed last June there were 1824 students enrolled in the High schools of Centre county. That was an increase of 100.2% over the number who had passed from the grades into High schools in 1920.

—The pool room of David Fink-lestine, in the Decker building, has been billed for constable's sale, next Monday, to satisfy a landlord's warrant for rent due.

—Subscribe for the Watchman.

Special Dollar Day Program To Be Broadcast At 8 P. M. Tuesday, August 13 Over Station W. F. B. G. Be Sure to Tune in and Enjoy This Program

Altoona Booster Merchants Say: Trade in Your Home Stores First, but come to Booster stores for the things your home Merchants cannot supply

Arrange to Come to Altoona On Wednesday AUGUST 14! IT WILL BE Dollar Day IN ALTOONA BOOSTER STORES!

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But this Mid-Summer event is going to be an outstanding DOLLAR DAY. Booster Merchants have made greater preparations than ever before and their patrons will be agreeably surprised when they see what splendid values will be offered in

Goods for Personal Use Goods for the Home

Many special purchases have been made for this event, while many lots have been taken from regular stocks

All to Be Marked at Radical Price Reductions for the Sensational DOLLAR DAY Offerings

Come prepared to spend the entire day Shopping in Booster Stores—from 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. The more money you spend in Booster Stores the more you save!

Look for the Stores Displaying the YELLOW DOLLAR DAY WINDOW CARDS—They Direct You to the Official Booster Stores.

Take Lunch at a Booster Hotel or Restaurant.

Attend a Booster Theatre for Entertainment After the Day's Shopping.

Unlimited Parking FOR DOLLAR DAY VISITORS!

For the convenience of Dollar Day visitors, Altoona City Officials have removed the One Hour Parking restrictions for the One Day, so that visitors may park their cars anywhere on Dollar Day for as long a period as necessary—UNLIMITED PARKING ANYWHERE IN ALTOONA FOR DOLLAR DAY!

Booster Stores Closed Thursday Afternoons During August—Employees' Summer Half Holiday

Altoona Booster Association

STRAND THEATRE, ALTOONA WEEK STARTING SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 SECOND SENSATIONAL WEEK "On With the Show" WARNER BROS. 100 PER CENT. NATURAL COLOR ALL TALKING PRODUCTION