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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman, issue of September 19, 1879.

The Democratic county convention was held in the court house, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Chester Munson, of Philipsburg, was unanimously elected president. William Kerlin, of Gregg, and Geo. D. Dannley, of Ferguson, were the vice presidents and Frank E. Bible, of Milesburg, L. A. Schaeffer, of Walker, and John H. Reifsnnyder, of Millheim, the secretaries.

The market clerk reports the fees for the past two weeks to have been \$10.50.

The "Willow Bank" residence has been leased by Mr. Bayard, overseer of the poor, for the space of one year with the privilege of holding it for five years, at an annual rental of \$210.00.

At the residence of the bride's parents, on Allegheny street, on Tuesday evening last the 16th inst., by the Rev. John Hewitt, of the Episcopal church, J. C. Harper Esq., was married to Miss Laura Graham.

Hi Henry's premium minstrels and military band at Reynolds' hall Tuesday evening, September 28.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Unionville, has been appointed to the chair of Latin and History at The Pennsylvania State College.

The Centre Hall Reporter relates that eels collected in the water wheel of the stone mill in Pennsylvania in such numbers, recently, as to stop the mill.

On Sunday last Adah Vonada, of Elio, met with what might have proven a very serious accident. He had been over in Brush valley and when near Tylersville, on his way home, the neck-yoke slipped off the pole of his rig. This frightened the team into running away. The tongue of the carriage broke off short and the stub ran into the ground causing the carriage to turn a forward somersault. All its occupants were thrown out and not one of them hurt badly.

John D. Lieb, well known citizen and successful lumberman of this place, died very suddenly about midnight last Monday. Physicians say paralysis of the pneumogastric nerve was the cause.

The night train for Lock Haven was wrecked just this side of Milesburg, last Friday. The engine struck a cow, derailing the cars and upsetting the stove in the one nearest the engine. The interior caught fire and there was a wild scramble of the passengers to get out. One of the car doors being locked added to the confusion. R. M. Magee Esq., was the only passenger from this place aboard the train and he was not hurt.

BALLET CLASSES OPEN.

Enroll your children now for the fall term beginning Saturday, September 21st. Advanced pupils report to Mrs. Krader for classification and lesson No. 1 at 9:30 in the High school building. Beginners report at 10:30.

King George has sufficiently recovered his health to entertain friends at Sandringham house and the people of the whole world are gratified.

Even the stupidest farmer ought to see that a ten per cent tariff on hides will not afford recompense for a sixty per cent tariff on leather.

—Read the Watchman for the news

RUMBERGER.—George F. Rumberger, a native of Centre county and member of a well known family, died at his home in Dubois, on Tuesday night of last week, following four months illness with arthritis.

He was a son of the late George W. and Margaret Rumberger, and was born in Buffalo Run valley on September 25th, 1872, hence was not quite 57 years of age. Thirty or more years ago he went to DuBois to work for the Platt, Barber and Co. wholesale grocery (now the Lauderbach-Griest Co.) where he remained a number of years then in company with W. C. Atherton embarked in the ice cream business. Mr. Rumberger was the active manager in charge and the success of the enterprise was largely due to his efforts. Two years ago he disposed of his interest in the company and for some months was associated with the DuBois Overall factory and later the DuBois Spring company until failing health compelled him to quit work.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, past master of Garfield Lodge, No. 559, F. & A. M., a past master of Bethany Commandery No. 83 Knights Templar, Jefferson Chapter R. A. M., Brookville, and of the Jaffa Shrine at Altoona. He was active in the affairs of the DuBois Country club, serving on the board of control for a number of years. He was also one of the charter members of the DuBois Rotary club and active in the affairs of the Acorn club.

In 1899 he married Miss Euphrasia Means, of DuBois, who survives with two children, Mrs. John Travers Moore, of Dayton, Ohio, and George, at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: William H. Rumberger, of Pittsburgh; Allan E., of Tyrone; John C., of DuBois; Harry D., of Scranton; Miss Laura E. Rumberger, of Unionville; Mrs. Edward Griest, of Philipsburg; Mrs. A. Holderman, of Huntingdon, and Mrs. Joseph Brugger, of Unionville.

Funeral services were held at his late home in DuBois, at 2:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon, by Rev. A. C. Wilson, burial being made in the Rumberger cemetery at that place.

SMITH.—Charles Smith, said to be the oldest man in the eastern end of the county, died on Monday of last week, at the home of his son, W. J. Smith, at Aaronsburg, following a brief illness.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and was born at Laureton on November 8th, 1834, hence was in his 95th year. When he was eight years of age his parents moved to Centre county and settled on a farm in Haines township, and that was his home for eighty-three years. When his father passed away he took over the management of the farm and lived there until three years ago. At the age of ninety years Mr. Smith made a hand in corn husking time and also did other work.

He was a member of the Reformed church for more than seventy-five years. He married Miss Ellen Stover who passed away some years ago but surviving him are three sons, William R., Warren Jr., and O Perry Smith, all of Aaronsburg. Funeral services were held on Thursday morning of last week, burial being made in the Aaronsburg cemetery.

GRAFMYER.—W. B. Grafmyer, Civil war veteran and well known resident of Milesburg, died on Monday of last week as the result of general debility.

He was a son of Charles and Margaret Furl Grafmyer and was born in Boggs township on August 27th, 1844, hence was 85 years and 13 days old. During the Civil war he served over three years as a member of Company E, 1st Pennsylvania cavalry. Returning from the war he located in Milesburg where he worked as a carpenter for many years. He married Marietta Armstrong who died four years ago but surviving him are the following children: R. B. Grafmyer of Champaign, Ill.; W. B., of Duluth, Minn.; James G., of Denver, Col., and Mrs. E. W. Kreamer, of Orangeburg, S. C.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Milesburg at 2 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, burial being made in the Treziyulny cemetery.

HOLLICK.—Mrs. Sarah E. Hollick, wife of John Hollick, of Philipsburg, died on Monday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis, although she had been an invalid for almost four years.

She was a daughter of William and Jane Stiver and was born near Martha Furnace on September 3rd, 1861, hence was 68 years and 13 days old. She married Mr. Hollick in 1879 and all their married life had been spent in Philipsburg. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, three brothers and a sister. Burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

STORM.—William C. Storm, who for a number of years conducted a barber shop in Bellefonte, died at his home in Seattle, Wash., early last week, following an illness of about three years. He was 69 years old and is survived by his wife and seven children. Burial was made at Seattle last Thursday.

CONFER.—Jerome A. Confer, for more than fifty years a resident of Boggs township, died on Tuesday of last week, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Haagen, at Yarnell, following an illness of ten days, as the result of a general breakdown. He was 89 years old on August 31st and a family gathering had been arranged to celebrate the event, but he became ill the night previous and was unable to be present at the gathering. While his health had been fairly good up until his last illness he had been blind for about three years.

Mr. Confer was a son of Richard and Margaret Packer Confer and was born at Julian on August 31st, 1840. His father died when he was six years old and Jerome remained at home with his mother until he reached the age of twenty years when he went to the woods as a lumberman. He worked for some years for John Ardell and later for F. B. Crider and Son. In 1875 he quit the woods and rented the Adam Walker farm, at Yarnell. One year later he bought the farm and that had been his home ever since. Living in the days when game of all kinds were plentiful in the mountains he naturally became an expert hunter and had many deer and bear to his credit.

In 1860 he married Miss Margaret Elizabeth Walker, who passed away a number of years ago but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. Mary Heaton, of Milesburg; R. Seymour Confer and Mrs. Edith Burd, of Moose Run; J. Edward Confer, of Milesburg, and Mrs. Harry Haagen, of Yarnell.

The funeral was held last Friday afternoon, burial being made in the Advent cemetery.

HOY.—Mrs. Catherine Hoy, widow of the late Harvey S. Hoy, died at her home at Hublersburg, on Monday evening, as the result of a heart attack. She was a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Gettig and was almost 75 years old. Her husband has been dead for some years but surviving her are the following children: William Hoy, at home; Harvey S. Jr., of Pleasant Gap; John, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Bertha Becker, Mrs. Letha Crust and Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, all of Niagara Falls. She also leaves three brothers and sisters, George and Clayton Gettig, of Pleasant Gap; Frank, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Frank Weaver, of Bellefonte; Mrs. William Sampsell, of Turtle Creek, and Mrs. Emma Uhl, of Pleasant Gap. Burial will be made at Pleasant Gap this (Friday) morning.

LEECH.—Mrs. Eliza H. Leech, widow of the late John Leech, died at her home at Shingletown, on Saturday, following an illness of several weeks as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was a daughter of Armstrong and Hannah Fox Jacobs and was born at Shingletown over 74 years ago. Her husband died a number of years ago but surviving her are four children, William Leech, at home; Mrs. William Stuart, of Boalsburg; Mrs. Harry Musser, of State College, and Mrs. Lyman Graham, living in California. Funeral services were held at her late home, on Tuesday morning, by Rev. W. W. Moyer, burial being made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

KERIN.—William Kerin, for years a well known farmer of Snow Shoe township, died at his home near Moshannon, on Monday of last week, as the result of general infirmities, aged 76 years. He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Frank Culver and Mrs. Thomas Ward, of Coalport; Michael Kerin, of Port Matilda, and Thomas at home. He also leaves one sister, Miss Susan Kerin, on the home farm. Funeral services were held in St. Mary's Catholic church at Snow Shoe, at ten o'clock last Thursday morning, by Rev. Joseph Hesser, burial being made in the church cemetery.

LUDICK.—Joseph Ludick, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ludick, of Prossertown, died at the Centre County hospital, on Monday of last week, following an operation for appendicitis. In addition to the parents one brother and a sister survive, Donald and Mary, both at home. Another sister, Agnes, died in May as the result of injuries sustained in an auto accident. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery last Thursday morning.

STATE COLLEGE WOMAN SHOOTSELF IN HEAD.

Mrs. Edwin S. Banford is in the hospital at State College with a bullet wound in her head, believed to have been the result of an attempt at self-destruction. The shooting occurred about three o'clock on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Banford, whose husband is professor of economics at the College, got out of bed and went into another room. Shortly afterwards her husband heard the report of a revolver and running to the room where his wife had gone found her lying on the floor with a bullet wound in the temple. At latest reports she was still unconscious. She is about 28 years old and the mother of a six year old daughter, Jean. The only reason Prof. Banford can assign for his wife's action was fear of approaching motherhood.

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CONCLUDING CASES IN QUARTER SESSIONS COURT.

Men Who Robbed Hunting Camps Given Severe Sentences.

When the Watchman went to press, last week, the case of the Commonwealth vs. John Sayer, charged with assault and battery, and indecent assault, was on trial. Prosecutrix Mrs. Merrill Heverly. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and divided the costs between the prosecutor and defendant.

Mrs. Minnie Crawshaw, of Philipsburg, convicted last Thursday of a violation of the liquor laws, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200, costs of prosecution and imprisonment in the Allegheny county work house for not less than three months nor more than six.

Commonwealth vs. George H. Meyers, violation of the liquor laws. Prosecutor, Leo Boden, county detective. Defendant was convicted and was sentenced to pay the costs, \$200 fine and go to jail for a period of three to six months.

Commonwealth vs. Leonard Bryan, charged with operating an automobile after his license had been revoked. Prosecutor B. F. Meckley, highway patrolman. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs, \$100 fine and placed on probation.

Commonwealth vs. McKinley Corrigan, assault and battery. Prosecutor, Viola Corrigan. Verdict of not guilty and costs divided between prosecutor and defendant.

Commonwealth vs. John Garner, charged with the larceny of a harrow. Prosecutor Leonard Griffin. Verdict of not guilty returned.

Commonwealth vs. Ralph Rote, Edward Finkle, Perry Hoover, Albert Auman, charged with being accessories after the fact in the robbery of hunting camps in the Seven mountains. All of them entered pleas of nolle contendere. The defendants admitted that they had removed the stolen stuff from the Mode Auman home but had done so at the request of Mrs. Auman. Mode Auman and Newton Lingle, who had previously pleaded guilty to robbing one camp, were called up and each one sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, one dollar fine and imprisonment in the western penitentiary for not less than five nor more than ten years. Edward Finkle, Wilbur Confer and Perry Hoover were sentenced to pay \$100 fine, costs and one to two years in the county jail. Ralph Rote and Albert Auman were sentenced to pay \$25 fine, the costs and placed on probation for three years.

Commonwealth vs. Albert Frank, violation of the liquor laws. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50, costs and placed on probation for three years.

Fourteen cases in which true bills were returned by the grand jury were not called for trial at this term of court.

CIVIL COURT THIS WEEK.

Court convened on Monday morning at ten o'clock, and after hearing motions and petitions and calling the roll of jurors, the trial list was gone over and the following cases disposed of:

Lucy A. Smith vs. Bellefonte Trust company, executors of the last will and testament of Ellis E. Irvin, deceased, being an action of assumpsit. When the list was gone over counsel for the plaintiff moved to amend the plaintiff's statement and the cause was continued at the cost of the plaintiff.

Fred B. Hicks vs. O. J. Harm, being an action in trespass. Continued on application of counsel for the plaintiff. The first case called was Toner A. Hugg vs. Toner A. Hugg, individually, as administrator of the estate of Emaline Hugg, late of Milesburg borough, deceased. Mrs. Annie Witherrite, Jennie Davidson, Mrs. Walter Smith, Harris Hugg and heirs and legal representatives of Jennie Davidson, deceased, to-wit: Alexander D. Davidson, Andrew B. Davidson, Clara M. Guyer, Dora M. Swafford, William T. Davidson, Raymond E. Davidson, Helen V. Ehrenfeld, Robert E. Burns, minor, who has for his guardian Joseph A. Burns, being a proceeding to revive and continue the lien of a judgment. There was no defense and a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$1183.12 with interest from March 4, 1929.

The Centre Building & Loan Association vs. A. W. Stine, individually, and A. W. Stine, administrator of the estate of Dora Stine, deceased, Dora Benner, Charles T. Stine, Clarence A. Stine, May Pauline Stine, the last two by their guardian, Charles T. Stine, appointed by the orphans' court of Centre county, being the heirs and legal representatives of Dora Stine, deceased. There was no defense and a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$944.32, together with an attorney's commission of \$50.

Samuel A. Reitz vs. Amanda Rhoad, Edward L. Rhoad, John C. Rhoad, Fannie Edmiston, Mabel Harshbarger, Maude Emehizer, Irene Rhoad and Fred Rhoad, a minor who has for his guardian, Roy Wilkinson, a scire facias to continue a lien. There was no defense and a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$636.44.

Last case called was Edward Craft vs. William Biddle, owner or reputed owner, being a scire facias to revive and continue in force a

ALL P. R. R. ATHLETES TO MEET IN ALTOONA.

Officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Altoona are making arrangements for the accommodation of thousands of visitors who will be attracted to Altoona on Saturday, September 21, in connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad System athletic meet.

This is an outstanding athletic event that is held annually by the Pennsylvania Railroad and in which hundreds of athletes from every nook and corner of the Pennsylvania System will take part.

The event will be held at the cricket field at Chestnut Avenue and Seventh street, Altoona. and the general public is cordially invited to attend. Everyone who cares for athletics will be interested in the splendid program that has been arranged for this big affair. The events are scheduled to start at 10 o'clock in the morning and will continue throughout the day, the program being brought to an end with a game of baseball between the eastern and western divisions of the Pennsylvania System. Other events on the program, include running races, hurdle races and other events of interest to those who are inclined to athletics.

The visiting delegations of employees will be accompanied by bands of music and it is expected that there will be at least twenty-five bands and drum corps on the grounds during the day.

ESCAPED PRISONERS BEAT UP POLICE CHIEF.

Farley Jennings, aged 26, and John Williams, 27 years old, the two negroes who made their escape from Rockview penitentiary on Wednesday of last week, were discovered in the neighborhood of Mount Union, on Monday morning, and when police chief Claude Cramer undertook to place them under arrest they resisted and attacked him with pieces of iron pipe which they were carrying as weapons. Cramer's skull was fractured and one cheek crushed, and he was taken to the Huntingdon hospital.

Deputy warden W. J. McFarland was notified of the presence of the escaped prisoners at Mount Union and took a force of guards over to that place in an attempt to capture them. The men were chased into a cornfield but managed to elude the guards and escaped to the mountains. Prior to appearing at Mount Union the negroes burglarized two residences at Ardenheim, where they got \$22 in cash, a wrist watch and clothing. The men had donned the stolen clothing and left their prison garb behind, and it was through the discarded clothing that their identity was revealed.

Jennings was finally captured near Mapleton, late on Tuesday, by sheriff Samuel H. Beaver, of Huntingdon county, and was locked up in the Huntingdon jail pending the outcome of the injuries inflicted on police chief Cramer. Williams is still at large.

NEW BUILDINGS IN USE AT PENNA. STATE COLLEGE.

When the Pennsylvania State College opens for its 71st year on Wednesday, September 25, three new buildings will be ready for use by the student body of more than 4000.

A new engineering administration building stands just inside the main campus gateway on the site of the old building destroyed by fire eleven years ago. It is designed to accommodate the administrative offices and many faculty members of the school of engineering, and its upper floors will be devoted to classrooms and the work of the department of architecture. It fills a long-felt need in this school.

Relief for some of the overcrowded conditions that have existed for years in the school of chemistry and physics is given in the completion of a second wing of the G. G. Pond chemistry laboratory. This new structure is modernly fitted in every respect.

A third building to be opened is the new Grange Memorial dormitory for girls. It is the headhouse in a projected dormitory group but will not be ready until later in the fall. A new botany building will be finished in December or January. All these buildings have been provided through gift funds and the 1927 state legislative appropriation.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church have already decided on Thursday, December 12th, as the date for holding their annual bazaar in the chapel.

President Hoover is having great week-ends at his fishing camp and they don't cost as much as Coolidge's vacations.

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mechanics lien. This case went to trial Monday morning and was not completed at the adjournment of court on Monday evening. The case grows out of a fire on Spruce street, in the borough of Philipsburg, and the repair of the house after the fire by Edward Craft.

No court was held on Tuesday owing to the primaries.



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.

Music to The Watchman's Ears

York, Pa., Sept. 12, '29

My dear Mr. Editor: This is to notify you of our change of address. We moved into our new home in 'Elmwood' several months ago and I should have written you ere this, but since we have not missed one copy of our very welcome weekly visitor the matter just slipped my mind until the present moment.

Inasmuch as I cannot afford to take chances on losing a copy will you please make the change as per directions enclosed. It is an arrival from the home teeming with news of the persons and places dear to the heart of an absentee. I watch, eagerly for its advent, Friday mornings, and fairly devour its contents.

Hoping for the continued success of our good friend "The Watchman," I am

Sincerely yours

Mrs. A. HOWARD TARBERT.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION HELD IN BELLEFONTE.

The 44th annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Centre county, was held in the Methodist church, Bellefonte, on Tuesday of last week. Mrs. N. H. Bell, of State College, the county president, was in the chair, and sixteen out of the nineteen Unions in the county were represented. Mrs. Ebon Bower, president of the Bellefonte Union, made the address of welcome which was responded to by Mrs. W. A. Broyles, of State College. Mrs. Edith Karns, of Tyrone, directed the singing with Mrs. Wilbur Letzell, of State College, as soloist.

At the morning session Mrs. Broyles, who the past year has served as second vice president of the county Union, spoke of the work that is needed to keep beautiful the garden that had been planted by the labor of those who have passed.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Robert Mills Beach, of Bellefonte, director of international relations, gave a resume of the growth of the movement for world peace in the years since the World war.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Dr. J. W. Long, president of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, who discussed the topic, "How to Live Together."

The report of the treasurer showed that there are over seven hundred dues-paying members in the county.

A box luncheon was enjoyed at noontime and in the evening the 60 or more delegates present were guests at a supper served in the Sunday school room of the church, by members of the Bellefonte Union.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mrs. W. A. Broyles, State College; vice president, Mrs. M. H. Hall, State College; treasurer, Mrs. F. P. Knoll, State College; recording secretary, Mrs. V. C. Ridge, Blanchard; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frank Keller, Pleasant Gap.

100 TONS OF AIR MAIL CARRIED IN ONE MONTH.

Residents of Bellefonte and Centre county have become so used to seeing the airmail ships flying east and west over the transcontinental route, that they never give a thought to the real work the intrepid men-aiding who pilot these winged mail carriers. So it will probably be a bit of surprising information to know that during the month of August the ships of the National Air Transport carried over one hundred tons of mail matter and four tons and a half of express. To be exact the total weight of the air mail was 205,134 pounds and the express 8,881 pounds.

Of the above total 163,478 pounds of mail, almost 82 tons, was carried over the route between New York, Cleveland and Chicago, which would mean almost three tons a day for every day in the month. In carrying this amount of mail N. A. T. ships flew a total of 265,228 miles, 141,025 of which were flown during the night and 115,203 during daylight hours. Truly the air mail is growing into a big business proposition.

GOVERNOR FISHER VISITS PENN STATE AND STATE PEN.

Governor John S. Fisher, accompanied by Hubert C. Work, former chairman of the National Republican committee, were Centre county visitors, on Monday, on their way to Indiana, Pa., for the primary election on Tuesday. They stopped in the county long enough to make an unofficial inspection of the building operations at State College, and the Governor expressed satisfaction with the construction program outlined and in progress of the work.

The Governor and Mr. Work also visited Rockview penitentiary, spent half an hour in looking over the buildings then had luncheon at the warden's residence.