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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of October 3, 1879.

The 28th annual Centre county fair is going on this week under most auspicious circumstances. There are 947 different exhibits under 45 classes. The attendance on Wednesday was only 3000, not nearly what it should have been as a reward for all the trouble that has been taken to give us a good fair. Wednesday morning there were corn husking matches, wood sawing contests, hurdle races and a greased pig catching contest. In the afternoon a velocipede race, vaulting, hoop rolling for girls and a foot-ball match. Secretary Chamberlain tells us there were 10,000 people there Thursday. In the morning there was glass ball shooting and riding exhibitions by ladies and gentlemen. In the glass ball shooting Sober, of Milton, (C. K. Sober who later became nationally famous as a marksman) won. Foster, of State College, (the late W. L. Foster) was second and Tinsman, of Williamsport, was third man.

In the military pageant the marching of the State College cadets was very fine, as well as their general deportment.

The racing was quite spirited. J. Midgagh's "Susie Parker" won in three straight heats, her best time being 2:49.

We didn't hear what the result of the base-ball match between State College and the Bald Eagle clubs was.

—Mr. John D. Miller, of Hubersburg, and Miss Frances Lucas, of Snow Shoe, were united in matrimony, Sept. 30th, at the Bush house, Bellefonte, by Rev. M. L. Jackson, of the Messiah church, Snow Shoe.

A district Sunday school convention was held in Gray's church, Half-Moon, last Friday and all four sessions were largely attended. Speaking on the program were Rev. Geo. W. Bouse, J. H. Lever, J. C. Hartsock, Rev. A. M. Creighton, Geo. W. Gray, Jacob Matern, Rev. Crittenden, Rev. J. B. Moore, D. H. Hastings, S. D. Gray, John G. Love, Geo. S. Gray, Charles Keith, Rev. E. Chambers, Prof. Biddle and Isaac Gray.

—By actual count 981 rigs passed the Watchman office yesterday afternoon on their way home from the fair and their occupants averaged six persons.

—Mr. Joseph Gessner, of Coleville, died very suddenly yesterday morning. He had gone home the night previous in his usual health. Mr. Gessner leaves a wife in a delicate condition of health and six small children.

—Mrs. Hannah McAllister died at her home on Lamb street on Wednesday last. She was the widow of the late John McAllister, who for many years kept a bakery and confectionery opposite the court house.

—First frost of the season—a heavy white one—last Friday morning.

—Theo. Kelly's corn field in Spring township is the boss on big corn. On 4½ acres the gross yield was 610 bushels. Who can beat it? It was cultivated by our friend E. C. Woods.

—The Pine Grove band stopped in front of the Watchman office yesterday morning, on their way to the fair grounds, and treated us to a couple of beautiful tunes.

—Perry McDowell, of Mackeyville, D. P. R. and Supt. S. S. Blair, of Tyrone, and a big, long tall fellow, whose name we cannot remember, called on us last evening just before we went to press.

—On Saturday morning the grist mill of Wm H. Smith, in the lower part of town, gave way under a load of stored wheat and most of the interior is a wreck. Some 600 or 700 bushels of the cereal broke the second story down onto the first, then it gave way and all fell into the wheel pits below.

—The Bell Telephone Co. has asked the Public Service Commission for approval of a plan whereby it will take over certain properties and operations of the Cumberland Valley Telephone company and the latter company will take over other properties now operated by the Bell. John T. Harris, vice president and general manager of the Bell Company, stated at Harrisburg that the object of the agreement is the elimination of telephone competition in the interest of the public, and under conditions favorable to all concerned.

—At a meeting of the Centre Baptist association, held at Lewis town last week, Rev. A. G. Herr, of Milesburg, was elected vice moderator for the ensuing year. Tentative arrangements were also made to celebrate the centennial anniversary at Milesburg next year, which is the oldest church in the association.

MITCHELL.—John Mitchell, who for many years conducted a hardware store in Lemont, died at his home in that place at 10 o'clock last Friday morning as the result of a heart affection. While the break in his health dates back about a year he had been confined to his room only since August 9th.

A son of John Hutchinson and Nancy Johnson Mitchell he was born on the homestead farm at Slab Cabin on October 16th, 1859, hence was not quite seventy years old. His boyhood days were spent on the farm and in attending the public schools. He also spent a year or two at State College then gave up his studies to become a clerk in Stuart's store, at the College. Later he clerked in Thompson's store, at Lemont, but finally quit there and went to Coffeyville, Kansas, where he spent three years working for a railroad company. Resigning his position there he returned to Centre county and purchased the hardware store of Lewis Long, at Lemont, which he conducted until his death. He was a member of the Lemont lodge of Odd Fellows and the Elks lodge of Bellefonte.

Twenty-two years ago he married Miss Janet McFarlane, who passed away in June, 1928. They had no children and his only survivors are two sisters and a brother, Miss Maude Mitchell, who made her home with the deceased; Mrs. Henry Thompson, a twin sister, of West Grove, Chester county, and George, of Lemont.

Funeral services were held at his late home, at Lemont, at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, by Revs. J. Max Kirkpatrick and W. K. Harnish, after which burial was made in the Spring Creek cemetery.

WOLESAGLE.—Mrs. Mary Frances Wolesagle, widow of John C. Wolesagle, died, on Sunday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Stewart, in Tyrone, following an illness of six months with complications.

She was a daughter of Frederick and Lucinda Taylor Harpster and was born in Halfmoon township, Centre county, a little over 72 years ago. In December, 1880, she married John C. Wolesagle, of Unionville, and practically her entire married life was spent there. Mr. Wolesagle died in 1915, but surviving her are the following children: W. W. Wolesagle and Mrs. Jesse Stewart, of Tyrone; Guy, of Troy, Pa.; Curtis, of Van Meter, Pa.; Truman C., of Fleming; Howard W., of Snow Shoe; Miss Emma, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Lucy, of Cincinnati, Ohio. She also leaves one brother and a sister, John Harpster, of South Prairie, Washington, and Mrs. Emma McDonnell, of New Holland.

Brief funeral services were held in Tyrone, at noon on Wednesday, after which the remains were taken to Unionville where additional services were held by Revs. M. C. Piper and C. D. Thompson, burial being made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

NEARHOOF.—George W. Nearhoff, well known Bald Eagle valley farmer, died at his home near Dix, at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, following two years illness with heart trouble.

He was a son of Andrew and Mary Kephart Nearhoff and was born near Dix on August 1st, 1850, hence was in his 80th year. For many years he had been an active worker in the Bald Eagle Methodist church and the Bald Eagle Grange. In 1875 he married Miss Marcia McCoy who survives with two sons and two daughters, LeRoy and Alonza Nearhoff, of Tyrone; Mrs. Blanche Moore, of Julian, and Mrs. P. J. Murphy, of Camden, N. J. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Martha McMonigal, of Clearfield.

Funeral services were held at the Union church, at Mount Pleasant, at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

FLACK.—Miss Catherine Flack passed away at her home on Reynolds avenue, at 2:40 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, as the result of a heart affection. She had been a sufferer for some months but had been confined to her bed only three weeks.

A daughter of Thomas and Catherine Flack she was born at Howard on September 11th, 1856, hence was 73 years and 15 days old. When only about six years of age her parents moved to Bellefonte and this had been her home ever since. She was a member of St. John's Catholic church and during her active life a regular attendant. She never married and her only survivors are two brothers, Harry and George Flack, both of Bellefonte.

Funeral mass was held in St. John's Catholic church at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, by Rev. Downes, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

NEIDIGH.—Helen G. Neidigh died at her home in College township, on Tuesday of last week, following an illness of several weeks. She was daughter of Sidney D. and Anne May Rudy Neidigh, and was born in 1914, at her death being 15 years, 7 months and 22 days old. In addition to her parents she is survived by three sisters and a brother, Mrs. John Adams, of McDonald, Ohio; Mrs. Grace Brancher, William and Mary, at home. Funeral services were held last Friday morning, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

MALONE.—Mrs. Della Malone, wife of Robert Malone, died at her home at Wingate, at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, following a prolonged illness with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of Thomas and Eleanor Taylor and was born in Bellefonte on February 26th, 1869, hence was in her 61st year. She married Mr. Malone on Christmas day, 1894, and most of her life since had been spent at Wingate. She was a member of the Methodist church and the W. C. T. U., her death being the first in the Runville Union. In addition to her husband she is survived by seven children, namely: Taylor Malone, of Tyrone; William, of Clearfield; Mrs. Daryl Rea, of Ambridge; Mrs. Plummer Davidson, of Milesburg; Franklin, Henry and Philip, at home. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Christ Pletcher, of Howard, and Miss Ann Taylor, of Bellefonte. Definite arrangements for the funeral have not been completed but it will likely be this afternoon.

PEALE.—Mrs. Harriet Peale, widow of Senator S. R. Peale, who was well known throughout Centre county, died at her home in Lock Haven, on Tuesday evening, at the advanced age of 96 years. Mrs. Peale went to Lock Haven as a bride seventy-two years ago and that had been her home ever since.

Her husband has been dead for some years but surviving her are two sons and three daughters, Rembrandt and Franklin D. Peale, of New York; Mrs. Frank Towne, of Holyoke, Mass., and Misses Martha S. and Elizabeth H., at home. She was a lifelong member of the Episcopal church and Rev. Lewis Nichols will have charge of the funeral services which will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon, burial to be made in the Highland cemetery.

PRETTY SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED SATURDAY

Monday's Altoona Tribune contained the following news item that will be of interest to Bellefonte readers of the Watchman:

A pretty celebration of a silver wedding anniversary occurred Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Derstine, 1005 Broadway, Thirteenth ward. The well known superintendent of the Kline brothers department store and his charming wife entertained some two score close friends and associates in St. Paul's Reformed church in Juniata in delightful memory of the event that occurred 25 years ago in Bellefonte.

September 28, 1904, Mr. Derstine and Miss Lera V. Donachy were united in marriage by the Rev. Mr. Hollowell, Lutheran pastor in Bellefonte. The pair located in this city where Mr. Derstine has become identified with the business life of Altoona. Sixteen years ago they occupied the pleasant home in Juniata where three sons, Gilbert, Franklin M. and Samuel A., have been reared and where both husband and wife are prominently associated with the progress and social life of their community.

The affair Saturday was very pleasing and the host and hostess were warmly felicitated by the friends who spent several hours delightfully in their home. The "bride" renewed memories of the honeymoon in her wedding dress of white crepe de chine with duchesse and rose lace that is a family heirloom and Mr. Derstine played well the part of a bridegroom in the echoes of wedding bells. Mrs. Derstine received a number of gifts in silver and she made the anniversary date memorable to her lady guests with favors of wrist bouquets and embroidered handkerchiefs.

A luncheon was served. Among the pleasures of the night were a solo by Miss Laura Hunt, with accompaniment by Mrs. J. L. Noll, and readings by Robert F. Lantz.

PERTINENT ITEMS FROM WARNER-AMERICAN NEWS

The Warner-American News for September contains two pictures of the Bellefonte employees picnic which was held at Hecla park on August 24th, also a number of interesting news items in the "Bellefonte Blasts" of George C. Bingham, from which we call the following:

Lowery Justice has retired from active duty after serving 39 years in the employ of the company. He leaves a fine record of service behind him and should enjoy to the fullest a vacation so well earned.

Miles Barr left on September 15th on a two week's vacation, making a trip to Pittsburgh and a boat voyage down the Ohio river.

Cap Koski has returned from his vacation spent in Michigan where he visited Henry Ford's oil mine and reports that Henry could learn a few things by spending several days in the Bellefonte mine.

Katherine Hampton, daughter of Stewart Hampton, was married in Cumberland, Md., on September 9th to Steve Zelenik, of Philadelphia, where they will make their future home. In the year 1927 Katherine took first honors in her class in cooking at the Bellefonte High school.

Some of the members of No. 19 hope to start a hunting club this year.

Councilman John Mignot claims to be the champion potato grower of Bellefonte. He dug his tubers, last Friday, and on a comparatively small patch got between four and five bushels. One potato weighed 2½ pounds and he had a number that went over the two pound mark. Some of them are so big, according to his own declaration, that three of them fills an ordinary galvanized iron bucket.

THE WINTER PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES AT THE Y.

Winter's here and as usual the "Y" resumes its program for the season. Due to a steady increase in active membership it has been necessary to change the usual schedule of classes. Please note the following schedule: Cadet boys, Mon. and Wed., swim at 4:00, Sat. gym at 9:00 followed by swim.

Junior boys, Mon. and Wed. Gym at 4:15 followed by swim, Sat. Gym at 10:00.

Intermediate boys, Mon. and Wed. Gym at 6:30, Sat. at 1:30, swims follow gym classes.

Seniors and business men, Mon. and Wed. Gym at 7:30, free time on Sat. afternoon.

Girls and women will please note that the building is open for their use on Tuesday and Thursday according to the following schedule. Married women, Gym at 1:30, swim 2:30 Tues. and Thurs. Prep girls Tues., Gym at 4:15. Grade girls swim, Tues. 4:15. Prep girls swim, Thurs. 4:15. Grade girls Gym, Thurs. 4:15. High school girls, Gym on Tues. and Thurs. at 6:30 followed by swim. Employed and older girls Gym at 7:30 followed by swim at 8:30 on Tues. and Thurs. Please note that the former grade school girls have been divided into two classes, Preps and Grade girls.

The Friday Night club will meet at 7:00 each week. Hi-Y club will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 during the winter months. Pioneer and Friendly Indian groups will resume their active programs. The community library, located in the Y building, will be open for the drawing of books, Tuesday afternoons and Friday evenings. This library is for the free use of all members of the Association and also for the use of those who do not hold memberships at a nominal fee per year.

The annual bowling league will start the "timber falling" next Monday evening when the first teams will clash for the start of the season. The alleys, under the supervision of "Andy," are in excellent condition and are open to the public. Mr. Bressler is never too busy that he can't spare a minute to teach someone the fine points of the ancient and honorable game. By the way, we hear that the ladies are bowling "Ducks" this winter and that a league might be formed if enough interest develops among the fairer sex. Three cheers and success.

We are certainly looking ahead to a great winter at the Centre County Community Center, something to do every minute. Why not spare a minute, drop in, join the Gym, have a swim and get some vim.

1000 TONS OF MELTED ICE POURED INTO OUR SEWERS

Bellefonte poured 1000 tons of melted ice down the drain pipes of its refrigerators during the last year without its housewives getting any good from it.

This amazing figure, arrived at by the Leonard Institute of Food Preservation, is the annual ice waste in Bellefonte due to faulty refrigeration. It is based on a survey of ice melange in Rochester, N. Y., showing a per capita waste of 500 pounds of ice. The American public is literally pouring water into a sieve, the water being in the form of ice and the sieve being the leaky uninsulated refrigerator that does not keep out hot air.

In selecting a refrigerator, one with neither the minimum nor maximum ice melange should be chosen, according to the Leonard Institute. The refrigerator that consumes the most ice is, naturally, too costly to keep filled and will not maintain the desired temperature of 50 degrees or less, while the one that consumes the least ice probably has faulty circulation and will not do its job of keeping the food in perfect state of preservation. A reasonable rate of ice melange is essential to keeping food good. The ice should never be covered with a blanket or paper to retard its melting.

RUSH TOWNSHIP TO HAVE BEAVER REFUGE

A few years ago when the State Board of Game Commissioners decided to restock the forest areas of the State with that valuable fur animal, the beaver, they little thought that the day would come soon when they would become a menace to property holders. But such is al ready the case and as a means of curbing the depredations of the animals a refuge is being established in Rush township where the "outlaws" will be kept until they can be distributed in those sections of the State where there are no beaver now. The refuge will be a tract of four acres on Tomtit run, adjoining the present game refuge. It will be entirely enclosed with a heavy wire fence so as to prevent the beavers from escaping. Work on the refuge began on Monday. When it is completed expert trappers will be sent into the wooded sections of the State where the beaver are now becoming so plentiful as to be a nuisance, and they will be trapped and taken to the refuge where they will be kept until new homes have been found for them.

—Florida may be all right during winter but it is altogether too windy in the fall.

—Read the Watchman for the news

Friends and Boosters OF Bellefonte High School

ARE INVITED TO VISIT

Altoona, Saturday, Oct. 5

FOR THE

Football Game

WITH

Altoona High

A Cordial Welcome is assured all who accept this Invitation.

The Game will be played on the New Altoona High Athletic Field, at Mansion Park which is easily accessible by automobile and has plenty of Free Parking Space.

Altoona Booster Association

PIGSKIN KICKERS OPEN SEASON ON SATURDAY.

The pigskin kickers made their debut on Saturday and football will be the king of sports during the next two months. The Bellefonte High school opened the season by playing a scoreless game with Howard High, which is encouraging considering the fact that only a week previous Howard scored two touchdowns against Lock Haven. It also speaks well for the coaching ability of coach Alvin Watson, who has only two old men on the team and must build his eleven mostly from new material. From the work of the boys, on Saturday, there is promise of another champion team.

The Bellefonte Academy played the Goodwill firemen, of DuBois, as their opening game on Hughes field, Saturday afternoon, and though the visitors had been touted as a strong aggregation, had no trouble defeating them 54 to 6. The score would have been larger had not coach Bohren run in about every Academy student who has worn football togs. All told thirty-two substitutions were made during the game by the Academy while DuBois made twelve.

Up at State College the Penn State eleven defeated Niagara by the score of 16 to 0. This game, also, was more a tryout test for the new men than an attempt to pile up a big score. State has an abundance of football material but how the new men will stand the brunt of the hard games to come remains to be seen.

MOLASSES FEED MIXER AT WAGNER'S MILL.

C. Y. Wagner & Co. are installing a molasses feed mixer in their mill at this place and will soon be in shape to give farmers and dairymen any kind of a mixture they desire. Dairy husbandry specialists advise a molasses mixture as among the best feeds for dairy cattle and other farm stock, and it is to give the farmers just what they desire in this line that the mixer is being installed. Farmers and dairymen can take the percentage of the different kinds of grain to the mill which they desire to use and have it mixed according to their own feeding ideas.

IN THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.
Sunday School, 9:30, Supt. R. R. Davidson in charge.

Public worship, 10:30. This being the first Sunday of the month will be devoted as usual to the children. Parents and friends are invited and urged to be present that they might also glean good from these services and at the same time set a wholesome example to the youth of the church.

Intermediate and Senior Endeavor at 6:30.

Evening worship at 7:30, sermon by the pastor. Good music will feature these services and good fellowship will be prevalent the entire day. Come and start the new conference year the way you should. The Lord calls you.

The parents of the little junior singers will please see that they are sent to the church for practice on Saturday afternoon, three o'clock.

Rev. W. M. Snyder, Pastor

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

9:30 A. M., Bible school.

10:45 A. M., Holy Communion and address: "Proclaiming the Lords' Death."

7:30 P. M., Holy Communion and sermon: "Sow, In Righteousness; Reap In Mercy."

The preparatory service to the Holy communion will be held on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

PATIENTS TREATED AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jennie Wilson and child, wife and son of Paul Wilson, of Pine Grove Mills, were discharged on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Isabelle Musser and child, wife and son of Ralph Musser, of Pennsylvania Furnace, were discharged on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Joseph Watson, of Boggs township, was admitted on Monday of last week as a medical patient.

George A. Taylor, of Spring township, was admitted on Monday of last week as a medical patient.

Harry Rothrock, of Bellefonte, became a medical patient on Monday of last week.

James Miller, of Spring township, a surgical patient for the past four months, was discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Carrie Walker, of College township, was admitted on Tuesday of last week for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Grace Hartman and infant, wife and daughter of Horace Hartman, of Bellefonte, were discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Horace Watkins, of Moshannon, who had been a medical patient for some time, was discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Pauline Miller, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Wednesday of last week after having been a surgical patient for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sunday, of College township, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, at the hospital on Thursday of last week.

Theodore Breon, of State College, was admitted on Thursday of last week as a surgical patient, and discharged the following day.

Mrs. John Althouse, of Reading, a surgical patient for the past four weeks, was discharged on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. A. G. Dunkleberger, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Thursday of last week, after having been a surgical patient.

Mrs. Harry Williams, of Port Matilda, was admitted on Friday as a medical patient.

Allison Stine, of Bellefonte, became a medical patient on Saturday. Mrs. Gerald Walk, of Hannah Furnace, a surgical patient, was discharged on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Detrick, of Bellefonte, were admitted on Sunday evening for treatment of injuries sustained earlier that evening in a motor accident near Port Matilda.

There were 30 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

THE HUGHESVILLE FAIR TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

The fifty-ninth annual fair of the Lycoming County Fair association will be held October 8 to 12 with the new bleachers all completed and other improvements to the grounds ready for the big event. The new bleachers will seat 2,000 people and will be protected by a large canvas covering.

Exhibition space in the buildings has about all been contracted for, where there will be displayed the new labor saving devices for the house as well as the farm, from the small exhibit to the large furniture exhibit, and a complete hardware store.

The agricultural exhibition space is being enlarged.

Nothing is being spared to furnish you with good clean entertainment, fast horse racing and a big midway. A cement driveway leads to the 35-acre parking field and emergency air port.