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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman, issue of November 14, 1879.

Yesterday Mr. Gottlieb Haag and wife, of Pleasant Gap, celebrated their silver anniversary.

Besides Philipsburg, the ticket offices at Blue Ball, Wallacetown and Bigler were robbed last week. Two young fellows from Elmira, N. Y., were arrested for the crime and brought to the jail in this place.

Wheat is \$1.25, rye 50 cts, shelled corn 50 cts, oats 40 cts, new potatoes 30 cts, eggs 15 cts, butter 20 cts, bacon 7 cts and ham 12 cts.

In our mention, last week, of the marriage of Mr. James Lane to Miss Thomaize Thomas, we stated that she was the eldest daughter of Jacob V. Thomas. This was incorrect. What we meant to say was that she was the eldest of his then two single daughters.

Mr. John Ludwig, the efficient and gentlemanly bookkeeper at Hick's hardware store in this place, contemplates going to Philipsburg, in the near future, to take charge of Hale's hardware store in that place.

On Thursday evening next, in Reynolds opera house Baird's New Orleans Minstrels will give one of their popular exhibitions. This company composed of twenty musicians is highly recommended by the press of this and other States.

Andy Guiser, Daniel Roush and John Grim, of Rebersburg, killed three bears near that place last Saturday.

The silk handkerchief or half-shawl belonging to Mrs. Joseph Gessner, of Coleville, which was advertised for as lost, in the Watchman last week, was found by Mr. Flack and returned to this office the day after the Watchman came out. Mrs. Gessner's little girl came in and got it.

Mr. James Ryman, of Milesburg, has gone to Missoula, Montana, to teach school. Mr. Ryman waxed very rich in Missoula and became one of the very prominent men of that city.—ED.

Homer D. Cape will recite "Damon and Pythias," here on New Year's night.

Mr. John Derstine's remaining twin boy, we mentioned the death of the other twin last week, was run over, the other day, by a wagon and badly skinned about the face and neck. It seems to us that wagons might be driven over our streets without running over little boys.

Mr. J. H. Meyers, late of Fremont, Ohio, has succeeded Mr. Hoppes as proprietor of the Bush house. Mr. Hoppes, however, has retained control of the bar and will remain in Bellefonte.

Mr. Meyers is the gentleman who, after leaving Bellefonte to locate in Rochester, invented the voting machine. He was a son of Algernon I. Meyers who conducted a tailor shop in Bellefonte years before the item above was published.—ED.

Next Sunday night the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. will celebrate its 10th anniversary with appropriate exercises in the Presbyterian church of this place. Charles F. Cook, the president, will make the opening remarks. Other speakers will be Rev. Yocum, H. Y. Stitzer, Gen. Beaver and Rev. Samuel E. Furst, of the Lutheran church.

Beautiful, glorious Indian summer was with us this week.

The editor of the Watchman now sports a cane which was cut on the property on which President James Buchanan was born by Capt. Austin Curtin. The Captain presented it to us.

Mr. Harry Kline and Mr. Hiram Hoffer, of this place, have purchased a large hardware store in Tyrone and will hereafter do business and live in that place.

Mr. Kline is living now in Middletown, Pa., and going strong.—ED.

Centre county is in the ninth census district but the supervisor has not been appointed yet, so the enumerators for Centre are not known.

On Sunday morning last, two men broke jail here. Their names are supposed to be Ringgold and Baumgardner and there is a reward of \$50 for their recapture. Ringgold was arrested for having robbed the Bush house. He is said to have a cabin somewhere near Kylertown. He is a very bad man, evidently, and it is thought he is the fellow who robbed so many homes in the Bald Eagle valley lately.

If Mr. Grundy's blunders help Senator Norris, as is predicted, it will be the first good that has come out of the Bucks county Nazareth.

Probably Senator Moses imagines the insurgent Republican Senators are "sons of wild jackasses" because mules are good kickers.

In other words the Republican party, intoxicated with success, has gone into a tall spin.

HILE.—Death came quite suddenly to James Otis Hile, of Pleasant Gap, at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

He was a stonemason by occupation and was at work building the foundation wall for a garage for Boyd Rachau, his near neighbor. Mr. Rachau was assisting him and did not notice anything unusual in Mr. Hile's appearance or actions. Suddenly he threw up his hands and fell to the ground without uttering a word or even a struggle. A physician was hastily summoned who stated that death had evidently been instantaneous as the result of a severe heart attack.

He was a son of Adam and Elizabeth Hile, both deceased, and was born at Pleasant Gap on March 11th, 1866, hence was 63 years, 8 months and 2 days old. As a young man he learned the stonemason trade and followed that occupation all his life. Most of his three score and three years were spent at the Gap where he was honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a genial gentleman, kind and accommodating, and always ready to lend a helping hand in any kind of an emergency. He was a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the Heptasophs.

As a young man he married Miss Phoebe Bilger who survives with two children, Fremont Hile and Mrs. Frank Knarr, both of Pleasant Gap. He also leaves three brothers, William Hile, of Youngstown, Ohio; Lawrence and Harry, of Pleasant Gap.

Funeral services will be held at his late home tomorrow, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., by Rev. W. J. Wagner, of the Lutheran church, burial to be made in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

BECHDEL.—Frederick Bechdel, a native of Beech Creek, was a victim of the typhoid fever epidemic that now exists at Rossier, Indiana county, having died, on Sunday, of pneumonia following a siege of the fever.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bechdel and was born at Beech Creek thirty years ago. During the past six years he had lived at Rossier, where he was overseer of a large farm. He married Miss Mary Fletcher, of Blanchard, who survives with two small children. He also leaves his parents, four sisters and a brother, namely: Mrs. Ray Collins, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. Harold Clark and Mrs. Clarence Earon, of Altoona; Charlotte and Frank, at home.

A singular coincidence is the fact that his death occurred on the eleventh anniversary of that of a brother, who was killed in the World war the day before the signing of the Armistice. The remains were taken to Beech Creek where funeral services were held at the home of his parents, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Disciple cemetery, at Blanchard.

HARM.—Miss Gladys F. Harm, daughter of Harvey Harm and Mrs. Mary Shope Harm, of 512 W. College Avenue, State College, died Tuesday evening, October 29th, and was buried in the Snow Shoe cemetery Friday, November 1st. Short services were conducted at the home in State College on Thursday, and funeral services were held in the Snow Shoe Methodist church, on Friday afternoon, where Miss Harm had formerly been a member. Both services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. L. Bixler, pastor of the Methodist church of State College, where Miss Harm was a member at the time of her death.

Miss Harm was born August 15, 1902, at Snow Shoe. She attended the public schools there, the Marysville College, Marysville, Tenn., and later graduated from the Lock Haven State Normal school.

At the time she took ill, Miss Harm was employed in the treasurer's office of the Pennsylvania State College. After an illness of only two weeks she succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

She is survived by her parents, and one sister, Isabel, at home.

GREGG.—From Newport, Ark., comes word of the death there, on October 24th, of Thomas J. Gregg, descendant of one of the old-time families of Centre county and a distant relative of Pennsylvania's War Governor, Andrew G. Curtin. He was a son of Col. and Mrs. Henry Harrison Gregg. His uncle was Gen. David McMurtre Gregg, of Civil war fame, who was a cousin of Governor Curtin.

Mr. Gregg was born in 1871 on the Quapaw reservation, Indian Territory, (now Oklahoma), hence was in his 59th year. The greater part of his life, however, was spent in Newport, Ark., where for thirty-one years he was prominently connected with a firm of cotton dealers. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

JONES.—Mrs. Catherine W. Jones, widow of John W. Jones, died at the Presbyterian home, at Hollidaysburg, on Monday morning, as the result of general debility, aged 97 years, 4 months and 7 days. She was a native of Wales, coming to this country immediately after her marriage as a young woman. Prior to entering the Presbyterian home, almost three years ago, she had made her home with her only daughter, Mrs. Charles G. Avery, in Philipsburg. She was one of a family of four children and the last to pass away. Funeral services were held at the home, on Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday the remains were taken to Glenside, near Philadelphia, for burial.

The Faithful Pine.

An Ode written by William S. Furst Esq., of Bellefonte and Philadelphia, and dedicated to Dr. Henry F. Libby, a distinguished New England Naturalist.

Noblest tree of northern height! To thee one hundred years is but a day. Fulsome cones so full of life open their eyelids in the month of May. Needles green, long and tender, hang in lacy knots throughout December. Arms of beauty point to God, fill the soul of man with love and wonder. Not sad, nor lone livest thou; but in small space dost raise a multitude. Cone seeds falling from thy breast, like shooting stars seek sleep in golden wood. And in Springtime awake anew, enriching the earth for me and for you.

Noblest tree of northern heights! fed by two—Winter sun and Summer earth. Vernal rain doth quench thy thirst. The winds of Fall, shaking thy head are worth Millions of food atoms pure, twisting, testing all thy muscles and more. Stimulate circulation, opening, purifying all thy pores. Maples show in Fall their gold. Oaks display their crimson in October. The Pine is green all the year. My mind, my heart, my soul seeks none other! Gold is fickle; crimson fades; the green of the Pine is constant ever.

MOYER.—Rev. O. T. Moyer, pastor of the Howard charge of the Reformed church, passed away at his home in that place on Monday night after a brief illness.

He was a son of Tighman and Amanda Moyer and was born at Allentown on July 31st, 1860, hence had reached the age of 69 years, 3 months and 11 days. He was ordained to the ministry thirty-two years ago and in his active service had filled a number of appointments, coming to Centre county several years ago. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters, Rev. W. W. Moyer, of Boalsburg; Mrs. I. R. Ruth, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Edwin Bechlet, of Elizabethville.

Funeral services were held in the Reformed church, at Howard, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and this morning the remains will be taken to Allentown for burial.

MAYHUE.—John Elmer Mayhue, caretaker at Alfareta park, Huntingdon county, died at the Blair Memorial hospital, Huntingdon, on Monday morning, as the result of injuries sustained when he was hit by an automobile driven by John G. Platt, of Altoona, on the highway near Alexandria on election day.

Mayhue was born in Centre county on March 10th, 1867, hence was in his 63rd year. His wife died twenty-one years ago but surviving him are five sons and three daughters, three brothers and two sisters, one of the latter being Mrs. John Wilson, of Bellefonte. Burial was made at Franklinville, Huntingdon county, on Wednesday afternoon.

ROAN.—George R. Roan died shortly before seven o'clock, on Wednesday morning, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. N. B. Martz, at Linden Hall, following an illness of some months as the result of a heart affection. He was born in Northumberland county and was 79 years, 8 months and 28 days old. He was a resident at Lemont for many years and was engaged in the undertaking business. His wife died twenty years ago and his only survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Martz, and a son, Levi Roan, of Williamsport. Burial will be made in the Branch cemetery today.

FRIGHTENED DEER LEAPS INTO AUTO.—Driving along the Snow Shoe mountain highway on their way to Philipsburg, just before daylight on Sunday morning, George Sykes and three companions, were suddenly confronted by a large doe deer which jumped into the road near Moshannon. Sykes was driving the car and he quickly pulled to the side of the road to avoid hitting the deer, but the animal was just as quick on the trigger and in two jumps it had jumped onto the front of the car with its front feet through the windshield.

None of the occupants of the car were hurt but the impact killed the deer. The carcass was taken along to Philipsburg and turned over to the Burgess, John W. Beals, with an explanation as to how the deer met its death. The Burgess gave the deer to Elmer L. Pilling who likely turned it over to the Philipsburg hospital.

Bellefonte was well represented at the State-U. of P. game in Philadelphia, last Saturday, and naturally it was with extreme satisfaction they saw the Nittany Lion twist the Quaker's tail to the tune of 19 to 7. Now if State can defeat Bucknell tomorrow the fans will be able to jubilate until turkey day, at least.

When attempting to grasp a door handle in her home on Allegheny street, Wednesday, Mrs. Louisa V. Harris lost her balance and fell, breaking her left hip. Mrs. Harris was taken to the Centre County hospital the same evening, her condition remaining unchanged since the accident.

On a recent trip over the Seven mountains a Bellefonte motor party counted a total of forty deer, which looks as if the deer hunters will have some good shooting when the season opens on December 1st.

Donald Kepler, of Pine Grove Mills, raised a flock of eighteen wild turkeys, on Tussey mountain, on Wednesday, and was successful in bagging the leader of the flock, a 21 pound gobbler.

CASES DISPOSED OF IN COURT THIS WEEK

The regular session of November court opened on Tuesday, with Judge M. Ward Fleming on the bench. The first case called was that of C. C. Williamson vs. J. H. Fisher, an appeal. After the jury was selected and sworn plaintiff suffered a voluntary non-suit, without prejudice.

John Kelly vs. Philipsburg Beef company. The plaintiff took judgment against the defendant for want of the filing of an affidavit of defense.

In the list for trial next week the following cases were disposed of: Lucy A. Smith vs. Bellefonte Trust company, executor of the last will and testament of Alice E. Irvin. Continued.

Ralph A. Smith vs. J. Clyde Thomas, Raymond S. Howard and Martin Dunlap. Continued.

The first criminal case called was Commonwealth vs. Alvin Baney, charged with a statutory offense. Prosecutrix, Rachael Maines. The defendant pleaded guilty and the usual sentence was imposed.

Commonwealth vs. Howard A. Stere. Indicted for forgery. Prosecutrix, Warren C. Bear, State highway patrolman. The defendant was charged with forging the name of his divorced wife to the transfer of an automobile title, but it developed in the testimony that the case was brought not for the benefit of the Commonwealth but for the purpose of collecting a balance claimed by the wife. The court gave binding instructions to the jury to find for the defendant.

Commonwealth vs. William J. Parker, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Prosecutrix B. F. Meckley, State highway patrolman. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs, fine of \$50.00, and 30 days in the county jail.

Commonwealth vs. Blanche Reed, indicted for assault and battery. Prosecutrix, Mary Duff. This case was brought for an alleged assault and battery on the evening of October 25th, in Bellefonte. Verdict of the jury not guilty and the defendant to pay one-half of the costs and the prosecutrix the other half.

Commonwealth vs. Emory Fink. Two indictments for forgery. Prosecutrix, Leo Boden, county detective. The defendant pleaded guilty and having been in court before was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$1.00, and not less than three years nor more than six years in the penitentiary.

Commonwealth vs. Lester Glass, indicted for issuing a bad check. Prosecutrix, Paul W. Houser. Nol prossed, the defendant having made restitution.

Commonwealth vs. Lester Glass, indicted for uttering and delivering a bad check. Prosecutrix, A. E. Yougel. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo probation for a period of one year.

A good part of Wednesday's session of court was taken up with the trial of the case against W. R. Eckel, of Bellefonte, charged with illegal possession and the sale of intoxicating liquor. The case grew out of a raid on the "101 Ranch," in Union township, in August, and the charge that Eckel was the owner of the same. The case was bitterly fought from start to finish and did not reach the jury until four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Yesterday morning the jury returned a verdict of guilty of illegal possession. S. D. Gettig Esq., counsel for Eckel, promptly asked the court for time to consider a motion for a new trial, and it was granted, bail being fixed at \$2,000.

Water superintendent J. D. Seibert has been testing the fire-plugs in Bellefonte, during the past week and is finding them in good condition.

Senator Dave Reed serves notice on the Director of the Census that naming the enumerators is a prerogative of the machine. Dave allows no spoils to get away.

Bascom Slomp, gambler in public office and Rev. Mr. Cannon, gambler in stocks, might expand their business relations by a permanent partnership.

The drive to dry up Washington, now in progress, has already proved that previous to Senator Howell's speech no effort had been made to accomplish that result.

The election in Virginia is construed as an endorsement of Governor Byrd. It loses no merit because it was also a rebuke to Cannon.

Bellefonte and State College Kiwanis clubs were guests of Centre Hall Grange, in Centre Hall, on Tuesday evening.

IN THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. 9:30 A. M., Rally day in the Bible school with a special program by the Junior and Intermediate departments.

10:45 A. M., Morning service; Sermon, "Sin a Double Wrong"; 7:30 P. M., Vesper service; Sermon, "Touchy People."

The members of the congregation will bring their gifts for the ministerial pension fund to either the morning or evening service. Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor

PINE GROVE MENTION.

best horse \$125. The sale totaled \$2220. The Milton Mattern sale, last Friday, brought a total of \$1550.

The C. W. Robinson family are visiting friends at Morgantown, W. Va.

W. B. Fry and wife motored to Altoona and spent Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Anna Houser has as guests her son, A. M. Houser and family, of Alabama.

George Glenn and daughter Maud spent last week on a sightseeing Huntingdon.

Adam Hartswick, of Pittsburgh, spent Armistice day with friends in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Snyder and two children spent Sunday with friends in Tyrone.

Mrs. David Ewing and Mrs. Zins spent last week on a sightseeing trip in Philadelphia.

Henry Fox and sister, Mrs. A. E. Martin, are on a motor trip to the New England States.

G. B. Fry, J. F. Rossmann and J. E. McWilliams are serving the county as jurors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kimpfort were Sunday visitors at the Fred Fry home, at Fairbrook.

Clifford Reed lost a portion of his left thumb, last week, by getting it caught in a piece of machinery.

Lieut. Col. John W. Henszey has gone to Washington, D. C., for two weeks intensive training in the War Department.

Mrs. Earl Meyer, who recently underwent a serious operation, at the Jersey Shore hospital, is now on the road to recovery.

The Joe Gilliland sale, on Saturday, was fairly well attended but bidding was rather slow. The highest priced cow brought \$214 and the Samuel Cramer will have a public sale of his personal effects on November 23rd. He expects to spend most of the winter in a hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Herbert Goss and wife, of Pittsburgh, and Charles Goss, of Harrisburg, were here for several days hunting and took nice bags of small game home with them.

N. C. Neidigh was given a birthday dinner, on Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lytle, at Juniata. His daughter, Miss Esther, assisted in preparing the feast.

Rev. Samuel R. Brown, Presbyterian minister at Baileyville, took his wife to Pittsburgh, on Monday, where she entered a hospital for the purpose of undergoing a serious operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan and son, of Tyrone, were here during the week, the men going after game on Tussey mountain while Mrs. Bryan visited Mrs. Maud Fry, at Rock Springs.

Among the hunters who have brought in turkeys during the week are Mrs. Blanche Louck, Mrs. A. C. Kepler, the Dean brothers, G. W. and Guy Rossmann, John Bressler and J. W. Kepler.

Communion services will be held in the Methodist church here at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday evening. Rev. M. C. Piper, of Milesburg, will be in charge and deliver the message. Everybody welcome.

The Ladies Aid society of the Lutheran church will serve a chicken dinner in the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday, November 23rd. Price, 50 cents. Fresh bread, pies and cakes will also be on sale.

Walter H. Weaver, of the Branch, is dickering for a piece of land on the Ross farm, near town, with a view of erecting thereon a home for himself and family. If his plans materialize he will build during the winter so as to have the house ready for occupancy by April 1st, 1930.

Lawrence Barto, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barto, of Tadpole, died at the Centre County hospital, on Tuesday of last week, following a prolonged illness with complications. In addition to the parents five brothers and sisters survive. Burial was made in the Ross cemetery on Friday afternoon.

A birthday party was given Mrs. Walter Weaver, last Friday evening, at her home on the Branch. A large crowd of friends attended and all went laden with well filled baskets of delectable eats prepared by the good cooks of Ferguson township. The result was an over-abundance of refreshments for the evening's gathering. Mrs. Weaver also received many beautiful and useful gifts.

WINGATE

Mrs. H. B. Witherite and daughter Ruth came over from Osceola Mills and spent Sunday at the Mrs. Irwin home.

Miss Anna Taylor, of Bellefonte, was a Sunday visitor at the home of her brother-in-law, R. S. Malone and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Reb, of Ambridge, spent Armistice day here with Mrs. Reb's father, Robert S. Malone, and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Davidson and family, at Milesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McLaughlin entertained at dinner, on Sunday, Mrs. Catherine Fisher and son Henry, Mrs. Irwin and daughter, Mrs. Florence Lucas and Donald Irwin. Mrs. H. B. Witherite and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fisher.

On Wednesday morning, November 6th, J. Roy Fisher and Miss Edna Irwin motored to Northumberland where they were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. R. R. Lehman, formerly of Milesburg. The bride is the second daughter of Mrs. Lydia Irwin while the bridegroom is a son of W. E. Fisher, deceased, and Mrs. Catherine Fisher. He is a farmer by occupation and has charge of his mother's farm. The newlyweds were given an enthusiastic serenading on Monday evening. Both young people are well known hereabouts and have the best wishes of many friends for their future happiness and success.