

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., December 6, 1929

EW HYDRAULIC PUMP ORDERED BY COUNCIL

Contract Executed for Equipping Gamble Mill for Pumping Water.

Borough council at a regular meeting on Monday evening, officially authorized the execution of a contract for the purchase of a water wheel and pump for installation at the Gamble mill to be used as additional hydraulic facilities for pumping water in anticipation of doing away with the electric pumps. The action of council was brought to a head, no doubt, by the reading of a communication from borough solicitor N. B. Spangler in which he stated that the purchase of the mill property had been made for the purpose of installing a hydraulic pump system, and if council failed to do so and attempted to lease the mill or devote the plant to any other use they would undoubtedly create a complicated legal situation the suit of which could not be foreseen.

On the strength of the above advice Mr. Cunningham, chairman of the Water committee, stated to council that C. A. Styles, of the Granton Electric company, was present and would inform council as to the proposed equipment and answer any questions asked. Mr. Styles as introduced and displayed pictures and tentative blue prints of a wheel, pump and speed reducer and stated that they were the best manufactured and in his judgment could furnish ample equipment for Bellefonte. The price of the wheel and pump and speed reducer \$3996, a total of \$4986. Mr. Styles stated that he would probably take three months to get the machinery ready for delivery. Mr. Cunningham suggested at council place the order for the wheel and pump now and decide on a kind of pipe to be used at a later meeting. Mr. Mignot made a motion that the president and secretary be authorized to execute the contract for the purchase and the motion was seconded by Mr. Kline. After a little further discussion the motion was put and passed without dissenting vote.

When council convened secretary will read a communication from the wardens and vestry of St. John's Episcopal church protesting against a closing of any portion of Lamb street for school purposes.

The Street committee reported closing 42 feet of 12 inch sewer pipe south Potter street, cleaning streets, etc.

The Water committee reported repairs at the Phoenix building, collection of \$72.50 water rent and 3.35 rent on buildings. Also that a 1929 water duplicate, totalling 2,609.50, had been turned over to Mr. Selbert for collection and with other bills for the year of approximately \$8132.68 will make the water resources for the year \$20,218.

Mr. Cunningham stated that he had investigated the requests for water made by S. G. Roberts, on Ilson street, and Walter Reickert, on Burnside street, and to furnish them with ample water facilities will require the installation of a booster pump on Burnside street. The cost will be about \$200 and the committee is authorized to go ahead with the installation.

Mr. Cunningham also reported that the Pitometer company is now at work making a test of the Bellefonte water system for leaks but he had no report as to what they have found. In this connection he had secretary Kelly read from the minutes of November, 1879, a report made by the late William Shortlidge, so that at that time was chairman of a Water committee, showing that Bellefonte's consumption of water in 1880 was 80 gallons per capita, and at that time the days of the excessive use of bath tubs, with no automobiles to wash and practical no water being used in any commercial way.

The Finance committee reported a lance in the hands of the borough assessor of \$7454.77. Request was made for the renewal of notes aggregating \$6500, and that a note of \$1000 at the Bellefonte Trust company be reduced to \$5000, which was authorized.

Mr. Emerick stated that Mr. Angler, borough solicitor, had called his attention to the fact that if the borough wishes to exercise its right to test its chances of recovery for the damages awarded in the Wray case it will have to institute proceedings within a year from the date of the death of Mrs. Charles Smith, property owner. Mr. Emerick expressed himself as in favor of making a test case of the borough's liability in such action and a matter was referred to the committee for further consideration with a solicitor.

The Sanitary committee presented a monthly report of milk inspector and health commissioner S. M. Nissler. M. M. Cobb, of the Special committee, reported progress in the matter of a borough code. He also reported that he had figures from three manufacturers of codewell fire alarm systems. On motion the matter was taken on the table for the present. Mr. Brouse presented an ordi-

nance for the closing of a portion of Lamb street, as requested by the school board, as well as a letter from the solicitor stating that under the borough code the ordinance will have to be published three weeks then notice given of a public hearing before council, when all parties both pro and con can be heard, before action can be taken on it. The ordinance was read and ordered published.

Bills were approved to the amount of \$1156.30 after which council adjourned.

BELLEFONTE WOMAN WINS \$500.00 PRIZE.

During the past summer, the Duplex Envelope company, of Richmond, Virginia, manufacturers of church envelopes, conducted a contest to secure the best possible messages to be printed on the backs of their 1931 series. Awards ranging in amount from \$1000 to \$25 were offered for the best messages submitted.

In this contest several thousand manuscripts were received from ministers, ministers' wives, editors, authors, public men, church treasurers, church secretaries, Sunday school teachers from large churches and small churches—from city churches and rural churches, in forty-six States, representing more than thirty denominations. Several months were required for the reading and classification of this wealth of really remarkable material before the judges could make their choice and award the prizes.

The requirements were a subject, a text from the Bible, a little sermonette of not more than one hundred words on the text and a suggestion for an illustration to be prepared by their artists.

Having been deeply impressed by a sermon preached in the Bellefonte Presbyterian church by the Rev. William C. Thompson, in July last, and thinking it should have a wider hearing, the financial secretary of the church, Miss Olive Mitchell prepared a little manuscript in accordance with the rules of the contest and sent it in to the Duplex company. To her great surprise she has just received notice that her manuscript has been awarded the second prize of \$500.00, a check to her for that amount accompanying the notice.

Following is the text and sermonette she submitted:

THE RESIDUE

"And the residue thereof He maketh a god" - Isaiah 44:17.

How is it with us? Are we following in the footsteps of the old heathen of whom the prophet Isaiah wrote, with fine irony, who cut down a tree and with part of it warmed himself, with part of it cooked his food and of the residue thereof made a god?

Does God receive the residue of our time, our strength and our service after we have wearied ourselves with pleasure and business, and the little money we have left after spending lavishly upon ourselves, or do we bring to Him the first fruits and best of all we have?

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JAMES K. BARNHART HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

On Thanksgiving afternoon James K. Barnhart, cashier of the First National bank, of Bellefonte, drove out to the home of Charles Reese, on Allegheny mountain, and took his gun along in the event a big bear might try to climb into his machine.

There was considerable snow and ice on the mountain road and as he was returning home, about 4:30 o'clock his car began to skid on the ice just above Runville and hoping to stop its cavorting around he threw on the brakes, and the result was the car catapulted head-on into the same concrete culvert where the Beech Creek bank robber's car was wrecked two months ago.

Autoists from Clearfield happened along right after the accident and they brought Mr. Barnhart to Bellefonte and took him to the Centre County hospital. He sustained a number of cuts on the head and face and an injured left knee. The steering post was badly bent by the impact of his body when he was thrown against it, and it was feared he might have suffered internal injuries, but at this writing all chest complications have cleared up and he is now on a fair way to recovery.

Quite a number of wrecks occurred on Thanksgiving day because of the slippery condition of the highways, but no serious injuries resulted, although cars were more or less damaged.

In some inexplicable way the list of officers elected for the ensuing year were omitted from the Watchman's account, last week, of the annual meeting of the Centre County Agricultural Extension Association. The list is as follows: President, C. E. Peters, of Stormstown; vice president, N. I. Wilson, Warriorsmark; secretary, A. D. Smeltzer, Pleasant Gap, and treasurer, W. C. Smeltzer, Bellefonte.

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LOCK HAVEN WINS FROM RED AND WHITE

On Thanksgiving the Red and White team went to Lock Haven and were turned back to the tune of 14 to 0.

Newt Fisher started at fullback in Sammy Confer's place but was relieved by Confer in the second quarter.

On a snow-covered field, and on a cold day, B. H. S. met their old rival Lock Haven. The American Legion bugle and drum corps and the Bellefonte High school band, under the supervision of Mr. Wion, paraded before the game.

FIRST QUARTER

Bellefonte kicked to Lock Haven who returned the ball about 25 yards. The Purple and White machine kept working and charging and by so doing were able to score their first touchdown.

The Purple and White made their extra point by a rush. Lock Haven then kicked to Bellefonte who returned the ball 15 yards, after a vigorous attempt to gain a first down the Red and White were forced to kick. Max Kelley got off a beautiful punt for about 55 yards. Lock Haven carried the ball back about ten yards before they were downed. The Purple and White gained successive first downs and at the end of the first quarter they were again within striking distance of our goal.

SECOND QUARTER

Lock Haven had the ball on our 15 yard line and by gaining a first down the Purple and White were on our 5 yard line. Line plunges accounted for the remaining 5 yards and their second and last touchdown. The score at the end of the first half was 14 to 0 in favor of our opponents.

SECOND HALF

The Red and White came out on the field in the second half determined to hold the Purple and White and by fighting back doggedly they kept their goal from being scored upon. Sammy made good efforts to get back his old time stride but he was unable to regain his old time pep. Bud Kelleher played a great game at end and made some nice tackles. Haag also did some nice tackling. Bicketts broke through on several occasions and stopped plays. Max Kelley played hard and punted as good as anyone the Red and White have ever had.

THIRD QUARTER

B. H. S. still fought back and by doing so kept Lock Haven on the run at all times. The Purple and White were taken off balance by the revived energy of the Red and White warriors. The ball see-sawed back and forth Kelley still punting and keeping

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his team out of danger. Shoppe made some good gains around the ends. Lock Haven played its hardest to score another touchdown but they were unsuccessful in their attempts as the game ended and the score

BLACK WALNUT IS BECOMING SCARCE

A State-wide study of black walnut trees recently conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters indicates that the original supply of walnut in the forests of Pennsylvania is greatly depleted.

Black walnut is the highest priced wood now being cut from the forests of Pennsylvania. It is heavier and harder than mahogany and stronger and stiffer than the famed white oak. It is straight grained, easy to work and seldom cracks or warps after seasoning. Approximately 90 per cent. of all the walnut produced is used in the manufacture of furniture, fixtures and cabinets, fire arms, musical instruments, and planing mill products. Three hundred and fourteen distinct articles or parts are listed as being made from the wood of black walnut.

There is probably less black walnut in Pennsylvania today than any other commercially important timber tree. It still occurs locally throughout the State but is rare in the northern part, where it is often entirely absent over large areas. The best trees in the State developed in the fertile, agricultural valleys of the southwest, eastern and central part where walnut occurs as scattered specimens among other hardwoods, in fields and along fence rows, or forms small pure groups on the edge of the forests.

Black walnut is a fast grower. Its rapid growth is partly accounted for

by the fact that it grows only on fertile soils. Suitable soil, climate and planting stock appear to be three outstanding factors that limit the growing of black walnut and determine success or failure in plantations. This was shown by field examinations of natural stands in individual trees and more than 100 plantations scattered over the State. A large per cent. of the walnut plantations made in early years were failures because the trees were planted indiscriminately.

Soils that will not produce agricultural crops will not grow walnut successfully. Planting should be made in moist locations and deep soils of good quality. Next to soil is the importance of climate. Black walnut is subject to frost injury in late spring and should not be planted where late frosts occur. Not only the growing tips freeze back but in practically all trees growing in Northern Pennsylvania, except those on first quality soils, the development of frost cracks in the wood was observed.

The third factor of importance is good planting stock and the care with which it is handled. Even with proper soil and climate, poor planting practice is a frequent cause of failure. The large fleshy tap roots of walnut seedlings are easily injured in transplanting. Broken and torn roots should be pruned with a sharp knife. For this reason it is often recommendable to plant the nuts directly on the ground where the trees are to be grown. The walnuts may be gathered on the ground and may be planted with the hulls on.

—"I gave that man fifty cents for saving my life."
—"What did he do?"
Gave me back twenty cents change."

—In the old days, a Ford was a place where you crossed the river. Now it is every place you try to cross the street.

—The players who played their last for Bellefonte High school are: Captain Sammy Confer, Shoppe and Bob Heverly in the backfield, and Bud Kelleher, Phil Bicketts, Gettig and Sam Bricker on the line.

B. H. S.
Haag
Bricker
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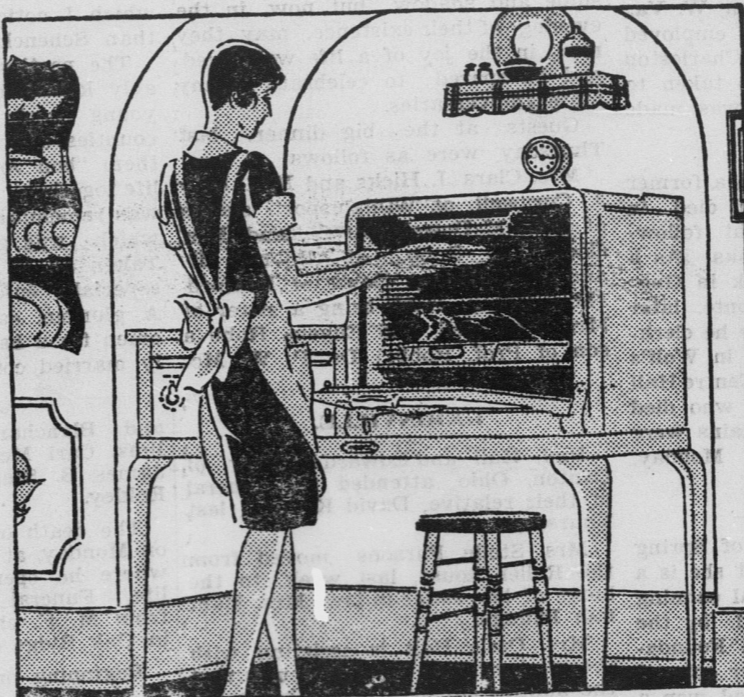
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