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## FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman, issue December 5, 1879.

Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester were the three original counties of Pennsylvania, established at the first settlement of the Province in 1682. Centre is the 27th county and was erected from Mifflin, Huntingdon, Northumberland and Lycoming on February 13, 1800. Centre county is five years younger than Bellefonte.

At a meeting of the directors of the Bald Eagle Valley and P. R. R. Co., held in the Girard House, Philadelphia, on the 25th ult., it was voted to consolidate the debts of the company in one general mortgage of \$400,000 to run for 30 years. The road is capitalized at \$550,000 and is operated under lease by the P. R. R., which pays rental of 40% of the gross receipts and keeps up repairs. The meeting had considerable local interest because it was voted to build a new station building at Bellefonte and also put in a "Y" here.

Councilman Shortlidge, at the meeting of town council on Monday night, gave the following interesting statistics on the water question: "The city of Paris uses an average of 2 1/2 gallons of water per person, per day; Constantinople 15 gallons; Philadelphia 30 gallons; New York 40 gallons; Boston 43 gallons and Bellefonte 80 gallons." Of course Bellefonte are the cleanest and most temperate people in the world and just naturally, have to have more water than others.

Katie, the two year old daughter of J. D. Shugert Esq., of Linn street, had one of her fingers badly hurt last week by having it caught in the sewing machine while in operation.

The prettiest young lady in town has been given the opportunity to manufacture for Mr. Newton Bailey the gushing local editor of the Centre Democrat, a pair of slippers, a dressing gown or a purse in which to carry his silver. This week's issue of that paper carries the invitation. We would suggest that a rocking horse would be a far more appropriate gift for Newtie.

On Wednesday of last week Jacob Shuey, of Houserville, butchered a pig that tipped the beam at 664 lbs. The monster was 8 ft. 1 inch long.

The Presbyterians held a spelling bee at the Wigwam, on Wednesday evening last, to which they charged an admission of 10 cents, the proceeds to be applied to paying for the new Sunday school library.

Mr. William Miles has just opened in Bush's Arcade, on High street, a roller skating rink.

Eggs are 20 cents a dozen and wheat is \$1.40. Eggs are certainly high.

About 10 o'clock last Saturday night an engine of the P. R. R.'s extra freight train was backing up from Milesburg to this place to turn, when in the vicinity of the old Snow Shoe station at Milesburg the engineer thought he noticed something on the track but couldn't get stopped in time to avoid running over it. The object was found to be the body of Wm. P. Wilson who had been a teamster at Valentine's iron works. It was horribly mutilated and death must have been instantaneous. It is supposed that he sat down on the tracks to rest and then fell asleep only to waken up in eternity.

Governor Fisher has joined Grundy and Reed in the opinion that Senators should be apportioned according to population. That makes three genuine Hamiltonians in the country, which is enough.

One is almost forced to sympathize with Vane after the cruel way he has been tossed out of the Senatorial equation by the hard-boiled managers of the Republican machine.

Even Congress has made a new record. The session just ended is the first special session called for a specific purpose that failed to fulfill the purpose.

Maybe there ought to be a constitutional amendment authorizing the President to select the Senators. Usurpation is always dangerous.

After all it doesn't matter much who makes the selection if the choice is wise. Fletcher is better than Grundy or Fisher.

Meantime the "fine Roman hand" of Uncle Andy Mellon is discernible in every movement affecting Pennsylvania politics.

The regular session of Congress opened placidly enough but the indications point to a stormy session.

WHITMER.—Robert Foster Whitmer, for many years identified with the lumber interests throughout central Pennsylvania, and in his younger years well known in Centre county, died at his home in Philadelphia, on Wednesday of last week, following an illness of some months.

He was born at Hartleton, Union county, on January 25th, 1864, hence was almost 66 years of age. He was educated in the common schools of Union county and at Lafayette college where he graduated in 1885. In college he took a prominent part in athletics and was one of the star pitchers on the college ball team. As a young man he devoted his energies to lumbering and was president of the R. F. Whitmer Lumber company and the William Whitmer & Sons Lumber company, both of which had interests in Centre county. He also had lumber, pulp and paper mill interests in the South and at the time of his death was president of the Central West Virginia and Southern railroad.

He was a member of the Sons of the Revolution, St. Andrew's Society, the Chi Phi Fraternity, the Union League, Philadelphia Cricket Club, and Lodge No. 22, F. and A. M., of Sunbury, Pa. His wife, who was formerly Miss Nellie Packer, of Sunbury, died several years ago.

He is survived by five children: Mrs. John G. Love of Bellefonte; Mrs. Charlemagne T. Wolfe, Robert F. Whitmer, Jr., of New York; Rachel B. Whitmer and Ellen Isabelle Whitmer, of Chestnut Hill.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Philadelphia on Friday afternoon, and on Saturday the remains were taken to Lewisburg where burial was made.

DOLAN.—Ray Dolan, twenty year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dolan, who live in Marion township about two miles east of Jacksonville, died on Saturday evening following two week's illness as the result of an attack of pneumonia. The Dolans have been operating a saw mill in Buffalo Run valley, where the young man worked, and it was there he contracted the cold which terminated in his death.

In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Leo Dolan, of Mill Hall; Mrs. Claire Lyons, of Howard; Mrs. Richard Mackey, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Wilbur Gates, of Howard; Willard and Robert, at home.

Funeral services were held at the Dolan home at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, by the pastor of the Reformed church burial being made in the Jacksonville cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Miss Anna V. Williams, who for a number of years edited the Philipsburg Ledger, died on Sunday night, at her home in Charleston, W. Va., following twenty-four hour's illness. As a young woman she began her newspaper experience as an assistant to her brother, Harry C. Williams, who was then editing the Philipsburg Ledger. When Mr. Williams died in 1895 she took charge of the paper and conducted it until 1912 when she sold out and went to Charleston, W. Va., where she had since been employed as a proofreader on a Charleston paper. The remains were taken to Philipsburg where burial was made yesterday.

MULLEN.—John Mullen, a former resident of Centre Hall, died in Pittsburgh, on Friday night, following an illness of some weeks. As a young man he was a clerk in Guggenheimer's store, Bellefonte, later going to Centre Hall where he clerked for a number of years in Wolf's general store. While in Centre Hall he married a Miss Arney, who died some years ago. His remains were taken to Centre Hall on Monday, for burial.

Mrs. Mary Zubler, of Spring Mills, has been notified that she is a prize winner in the national canning contest recently conducted by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation of Chicago. Mrs. Zubler entered a quart jar of peaches and won a premium of \$5.00 in cash.

Yesterday was the first time in ten days that there have been any signs of thawing on the streets of Bellefonte.

## Marriage Licenses.

Paul E. Holderman, of Bellefonte, and Eleanor A. Alkey, of Curtin.

George C. Merryman and Theresa V. Sprankle, both of Milesburg.

Harry L. Flegal and Marjorie G. Dorsett, both of State College.

Russell P. Grazier and Bertha M. Bower, both of Millhall.

Frederick R. Hetrick and Ruth Anna Heffner, both of Huntingdon.

It would be a disappointing mistake to assume that all corporating presidents had become philanthropists.

Henry is a glutton for free advertising and knows exactly how to get it.

The Watchman gives all the news worth reading, all the time.

## IN THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

9:30 A. M. Bible school.

10:45 A. M. Morning service; Sermon: "The Spirit of Our Offerings"

7:30 P. M. Vesper service; Sermon: "The Blessedness of God's House."

Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor



Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McDowell

## A GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION AT HOWARD

Thanksgiving day was a momentous event in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. McDowell, of Howard, as it marked the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. As both Mr. McDowell's parents and the parents of Mrs. McDowell lived to celebrate their golden wedding it was only natural that their children should wish to do likewise and the event was celebrated with a big turkey dinner at their pleasant and comfortable home in Howard.

The silver service which adorned the table was Mrs. McDowell's wedding gift of fifty years ago. The table settings were in gold and white the decorations being yellow chrysanthemums and an electric parrot flower centerpiece filled with yellow rose buds, the latter a gift of Mr. Carson Q. Dietz, of Lock Haven. The only jewelry worn by Mrs. McDowell was the wedding present of her young husband at the time of their marriage fifty years ago. As mementos of last Thursday's event Mr. and Mrs. McDowell received a number of gold pieces.

When the young people were married fifty years ago, Mr. McDowell was engaged in farming. The first two years of their married life were spent on a farm at Mackeyville. Then they lived two years on the Robert Bension farm, in Marion township, and by that time had saved enough money to justify buying a farm of their own, in Marion township, which they occupied twenty-two years. Leaving the farm they moved to Howard where they have lived twenty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell were the parents of three children, two of whom died quite young so that their only son is Willard K. McDowell, cashier of the First National bank, of Howard. Mr. McDowell has three sisters living while Mrs. McDowell has five living sisters.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McDowell are among the most esteemed residents of Howard. During their long married life they have had their full share of happiness and sorrow, sunshine and shadow, but now, in the evening of their existence, may they revel in the joy of a life well lived, and be spared to celebrate many more anniversaries.

Guests at the big dinner, last Thursday, were as follows:

Mrs. Clara J. Hicks and Mrs. Amy J. Cornwell, of Williamsport, sisters of Mrs. McDowell; Prof. and Mrs. George D. Robb, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Robb, of Bedford. (Mrs. George Robb being a sister of Mrs. McDowell and Eugene Robb a son of Prof. Robb); Dr. P. W. Mc-

Dowell Tibbens, of Beech Creek, (a nephew); Mr. and Mrs. Reed Worrick, of Mackeyville; Prof. Milton S. McDowell, of State College; W. K. McDowell and wife, of Howard.

All of Mrs. McDowell's sisters were at the gathering with the exception of Miss Nellie Louis Kline, of Williamsport. None of Mr. McDowell's were there, as three of them live too far away while Mrs. Tibbens, of Beech Creek, was physically unable to be there.

As a matter of interest we here-with reprint the wedding notice of Mr. and Mrs. McDowell published in the Watchman fifty years ago.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Thanksgiving day was rendered memorable in Howard by the marriage of Mr. Harry F. McDowell and Miss M. Belle Kline. Mr. McDowell is the son of Perry McDowell Esq., a well-to-do farmer of Nittany Valley near Hamburg, formerly of Howard. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Samuel F. Kline Esq., of Howard, and a niece of Ex-Sheriff Kline, of Bellefonte.

The appointed hour found a numerous company of guests assembled from Howard, Nittany Valley, Bellefonte, Tyrone and Beech Creek. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Benson Akers, pastor of the Methodist church at Howard. After a sumptuous repast and enjoyable social occasion the newly married couple were escorted by their friends to the depot where they took the afternoon train for a wedding trip west. They were accompanied as far as Tyrone by their attendants: Mr. Harry Henderson and Miss Alice Cooke.

Your correspondent noticed among the wedding presents the following: Silver cake basket by Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. Kline, silver butter dish, richly chased by Mr. and Mrs. Bension, silver cake dish, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Brew, silver spoons by Mrs. McDowell, bracket by Mrs. Dr. Tibbens, roll of greenbacks by P. W. McDowell. Besides these there was a quantity of glass-ware, flower vases, etc. Among the donors of which I noticed the names of Nathan Schenck and George Hall.

The parties being well and favorably known by a large number of young people in Centre and Clinton counties their many friends wish them "bon voyage" in the journey of life together. The officiating minister was remembered with a generous fee which was gratefully appreciated. Taken all in all this occasion was especially enjoyable and memorable. A glorious day was an auspicious omen for a happy future to the newly married couple.

## UNIONVILLE.

Phil. Hall and Edward Keatley, of Canton, Ohio, attended the funeral of their relative, David Keatley, last Thursday.

Mrs. Stella Parsons moved from the Roller house, last week, to the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hannah Iddings.

Mrs. Orrie Holt is assisting with the work at the Hotel Union during the hunting season, the lumber camp being closed.

J. C. Fox is spending some time on the mountain hunting, and Miss Charlotte Stere has charge of his school during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Spotts, of North Chili, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Mary Lucas and daughter Gertrude, mother and sister of Mrs. Spotts.

Mrs. Clayton Updegraff and children, of Williamsport, were week-end visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bauder.

G. W. Holt & Son have closed their lumber business during the season for hunting deer and have gone to their camp on the mountain.

On Monday our constable, J. N. Holt, while traveling around, on the mountain, found a spike buck which somebody had shot and left lay. He sent it to the hospital.

Mrs. Charles Nason, of Clearfield, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Williams, while her husband is on a business trip and expects to be located for a while in New York city.

The pulpit in the M. E. church was very ably filled on Sunday evening by Rev. M. C. Piper, of Milesburg, the regular minister, Rev. Crawford, having gone to a hunting camp for a few days recreation.

After visiting with relatives and friends for about three weeks Mrs. Minerva Whipple returned to her home in Rochester, N. Y., going as far as Williamsport last Friday, and stopping off over the week end with relatives there.

A number of deer have been brought to town since the season opened. Among the lucky men were Dr. C. A. Van Valin, of Williamsport, Chas. Eckenroth, each a large buck,

and Blanchard Holt, Clark Williams, Carl McQuigg, John Resides, James B. Stere, Roy and Clayton Eckley.

The death of John Iddings occurred on Monday, at his home on Dix Run, where he spent many years of his life. Funeral Wednesday afternoon from M. E. church here and burial in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Beginning on Wednesday evening, at the home of each group leader, the cottage prayer meetings will be started preparatory for the revival services which Rev. Crawford has planned to start on New Year's eve, in the M. E. church.

The Thanksgiving breakfast served in the Community House by the Standard Bearer Society was very much enjoyed by those who attended and the programme very well rendered. The free-will offering brought several dollars to their treasury.

It is reported that a young man from Johnstown, while hunting along the mountain near Snow Shoe Intersection, saw something he thought was a bear and shot it, and when he investigated found to his sorrow he had shot a horse belonging to Mr. Summers, who lives in that locality. He promptly did all he could to restore the loss to Mr. Summers by paying for the animal and the expense of having it disposed of, and then returned to his home.

## JACKSONVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. John Korman, son Clarence and daughter Dorothy, spent Sunday afternoon at the Merwin Hoy home.

A large number of our men from this vicinity have gotten the deer fever and gone hunting. We wish them all good success.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neff and family spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Neff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoy, assisting in the big butchering.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haines, Mrs. Mary Deitz and Samuel Shortlidge motored to Clearfield, on Saturday, where Mrs. Haines has been receiving treatment.

## FINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. Anna Reed is suffering with an attack of pneumonia.

Jacob Krumrine, of State College, was in town, Tuesday, on business.

Will Wagner, of Juniata, is with the hunters in the Seven mountains.

James Irvin killed the prize porker in this section. It weighed 612 pounds.

Mrs. I. L. Foster, of College Park, Md., is visiting Centre county friends.

M. C. Wieland captured a big coon on Saturday, and had a feast on Tuesday.

Mrs. Gilbert Watts and two daughters are visiting the James Lytle home.

Rev. A. L. Bixler, wife and family spent Thanksgiving with friends at Pottsville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilliland, of Baileyville, were Sunday visitors at State College.

Miss Grace Fitts, of Hollidaysburg, spent the Thanksgiving season at State College.

Mrs. Sadie Kepler, of Lock Haven, visited the David Ewing home the latter end of the week.

Robert Foster, of New York city, is visiting his parents, Hon. and Mrs. Robert M. Foster.

John Gates, serving in the U. S. navy, at Portsmouth, Va., is home on a two week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gates.

Prof. Cyrus Hoy and wife and H. C. Dale and wife motored to Watkins Glen and points in New York State last week, returning home on Sunday.

Thresherman John W. Miller completed the season, last week with a record of 40,000 bushels. John Quinn had the banner crop of this section, 1050 bushels of wheat.

Alfred Walker, wife and son John motored to the Buckeye State and spent last week with relatives. On the way home they had an auto wreck in which all were injured though not seriously.

With the temperature ten degrees below zero the public sale of Charles Simpson, near Baileyville, on Saturday, was not largely attended. Bidding, however, was fairly brisk. Eight young cattle brought \$319.

A doe deer had its back broken by being hit by an automobile on the State highway in the Glades and J. T. Rossman and G. F. Fry ended its misery, dressed the deer and gave the meat to Mrs. Emigh, a widow woman with a family of children. The hide was turned over to a game warden.

The entertainment given by the Ladies Missionary society of the Presbyterian church, on Thanksgiving evening, was not as well attended, as expected, owing to the inclement weather. But those who were there were well repaid for having gone. Every part was taken in a most excellent manner.

Members of the Lady Ferguson lodge, No. 137, held a birthday party, last Monday evening, in the I. O. O. F. hall. Mrs. Claire Irvin was in charge of the music, Miss Mary McCracken gave interesting readings, and others took prominent parts in the program. The birthday class included Mrs. Pearl Clark, Jane Homan, Margaret Quinn, Mrs. Joseph Fleming, Helen Kline, Bertha Judy, Mrs. B. Harmon, Mrs. I. O. Campbell, Cora Elder, Mary McCracken, Olive Walker, Maude Fry, Mrs. Claire Irwin, W. A. Collins, M. C. Wieland and J. D. Neidigh. Visiting members present from State College included Mrs. Pennington and Mrs. E. M. Heberling.

The biggest bargains ever offered anywhere, any time or any place is what you will find at Fauble's 43rd Anniversary Sale on Saturday. Be on hand, as the doors swing open promptly at 9 a. m. 48-1t

## AARONSBURG.

Mrs. Thomas Hull and daughter, Miss Jennie, spent Thanksgiving as guests of Mrs. Hull's niece Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kessinger, in State College. They returned home Monday.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hines left by motor for Florida and other southern points, expecting to journey on by easy stages to Alabama, where they will spend some time with Mrs. Hines' brother.

King winter landed quite unexpectedly, more than one week ago, and to many of us an unwelcome and premature guest, as we were not in readiness for such severe weather. However, we submit to an allwise providence.

Mrs. Emma Fiedler was taken suddenly ill, on Sunday, while about her supper preparations. She lives

## RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

W. B. SEELEY, noted rupture expert, famous for his ability and skill in handling difficult cases, will personally be at the Penn. Belle, Bellefonte, Saturday, December 14th only, 10 A. M. to 6 P. M., where those desiring to escape a surgical operation may consult him without charge.

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by herself but was able to call some one who was passing by, who I turn called her neighbor, James Guiseville. While she has been in proving she has not fully recovered Mrs. Anna M. Stover, as usual, was the good samaritan who looked after her wants.

Mrs. A. J. Ireby, her son, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ireby and three children who had been at the Musser home stand for some months, left Wednesday of last week, for Mrs. Ireby home in Danville, where they will be in convenient reach of the Geisinger hospital where Mrs. Ireby has been going for treatment for her eye which have become very much in paired. Her family have become very much alarmed about her condition. We sincerely trust she may soon respond to the treatment she is receiving.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FURNISHED ROOM.—Nicely furnished room with bath. Inquire of Mrs. T. C. Brown, corner Sprin and Bishop Sts. Bellefonte. 74-48-

WANTED.—A good girl for general house work in a family of three. Enquire of Mrs. Arthur C. Dal. of East Linn St. 46-

## Proposed Ordinance

An Ordinance introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Council of U. Borough of Bellefonte held December 2, 1929.

OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE COUNTY OF CENTRE AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING LAMB STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SPRING STREET, A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED AND SEVEN FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF AN ALLEY WITH LAMB STREET, IMMEDIATELY SOUTH WEST OF THE PROPERTY OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

WHEREAS, the School District of the Borough of Bellefonte is the owner of real estate for school purposes on both sides of Lamb Street between the intersection of said Street with Spring Street and running east to an Alley adjoining property of St. John's Episcopal Church on the Southwest;

AND WHEREAS, said Lamb Street between the points aforesaid is unnecessary for the accommodation of the traveling public and the citizens of said Borough;

AND WHEREAS, traffic on said street between the points aforesaid is dangerous to the pupils of the public school adjacent to said Street. WHEREFORE, ENACTED BY COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE, at a regular meeting thereof, and it is hereby ORDAINED AND ENACTED by authority of the same that the following portion of Lamb Street in the Borough of Bellefonte, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, is hereby vacated, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the intersection of Lamb Street with Spring Street; thence in a Northernly direction two hundred and seven feet to the intersection of Lamb Street, with an Alley adjoining the property of St. John's Episcopal Church on the Southwest.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into a ORDINANCE, this day of JANUARY, A. D. 1930.

President of Council

ATTEST:—

Secretary of Council

And now, to-wit, January A. D. 1930 this Ordinance is hereby approved.

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- Tootsie Toys
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- Alphabet Blocks
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