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Brookhart Not Blameable.

We are not able to join in the almost nation-wide chorus of condemnation of Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, for stating in the Senate and subsequently testifying in the court to the fact that he had seen what looked and smelled like "hard liquor" at a dinner in a Washington hotel, given by a New York broker and commonly known as "the Wall Street Dinner," at which he was a guest.

The Wall Street Dinner is or was a biennial event in Washington. At the opening of each new Congress the newly-elected Senators are invited to a feast for the ostensible purpose of "getting them acquainted with each other."

As a matter of fact the Wall Street Dinner is not a matter of hospitality at all. It is a purely business enterprise. Wall Street is intensely interested in the Senate. It wants to know all about the Senators.

PENN STATE WON MANY PRIZES AT STOCK SHOW.

Winning reserve grand championship on a Southdown yearling wether at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago last week the Pennsylvania State College also captured a large share of other high prizes.

Berkshire swine shown by the college won four of the eight first prizes offered, and one of the pens was rated as reserve champion.

—The Fauble 43rd Anniversary Sale is calling you.

KEELER.—George Jackson Keeler passed away, at the Centre County hospital, at ten o'clock on Sunday evening, as the result of an attack of double pneumonia.

"Wally," as he was generally known among his friends, was a son of Wallace and Fietta Keeler and was born in Bellefonte on July 20th, 1877, making his age 52 years, 4 months and 18 days.

Deceased had for some time been making his home with his sister, Mrs. Haupt, and it was there funeral services were held, at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. Homer C. Knox, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

A wonderful value, sturdy birch frames occasional chairs, with attractive tapestry and velvet covered seats and backs, at \$10.75.—W. R. Brachbill's Furniture Store 49-11

STEWART.—Dr. DeLaune Gray Stewart, who for over a quarter of a century had been a well known resident of Bellefonte, passed away at his home on west Linn street, at noon last Thursday.

A son of Dr. Miller and Patsy Shaw Stewart he was born at the family home, near Snow Shoe, on April 7th, 1862, hence was 67 years, 7 months and 28 days old. He attended the public school of Burnside township and spent a year or two at the Lock Haven Normal.

In 1904 he formed a partnership with George M. Busch, of Williamsport, and under the firm name of Busch & Stewart engaged in the contracting business, their principal work being street building.

Dr. Stewart was a member of the Bellefonte lodge of Masons, the Williamsport consistory and Irem Temple Order of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of the Bellefonte lodge of Elks and the Nittany Country club.

ROYER.—Cephas S. Royer, a native of Miles township, Centre county, died at the Lock Haven hospital, on Tuesday of last week, as the result of a heart attack sustained while stoking the furnace at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Linn Harris, in Lock Haven.

He was 54 years old and most of his life had been spent at Rebersburg, moving from there to Lock Haven a number of years ago. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, Clair and Stella, of Lock Haven; Harry of Polk and Mabel, of Swissvale.

DURST.—Mrs. Alice Durst, widow of the late Samuel Durst, died at her home in Centre Hall on Thanksgiving morning, as the result of heart trouble, following an illness of one week, aged 74 years, 1 month and 13 days.

BLAIR.—Mrs. Henrietta G. Blair, wife of Dr. Herbert A. Blair, died at her home at Curwensville, last Saturday night, as the result of complications. She was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Wright and was born at Milesburg about fifty years ago.

FEREE.—Mrs. Hannah C. Ferree died on Thanksgiving day, at the home of her son, John Royer, at Pine Hall, following an illness of several years, aged 82 years.

Two days later her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Shaffer, of McElhattan, who had been at the Royer home helping care for her mother, also passed away. The mother was laid to rest in the Pine Hall cemetery on December 1st and the daughter, who was 42 years of age, was buried in the same grave on December 3rd.

Bellefonte Kiwanis has decided to sponsor another community tree for the Christmas holidays.

GRAY.—Miss Esther K. Gray, daughter of Isaac S. Gray and Sarah L. Gray, died at the Centre County hospital, Sunday morning, December 8th, as the result of a serious operation performed November 29th.

Miss Gray was born on July 9th, 1873, in Patton township, at the old Gray homestead which she afterward named "Meadowside Place." In her early childhood she suffered an accident which left her permanently crippled.

She is survived by two older sisters, Mrs. George M. Glenn, widow of a former pastor in the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, and Mrs. Frank D. Hartsock, whose husband is the pastor of the Chenango Street M. E. church, Binghamton.

REED.—Mrs. Anna F. Reed, wife of James I. Reed, died at her home at Pine Grove Mills at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon following an illness of several weeks with pneumonia and heart trouble.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Jane and Bonnie Laird and one son, Kendrick; as well as his brother R. W. and S. W. Laird.

SHREFFLER.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Shreffler, widow of the late Albert Shreffler, died at her home at Avondale, East End, Pittsburgh, on Sunday morning, as the result of a general breakdown.

She was a daughter of Emanuel and Lucy Gephart Twitmyer and was born at Zion in 1852, hence was 77 years old. In 1877 she married Albert Shreffler who died at Mill Hill in 1899.

BAILEY.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bailey, widow of T. Scott Bailey, for many years residents of State College, died quite suddenly of a heart attack, at an early hour Tuesday morning, at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. A. Miller, in Altoona.

She was a daughter of James and Susan Glenn and was born at Leont on March 19th, 1854, hence was in her 76th year. Mr. Bailey died sixteen years ago and since then Mrs. Bailey had spent most of her time with her children.

TAYLOR.—Miss Harriet A. Taylor died, at three o'clock on Monday morning, at her home near Fillmore, of general debility. She was a daughter of Thomas and Catherine Switzer Taylor and was born in Buffalo Run valley 85 years ago.

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REEDER.—Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer Gotwalt Reeder, widow of the late Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, of Bellefonte, passed away at her home in Pasadena, Cal., on Monday evening.

She was a daughter of Rev. Thomas and Mary J. Gotwalt and was about 73 years old. Her father was a Methodist minister in the Central Pennsylvania conference and she was a direct descendant of John Anderson Shultz, who served as Governor of Pennsylvania from 1823 to '29.

During her residence in Bellefonte she was one of the town's society matrons, a charming and gracious hostess always, and a leader in social and civic activities.

LAIRD.—C. S. Laird died at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., last Friday, December 6th, and was buried in Lakewood cemetery in that city Monday afternoon.

He was born in Bellefonte forty-eight years ago and was the son of Robert Laird, in his lifetime a very well known resident of this place. As a young man he studied voice culture in New York and won most favorable comment from the critics.

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PATIENTS TREATED AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Landis and infant son, of State College, were discharged on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Charles Mong, of Boggs township, who was admitted on Monday of last week for medical treatment, was discharged the following day.

Miss Emma Winter Grau, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Tuesday of last week for surgical treatment and was discharged on Friday.

Charles Sabercrook, of State College, became a medical patient on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gardner, of Howald, are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter, born at the hospital on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Virginia Calderwood daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Calderwood, of Runville, became a patient at the hospital on Tuesday of last week, and submitted to her eleventh operation for an infection of the leg.

Miss Laura Johnson, a student nurse at the hospital, who has been a surgical patient for ten days, was discharged on Wednesday of last week.

William Corl, of Pine Grove Mills, a surgical patient for ten days, was discharged on Wednesday of last week.

Sid Bernstein, of Bellefonte, became a medical patient last Thursday.

Andy Danko, of Clarence, was admitted on Thursday of last week for surgical treatment.

Edward Jacobs, of Boalsburg, became a surgical patient on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert King, of Spring township, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, on Saturday, at the hospital.

Mrs. Carl Markle, of Spring township, became a medical patient on Friday and was discharged the same day.

Harry Kreamer, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Saturday for medical treatment.

Miss Elizabeth Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Judy, of Pennsylvania Furnace, a surgical patient for the past twelve days, was discharged on Saturday.

Cashier James K. Barnhart, of the First National Bank, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday, after receiving treatment for injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Thanksgiving.

Joseph Manna, of Spring township, was admitted on Sunday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Sarah Adams, of State College, a medical patient for the past four weeks, was discharged on Sunday.

There were 40 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

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METHODIST CAMPAIGN WENT OVER THE TOP.

The Methodist church campaign to raise a fund of \$200,000 to pay the indebtedness on the Methodist home for the aged, in Tyrone, the home for children, near Mechanicsburg, and the Wesley Foundation, at State College, went over the top, according to the announcement of W. G. Murtoff, treasurer, of State College, total contributions and pledges aggregating \$233,297.

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NITTANY THEATRE OPEN AGAIN AT STATE COLLEGE

The Nittany theatre at State College, which has been closed for some time, will reopen tonight at 8 o'clock with "Romance of Rio Grande" as the feature picture.

The same superb sound reproducing equipment that has attracted such favorable comment at the Cathaum has been installed at the Nittany. The sound and dialogue is as clear, as natural, and as distinct as can be reproduced.

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—Fifty-nine members and two guests attended the D. A. R. banquet at the Brockerhoff house, last Friday evening.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman, issue of December 12th, 1879.

—The suit for damages brought by Mrs. William Holt, of Snow Shoe township, against the Snow Shoe Railroad Company for \$25,000.00 for the killing of her husband by the breaking down of the Miller Springs trestle, has been settled by the payment of \$8,000.00 by the company.

—The case of John Derstine against Duncan, Hale and Co., being a suit for damages because of the injury of his little girl at their mill about a year ago, was concluded yesterday by a compromise in which the defendants agreed to pay \$3,300 in trust for the injured child. The suit was originally brought for \$10,000, but later reduced to \$5,000.

—On Friday last a lad named Henry Baum and a companion were playing on some empty coal cars at a mine near Snow Shoe and in trying to make a coupling young Baum's head was caught between the bumpers and literally smashed to a jelly. He was an adopted son of Jacob Rapp; his parents having been residents of Mauch Chunk, but evidently had moved away from there as they could not be found and know nothing of the tragedy.

—Stormtown was agog all last Saturday because of the trial of a case in the school house there. It appears that J. G. Ryder bought a quantity of peaches from Amos Clemson, but peaches went up in price before Kryder called for them and when he did he found that Clemson had sold them to another man, hence the suit for damages for non delivery as per contract. Jack Spangler represented Kryder and Jack Love defended Clemson. The case took all day and finally resulted in an award of \$6.50 to the plaintiff and defendant to pay the costs.

—A revival has been going on in the African M. E. church in this place for the past few weeks, and outside of the bad behavior of our young men of the white persuasion, has so far been profitable and pleasant. If the white people of Bellefonte wish to attend these meetings they should follow the example set them by the colored people and behave themselves properly, as they do.

—Sunday was a beautiful day, but the weather since has been dark and lowering.

—Snyder Tobias and the great Greenbacker, John Dawson are grunting around with the rheumatism.

—During the winter of 1828 the Valentines ran an ark load of iron to Harrisburg every week from here. Weather prophets say the present winter will be very much like that one, the prediction being based on the thaw the Republican unusually hard freeze in November.

—Note the above specially because the weather conditions were evidently identical with those of this fall. We shall see how it turns out.—ED

—Col. D. S. Keller won the spelling bee in the "Wigwan" and the handsome sum of \$15.50 was realized for the Presbyterian library. If Col. Keller doesn't soon stop winning spelling bees we'll be thinking he is the fellow who taught Webster, of dictionary fame, what he knew.

—Mr. Bob Cassidy, of Canton, Ohio, left town Monday afternoon, having arrived at the conclusion that \$3,000 is a little too much to pay for "the Republican" office. Much as we should like to see Bob again become a resident of Bellefonte we should not like to see him undertake to make a fortune of the Radical party in this county on an investment like that, \$8,000 for a Republican paper and printing office in Centre county. Whew!

NELSON'S BODY BURIED AT PLAINFIELD, N. J.

The remains of pilot Thomas P. Nelson, airmail flier who lost his life in a plane crash near Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on Sunday night, December 1st, were buried at Plainfield, N. J., on Saturday. Nelson's body and wrecked plane were not found until Thursday afternoon, when they were located by hunters in a ravine within one hundred steps of a main highway. A coroner's inquest decided that Nelson had not been killed in the crash but had been seriously injured and died from exposure due to the extreme cold weather.

On Saturday a note was found several miles from where the wrecked plane was located, which read:

"Search for me here, Trouble." The note was signed T. P. Nelson. From that it is believed that something went wrong with his ship and realizing that he was due for a crash he wrote the note and threw it overboard. He then attempted to land the plane but finding that he could not do so jumped. But he had waited too long, as the plane was so near down that his parachute did not have time to open when he struck the earth. Fortunately the plane did not catch fire and the mail was found safe and sound.

—Samuel Hamilton, of Clearfield county, has been in Bellefonte the past two weeks gathering data in connection with county owned bridges on State highway routes which the State will take over in 1930. There are in the neighborhood of twenty bridges in the county which will revert to the State for upkeep under the present law.

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