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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of January 9, 1880.

The success that attended the thirty-third annual session of the Centre County Teacher's Institute, which was held in Bellefonte during the holidays, was a matter that Supt. Meyer had every reason for gratification over. While a full report of the proceedings is published on page 2 of this issue we make comment here on a playlet that was drilled and presented on the instant by Miss Crane. Calling the teachers, wholly unaware from the auditorium she told them what to do when their cue came and that was all the information they got. Dr. Shaffer was given the role of "the wicked boy." C. L. Gramley was "the good little boy" and was placed in the center of the stage and told to sing tenor. And Sallie A. Meek, Rosa A. Wood and Mary L. Nesbit were his supporting chorus. Well, it was a grand affair and convulsed the audience, but you ought to have heard Mr. Gramley's tenor. The result brought out wonderfully, the point Miss Crane was trying to impress on the assembled teachers. Incidentally, those teaching in the Bellefonte schools are: Misses Rosa A. Wood, Nannie McGinley, Lizzie Campbell, M. L. Nesbit, Bella Rankin, Annie McCaffrey, Mary Shrom and D. M. Leib, J. H. Wetzel and John Brooks.

Dr. R. L. Dart and Miss Lida Lieb were united in man and wife by Rev. A. D. Yocum on Wednesday evening last at the Lieb residence, corner of Spring and Bishop streets.

Married—At the Bush house in Bellefonte by Rev. J. M. King, John C. Bathurst, of Roland, and Miss Kate Lingle, of Eagleville.

On the 25th of Dec. 1879, at the Ward house, Tyrone, Pa., by Rev. G. W. Bouse, John W. Hartsock and Miss Marian E. McDivitt, both of Halfmoon, Pa.

At the residence of J. A. Hunter, on the 24th of December, 1879, by Rev. G. W. Bouse, E. W. McCafee and Miss Sarah E. Cross, both of Stormstown, Pa.

Wheat is \$1.45, rye 50c, corn 50c, potatoes 30c, eggs 20c, butter 25c, ham 12c and lard 6c.

At a meeting of Logan Fire Co., held Thursday, January 1, the following officials were elected to serve during the ensuing year. President, H. D. Yergler; vice president, William Long; treasurer, Chas. M. Heisler; secretary William T. Hillbliss; chief, John D. Sourbeck; 1st Asst., John Dawson; 2nd Asst., Daniel Witzoskey; 3rd Asst., William McQuillan; 4th Asst., George Dolan; plugmen J. C. Brachbill, Richard Haupt.

The sleighing is all gone again, the snow having disappeared as suddenly as it came.

Miss Amanda Tomb, one of Jersey Shore's most admirable and respected young ladies has returned home after a visit of ten days with her sister, Mrs. D. G. Bush, in this place.

Mr. J. Miles Kephart, of the firm of Bennett, Pennehill and Co., Market street, Philadelphia will arrive here tomorrow. Our merchants should be on the lookout for him.

It was rain, rain, rain on Tuesday. One incessant dreary downpour, but the water was badly needed to replenish falling cisterns, wells and streams.

Elmer C. Green, of this place, is quite an artist and has recently been illustrating the Sunday school lessons on the blackboard of the Methodist Sunday school here. In fact he does it well and it is proving such a help to the teachers that he has been unanimously chosen artist for the school. Elmer is a son of our fellow townsman Mr. F. P. Green.

Along about ten o'clock, Tuesday night, a box car loaded with lime and standing on a siding in the P. R. R. yards, north of town, caught fire and the Logan fire company went down to render assistance in extinguishing the flames. Railroad people, however, wanted to save the lime and decided to smother the fire. The car was hauled out of the yard and up onto the old glass works siding. About six o'clock, Wednesday morning, the car again broke into flames and the firemen were called out but it was then too late and the car was destroyed.

The venerable A. Brittain Steele has been confined in his home, on Beaver street, for some days past, with an attack of the flu and with Mrs. Steele an invalid and practically blind neighbors and friends have been looking after their needs and comfort.

The oath of office for his second term was administered to district attorney John G. Love, by prothonotary, S. Claude Herr, in open court, at ten o'clock on Monday morning. Only a few people were in court at the time.

BAILEY.—The unexpected death of Warren R. Bailey, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Esther Gregory, in Juniata, last Wednesday afternoon, was quite a shock to his many home friends in the western end of Centre county. Mr. Bailey had not been in good health for some time but was no worse than usual. On Tuesday he got a bad fall which caused complications resulting in his death.

Warren Richard Bailey was a son of John and Mary Goheen Bailey and was born at Baileyville on July 4th, 1854, hence was in his 76th year. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm and in attending the public school and Pine Grove Academy, but when he reached the age of twenty-three years he married Miss Catherine Steely, of Lewistown, and shortly thereafter they went to Illinois and located in Springfield. Mr. Bailey became a traveling salesman and became quite successful. Later he established a real estate and insurance office in Springfield and did a good business. During the years he lived in Illinois he made a number of trips back to Centre county.

Mrs. Bailey died in 1924, and having no children Mr. Bailey disposed of his business two years later and returned to Centre county, making his home with his nephew, John H. Bailey, at Pine Grove Mills. Early in the fall he went to Juniata to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. Gregory. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church and a teacher in the Sunday school. He was also president of the Ferguson township Brotherhood. In politics he was a Republican but liberal in his views.

He was one of a family of eight brothers and was the last to go, but is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Hewitt, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Gregory, of Juniata. The remains were taken to Pine Grove Mills where funeral services were held at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, at the John H. Bailey home. Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick was in charge and was assisted by Rev. John S. English and Rev. J. O. C. McCracken. Burial was made in the new cemetery at Pine Grove Mills, six nephews of the deceased acting as pallbearers.

REED.—Miss Margaret Reed, a well known resident of Pine Grove Mills, died on Tuesday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained some time on Sunday morning. Some ten years ago she was injured in an auto accident from which she never fully recovered, although she was able to do her own housework. She was unfailingly regular in her church attendance but was not in her accustomed place on Sunday morning. Toward noon a boy looked through a window of her home and saw her lying on the floor and unable to move. Neighbors forced an entrance and found her completely paralyzed. She remained in that condition until her death.

She was a daughter of Daniel and Jane Sparks Reed and was born near Pine Grove Mills 77 years ago. A good part of her early life was spent with the Spahr family but later she made her home with her brother Jacob, in Pine Grove Mills. Since his death she had lived alone, being the last of the family. She was one of those motherly women who was a friend to everybody and could always be relied upon to help in time of need. A number of survivors.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon, burial to be made in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

MARTIN.—Th Watchman regrets to note the death of Mrs. Ida Snyder Martin, wife of John H. Martin which occurred at her home in Clearfield on Wednesday morning of last week, following a lingering illness. Mr. Martin is a native of Bellefonte, having been born and raised on Thomas street, and though he went to Clearfield while yet a young man he always came back to Bellefonte several times a year to visit his home folks. The death of his wife is a serious affliction to Mr. Martin, as he, himself, is confined to his home as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained about a year ago.

Mrs. Martin, who was not quite sixty-four years old, was a native of Clearfield, a daughter of George W. and Ella Irvin Snyder. She was a graduate of the Clearfield High school and took an active part in the social life of Clearfield. She was a member of St. Andrew's church and one of the most active workers in the congregation.

In addition to her husband she is survived by one daughter and two sons. She also leaves one brother and two sisters. Burial was made in the Clearfield cemetery on Friday afternoon.

SHAMP.—Mrs. Mary Jane Shamp, widow of T. W. Shamp, died on Wednesday morning, at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. J. E. Alters, in Altoona, as the result of general debility. She was born at Hecla park on August 24th, 1838, hence was in her 92nd year. Her husband died in 1919 but surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Kate Dunkle, of Homer's Gap; Mrs. William Yarnell, of Bellefonte; and Mrs. Mattie Frazier, of Newark, N. J. Funeral services will be held at the Alters home, in Altoona, this evening, and tomorrow morning the remains will be taken to Zion for burial.

HARRINGTON.—Arthur Harrington, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Altoona, last Friday morning, following an illness of six months with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of Peter and Mary Swisher Harrington and was born at Julian on March 10th, 1883, hence was in his 47th year. As a young man he learned the trade of a blacksmith, working at Julian for a number of years. Almost eight years ago he went to Altoona, where he was employed in the P. R. R. blacksmith shop. He was a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. In 1910 he married Miss Hannah Fink, at Julian, who survives with one daughter, Miss Ada Harrington, at home. He also leaves his step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus W. Hunter, of Stormstown, and the following brothers and sisters: Charles Harrington; Julian; Mrs. Nancy Mattern, Fred D. Hunter, Mrs. Bertha Wagner and John D. Hunter, of Altoona, and James C. C. Hunter, of Stormstown.

Brief funeral services were held at his late home in Altoona, at 8:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, by Rev. W. L. McClure, after which the remains were taken to Julian where final services were held in the Methodist church at 10:30 o'clock. Burial was made in the Julian cemetery.

SHILLINGS.—George M. Shillings, for many years a well known resident of Bellefonte, died at 1:20 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, at the borough home, following four days serious illness. He had suffered with kidney trouble for some time but his condition had not been regarded as serious until Monday of last week. From that time he grew rapidly worse until the end.

He was a son of Daniel T. and Nancy McElhattan Shillings and was born in Centre county, his age at death being 69 years, 7 months and 14 days. The greater part of his life was spent in Bellefonte and for many years he was employed at the Crider lumber yard. When the lumber yard was disposed of he went to Butler county and spent a few years at the home of his son, finally returning to Bellefonte. As a young man he married Miss Sarah Loder, of Howard, who died fifteen years ago but surviving him are two children, Mrs. Albert Rhoads, of Bellefonte, and Daniel LeRoy Shillings, of Sarver, Butler county. He was the last to go of his father's family.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock, last Saturday morning, by Rev. Homer C. Knox, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

SOWERS.—Mrs. Mary E. Sowers, wife of William Sowers, of State College, died at the Centre county hospital, on Tuesday afternoon, following a prolonged illness.

She was a daughter of John and Sarah Bidde and was born in Buffalo Run valley 62 years ago. Thirty-six years ago she married Mr. Sowers and most of their married life had been spent at State College. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Lewis and Charles Bidde and Mrs. Cecelia Stover, of Bellefonte; Wesley, of State College; Mrs. Esther Solt, of Axe Mann; Mrs. Jane Stine, of Fleming; Mrs. Nora Spicer, of upper Bald Eagle valley and Mrs. Alice Morrison, of Canton, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at her late home at State College, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, burial to be made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

SAYLOR.—Robert S. Saylor, a native of Centre county, died at his home at Grazierville, Blair county on Monday, following a prolonged illness with complications.

He was a son of Benjamin and Martha Gates Saylor and was born at Curtin Centre, county, on March 30th, 1853, hence was in his 77th year. In December, 1882 he married Sarah Ellen Bryan, of Curtin, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Emma Fobel, of Tipton; James G. Saylor, of Bellefonte, and William Saylor, of Grazierville. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at Grazierville yesterday morning, by Rev. Henry Harshberger, the remains being taken to Curtin for interment.

FARLEY.—Mrs. Catherine Farley died on Tuesday of last week, at the Danville State hospital, where she had been a patient for ten years. She was a daughter of John and Eliza Farley and was born in Bellefonte 83 years ago. Her only survivor is one brother, John Farley, living near Bellefonte. Funeral services were held in the Catholic church on Saturday morning, followed by burial in the Zion cemetery.

YOUNG.—George R. Young, a resident of Port Matilda, was brought to the Centre County hospital on Monday evening, seriously ill with a complication of diseases, and died on Tuesday night. He was a son of William and Mary Young, was 45 years old, and is survived by three daughters and several brothers and sisters. Burial will be made at Port Matilda tomorrow morning.

ECKEL.—Mrs. Anne Sherman Eckel, wife of Willard Eckel, of Bellefonte, died at Binghamton, N. Y., on Sunday, following an operation. She was 27 years old and in addition to her husband is survived by one daughter, Genevieve Eckel, one brother and three sisters, all of Binghamton. Burial was made at Binghamton on Wednesday morning.

MARKS.—Jacob Marks, for almost half a century a well-known resident of Bellefonte, died at the Centre county hospital, at 11:40 o'clock on Wednesday night, as the result of kidney trouble and other complications. In September, 1928, Mr. Marks developed gangrene in his right foot and the result was the amputation of his right leg at the Lock Haven hospital. He was in the hospital about six months and when he returned to Bellefonte took up his residence at the Garman house. During last summer he developed kidney trouble that became so serious that he was taken to the hospital on December 29th.

Mr. Marks was a native of Russia and his real name was Jacob Podolski. He was 73 years old and came to this country as a young man and located in New York. About the year 1882 he came to Bellefonte at solicitation of members of the firm of Lyon & Co. to become a clerk in their store, a position he held for about twenty-five years. He was frugal in his habits and thus had acquired considerable property, so that he quit his job twenty years or more ago and had since lived a retired life.

It was while working for Lyon & Co. that he went into the Centre county court and had his name legally changed from Podolski to Marks. His only survivors are a number of nephews and nieces. When the Watchman went to press yesterday no arrangements had been made for the funeral, but it will be held either Sunday or Monday.

ACHENBACH.—Byron C. Achenbach, for almost a third of a century a well known baker and caterer of Lock Haven, died at his home in that place, on Sunday night, following a lingering illness of three years or longer. He was aged 73 years.

Prior to locating in Lock Haven Mr. Achenbach lived in Bellefonte and operated a bakery on Bishop street. He was a member of St. Luke's Reformed church, Lock Haven, and an elder for thirty years. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity in most of its branches. Surviving him are his wife and three sons, Guy H., of Lock Haven; Clarence H., of Philadelphia, and V. Earl, of Narberth. He also leaves one brother and two sisters Hiram R., of Wichita, Kan.; Mrs. Regina Sheets, of Ashland, Ky., and Mrs. Grace E. Miller, of Johnstown. The funeral was held on Wednesday, burial being made at Lock Haven.

Upwards of a year ago the Centre county commissioners had plans prepared for building an addition to the Centre county jail so that everybody who deliberately headed that way could be accommodated, and they were quite numerous during 1929. But when the plans were submitted to the Department of Public Welfare they were rejected and suggestions offered along an entirely different line. A second set of plans were drawn which met with the department's approval but by that time so much of the county's money had been used up in meeting State highway expenses that there was none left to improve the jail. The project has not been abandoned, however, and as soon as county funds will justify it the jail will be remodeled and increased in size, so that all candidates for admission there, both male and female, can be accommodated.

There is one less German police dog in Bellefonte, humane officer George Glenn having shot the one belonging to the Volynch family, on north Spring street, on Monday morning. The canine had been acting rather queer, of late, and members of the family became fearful lest he become mad and bite some one, and it was at their request that the dog was shot. When Mr. Glenn went to the Volynch home prepared for dog extermination he found the animal down in the back yard walking around in a circle and refusing to pay heed when called. One bullet put him to the ground and a second finished his earthly career.

Every motorist is considerably perplexed in endeavoring to understand the numbering of the motor tags for 1930, and it must be admitted that some queer coincidences in letters and figures are seen. The other day an old battered automobile traversed the streets of Bellefonte bearing tags numbered BC2846, and it looked the part, neither one had tags BS23, while down in Chambersburg an undertaker has tags on his auto hearse numbered U2.

Some unknown hunter, shot a wild turkey, about ten days ago, as it was in flight near Pleasant View, which must have been an unusually large bird. Whoever shot it was evidently afraid to take the turkey and when it was discovered dogs had eaten most of the body. The wings, however, were not damaged and were recovered by game protector Thomas G. Mosier. The turkey had a wing spread of over five feet.

Wandering around the neighborhood of the Pennsylvania railroad passenger station Saturday night, or in fact about four o'clock on Sunday morning, Joe Toner fell into the race in the rear of the wholesale grocery. He was pulled out by two unknown men who took him to the Centre County hospital. There he was cleaned up and thawed out and was discharged on Sunday afternoon.

PATIENTS TREATED AT CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Myrtle Stewart and infant, wife and son of A. Wilson Stewart, of State College, were discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Jeanette Gjesdahl and infant, wife and daughter of Maurice S. Gjesdahl, of State College, was discharged on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Susan Lyons, of Spring township, was admitted as a medical patient on Wednesday of last week.

Robert Burrell, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burrell of Patton township, who had been a surgical patient for two weeks, was discharged on last Thursday.

Mrs. Lloyd Fry, of Bellefonte, who had been a medical patient for twelve weeks, was discharged Friday.

Mrs. Martha Tressler, wife of Charles Tressler, of State College, was readmitted on last Friday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Martha Wilson, of Beech Creek, was admitted on Friday for medical treatment.

Loft Thompson, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday after being a surgical patient for three weeks.

Mrs. Mary Harkins, wife of Rev. J. F. Harkins, of State College, was admitted on Saturday as a surgical patient.

Joseph Toner, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Sunday morning for surgical treatment and discharged the same day.

Mrs. Alice Johnstonbaugh, of State College, was admitted on Sunday as a surgical patient.

There were twenty-six patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

The State pays five cents per acre per year as tax on forests lands owned by it which would have been subject to taxes when it was under private ownership. Under the present plan of allocation the township school board gets 2 cts, the township road supervisors get 2 cts and the county treasury 1 ct. The school and road districts in Centre county each received \$1,853.70 as their share of such taxes due Centre county for 1929. The county received one-half that amount.

Benjamin Bradley has purchased the Harris home on Allegheny street, expecting to take possession on the first of April. According to the present plans, changes will be made, as soon as possible, to convert it into a tea room and rooming house.

The condition of Mrs. Robert Morris, who had a throat operation at the Centre county hospital Tuesday, and suffered a stroke Wednesday, is unchanged.

And the indications are that Uncle Andy Mellon is growing restless over his own job.

BOALSBURG.

Foster Charles recently purchased a new Pierce Arrow sedan.

Robert Reitz, of Tipton, visited his wife and son last week.

Clement G. Dale, of Pleasant Gap, was a caller in town on Monday.

Frank Wieland, of Linden Hall, was in town on business on Monday.

Mrs. Knarr and brother of the Branch, transacted business in town on Wednesday.

John Hess, of Altoona, recently enjoyed a few day's visit among friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Grove, of Buffalo Run, were visitors in this vicinity on Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Rine, of Altoona, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Fisher.

Mrs. Israel Reitz has returned from a month's visit with her sister in Youngstown, Ohio.

Prof. William Hoffman and family, of State College, spent some time in town last week.

Mrs. Catherine Saunders, of State College, is spending some time with her sister, Miss Anna M. Dale.

Communion services will be conducted in the Lutheran church, on Sunday at 10:30. Preparatory services on Friday evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dornise and sons, Chester and Samuel, of Williamsport, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reitz, on Sunday.

Mrs. John B. Goheen and family of Rock Springs, and R. E. Tussey and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Goheen, at dinner on Saturday.

Members of the Rebekah lodge enjoyed a masquerade party, on New Year's eve. Games and refreshments were features of the evening's enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rockey entertained their children at a turkey dinner, on New Year's day. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rockey, daughter Gladys and son Harold; Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, son Charles and daughter Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rockey and daughters, Geraldine and Genevieve, of Petersburg, and Mrs. Rockey's nephew, Willis Grove.

TO SPEND 41 MILLION FOR DRY ENFORCEMENT

Although the budget transmitted to Congress called for only \$15,000,000 for the Prohibition Bureau, actually some \$41,000,000 will be spent in enforcing Volsteadism this year. The estimate is made up as follows: Prohibition Bureau—\$15,000,000. Department of Justice—\$15,000,000. Customs—\$2,000,000. Coast Guard—\$14,000,000.



This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinions they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

The Homans Write from California.

Following is a letter from Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Homan, of State College, who are wintering in California. It was received here a day too late for insertion in our last issue of the old year so is published this week because it will still be of interest to those who enjoy traveling, even if it is only by proxy. Mr. and Mrs. Homan spend much of their time traveling. In fact they are getting to be regular gadabouts. But what's the use in staying at home when one has plenty to travel on and nothing to worry about while away.

On board the Steamship "Pennsylvania," Panama Pacific Line, December 11, 1929.

Dear Editor of The Watchman: Before leaving State College I promised I would send you an occasional letter so as to give our friends in Centre county little glimpses into what we are doing on our trip to California via the water route and the comfortable vessels of the Panama Pacific Line.

We left here Nov. 29 for New York where we boarded this good ship and sailed next day for Havana Cuba. Arrived at Havana on December 3rd and spent a most interesting day of sightseeing in that old Spanish city. We visited the spot where Columbus held first mass on the island, the cathedral in which his ashes rested until they were removed to Spain in 1878 and the cemetery which is said to be the largest and the most beautiful on the western hemisphere. The spot where the "Maine" was sunk and raised, the great tobacco factories and the University also claimed a part of our time.

The thing most striking to me is the type of architecture employed in the city. It is so foreign looking everywhere which they love their own languages so much that very little English is heard anywhere.

We were aboard ship again at 5:30 and cast off for Panama at 6. Three days later, on Friday morning, Dec. 6, we arrived off Colon and steamed slowly through the canal for about seven miles where we reached the Gatun dam. The mechanical operation of the locks seem simple yet one could not help but marvel at the great engineering feat that so quietly and surely lifts great ships to the height of 85 feet so that they can continue through the canal on a new level. The Gatun lake is formed by the great Gatun dam that pens up the waters of the Chagres river. It is thirty-two miles long and extends to the locks on the Pacific side that again lower the passing ships to the level of the Pacific.

In ten hours from the time we entered the Canal we were in the Pacific ocean, yet the trip ordinarily takes only from six to eight hours. From Balboa, which is the American side of the City of Panama, we made trips through the latter and thence to the ruins of the ancient city of Panama, seven miles distant, which was founded in 1519 and destroyed by Henry Morgan and his raiders in 1671.

The tourist is greeted by ruins only but they are of such historic interest as to make the trip out to the old city quite worth while. Our drive through the new city was interesting, also. It was started about 1672 following the destruction of the old city and has many large stores, business places and hotels very much like the ones we have at home. The Cathedral, located on Cathedral Plaza, holds the golden altar that was missed when Morgan sacked and burned the old city.

As we have said Balboa is the American part of the City of Panama. It is in what we control, the Canal Zone, and there are located all our government's administration buildings and many of the Canal employees live there.

We sailed for Panama at 2 a. m. December 7 and have been gone now eleven days from New York. We are approaching the parallel of Lower California and hope to reach San Diego on Friday and then on to Los Angeles by Saturday, December 13.

Going down the Atlantic Coast we had some pretty rough seas, but through the Caribbean sea and on the Pacific we have had fine sailing conditions with weather quite mild. Mail will reach us at 213 W. Amherst Ave., Fullerton, California.

Sincerely,

THE HOMANS.

A new type of aeroplane is to be put into service on the airmail route between New York and Chicago by the National Air Transport in the near future. It is a Curtis No. 2, equipped with a more powerful motor than the present Boeing ships now in use, and has a three-bladed propeller. The ship will have a carrying capacity of 2500 pounds. One of the ships was in Bellefonte, on Sunday, and the pilot circled low over the town several times in testing it out.

Paul Dubbs, who for several years past has been connected with the Bellefonte Republican as local editor, severed his connection with that paper, on Saturday, and Monday morning went to work in the offices of the Bellefonte Central Railroad company as a clerk with the intention of thoroughly familiarizing himself with tariff rates and schedules to all points in the United States.