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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of February 27, 1880.

The long drawn out Curtin-Yocum contest for the seat in Congress that this District is entitled to is showing signs of final conclusion.

William Furey Esq., died at his home in this place on last Thursday evening at 9 o'clock, at the age of 70 years and 29 days.

Willis Weaver, son of James W. Weaver Esq., of Boggs township, cut his foot very seriously while chopping wood one day last week.

Charles Haupt, eight years of age, a son of P. H. Haupt Esq., of Central City, broke his leg while playing near his home.

The Centre County Sunday School Association held its annual convention in the Lutheran church at Aronsburg, on February 16th.

Wheat is \$1.35, Corn 50cts, oats 40cts, Potatoes 30cts, eggs 15cts, butter 25cts and bacon 7cts.

John Wagner has been appointed fish commissioner for this section. It is a good move because there has been flagrant violation of the fish laws.

John Wesley Glenn, a former resident of Millheim, was killed at his new home in Kansas on January 30th.

Susan B. Anthony lectured to a small audience in Potter's hall, Philipsburg, last week.

Sunday last was the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, a Virginia gentleman who was quite prominent in this country at one time.

Our popular young friend Ed Humes Jr., is about to leave the First National bank to take a position with Hoover, Hughes and Co.

For sometime a literary society has been flourishing in Pleasant Gap. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening in the Harrisonville school house and those who attend are being greatly benefited and entertained.

At the recent election in Philipsburg Mr. D. W. Holt, Democrat, and G. B. Simler, Republican, wound up in a tie.

John Eves, of Stormstown, is lying very ill with typhoid fever.

We are sorry to learn that Capt. John A. Hunter, of Half Moon valley, is laid up with rheumatism.

The S. A. Brew residence, on Spring street, has been handsomely refreshed with several coats of paint of an attractive color.

Mr. George W. Thomas has quit farming and moved to Bellefonte, having for the present rented rooms in Reynolds bank building.

A squire up in Buffalo Run valley recently loaned two dollars to a young man over in the Bald Eagle side.

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OTTO.—Mrs. Arvilla M. Otto, widow of Hamilton Otto, during his life a well known business man of Bellefonte, passed away at three o'clock last Friday morning.

A daughter of Morris W. and Mary Ruffhead Cowdrick she was born at Jersey Shore on December 24th, 1858, hence was 71 years, 1 month and 28 days old.

She was a member of the Methodist church from girlhood, a devoted wife and mother, and a woman possessed of an unusually sunny nature.

She is survived by four children, Morris Otto, of Niagara Falls; Harry, of Johnstown; Mrs. Edward Hill, of Lockport, N. Y., and Miss Helen, at home.

Brief funeral services were held at her late home, at Niagara Falls, at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning.

BARNHART.—John Holt Barnhart, a well known resident near Bellefonte, died at the Clearfield hospital between twelve and one o'clock on Wednesday night.

He was a son of John H. and Martha Jane (Aikey) Barnhart and was born on the Barnhart farm, near Bellefonte, on September 21st, 1875.

He married Miss Clara Cole, of Bellefonte, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Miles Wetzel, of Chicago; Mrs. William Rodgers, Martha, Margaret and Mildred, at home; Mrs. Daniel Holter, of Bellefonte; Robert, at home; John, in Indiana; Philip and Wilbur, at home.

FULTON.—Mrs. Annie F. Fulton, wife of George B. McClellan Fulton, died at her home in Tyrone, on Tuesday evening of last week.

She was a daughter of John and Evana Hill Wian and was born in Bellefonte on April 12th, 1865, hence was not quite 65 years old.

CRAWFORD.—Mrs. Mary Crawford, wife of George B. Crawford, a former deputy sheriff of Centre county, died at her home at Barto, Mercer county, last Thursday.

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He married Miss Nancy Watson, who survives with the following children: Mrs. William Newman, of Milesburg; John Sheckler, of Bellefonte; Charles, of Milesburg; Mrs. Charles Martin, of Bellefonte, and Thomas, of Tyrone.

BARNES.—Joseph Barnes, well known retired business man of Philipsburg, died at the Hahnemann hospital, Philadelphia, at five o'clock on Friday morning, following an operation two days previous for mastoid trouble.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes and was born in Philipsburg on February 28th, 1871, hence was not quite 59 years old.

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He was a son of Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson and was born at Centre Furnace on August 3rd, 1854, hence was in his seventy-sixth year.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church all his life and Rev. Samuel Martin had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

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He was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Rishel and was born in Buffalo valley, Union county. She was a woman loved by all who knew her and until her health failed a splendid co-worker with her husband in his pastoral duties.

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Mr. Williams died February 21st, 1913, but surviving her are four children, Clair E. Williams, of Westfield, N. J.; Miss Helene A., at home Miss M. Eulalia, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. V. Lorne Hummel, of Wayne, Pa.

CURTIN.—Word was received in Bellefonte this week of the death of Mrs. Caroline Mann Curtin, wife of Frederick A. Curtin, at her home in Atlanta, Ga., on Sunday evening, following an illness of several years.

Mr. Curtin is a son of Mrs. Harry H. Curtin, of Centre county, and Mrs. Curtin was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mann, of Lock Haven.

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Fred G. Schwartz, of Johnstown, and H. M. Geist, of New Bethlehem, came to grief in front of the Luther Strouse home, west of State College when their automobile hit a telephone pole that is standing at the side of the highway there.

Coming to Bellefonte on Sunday to visit his parents William Harter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harter, has been regaling his friends with a story of dog team races in which he won second place as a driver in the Pocono mountains and at Buck Hill Falls, on February 12th, 13th and 14th.

The traffic beacon at the intersection of High and south Water streets was not a dumb policeman, on Monday evening, by any means.

Fighting Automobile Accidents From the Altoona Tribune. It has become increasingly apparent during recent years that the automobile accident problem will not be solved by such legislative boomerangs as compulsory insurance, but by certain punishment of persons flagrantly guilty of causing accidents.

So long as "cure" is substituted for "indemnity" the accident record will continue to increase. A large percentage of our accidents can be attributed to outmoded, inadequate or unenforced traffic and highway driving ordinances.

Robert Minds, of Ramey, has developed a mind to get into the congressional race in the twenty-third district and made public announcement of that fact last week.

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