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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of March 5, 1880.

—Harry Williams, said to be the handsomest young man in Philipsburg, was in town last week and didn't forget to give us a call.

—The first accident since the opening of the L. C. and S. C. railroad occurred on the White-leather farm about a mile east of Spring Mills last Saturday morning. Samuel Weaver, a hireling on the farm was driving a team over a crossing between two fields when the train suddenly came on him from around a sharp curve at that point. He was thrown seventy-five feet onto a fence. The train was stopped at once and Dr. VanVal-sah, of Spring Mills, who happened to be returning from a trip to Philadelphia on it, gave first aid, but the young man died in twenty minutes. Strange, neither, one of the horses he was driving was even scratched.

Two new street lamps have been placed on east Lamb street. They burn coal-oil but help a lot on that gloomy thoroughfare. One has been placed at the corner of Penn and the other further out, near the Richard home.

—The Curtin-Yocum congressional contest that was to have been settled, sure, by Congress has been put off again. Congress has scheduled it for a vote next week.

—The wild geese are now flying north. This, they say, is a pretty sure indication that spring is at hand.

—The pleasant weather of the last week in February changed very suddenly and March came in quite lion-like.

Samuel and Felix Ludwig, of Houserville, this county, have purchased the Ebensburg woolen mills and will take possession immediately.

—Rev. J. S. Shoemaker, formerly of Aaronburg, now of Emporia, Kansas, will preach in the Reformed church in this place next Sunday morning.

—Dr. Hayes, of this place, has already planted some early potatoes.

—Young Reasner and young Rider, who knocked down and maltreated young McMurtree, of Coleville, a short time ago, and then resisted the officer sent to arrest them, cleared out after the constable went for assistance and have not yet been caught.

—This time it is Mr. William Derstine who rejoices over the advent of a second baby boy who made his appearance one day last week. While he can't talk yet sundry kicks and squawks indicate that he intends his parents to understand at once that if he lives he proposes to make a lot of noise in the world.

—Last Friday night the farm barn of Jacob Bohn, residing near Boalsburg, was totally destroyed by fire, together with all its contents. Seven horses, twenty-two head of horned cattle and ten sheep also burned.

—Alderman Stead, of Williamsport, married a couple of Bellefontes young, aristocratic colored folks on Thursday of last week, namely: John D. Emery and Miss Alice P. Simms.

—The Philipsburg public schools are to be closed at the expiration of a six month's term. The "Journal" regrets such an unfortunate necessity and insists that they should be kept open seven or eight months.

—Mr. Daniel Buck, of Reedsville, Mifflin county, formerly of Unionville, gave us a call on Friday. Mr. Buck was for three years a partner of Mr. Leathers in the mercantile business in Unionville and went from there to his present home. He has just become the proprietor of a large tannery in Mifflin county and, in consequence, has abandoned the mercantile business.

—One night last week we noticed some of Bellefonte's young girls throwing assafoetida at people passing on the street. This is a very un ladylike practice and should be stopped.

—The German school exhibition which was held at Millheim on the evening of February 28th delighted that community so much that there has been a general demand for its repetition and it will be played at Millheim on Saturday, the 6th, and at Madisonburg on the 13th.

—Mr. L. Olin Meek, foreman of this office, was on Monday night sworn in as a councilman from the West ward of Bellefonte, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Kabella, resigned.

—Mr. James Zimmerman, a Marion township Greenbacker and popular and excellent school teacher, gave us a call on Saturday last. He was accompanied by J. H. McCauley. John says Jim will be a Democrat before fall, but James insists that he won't and will vote for Grant or whoever the Republican nominee may be.

BELL.—D. Bates Bell, who will be remembered by many of the older people of Bellefonte because of his residence here during his early life, died on Saturday, at his home in Beaver, Pa., following five days illness with pneumonia.

He was a native of Mifflin county, where he was born 73 years ago. As a young man he came to Bellefonte about fifty years ago to accept a position as bookkeeper with the Ardell Lumber company, of which the late John Ardell was the head. He made his home with the Ardell family and remained here ten or more years, or until the Lumber company changed hands when he went to DuBois and engaged in the insurance business. He lived in DuBois a number of years then located in Beaver where he represented the Travelers' Insurance company, of Hartford, Conn. He also became quite prominent in the church, social and business life of Beaver.

He was a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian church of Beaver, a past master of Bellefonte lodge No. 268, F. and A. M., a member of Commandery 84 Knights Templar and the Pittsburgh Consistory. He was also a member of Sons of Revolution, the Rotary club and Chamber of Commerce, of Pittsburgh.

While living in DuBois he married Miss Lydia E. Prothro who survives with one daughter and a son, Mrs. Frances Bell Tucker, of Thornburg, and John P. Bell, who several years ago was a student at the Bellefonte Academy. He also leaves two brothers, Henry H. Bell, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Rev. J. Vernon Bell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at DuBois.

Funeral services were held at his late home at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery at Beaver.

CORMAN.—George Ammon Corman, a well known resident of Miles township, died at his home at Rebersburg, on Monday of last week, following a prolonged illness with heart trouble and dropsy.

He was a son of James F. and Sarah Walker Corman and was 58 years, 5 months and 2 days old. He was a farmer by occupation until compelled to retire on account of ill health. He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Susan Hosterman. Following her death he married Miss Gertrude Houtz, who survives with the following children to his first marriage: Charles H. Corman, of Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Sarah R. Rose, of Mansfield, Ohio; Alma and James, at home; Mary I. of Spring Mills, and Mrs. Gladys Hosterman, of Aaronburg. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Strayer, of Williamsport; Mrs. W. F. Stover, of Millheim, and Mrs. Rose Duke, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Corman was a member of the Rebersburg lodge I. O. O. F., and the Major Foster camp Sons of Veterans. He was a member of the Rebersburg Reformed church and the pastor, Rev. W. A. McClellan, had charge of the funeral services which were held on Thursday afternoon of last week, burial being made in the Rebersburg cemetery.

POTTS.—Miss Jennie Potts passed away at her home in Stormstown, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, of diseases incident to her advanced age. She was born at Orbisonia, Huntingdon county, on August 25th, 1846, hence had reached the age of 83 years, 6 months and 1 day.

When fifteen years of age she came to Centre county to make her home with the Peter Gray family, in Halfmoon valley, and after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Gray went to the J. Green Gray family. She never married but was a mother to two families of children whose real mother passed away while they were yet young in years. For the past fifteen years she had lived at Stormstown during the summer time and with the Paul Gray family, in Philipsburg, during the winter, but this winter remained at her home in Stormstown.

She was a member of the Methodist church since early girlhood and her church work was one of her life's pleasures. Her only immediate survivor is one brother, living in Orbisonia. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at Stormstown, at 1:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in Gray's cemetery.

RESIDES.—William E. Resides, for many years a well known carpenter of Bellefonte, died at his home on east High street, at two o'clock last Friday morning, as the result of general debility.

He was a son of Philip and Hannah Reese Resides and was born in Benner township 86 years ago. As a young man he learned the carpenter trade, an occupation he followed all his active life. He had been a resident of Bellefonte for many years. He was a member of the Methodist church and the Bellefonte camp P. O. S. of A. He married Miss Sarah E. Jacobs who survives with no children. He leaves, however, two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Sellers, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Mary Sowers, of Milesburg.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Monday morning by Rev. Homer C. Knox, of the Methodist church, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

ALEXANDER.—Mrs. Josephine Alexander, widow of the late Francis Mills Alexander, died at her home at State College, at noon on Saturday, following almost four months illness with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of Reuben W. and Elmira Harrison Richards and was born in Huston township on July 28th, 1857, hence was in her 73rd year. She was educated in the public schools of Huston township and later took a course in the Normal school at Centre Hall, after which she engaged in teaching, a profession she followed for sixteen years. She spent two years teaching in Iowa, one term in Cass county and another term in Audubon county. She was a woman of culture and refined tastes and had a large circle of friends throughout Centre county.

She married Mr. Alexander on April 7th, 1890, and for twenty years they lived on the home farm near Julian. About twenty years ago they left the farm and moved to State College where Mr. Alexander passed away about fifteen years ago. Surviving her, however, are three children, Kyle M., on the home farm; Mrs. Armstrong and Carey Alexander, at home. She also leaves two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Robert Radkey, of McKeesport; Mrs. William Parsons, of Unionville; Morgan and Milton B. Richards, both of Jersey Shore. She was also a mother to Charles Herrington, who spent all his boyhood life as a member of the Alexander household.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at State College, at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, by Rev. A. L. Bixler, after which the remains were taken to Bald Eagle valley and buried in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

RUMBERGER.—John E. Rumberger, associate editor of the Philipsburg Daily Journal, died at the McGirk sanitarium, on Monday evening, following six months illness with kidney trouble and other complications.

He was a son of T. C. and Catherine Bush Rumberger and was born in Buffalo Run valley on January 2nd, 1873, making his age 57 years, 2 months and 1 day. When he was five years old his parents moved to Philipsburg where he was educated in the public schools. As a young man he went into the Journal office to learn the printing trade and subsequently worked on papers in Williamsport, Altoona and other places. He also worked for some time on the Philipsburg Ledger. In 1917 he returned to the Journal as associate editor, a position he filled with credit and fidelity until his late illness. He was a member of the Trinity Methodist church, the Elks and for a number of years had been secretary of the Philipsburg fire department.

In 1896 he married Miss Minnie Laffin, who survives with three sons. He also leaves five sisters. Burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery yesterday afternoon.

JOHNSON.—James M. Johnson, for many years a farmer of Walker township, died on February 23rd, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward Mincer, at Mill Hall, following an illness of ten days as the result of a general breakdown, aged 83 years. He had made his home with the Mincer family the past four years. His survivors include five daughters and two sons, namely: Mrs. Mincer, of Mill Hall; Miss Sarah E. Johnson, of Bellefonte; Mrs. John Strunk, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Thomas R. Allen, of Watsonstown; Mrs. Joseph W. Harvey, of State College; William H. Johnson, of Bellefonte, and John F. Johnson, of Chicago. He also leaves one adopted daughter, Mrs. George Cox, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at the Lutheran church, at Zion, last Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. Paul Keller, burial being made in the Zion cemetery.

McMULLEN.—Mrs. Louise McMullen, wife of E. B. McMullen, died at her home in Millheim on February 23rd, following an illness which dates back ten years when she was stricken with paralysis. She was a daughter of William J. and Katherine Alexander and was born at Houston, in Nittany valley, on July 25th, 1865, making her age 64 years, 6 months and 28 days. Forty years or more ago she married E. B. McMullen and ever since had lived in Millheim. She was a member of the Reformed church and the W. C. T. U. In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons, Samuel J. and William J. McMullen, both of Millheim. She also leaves a brother, William P. Alexander, of Harrisburg. Burial was made at Millheim last Wednesday afternoon.

KAUFFMAN.—John Kauffman, the last surviving member of his generation of that well known family, died at his home in Zion, at 10:30 o'clock on Saturday night, following a brief illness as the result of a general breakdown. He was born in Spring township 79 years ago and was a farmer by occupation. He never married and his only survivors are nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at his late home in Zion, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, by Rev. Paul Keller, burial being made in the Zion cemetery.

Encourage others to subscribe for the Watchman.

ARDELL.—Word was received in Bellefonte, on Wednesday, of the sudden death at three o'clock that morning, of Mrs. Mary Crittenden Ardell, widow of the late John Ardell, at her home in Binghamton, N. Y., following an illness of only twelve hours as the result of a heart attack. She had been making preparations to go to Norfolk, Va., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Clayborn Wilcox, when stricken, tending to leave for the South today.

Her maiden name was Mary Irene Crittenden, a daughter of Rev. Richard and Jennie Root Crittenden, and she was born in Bellefonte on March 19th, 1864, hence was within a few days of being 66 years old. She was educated at the Bellefonte Academy and a finishing school at Waterbury, Conn., and in 1885 she married John Ardell, head of the Ardell Lumber company, of Bellefonte. They went to housekeeping on east Linn street where they lived until Mr. Ardell's death. Mrs. Ardell left Bellefonte about twenty-four years ago and most of the time since had been living in Binghamton, N. Y.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wilcox, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Harry H. Curtin, of Curtin. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Clayton Johnston, of Waterbury, Conn.; Mrs. George Frost, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. David Stinson, of Cleveland, Ohio. As soon as she was apprised of her mother's death Mrs. Wilcox went from Norfolk to Binghamton and will accompany the body to Bellefonte today. Funeral services will be held in the St. John's Episcopal church at 4 o'clock this afternoon, by Rev. Stuart F. Gast, burial to follow in the Ardell lot in the Union cemetery. Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Frost came direct from their homes to Bellefonte for the funeral.

BELLEFONTE NOW ON INTERSTATE BUS LINE.

Thomas Galbraith, of the Philipsburg Motor Bus company, has inaugurated an interstate bus service running from Cumberland, Md., to Binghamton, N. Y., a distance of 309 miles. The route from Cumberland, Md., is by way of Bedford, Altoona, Tyrone, Bellefonte, Howard, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Elmira, N. Y., and Binghamton. The bus north passes through Bellefonte between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning, and southbound between five and six in the evening.

The annual meeting of the Inter-denominational Missionary Union of Bellefonte will meet, Friday evening, March 7, in the Lutheran church at 7:30. Mrs. Eleanor McDowell, of the Presbyterian church, will be the speaker. All women interested in missionary work irrespective of denomination are cordially invited to attend.

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL SIX MEN ARRESTED.

Out at Coleville there are a number of children who don't like to go to school, and while their parents may not have encouraged their absenteeism they failed to enforce attendance. Constable James H. Rine, of Bellefonte, is the attendance officer and at the request of the school board he served notice on the delinquent parents several times, without bringing the desired result.

Consequently six fathers of children were served with warrants and a summons to appear before justice of the peace J. M. Keichline, last Saturday evening, to answer as to their delinquency in obeying the compulsory school attendance law. The six men were John Shultz, Nelson Grubb, Elmer Justice, Homer Justice, Budd Tate and Wilbur Rhoads.

Miss Boone, the teacher, was at the hearing and told of the varied excuses that were presented as to why the children were not in school. After hearing all the evidence justice J. M. Keichline declared all the defendants guilty of a misdemeanor and sentenced each one to pay the costs and a fine of two dollars to the school district, and in default of payment to go to jail for five days, and stand committed until the sentence is complied with.

So far as could be learned none of the men settled and none of them showed up at the jail to serve their sentence, but one of the defendants gave bail for the payment of his fine and costs.

THE BELL TELEPHONE RENDERS NEW SERVICE.

Arrangements were completed by the Bell Telephone Company for the establishment, Saturday (March 1) of a special time of day information service, plans for which were announced recently by J. H. Caum, manager. Now telephone users here will be able to obtain the correct time at any hour of the day or night by asking the operator for "the time." The service is planned to meet the general demand for this form of information.

Since its institution throughout Pennsylvania will create an additional operating expense for the Bell Company, a charge of five cents is to be made for each call for time of day information.

March came in like a lamb but within twenty-four hours was roaring like a lion and a real touch of winter prevailed the early part of the week with the temperature down to twenty degrees above zero. Of course, that's not unseasonable, as March weather is full of vagaries with springlike temperatures one day and a real blizzard the next.

Talks With The Editor

This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion 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 in California

Los Angeles, Calif., March 1, 1930 Dear Editor The Watchman:

To us it seems some time since last we wrote you of our whereabouts here in the Golden State. It seems we have become a little like the restless: "We are here and there; yet we know we are somewhere."

We spent some time in Pasadena, which is sometimes called "the Millionaire City of California." This is because so many of its residents, permanent and transient, represent the wealthy class of the United States and even of foreign countries. It has a population of 100,000 and is noted for the variety of architecture, of its beautiful homes and its entrancing display of flowers, shrubs and trees from every corner of the earth.

We left Pasadena on January 21st, went south 150 miles to the ancient and historic spot, San Diego. Port Loma is the most south-western point of interest in the United States. It was here, at Old Town, that Gen. Fremont raised the flag on the Pacific coast. Diego truly appeals to us as a garden spot of all California, because of its climate, sunshine, moisture and uniformity of temperature anything that can be grown anywhere flourishes there. We spent an entire month in that part of the State.

We have now returned to Los Angeles, where we landed on Dec. 14, 1929. This is the center of population in Southern California. Statistics give its present population as 1,500,000. The Chamber of Commerce here claims that 320,000 automobiles have come into Los Angeles since last November 30. In the same period two million tourists have been here. So from that it is easy to see that we have plenty of company; some even from our own country.

While at Pasadena we met our friend, Howard Struble and his sister, from Zion.

We expect to remain here until March 8 when we will go to Long Beach where we will remain until April 1, when we expect to begin the homeward trek.

Yours MR. AND MRS. B. F. HOMAN.

Advertisement for Dr. Scholl's Foot Expert from New York. Includes text: "Which Foot Trouble Is Yours? You can get immediate relief!" and "Visit Our Store March 15, 17, 18, Dr. Scholl's Foot Expert from New York will be here". Also includes illustrations of various foot ailments like corns, callouses, bunions, etc.

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