

INK SLINGS

Other epidemics may be more costly in life but the straw vote is easily the most pestiferous epidemic thus far inflicted on a suffering public.

Owing to an abnormal demand for advertising space this issue of the Watchman lacks its usual orderly appearance. As advertising is the publisher's manna we have to take it when the taking is good. After our Republican friends get through displaying their wares we'll get back to normal.

Poor President Hoover! The farmers are praying to be delivered from the kind of relief he gave them, a thousand of the greatest economists of the country are praying him to veto the tariff bill his Congress has spent nearly two years making and that prosperity that was supposed to be just around the corner isn't there at all. Bread lines have crowded it off.

A sure sign of the times is the number of nickels Rockefeller gives away as he emerges from church at Lakewood, N. J., Sunday mornings. In former years, up to this date, John D., had given the little folks about forty new dimes every Sunday morning. This year eight nickels cover all his largesses to the kid's since he came up from Florida. Poor John! Let's pass the hat for him.

If Mr. Grundy is not nominated by the Republicans for United States Senator we think our state chairman, John R. Collins, might advantageously employ him as publicity manager of the Democratic campaign. Joseph R., has been on the inside of the Republican machine so long that Brown, and Davis, and Cunningham and Salus, and all can deny until they are blue in the face before we'll believe the junior Senator is lying in what he says about them.

The drive for funds for maintenance of the hospital is to be started on Monday. Let us hope that it will be successful beyond all the expectations of those behind it. Every resident of the several districts of Centre county that it serves should look upon this institution as his or her very own. No matter what you might think of the management, the staff or anyone else connected with the institution, whether favorably or not so, the hospital, itself, is the thing. The enduring haven, with arms flung wide to welcome you or yours when distress comes. It is mighty easy to criticize, but criticism turns to humble repentance when a hospital is the only thing that stands between your dear one and the grave.

Chlorinating the water of Bellefonte is like painting the lily. It is our opinion that the nine gentlemen who are acting as councilmen for this borough would make themselves very popular citizens if they were to thumb their noses at the snoopers and meddlers from Harrisburg. Water is only chlorinated to neutralize contamination and if we were in council we would make Harrisburg prove that the Big Spring is contaminated before we'd allow anyone to put a drop of chlorine into it. The same crowd of meddlers scared representatives of the borough into believing that a water pipe could not be laid from the Big Spring to the Gamble jumping station for fear water from Spring creek might seep into it. As if water in the creek would seep into a conduit that would be conducting water under at least ten pounds pressure. Such asininity would be a joke if council only had the courage to look on it that way.

George W. Huntley Jr., banker and dynamite manufacturer, of Emorytown, is one of the Republican aspirants for nomination for Congress in this District. Mr. Huntley is a stranger in politics and is so naive that after we had talked to him for a few moments we couldn't think of anything else than the time Dr. Ham, of Boalsburg thought he was in the legislative race in Centre county. The gentleman from Emorytown is a student at The Pennsylvania State College, back in the eighties, and impressed us as being a very sincere and earnest person. He hasn't a Chinaman's chance, however, unless a political millennium is dawning for the Republican voters of Pennsylvania. As the situation stands today the bosses own this District and the voters are merely pawns with which this or that political clique moves to enrich itself in power. There isn't a doubt in the world that Mr. Huntley would make just as good a Congressman as either "Mitch" Chase or Evan Jones, but qualifications are not exactly necessary, nowadays. The Scott-Fleming faction wants Chase and the Dorworth faction wants Jones. Why? Simply because Scott has to be for Chase or get the Chase vote in Clearfield county for himself for Senator. And Dorworth is so crazy to get to be political leader that he would turn handsprings all over the District if it should happen that he could put Jones over.

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GRANGERS PREPARING FOR GREAT FALL SHOW.

Plans are already made for the next annual encampment and exhibition of the Patrons of Husbandry of Central Pennsylvania, at Centre Hall, next fall.

At a recent meeting of the committee two new members, John E. Wert and Morris Burkholder, both of Progress Grange were elected to the committee to fill vacancies caused by the retirement of D. K. Keller and George W. Ralston.

In the reorganization John S. Dale was re-elected chairman; Morris Burkholder, vice-chairman; John E. Wert, treasurer, and Mrs. Edith Sankey Dale, secretary. The superintendents of the various departments were re-elected for the ensuing year: A. H. Spayd, construction and grounds; R. C. Blaney, livestock; R. L. Watts, horticulture; T. I. Mairs, education; J. V. Brungart, machinery; Jacob Sharer, automobiles; C. H. Eungard, poultry; Wm. Houtz, amusements; Clyde Dutrow, gates. The members of the committee not mentioned are able assistants in the departments under which the fair activities are classified.

The program for this year includes ground improvement largely, and much of the work is already underway. First came the planting on the hillside of several thousand two-year-old evergreens secured from the Department of Forests and Waters. The plantings were made carefully by the most approved methods to insure growth. Then came the planting of 130 large nursery-stock trees, comprising American elm, oak, sugar maple, Lombardy poplar and cucumber to replace dead trees in various parts of the park.

Landscaping of grounds about headquarters, the horticultural and educational buildings, the auditorium and the main entrance has been undertaken and suitable shrubbery has been selected, purchased and the plantings made. This is only a beginning of carrying out a plan to enhance the beauty of Grange Park. Some such development has been contemplated for a long time, and with the aid of the extension department, has been carried out with very little expense.

Every one is familiar with the fact that the electric lines in service on Grange Park have been for some years wholly inadequate to care for the demands made and many have been the makeshifts hurriedly evolved in order to prevent total breakdown. And, as a consequence, it seemed the time had arrived to consider the importance of improvement here, and only by thoroughly organizing and rebuilding the system did that seem possible and practicable. A car load of first class poles from the Northwest have been purchased and are on the ground and all the necessary materials will be used to make an up-to-date, safe and serviceable electric system sufficient for all demand for years to come.

In addition a new fence will be built along the eastern boundary. Hoffer street. The style of fence suitable for public grounds will add greatly to the appearance of Grange Park as the visitor approaches the main entrance.

Many other improvements of more or less importance will be given attention as the fair season grows near.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN ON JOE DAVIDSON FARM.

Fire, at noon on Monday, completely destroyed the big barn on the Joseph Davidson farm, near Wingate, together with two horses, four calves, hay, straw, grain and some of the farm implements. The fire was discovered about 11:30 o'clock and by the time the men reached the barn had gained so much headway that it was impossible to save the horses and calves.

An appeal was sent to Bellefonte for help and the Logans went up but the barn was in ashes by the time they arrived. Sparks from the burning barn set fire to the woods on the hill east of the building and it burned over ten or twelve acres before it was conquered.

The Davidson barn was built just two years ago so that it was practically new. The loss will be over \$3,000, on which there was a fair insurance.

DO YOU WANT YOUR WATER CHLORINATED?

Last Friday two members of the State Sanitary Water Board came to Bellefonte and in the presence of Burgess Hard P. Harris and M. M. Cobb, chairman of the Water committee of borough council, proceeded to give Bellefonte's supply of drinking water a dose of chlorine. All told some sixty gallons were sent into the mains through the medium of the electric pump.

The first stream was about as thick as a match and to test it out samples of the water were taken from nearby hydrants. The test was made by filling a glass tube with water and adding a few drops of another chemical. This made the water show a light straw color. This did not seem satisfactory so the dose of chlorine was increased. Another test showed the water to have a greenish tinge, like an unripe lemon and that was deemed about right.

Webster defines chlorine as "an element commonly isolated as a greenish yellow gas, two and a half times as heavy as air, of an intensely disagreeable suffocating odor, and exceedingly poisonous."

Of course it was not injected into Bellefonte water in that state, but in a diluted form. But the question arises, why put it in at all? John S. Walker, president of the Bellefonte council, was quite emphatic when he stated on Monday evening that the people should protest to the limit against putting chlorine into the water, and that council should not quibble over any reasonable additional expense to prevent the State from doing so.

And now is the time for the people to protest. If you don't want it don't hesitate to say so.

200 LOCAL PEOPLE WILL APPEAR IN "AUNT LUCIA."

Next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 14th and 15th, the great collegiate comedy, "Aunt Lucia," will be staged at the State theatre, sponsored by the Bellefonte Academy and directed by the Universal Producing company.

The play will include two hundred local people in the cast and dances. It promises to be the biggest hit of the season. Every person in Bellefonte who enjoys a good laugh should not miss seeing it.

The play is the story of the home-coming at Bula Bula college, and it is while Jerry is dressed up in an old lady's outfit to entertain his friends that he is mistaken for Lucy Wakefield, a wealthy real estate dealer from Florida. Many funny situations arise before Jerry has an opportunity to explain.

Seats may be reserved at McClellan's candy shop May 13th, at 75 cents. General admission, 50 cents, and children 25. If you want to laugh see "Aunt Lucia." Following is the principal cast of characters:

Jerry, fake aunt.....Paul Dubbs.

George, college boy.....Gordon Singer.

Dick, football star.....Donald Klinger.

Betsy, George's girl.....Helen Brown.

Molly, Dick's girl.....Louise Tanner.

Ethelyn, Jerry's girl.....Nell Wolfe.

Prof. Goddiss.....Edward Widowsdon.

Dean Howard.....Mrs. G. Heverly.

Butter and Egg man.....John Keeler.

Dick's Dad.....Dr. G. A. Robinson.

Dr. Seamox, president of college.....Rev. Robert Thena.

TWO MUSIC WEEK ENTERTAINMENTS.

Music week was observed in the public schools with two very interesting programs. On Monday the grade pupils entertained a large audience with sight reading, part singing, and two cantatas. The Rip Van Winkle cantata performed by the sixth and seventh grades won so much favorable comment that it will be repeated in the last performance of the entire school system, June 5th. The fact that the entertainment was directed by Mrs. Krader, assisted by Miss Fulton and accompanied by Miss Shuey, assured the success of the production.

On Tuesday evening the Senior Commercial girls produced the three act farce comedy, "Poor Father," and kept a capacity house in laughter from the time it started until it stopped. The tap dancing and acrobatic work by Peggy Stouck, a pupil of Ned Rayburn, of New York city, was very fine. Peggy made a host of friends among the little folks of the schools and won the admiration of all with her pleasing personality.

—It's all here, both political and local news. Read it and be convinced.

THE HOSPITAL DRIVE STARTS NEXT MONDAY.

Next Monday, May 12, the campaign for funds for the Centre County hospital starts.

Here is something you should be interested in, because you never know when a good hospital is the one thing you would give everything you have if it were within reach when you need it.

The Centre County hospital is within two hours reach of everyone who should naturally support it. It is a good hospital. For the ordinary diseases it is just as good as any other, no matter how great their reputations may be. For the average case its equipment is as complete as the best. Only in exceptional cases can Johns Hopkins, the Mayo's and Gessinger do more than can be done right here in Bellefonte. Greater surgeons are there, but it is not claimed that they have greater diagnosticians than might be found among country doctors. It is well that no such claim is set up because, too often, a country doctor has pointed the way to the greatest surgeon. Therein lies part of the value of a hospital such as we are going to start to raise funds for next Monday.

If you have to have your appendix, your tonsils or your leg taken off it can be done here just as well as it can be anywhere else. Not only as surgically artistically as anywhere else, but the records of the institution show that it can be done here with just as little risk of your "croaking" as you would take were you to give three or four times as much to have some foreign surgeon operate on you.

These are facts. But over and above them you have this assurance, if it ever becomes your lot to have to go to a hospital, in the Centre county institution you are something more than "Patient, No. 666." Here the superintendent knows you. If she doesn't she knows some of your friends. If she doesn't know even any of them some nurse does and there is the bond of personal interest combined with the science of medicine or surgery. You're not merely a patient—No, so and so,—You're somebody whom a friend of mine is interested in and you get something you'll never get outside your local hospital: The feeling that someone has a human and not merely a scientific interest in you.

When you are asked for a subscription next week make it from the view point we have tried to present to you.

Make it solely with the thought that no matter what you might think of this, that or the other person who has to do with the hospital it's a wonderful haven to have at hand when needed.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR NURSES COMMENCEMENT.

The annual commencement for the graduate class of nurses of the Centre County hospital will be held in the High school building on Monday, May 12th, at 8 o'clock. The program includes an invocation by Rev. Robert Thena; solo, Cecil Walker; address, Rev. A. Ward Campbell; solo, Jack Yeager, and the presentation of diplomas by J. Thompson Henry. A reception and dance for the graduating class and friends will follow. All friends of the hospital and former graduates are invited to attend the exercises. The graduates are Marie Ellen Murray, Wingate; Loretta H. Meyers, State College, and Grace Savilla Johnson, State College.

PINCHOT WILL BE HERE TOMORROW.

Bond White, Centre county chairman for the Pinchot for Governor committee, announces that the forester candidate will visit Centre county tomorrow. He will speak at State College at 9 o'clock in the morning and in Bellefonte at 10 o'clock. The Bellefonte meeting will be held in the court house. Wetzler's boys' band, of Milesburg, will furnish the music.

Only half of our guess last week was right. Mr. Dorworth didn't come out for Grundy, but he did for Brown. Governor Fisher must have told all of his favorites to save their own bacon. The Secretary of Forests and Waters guessed that Brown will be the next Governor and as Grundy, win or lose, will have no standing with the Philadelphia candidate, if he should be elected, there was nothing to be gained by supporting him, so he has declared for Davis.

—Subscribe for the Watchman.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of May 14, 1880.

Yocum Seated.—The Curtin-Yocum contested election case has come to an end at last. A vote was reached, on Tuesday, with the following result:

Curtin.....75  
Yocum.....114

This seats Yocum permanently and puts an end to the long delayed contest as to which was really elected Congressman from this District. Of course Gov. Curtin's friends are sorry and Yocum's are glad and that is all we think it is necessary to say about it.

Its kind of refreshing, this hot weather, to be informed that we are to have a snow storm in June.

Mr. Phillip Krollman, of Snow Shoe, said to be the best fisherman in that section of the county, sent six dozen trout to John Anderson on Monday, which were served up as lunch to his patrons that evening. A number of the trout were over a foot in length and, my, how they tasted with a glass of that wonderful draft beer of John's to wash them down.

Miss Kate Curtin, youngest daughter of Governor Curtin, is again at home and will participate in the grand concert next Tuesday evening. It is to be held under the auspices of the Bellefonte Choral Society. Besides the orchestra and the Choral Society there will be several soloists: Miss Curtin, Frank Keller, James Gordon, Hal Orblson, Benj. Bradley and Miss Julia Valentine. Miss Curtin will sing: "Sweetheart" by Sullivan. Admission 50c. Children 25c. Tickets at Blair's.

A special train will leave Bellefonte, on next Thursday morning, to convey Constans' Commandery to parade in the grand Masonic parade of Knights Templar. Eminent Commander Len Munson has issued orders to the Knights of New Washington, Osceola, Clearfield, Tyrone and Clearfield to join the Commandery here on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Walter has retired from the Millheim Journal and been succeeded by R. A. Bumiller. The firm is now Deininger and Bumiller.

John Anderson purchased a linen duster the other day and hid himself to Pittsburgh as a witness in a law suit.

P. Gray Meek, Jack Griest, C. T. Alexander, Amos Mullen and J. C. Harper and one or two others are off in the mountains on a fishing excursion. We know they'll get a lot of trout because they took along the right kind of "bait."

The coal oil express is the latest business enterprise in town. It is run by Baney and Fasig and is on the streets early every morning to fill all empty coal oil cans.

Forest fires are raging everywhere. On Wallace Run lands of Taylor Irvin, Frank Wallace, E. Hugg, T. Brown and William Marks have been burned over and much standing timber, cordwood, fences, etc., destroyed.

A. O. Furst Esq., and F. W. Crider bade adieu to familiar scenes about Bellefonte, on Monday, for the purpose of encountering the thrilling adventures that may be met while fishing along the classic banks of Wallace Run. As both the gentlemen are delicately organized we trust they provided themselves with all the "medicine" necessary in such hazardous adventures. We have confidence in the good sense of the gentlemen so have no concern on that score.

Superintendent Rhoads, of the Snow Shoe Railroad Co., has been spending the week in Philadelphia. There is no better citizen, no better officer and no pleasanter or more generous man than this same Mr. Superintendent Rhoads.

The Davis-Brown campaigning party missed something when they failed to arrive in Bellefonte on schedule time, Wednesday noon. Mr. Wetzler's boys' band almost blew their heads off in the sweltering sun in an endeavor to hold the crowd at the Penn Belle until the arrival of the barn-stormers, but finally had to leave so the boys could get to school on time. The party was scheduled to arrive here at 12:30 for luncheon, but instead they lunched with Col. Theodore Boal, at Boalsburg, then went to State College and did not reach Bellefonte until two o'clock. They spent an hour here, met a number of Republicans and both Davis and Brown made speeches in the Penn Belle office. They left here shortly after three o'clock for Lewisburg in charge of a delegation of Republicans from Union county.

The great number of forest fires which have occurred this year indicates unusual carelessness of somebody somewhere.

It is estimated that there were 3500 sheep on the farms of Centre county on January 1st, last.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

George M. Hons, former Franklin postoffice clerk, has been placed under probation for three years. Hons, who served as clerk in the Franklin postoffice for fourteen years, pleaded guilty to stealing a letter containing three one-dollar bills.

George Baun and Lloyd Peebles, of Tionesta, Forest county, were fined \$50 each by Justice of the Peace Robert Graham, of Lickingville, Clarion county, for refusing to aid a fire warden in attempting to extinguish a forest fire last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ida Meise, of Clearfield, has asking the missing persons bureau in Pittsburgh to assist her in searching for her daughter, Dorothy, 16, missing since April 20, and who, she believes, has eloped with an employee of a Pittsburgh film distributing firm.

John Hamilton, three years old, drowned at Clintonville, Franklin county, when the cement top of a cistern gave way and he fell into seven feet of water. The body was recovered twenty minutes later and a two-hour effort to revive the child failed. The boy was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hamilton, of Clintonville.

A large order for door frames, doors, elevator enclosures, etc., from the Marc Eidlitz corporation, of New York city, was received this week by the Viking Metal Products company, Ridgway's new manufacturing enterprise. The aggregate of this order is upwards of \$100,000. The material goes into the construction of the New York hospital.

Dauphin county court has fixed June 19th to hear the suit against the Democratic State committee, which the Whitehead and Hoag company, Newark, started four years ago in an effort to recover \$1400 which it is alleged the Democratic committee owes for buttons and dime banks furnished during the gubernatorial campaign of John A. McSparran in 1922.

Ground was broken for the first unit of the \$300,000 addition to the Philadelphia Free Masons hospital, at Elitzabethtown early this week. It has been announced by the contractors. Contracts for erection of the two units were signed during the past week. The addition will be erected at the rear of the present structure and will be three stories in height with a large basement.

Circus side-show freaks and barkers are laborers and hence must be protected by workmen's compensation insurance when they are attached to carnivals and circuses showing in Pennsylvania. It was ruled this week by the Secretary of Labor and Industry. Notices were sent to all municipalities warning them not to grant licenses for exhibitions unless all performers, including the tattooed man and the fat lady, are protected by insurance.

One man was killed instantly when nearby buildings were rocked and property damaged to the amount of \$30,000 at Ambridge, on Monday, when two terrific explosions destroyed a fruit market and a nearby shoe store in the business district. The body was identified as Joseph Mostelles, aged 47. The police believe the bomb was planted in the fruit market. All the windows were broken and the floor buckled in an old hotel across the street.

J. K. Johnston, former superintendent of the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, was presented with a 50 year gold service button by H. H. Garrigue, general superintendent, at Harrisburg a few days ago. Mr. Johnston, who will retire from the service of the railroad company at the end of the present month, has held official positions on the Tyrone, Middle and Philadelphia divisions of the railroad.

Pennsylvania furnished the youngest bridegroom on record at the marriage license bureau in Maryland's Gretna Green, at Hagerstown. He was Milton W. Shockey, 15, of Fairview, Pa., who got a license to marry Pauline M. Rock, 16, of Quincy, Pa. They had the written consent of their parents to marry, as both were under the Maryland marriage law limit. They were married later and returned to Fairview where they will make their home.

When Miss Mary Bower gets her diploma from Williamsport High school, she will have earned it. She has a perfect attendance record for her school career, but that is the least of her achievements. Throughout her high school course, she has milked a herd of cattle, prepared the lunches for her younger sisters and brother and herself, driven a milk truck to Williamsport from Proctor star route, 4 1/2 miles away, where she lives, delivered the milk to her customers and then returned the empty bottles and left overs to her home. She then returns to the city in the truck for her day's school work.

Jacob Progosky, Mayor of Lowryton, Carbon county, was sent to jail, on Monday, because of a fracas over speed limit signs of "one mile per hour" in front of his home. Under his administration the road also was narrowed, and some motorists found a few tacks. Casper Click chose to disregard tacks, sign and all, and when he was driving by was met by a barrage of stones, one of which hit him on the head inflicting a wound that required several stitches to close. So Mr. Click charged Mayor Progosky with aggravated assault and battery and Squire D. J. Dugan sent the Mayor to jail to await trial.

Obtaining of a contract by S. Forry Laucks, president and general manager of the York Safe and Lock company, for construction of what will be the largest vault in the world will put the York concern on a rush basis for the next ten months. The company will build for the Bank of Japan, Tokio, two vaults each 137 by 76 feet, to be installed in the bank at Tokio. The vaults will have 17 doors, six to be 26 inches thick and 11 to be 24 inches thick. All the work will be done at the York plant of the company and will be shipped to Baltimore by train and then by water to Japan. Ten months' work will be required on this one job alone. All the latest modern devices and protective features against fire, burglary, mob violence and earthquake will be incorporated in the construction. A total of 3500 tons of metal will be used on the job.