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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of June 4, 1880.

Goss and Ryan fought a prize fight near Collins, W. Va., last Tuesday morning for a purse of \$1,000. Ryan went eighty five rounds when Goss was declared the winner although Goss appeared to have suffered the least punishment in the fracas.

A forest fire that started in the Samuel Letzell clearing near Spring Mills menaced that town last week. When it spread to Egg Hill and all of that area was ablaze forty men went out to fight it.

Wheat is \$1.10, Corn 50 cts, oats 40, potatoes .25, eggs .10 and butter 15 cts.

The Semi-Weekly Times is the name of a new paper just started in Tyrone by Holmes and Woodson.

On Saturday last while two little sons of Abram Baum were playing "see-saw" one of them jumped off the board throwing his little brother so violently to the ground that his left leg was broken above the knee.

Welsh and Sands' great tented shows will exhibit in Bellefonte on Monday, June 14.

Mrs. Margaret Cook, relict of the late Capt. William Cook, was stricken suddenly by death, last Saturday, while walking in the back yard of her home. She had been reading in the house when she laid her book down and went for a little walk in the garden, where she was found dead a little while later. She was a kind, indulgent mother, an earnest, conscientious christian woman. She was born in Looming county, August 10, 1810, and is survived by one daughter and six sons. Of the latter Andrew, Claude and Charles were all here for the funeral, the others being located so far away that it was impossible for them to reach Bellefonte in time for it.

The new president of the Pennsylvania State College, Mr. Joseph Shortlidge A. M., is a brother of our fellow townsman, William Shortlidge Esq. He is a native of Chester county and was educated at Yale and Wesleyan.

The splendid rain on Saturday night and Sunday did an immense amount of good to vegetation, which needed it badly.

The census enumerators began their work on Tuesday last.

John Barnes Esq., of Pleasant Gap, who for forty years has been toll taker on the pike there, was in town on Tuesday. Mr. Barnes is seventy-nine years old but hale, hearty and alert as a man many years his junior.

Governor Curtin was the Decoration day orator at Renovo and Gen. Beaver orated in Pittsburgh. Out at Pleasant Gap John G. Love Esq. made the principal address, but Potter Tate, Matthew Riddle, David Rossman and John Noll also spoke. Here in Bellefonte the orator of the day was Hon. Joseph W. Parker, of Lewisburg. Dr. George F. Harris, commander of Gregg Post, and James H. Rankin were the ceremonial readers for the occasion. Prof. Willis, the new leader of the Bellefonte band, directed that organization in the production of excellent martial music that kept those in the parade stepping lively.

Our county commissioners and borough fathers are most certainly men endowed with the kindest feelings. The most grateful act of theirs that has come to our notice lately was the turning of the beautiful shaded grounds about the court house and public school building into a pasture field for the horses and cows of our citizens. Almost every day these beautiful grounds are crowded with quadrupeds because the pasture is both good and cheap.

The census report for Penn township, Centre county, shows a present population of 775. This is a loss of 34 on the figures reported in the 1920 census. There are 56 farms in the township.

The proposed United States of Europe won't bother us much for some time to come, but tariff walls may force it ultimately.

The Salvation army will have a \$2,000,000 home in New York and it deserves that and every other blessing that can come to it.

India is a "dry" country but the indications are that jall building will be a necessary industry in the near future.

Speaking of party slates Sam Lewis is now enjoying the luxury of the last laugh.

OFFICIAL VOTE SHOWS GAIN FOR PINCHOT.

The official count of the vote cast at the primaries in Centre county shows a majority for Pinchot over Brown of 3988. To this majority the Democrats contributed a possible three to four hundred votes. During the six weeks preceding the primaries a large number of Democrats changed their registration to Republicans. To be exact, there is on file in the county commissioner's office exactly 358 certificates of such change in registration, while quite a number were changed on the books by the registration assessors. Probably eighty to ninety per cent of those who changed their registration did so for the purpose of voting for Pinchot, so that the latter undoubtedly benefitted by this method to at least 300 votes. And every one of these votes were technically illegal, as the election laws specifically state that to change registration for the primaries the voter must swear that at the preceding general election he voted for the majority of the candidates on the ticket for which he desires to register. Of course the primaries are over and there is no possible way now of detecting or discarding the irregular votes.

The official count of Centre county's vote was made by the three county commissioners, on Friday and Saturday, with Misses Rachel Lambert and Verna Chambers, as clerks. The count was made in the commissioner's office and there were no political watchers, either for Brown or Pinchot. While the figures varied some from those published last week there was not enough change to make any difference in the results. Following is the total vote on both parties:

DEMOCRATIC	
U. S. Senator:	
Sedgwick Kistler	1242
Governor:	
John M. Hemphill	1155
Gifford Pinchot	79
Lieutenant Governor:	
Guy K. Bard	1194
Secretary of Internal Affairs:	
Lucy D. Winston	1166
Judge of Supreme Court:	
Henry C. Niles	1222
Judge of Superior Court:	
Aaron E. Reiber	1148
George F. Douglas	952
Congress:	
Maxwell J. Moore	1176
State Senator:	
Don S. Glingery	135
Robert F. Hunter	3
Harry B. Scott	60
Legislature:	
John G. Miller	1238
Member of State Committee:	
Dr. F. K. White	1185
County Chairman:	
John J. Bower	1219
Vice Chairman:	
Aaron Brouse	7
Mrs. Ebon Bower	3
Helen Schaeffer	21

REPUBLICAN	
U. S. Senator:	
Joseph R. Grundy	3917
W. G. Drew	329
James J. Davis	2459
Francis H. Bohlen	280
Governor:	
Francis Shunk Brown	1566
Gifford Pinchot	5554
Thomas G. Phillips	327
Joseph D. Herben	21
Lieutenant Governor:	
Charles F. Armstrong	3751
Edward C. Shannon	1708
Charles Durance	483
Frank P. B. Thompson	383
Secretary of Internal Affairs:	
James A. Woodward	2185
Philip H. Dewey	1750
Charles A. McLain	480
Charles F. White	276
Frederic A. Godcharles	1321
Judge of Supreme Court:	
George W. Maxey	4059
Albert D. MacDade	1731
Judge of Superior Court:	
William E. Linn	2931
J. Frank Graf	3835
James B. Drew	2562
Congress:	
J. Mitchell Chase	4437
George W. Huntley	573
George W. Minds	445
Evans J. Jones	1073
State Senator:	
Clarence A. Keiser	3056
Harry B. Scott	3976
Legislature:	
John L. Holmes	5684
John G. Miller	14
State Committee:	
James E. Hugg	3916
Harry B. Scott	3710
County Chairman:	
Wilson I. Fleming	3776
Harry A. Rossman	3700
Vice Chairman:	
Emily D. Smith	3038
Besse A. Miles	3661

CENTRE COUNTY ON LIST FOR FEDERAL PENITENTIARY.

The United States Bureau of Prisons is looking for a site for a four million dollar federal penitentiary authorized by a recent act of Congress. The prison must be constructed east of Pittsburgh and north of the southern boundary of Delaware. Centre county is one of a list of thirty-five counties in the State in which available sites will be considered.

The site must include 1000 acres of land, at least forty acres of which must be comparatively level for building purposes. The building site must be located so as to have natural drainage, and have no underlying strata of rock within eight or ten feet of the surface. It must be within easy access of a trunkline railroad and a city of 10,000 inhabitants, (which is not possible in Centre county.) A water supply of 200,000 gallons a day is another of the requirements.

Proposals will be opened at Washington on June 23rd, and no consideration will be given any offer which will exceed \$100,000 for the land.

A. Lester Sheffer, of Milroy, a native of Bellefonte, was nominated for a third term in the Legislature, at the primaries last week, by a majority of 117 over his Republican opponent.

ALTENDERFER.—Martin L. Altenderfer, for more than twenty years a well known resident of Bellefonte, died quite unexpectedly, on Wednesday morning, at the home of his son Girard, in Howard, as the result of a heart affection. He had been ill only since the Saturday previous.

He was a son of Daniel and Catherine Neiman Altenderfer and was born at Douglassville, in Berks county, on February 7th, 1860, hence was 70 years, 3 months and 11 days old. The early part of his life was spent in his home town but as a young man he located at Jersey Shore where he filled a clerical position with the Beech Creek railroad company. In 1890, when the Central Railroad was put into operation he came to Bellefonte as head bookkeeper in the office, a position he held until the road was scrapped in 1918. He then went with the Bellefonte Central but after a few years went to Howard to make his home with his son.

He was a member and an elder in the Presbyterian church, a member of Neversink lodge, No. 514 I. O. O. F., of Birdsboro, and Bellefonte Encampment No. 72.

On September 24th, 1890, he married Miss Lucretia Brown, at Jersey Shore, who passed away in 1908. He is survived, however, by four children, Mrs. Elsie Oswald, of Glenoldin; Mrs. Margaret Wynn, of Sunbury; Mrs. Ruth Duncan, of Philadelphia, and Girard Altenderfer, of Howard. He also leaves four sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Paul Wetzel, of Washington; D. C.; Mrs. Lettie A. Zerr, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J. E. Owens, of Smyrna, Ga.; Mr. George Wallauer, of Pottstown; George W. Altenderfer, of Philadelphia; Albert, of Reading, and D. Elmer, of Pottstown.

A brief service will be held at the Altenderfer home, in Howard, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, after which the remains will be brought to Bellefonte and funeral services held in the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. C. Thompson, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

STEELE.—Another of Bellefonte's well known and old-time characters passed away at the borough home, at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, in the person of Alen Brittain Steele. He had been quite feeble for several months and his death was the result of general debility.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry C. Steele he was born at Coleville on May 4th, 1849, hence was 81 years and 23 days old. When a boy his parents moved out along the old pike and there he grew to manhood. Fifty years ago he worked for the Bellefonte Republican as solicitor and collector and in that capacity traveled all over Centre county. Later he became collector for the old Steam Heat and Gas Co. a position he filled many years. On May 10th, 1869, he married Miss Anna Emel, who survives. They never had any children but raised as their own Zack Emel Steele, now living in Tyrone. He also leaves one brother, Newton Steele, of Mill Hill.

Funeral services were held at the borough home yesterday afternoon, by Rev. C. C. Shuey, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

CHENOWETH.—Mrs. Alice Chenoweth, wife of Edward K. Chenoweth, died on Saturday morning, at her home in Cleveland, Ohio, following eighteen month's illness.

She was a daughter of Edward and Ellen Hampton Whittaker and was born in Bellefonte on September 18th, 1903, hence was 26 years, 8 months and 6 days old. Her early life was spent in Bellefonte but some ten or eleven years ago the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she had lived ever since. On March 28th, 1926, she married Mr. Chenoweth who survives with no children. She leaves, however, her parents, living in Cleveland, two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Edward Russell, of New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. J. E. Ellington, of Baltimore, Md., and Edward Jr., at home.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte, on Monday afternoon, and taken to the home of Mrs. William Hampton, on north Water street. Funeral services were held in St. John's Episcopal church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning by Rev. Stuart F. Gast, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

NOLL.—Mrs. Hannah E. Noll, wife of G. Homer Noll, died at her home in Tyrone, on Wednesday morning of last week, following a month's illness with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of John and Lucy Ellen Swartz and was born at Milesburg on February 19th, 1883, hence was in her 48th year. In September, 1908, she married Mr. Noll and all their married life had been spent in Tyrone. In addition to her husband she is survived by three daughters, Thelma, Doris and Gladys, all at home. She also leaves three sisters and one brother, Mrs. R. A. Coldren and Mrs. G. E. Hanshaw, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Clay Griffith, of Bellefonte, and Clinton E. Swartz, of Tyrone.

Funeral services were held at her late home in Tyrone, on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the Eastlawn cemetery.

KREPS.—Mrs. Coda Blanche Krebs, widow of Harvey Krebs, died at her home in Tyrone, on Tuesday evening of last week, following an extended illness.

She was a daughter of Thomas and Ellen Dillman McEwen, and was born at Unionville on February 19th, 1862, hence was past 67 years of age. In 1879 she married Harvey Krebs who died twelve years ago, but surviving her are one daughter and a son, Mrs. W. Edward Wrye, of Tyrone, with whom she had made her home, and William K. Krebs, of Juniata. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Peters, of Blue Ball, and Mrs. Belle Crispin, of Charleroi. She was a member of the Methodist church, the Eastern Star and the W. C. T. U.

The remains were taken to Unionville, last Friday afternoon, where funeral services were held in the Methodist church by Rev. H. Willis Hartsock, assisted by Rev. M. C. Piper and Rev. McAlarney, burial being made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

FLICK.—Mrs. Elida C. Flick, widow of U. S. Flick, died at her home in Bellwood, last Thursday afternoon, following an illness of several years, although her condition did not become serious until a month previous to her death.

She was a daughter of Michael and Ellen Friel and was born at Runville, Centre county, on January 20th, 1870, hence was a little past 60 years of age. She had been a resident of Bellwood a number of years and was a member of the Baptist church. Her husband died last October but surviving her are a daughter and son, Mrs. Earl R. Mong and Robert Flick, both at home. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. W. G. Watson, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Logan Valley cemetery.

SCHOONOVER.—Byrant B. Schoonover, youngest son of the late J. N. Schoonover, of Phillipsburg, died at the Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia, on Monday last week, as the result of an attack of bronchial pneumonia, following an illness of forty-eight hours.

He was born in Phillipsburg and was not quite 38 years of age. He served in France during the World war and returning took employment with Sears, Roebuck & Co., Philadelphia. He was unmarried but is survived by five sisters and one brother. The remains were taken to Phillipsburg where funeral services were held on Saturday morning and burial made in the Kyler-town cemetery.

HAWK RUN MINER SMOTHERED TO DEATH.

While his young wife and four children were waiting for him to come to supper, last Wednesday evening, Steve Rusnack, of Hawk Run, near Winburne, was smothered to death in a fall of slate in a small coal mine owned jointly by himself, seven brothers and two other men. The mine has a three foot vein and is operated on the bucket line system. Ten or twelve men are employed in the mine.

Rusnack was near the mouth of the mine making repairs and setting timbers when a cave in buried him. Outside workers secured help and had cleared away enough of the dirt and timbers to uncover Rusnack's arms and to discover that he was still alive and apparently not fatally hurt, when there was another cave in and before it could be cleared away Rusnack smothered to death.

He was 33 years old and served eleven months in France during the World war. Nine years ago he married Mary Novak who survives with four children. He also leaves seven brothers and five sisters. Burial was made at Hawk Run on Saturday morning.

HIGHWAY PATROLMAN IMPRISONED IN ICE BOX.

State highway patrolmen have some thrilling experiences and all of them are not concerned with running down violators of the motor code. Wednesday evening of last week Harry C. Pfaeffe, one of the force located in Bellefonte, made a motorcycle trip to Lancaster to visit his father, who conducts the Stockyards hotel in that city. When he arrived there, early Thursday morning, he was hungry and at once went to the hotel ice box to forage for something to eat. The ice box is rather large and Pfaeffe stepped inside. As he did so the door swung to and latched on the outside, making the patrolman a prisoner.

Realizing that he had no chance of making anyone hear him Pfaeffe made himself as comfortable as possible until the hotel cook opened the ice box some two hours later to get food for breakfast. The temperature in the ice box was about forty degrees but the highway patrolman suffered no ill effects as the result of his imprisonment.

Penn State will graduate the largest class in her history on June 10th. There will be at least 620, and probably more, who will receive degrees that day.

INTERESTING MEETING OF REFORMED CLASSIS.

The 74th annual meeting of West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed church was held from Monday, May 19th, to Wednesday, the 21st, in the St. John's church, Bellefonte. Rev. Robert F. Thena, pastor. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring president, Rev. Delas R. Keener, of Centre Hall. An address of welcome to the city was delivered by Rev. A. Ward Campbell, of the Evangelical denomination, representing the churches of Bellefonte.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. William S. Gerhard, Freeburg; vice-president, B. B. Huntingdon, West Milton; corresponding secretary, Rev. A. S. Asendorf, State College; reading clerk, Rev. Herbert Zechman, of New Berlin; stated clerk, Rev. H. H. Rupp, Lewisburg; treasurer, David K. Keller, Centre Hall.

The preparatory sermon was preached by Rev. William C. Rittenhouse, of Williamsport. The morning devotional addresses were delivered by Rev. Irwin S. Ditzler, of West Milton. On Tuesday evening Professor Nevin Harner, of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, spoke on "The Challenge of Religious Education" before a large audience. A delightful reception was given to the members of the Classis by the women of the church on Tuesday evening after the regular services. There was a short program of music and recitations and a number of short addresses by visiting ministers. A lunch was served.

Several noteworthy actions were taken. The Classis favored the granting of full rights and privileges to the women of the church to hold places of office. Such action becomes effective only if two-thirds of the Classis take similar action. It also expressed itself favorably to the efforts to union with the Evangelical Synod and the United Brethren churches. The need to increase the benevolences of the church came in for special consideration. It was decided to hold an early meeting of Classis in January, this will be held at West Milton, and a fall meeting in October; this to be in Lock Haven.

An elder's conference was held on Wednesday. The Classis honored by special recognition Rev. Frank Wetzel, of Akron, Ohio, now retired, a son of St. John's church, Bellefonte. He has completed fifty years in the ministry. Rev. W. A. McClellan, of Rebersburg, will retire from the ministry in June.

A SALUTE TO THE LIME INDUSTRY.

When Mr. Norman G. Hough, president of the national lime association, goes on the air next Tuesday evening, June 3, at 10 p. m., daylight saving time, many people in this vicinity should be interested in hearing him. Interested, especially, because the raw material from which lime is burned constitutes one of the most valuable and consequential of our natural resources.

Since back in the days when the Alexanders started the modest little operation at "Sunnyside" and Bond Valentine and William Shortlidge opened the competing quarry and kilns, known as "The Pike" operation, the production of lime has been an important industry in this part of Centre county.

Then it was only lime. Blast furnaces had not come into use to consume great tonnage of stone for fluxing purposes, railroads were ballasting with cinders and highways were built by scraping the mud from the ditches up onto their centers. Concrete work was unheard of and the stone that ran higher than two or three per cent. in silica was waste material for the dump.

As uses for it have developed the industry here has grown until the daily outgoing tonnage became so great as to earn for Bellefonte the peculiar distinction of being the best paying station on the best paying single track railroad in the world.

All of this has its significance, for just as we are shipping dormant potential wealth out of the community liquid wealth is coming back in payment for it. Anything pertaining to the industry, second only to agriculture, upon which this community rests most, should be interesting. Tune in on the coast to coast hook-up next Tuesday evening and hear Mr. Hough.

LILLIAN GISH TRIES HAND AT INVENTION.

Lillian Gish has turned out to be an inventor, or rather, an improviser. She has solved a problem that worried sound engineers ever since talking pictures were born. It is the matter of heels clattering against the floor as the players walk about during the "shooting" of sound film. The sensitive microphones magnify the simple clacking of heels into a torrent of sound. It remained for Miss Gish to suggest the simple device of pasting strips of felt to the bottom of the heels and soles, too, for that matter, thus eliminating another annoying source of extraneous sounds in talkies.

MANY TONS OF GAME KILLED LAST YEAR

The State Board of Game Commissioners, this week, made their final report on the amount of game killed in the State during 1929, and the total shows 4,647,232 animal and birds or approximately 5.89 tons. While every hunter thrills at the very mention of a chase think of the appalling destruction of wild life and it will not require much of a mathematician to figure out why game is scarce, notwithstanding the strenuous work of propagation and restocking carried on by the Game Commission every year.

Listed in the game killed were 1 elk, 22,822 deer, 447 bear, 3,524,655 rabbits, 455,264 squirrel, 28,836 raccoons, 3,838 wild turkeys, 212,088 ringnecked pheasants, 222,186 bob white quail, 72,666 woodcock and other shore birds, 59,821 blackbirds and 45,008 wild water fowl. The total kill during 1929 was 826 ton in excess of the kill in 1928.

The total number of accidents during 1929 was 332, of which 56 were fatal and 276 non-fatal. Of the deer killed sixty-one per cent. had four or more points to each antler twenty-five per cent. had three points and fourteen per cent. two points.

BELLEFONTE WOMAN'S CLUB HELD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Bellefonte Woman's club was held at the High school building, on Monday evening. The attendance was not as large as usual, a number of the most active members being away from home. The reports of the various chairmen showed an unusually busy, as well as profitable year.

Mr. Singer, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., told about the camp for boys below Howard, along the Bald Eagle creek. He described how it is conducted and the benefit derived from it by the boys. Some of the boys who contemplated going to camp this summer are now working and saving their money for the contemplated outing. The club decided to help a number of worthy boys to go who could not possibly get there any other way.

A VERY POPULAR STORY MAKES A LOVELY PICTURE

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Zane Grey's popular novel "The Light of Western Stars" will be shown, in screen version, at the Richelieu theatre.

Paramount has made a great hit of this story and brings Richard Arlen forward in his second western role. Again, as in "The Virginian," he is at greatest advantage in this action drama of the outdoors. Marjorie Brian, the leading lady of the "Virginian," and who will be seen Thursday and Friday, opposite Arlen in "Burning Up," is the sweetheart in "The Light of Western Stars." This Zane Grey thriller has an unusually strong supporting cast, including Harry Green, funny man of "Kibitzer;" Fred Kohler, seen opposite George Bancroft in many of that star's great hits; Regis Toomey, of "Alibi," and "Street of Chance" fame, and many others.

APPRECIATION.

To the voters of the 34th Pennsylvania Senatorial District, Clearfield and Centre county:

I desire to express deep appreciation and sincere thanks to each and all of you who supported me for State Senator at the recent Primary election. I regard the primaries result as an expression of confidence. If re-elected to the State Senate, November next, it will be my earnest endeavor and my solemn promise to at all times represent all of the people of the district as in the past and give them the very best service that lies in me with an ever present thought of meriting at all times your continued confidence and support.

Faithfully yours,
HARRY B. SCOTT
May 27, 1930. Phillipsburg, Pa.

ELK'S ANNUAL PICNIC.

The Elk's ninth annual Kiwanee day picnic will be held at Heck park on Thursday, June 12th. All children between six and twelve years of age are required to register and secure their tags prior to the picnic.

The registration will open at two o'clock p. m., on Thursday, June 5th, and will continue on the sixth and seventh of June and close at nine o'clock p. m. June 7th. Buses will leave the Elk's club on Thursday, the 12th, at 8:30 a. m., returning from the park at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clarence C. Schuyler and Bessie Mae Rollie, both of State College. Lewis M. Moore, of Karthaus, an Ellnor Michaels, of Kewadyn.

Nelson A. Stover, of Livonia, an Mable E. Wance, of Bellefonte. Levi Tipton, of Claysburg, an Margaret H. Woods, of Phillipsburg. Max Edgar Brenneman, of Huntingdon, and Marian Rebecca Brower of Tyrone.

Owen J. Long and Hazel F. Skyler, both of Centre Hall. Boyd S. Thomas and Miriul E. Boney, both of Bellefonte.