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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of December 24, 1880.

—There might have been pretty good sleighing if the mild, warm weather of Tuesday hadn't spoiled it.

—We are glad to say that the three children of George W. Jackson, who are ill with scarlet fever, are getting better and there is a prospect of their entire recovery.

—There will be a shooting match for turkeys, today, at School House Crossing, on Wallace run. Michael Sinnet and Charles Smoyer are getting it up and there will be some good shooting and lots of fun.

—Copies of an ordinance have been posted about town. It calls attention to the unlawfulness of not keeping pavements clean of snow and dumping ashes on the streets.

—Leonard Rhone Esq., of this county, was elected Master of the State Grange at its recent meeting at Greensburg. Dr. Calder, late president of the Pennsylvania State College, was elected lecturer.

—The Pleasant Gap silver cornet band will hold a festival in Haag's hall, at that place, on New Year's eve.

—After a life of 88 years the venerable Jacob Gill, of Pleasant Gap, died on Tuesday last. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. For many years he was a resident of Horntown or Harrisonville, but later moved to a house up near the foot of the mountain. Almost no butchering in that neighborhood was regarded as properly conducted unless he was there and his wife "Katy," also.

—Monte Ward, the champion baseball player, is at present sojourning in Altoona in the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Bell. He has been urged to go to Princeton to instruct a class in baseball and athletic exercises and has a notion to accept. Seven cities contended for the honor of having been the birth place of Homer. Because "Monte" is the first man who ever threw a baseball so that it would curve as it passed the batter several places are striving for the glory of being his home town. John Montgomery Ward is the son of James and Ruth A. Ward, both deceased, and was born in Bellefonte about twenty years ago.

—From Halfmoon township comes these bits of news. A few days ago a flock of 50 wild turkeys were discovered in Wilson's field and about everybody who had a gun got after them. In his haste to get there Simon Sellers grabbed his pitchfork instead of his gun and didn't discover his mistake until he looked to see what was the matter with the trigger. None of the fellows with real guns got any, so Simon needn't feel bad about his mistake. If you want to buy good goods cheap go to Wm. S. Gray & Son. There you will find John W. Sellers about the most accommodating clerk who ever stood behind a counter. P. W. Burkett killed the boss porker in the valley.

—Philipsburg is showing signs of becoming the largest town in the county. Things are humming over there, much building going on. Four large lumber and planing mills and the big tannery are running full time, some with night shifts.

—We noticed a large bear, weighing 300 lbs., for sale in town this week. Louis Zimmerman killed it in Greensvalley, just back of Hecla Furnace. Mr. Zimmerman has killed three bears this week, two large and one small one.

—Baird's minstrels, always excellent, will be here next Tuesday evening.

—James Fawles and Nicholas Mann got into a fight over half a day's wages last Wednesday and it wound up by Fawles stabbing Mann in the abdomen. Mann is said to be in a bad way and Fawles is in jail. Both men live on Marsh Creek, back of Howard.

—Mrs. Weaver, wife of Geo. H. Weaver, living in the old stone mansion on Howard street, is very ill, and fears are entertained lest she might not recover.

—The people of Lock Haven want a town clock so the "Journal" of that place has offered to raise one third of its cost if the county will give a third and the city a third.

—Wilbur Harris, eldest son of Henry P. Harris, made a narrow escape from drowning on Monday last. He was skating on the planing mill dam when he got onto some thin ice that broke under him and he went in up to his neck. As the water was twelve feet deep and the ice that he clutched so thin that it broke off in his hands he would have been a goner had it not been for the presence of mind of Cooper Dare, a companion, who quickly whipped off his overcoat and threw the tail of it out to Wilbur. It proved the lifeline by which he was finally rescued.

FISHER.—George W. Fisher, a native of Centre county, died on Saturday, at his home in Warriorsmark, as the result of an attack of pneumonia, although he had been in feeble health for some months.

He was a son of Ira and Rebecca Wilson Fisher and was born at Wingate on September 15th, 1853, hence was past 77 years of age. While yet a boy his parents moved onto a farm near Loveville, in Halfmoon township where he grew to manhood and received his education in the public schools. All his early life was spent on the farm during the summer seasons and teaching school during the winters, and after his father's death he took charge of the home where he lived until about thirty years ago when he moved to Warriorsmark. He was one of the organizers of the Huntingdon and Centre Telephone company, of which he was secretary for a number of years. He was a member of the Society of Friends and a good citizen.

Over fifty years ago he married Miss Hannah Cowher, who died about 1907. Several years later he married Mrs. Belle Dummire, who survives with no children. He leaves, however, one brother and two sisters, Samuel D. Fisher, of Frankstown, Blair county; Mrs. Sarah Stewart, in California, and Mrs. Abednego Williams, of Fleming. Funeral services were held at his late home in Warriorsmark, at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Friends cemetery, in Halfmoon township.

HEBERLING.—Samuel D. Heberling, retired merchant of Tyrona, died at his home in that place, shortly after three o'clock on Monday morning, following ten months' illness with a heart affection.

He was a son of Joseph and Margaret Piles Heberling and was born at Pennsylvania Furnace on February 11th, 1864, hence was in his 67th year. His early life was spent at the home of his birth but forty or more years ago he went to Tyrona where he worked at the paper mill a number of years. Later he engaged in the grocery and meat business which he followed until his retirement several years ago. For twelve years he served as a member of the Tyrona borough council and was a member of the Republican committee in the Seventh ward of Tyrona. He was a member of the Columbia avenue Methodist church, in September, 1885, he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Robinson, of Pennsylvania Furnace, who survives with three sons, Joseph C., Lester V. and Norman D. Heberling, all of Tyrona. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Joseph H. Heberling, of Centre Line; Thomas, of Tyrona; Mrs. Perry Gates and Miss Emma Heberling, of Warriorsmark.

Funeral services were held in the Columbia avenue Methodist church, Tyrona, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. Samuel W. Strain, burial being made in the Eastlawn cemetery.

GALBRAITH.—Orlando Curtin Galbraith, retired P. R. R. employee, died on Monday, at the home of his son, John L. Galbraith, in Altoona, as the result of general debility.

He was a son of William and Jane Bathurst Galbraith and was born at Curtin, Centre county, on August 26th, 1851, hence was in his eightyeth year. When a young man he went to Altoona and learned the trade of a painter in the railroad shops, an occupation he followed until his retirement in 1916. Eight years ago he lost the sight of one eye and during the past year was totally blind. In 1877 he married Miss Susan Walk, of Fowler, who survives with nine children. He also leaves twenty-four grand-children and six great grand-children. He was a member of the United Brethren church and the P. R. R. relief association.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. E. G. Sawyer, burial being made in the Alto-Reste cemetery, Altoona.

CONFER.—George Confer, well known retired farmer of Curtin township, died at the Centre County hospital, at an early hour Saturday morning, following a week's illness with pneumonia.

He was a son of John and Nancy Jacobs Confer and was born near Romola in 1861, his age at death being 69 years, 10 months and 17 days. He followed farming until his retirement several years ago. He is survived by his wife and one daughter; also two brothers and a sister, Jacob Confer, of State College; William Confer and Mrs. Belle Pink, of Altoona.

Funeral services were held in the Reformed church, at Romola, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. W. E. Yingling, burial being made in the Romola cemetery.

NEVLING.—Mrs. Margaret Nevling, wife of Ellsworth Nevling, died at her home in Hollidaysburg, on Friday morning, following three months' illness. She was a daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth Miller and was born near Pine Grove Mills over 68 years ago. In 1889 she married James Simpson, who died in 1907. Later she married Mr. Nevling. The latter survives with six sons by her first marriage. Burial was made at Hollidaysburg on Monday afternoon.

WAITE.—Allen G. Waite, for many years a well known resident of Bellefonte, was found dead in bed, at his home on east High street, on Tuesday morning, when members of the family went to call him for breakfast. A year or more ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis but had recovered sufficiently to be out and around and was down town on Monday afternoon and evening. A second stroke on Tuesday night resulted in his death.

He was a son of Adam and Amanda Waite and was born in Buffalo Run valley on May 1st, 1867, hence was 63 years, 7 months and 15 days old. When he was a child his parents moved to Bellefonte and this had been his home ever since. As a young man he worked at the old glass works. For a number of years he was agent for the Prudential Life Insurance company and later worked for the State Highway Department.

Thirty-three years ago he married Miss Mary Guisewhite who survives with four children, Samuel, of Narberth, Pa.; Mrs. John Wertz and William, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Samuel Rhinesmith, of St. Marys. He also leaves his aged mother and one sister, Mrs. Clara Rhodes, of Wilkingsburg.

Rev. G. E. Householder, of the United Brethren church, had charge of the funeral services, held at his late home at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

DALE.—Mrs. Sarah Davis Dale, widow of the late Clement Dale Esq., was found dead in bed, in her apartment in the R. B. Taylor estate property, on Spring street, at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Her death was the result of a heart attack.

She was a daughter of Benjamin and Susanne Dobbs Wilt, and was born at Kittanning about 70 years ago. From Kittanning her parents moved to Philadelphia and it was there she grew to womanhood and received her education. On May 15th, 1884, she married Clement Dale Esq. of Bellefonte, and ever since had been a resident of this place. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, the Order of the Eastern Star, P. O. of A. and the Bellefonte Woman's club.

Mr. Dale died about seven years ago but surviving her are two children, former Judge Arthur C. Dale, of Bellefonte, and Miss Marian Ethel Dale, of Philadelphia. She was the last of her family generation.

The remains were taken from the Wetzel morgue, to the Kenneth Fromm home, on Spring street, yesterday and funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock this (Friday) morning by Rev. William C. Thompson, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

ARMSTRONG.—Mrs. Leah Catherine Armstrong, wife of Irvin Armstrong, died quite suddenly of a heart attack, at 4:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Bowers, at Avis, where she and her husband have been making their home for several years. Mrs. Armstrong had spent a week or more with her son Earl Armstrong and family, and the latter took her home on Thursday afternoon. At that time she was feeling fine, so that her sudden death was a shock to all the members of her family.

Mrs. Armstrong's maiden name was Smeltzer and she was born at Spring Mills 73 years ago. Most of her married life was spent in Spring township. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Arthur Armstrong, of Salma, Oregon; William L., of Buffalo, N. Y.; Robert, of Canton, Ohio; Mrs. Jesse Huff, of Clearfield; Mrs. H. C. Bowers, of Avis, and Earl Armstrong, of Zion. She also leaves two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Sadie Lee, of Boalsburg; Mrs. Edward Confer, of Spring Mills, and Ralph Smeltzer, of Centre Hall.

Funeral services were held at the Bowers home at 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made at Cedar Springs.

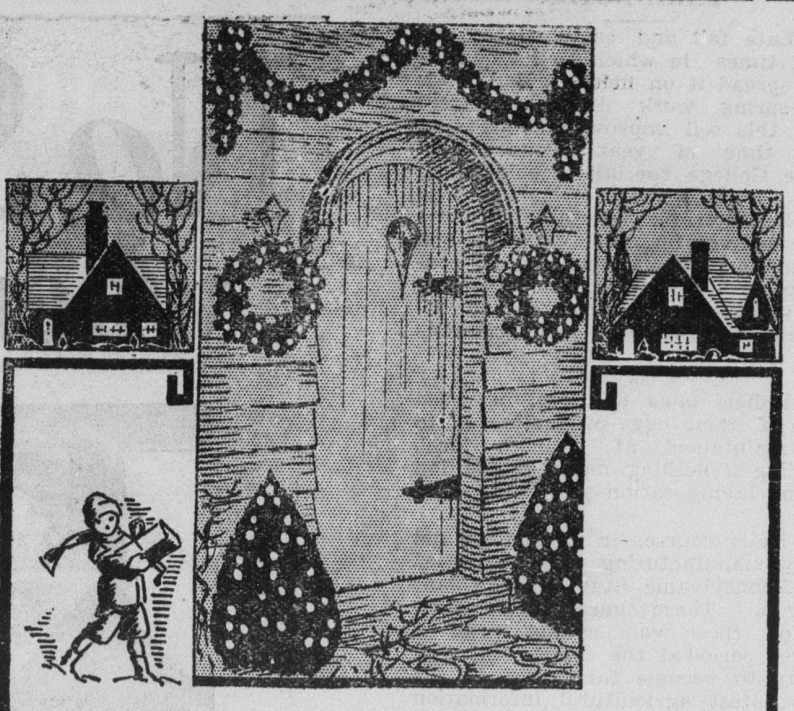
BRUNGART.—Norman Brungart, of Miles township, died at the Centre County hospital, on Sunday afternoon, as the result of collapse following an operation performed several days previous.

He was a son of Adam and Mary Brungart and was 34 years old. During the World war he was with the American army in France and participated in several major battles, returning home in 1919. He married Miss Alberta Bierly who survives with three children, Magdeline, Evaline and Eugene. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters, Rufus Brungart, of Rebersburg; Cleveland, of Philadelphia; Bloomer, of Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. Lee Wolfe, of Smulton, and Mrs. Nora Guisewhite, of Rebersburg.

Funeral services were held in the Evangelical church, at Rebersburg, Wednesday morning, by Rev. Scheckterly, and interment in the Rebersburg cemetery was in charge of the American Legion, of Millheim.

MATTERN.—J. Linn Mattern, well known farmer near Matternville, died suddenly Sunday afternoon of a stroke of apoplexy. He was stricken while sitting in a chair reading a paper.

He was a son of John B. and Mary M. Mattern and was born at Matternville 55 years ago. He mar-



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HOWARD. Miss Jane Kane attended the Evangelical conference, held at Harrisburg on Thursday. Miss Helene Weber, of Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. John Weber. The members of the Civic Club held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. T. A. Fletcher. Mr. Frank Smith returned to Shamokin, Saturday night, after spending two weeks with relatives in town. The Women's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. C. C. Dreese, Wednesday afternoon. Miss Flora Pletcher, who is a graduate nurse, left Thursday for Syracuse, N. Y., where she will be employed for several weeks. Miss Anna Muffly and Mrs. Rachel Weber spent Monday with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Paul Chessman and family, at Williamsport. Miss Nettie Swartz and mother, Mrs. Mary E. Swartz, left Tuesday to spend several months with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Blanche Forsythe, at Akron, Ohio. Mrs. Cora Robb and Mrs. Clara Hicks, of Altoona, and Prof. Eugene W. K. Robb spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McDowell. Miss Emma Pletcher, who has charge of the Junior League of the M. E. church, entertained the members of the League, with a special service and refreshments on Tuesday evening. A new Brunswick or Majestic Radio will bring plenty of Christmas cheer—Harter's Music Store, Bellefonte. 50.1t

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ADDITIONAL PERSONAL NEWS.—In the Michael Lamb family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godshall, of Camden, will be the Christmas guests. The Godshall's will arrive in Bellefonte on Wednesday.—All the Reynolds Shope family are intending to come home to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shope, at the Shope home on Thomas street.—Mahlon Foreman, of Chicago, an engineer with the Western Electric Co., will be home to spend his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Foreman.—Miss Ethel Dale, who was called here from Philadelphia this week by the death of her mother, has been a houseguest of Mrs. Frank Warfield during her stay in Bellefonte.—John Guisewhite and his son-in-law Harold Cr., of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Joseph Guisewhite, of Meadville, are among the relatives here for the funeral of Allen G. Waite.—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Nolan will be among those to spend Christmas with relatives in Bellefonte, coming from Schenectady to be guests of Mrs. Nolan's mother, Mrs. Jacob Gross, for the Holiday week.—Miss Elizabeth Hunter, in charge of music in the schools of Springfield, Pa., will arrive home, Tuesday, to join her brother, Mark, now of State College, for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunter.—At the M. F. Hazel's all Mr. Hazel's children will be guests in the Hazel home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, of Altoona, and Michael Jr., with the Oil Well and Supply Co., of Oil City, will come to Bellefonte early in the week.

UNIONVILLE. Mrs. Beals and Mrs. Dando, of Julian, were visitors of the Sensor sisters, last Friday. Mrs. Charles Eckenroth attended the butchering at Mrs. Linn Pletcher's, at Howard, on Tuesday. The Rebekah Lodge will have a poverty social this Friday evening, in the I. O. O. F. hall. Admission 20cts. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton McElwain and daughter, of New Park, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McElwain and daughter, of Fawn Grove, York county, visited their brothers, Harry and Lorenzo McElwain, over the week end. Miss Dorothy Kerchner, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kerchner, has been a patient in the Centre County hospital since last Thursday, having undergone an operation for appendicitis on Friday. She is getting along very nicely, and her friends will all be pleased when she is home again. The Ladies Aid society met, Monday evening, at the home of Miss Laura Rumberger. The pastor and his wife were among the number and after the regular opening service the pastor conducted the election of officers for the coming year, which resulted in re-electing all the old ones; President, Mrs. Stella Parsons; vice president, Mrs. Hannah Iddings, secretary, Mrs. Anna Finch; treasurer, Ruth Parsons. —We do your job work right

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