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**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue February 25, 1881.

—The prospects are for a business boom in Bellefonte in the spring.

—With such bright prospects as the car works resuming soon the question arises: Will the race bridge be widened soon? (The race bridge referred to is the bridge near the railroad station on High street. Fifty years ago it had not been widened out to the point that now constitutes the pavement in front of the wholesale house of Lauderbach-Griest Co. In fact neither one of the High street bridges ran even to the curb line on the south side of the street—Editor's Note.)

—Sleighting and sledding are pretty nearly played out and wagons and buggies are beginning to put in an appearance on the street.

—Mr. Miles, post master of Milesburg, who broke an arm sometime ago, will soon have the use of the member restored.

—W. R. Jenkins, of Bellefonte, according to latest reports has been granted a patent on a power hammer. (If memory serves us right this was the first mechanical hammer ever invented. For years it was a very useful machine in shops all over the world and its manufacture was the principal business of the Jenkins and Lingle foundry in this place—Editor's Note.)

—Solomon Derr, late of this place, died at the residence of his son John, in Armstrong, Kansas, on Monday last. He was a brother of Daniel, Christian and Henry Derr, all of this place.

—Our Senator, the Hon. Cyrus T. Alexander, has introduced a bill in the Legislature, making the sale of adulterated liquor a penal offense.

—Mr. Harry Kline, of Tyrone, hardware dealer, placed the writer of this item under sincere obligation Wednesday by the gift of a very handsome three bladed, pearl handled knife of the finest steel. (Mr. Kline is now living at Middletown, Pa., carrying his years gracefully and visiting Bellefonte about once a year—Editor's Note.)

—Henry Hall, a former resident of Milesburg, died in Maryville, Missouri, recently. He was one of the masons who worked on the first Presbyterian church built in Milesburg.

—Mr. Geo. P. Bible's recital in Humes hall last Friday night was attended by a small but very respectable audience. He was assisted by a sister who is a very accomplished musician and, together, they furnished an entertainment that merited much greater patronage.

—The art gallery, fair and festival held by Gregg Post G. A. R. in this place on Washington's birthday was highly successful and profitable, as well. Among the exhibits were the yellow silk flag captured from the British at the battle of Monmouth, which is the property of Capt. W. W. Potter. Also the coat worn by Gen. Beaver when he was shot at Chancellorsville and that worn by Maj. R. H. Foster when he was shot through the breast at Petersburg.

—Charles C. Smith, who farmed the William Keller place near Centre Hall, was found dead in the cow stable on Friday morning the 11th, by his wife. He went to the barn to treat a cow that had a sore eye and it is supposed that when he attempted to put medicine into the sore organ she threw her head around with such violence as to knock him unconscious and then trampled him to death. He was lying directly under the animal when his wife discovered him.

**W. C. T. U. CONFERENCE**  
**HELD HERE SATURDAY.**

Sixteen county officers and three State officers were present at a W. C. T. U. conference held at the home of Mrs. Robert Mills Beach, in Bellefonte, last Saturday. The speaker was Miss Rachel Armstrong, of Bucknell University, and one of the leading topics under discussion was a course of scientific temperance instruction to be carried on in the various schools of the county, a movement that has the endorsement of county superintendent F. G. Rogers.

It was also decided to hold a series of group meetings throughout the county during the month of March. The meetings will be held at Aaronsburg, Runville or Wingate, Bellefonte and State College, the latter to be on March 23rd. Dates for the others have not yet been fixed. Following the business meeting members of the conference were entertained at tea by Mrs. Beach.

—Read the Watchman.

**YARNELL.**—Mrs. Sarah Nevill Yarnell, widow of Jacob M. Yarnell, died on Monday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jerome Confer, on east Bishop street, Bellefonte, following an illness of some weeks as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

She was a daughter of William and Mary Nevill and was born at Pottery Mills 86 years ago. She was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Heaton. Following his death she married Jacob M. Yarnell who died eleven years ago. Surviving her are the following children: Jacob N. Heaton, of Orvisden; Isaac S., of Moshannon; Edward L., of Milesburg; Daniel J., of Pittcairn, and Mrs. Jerome Confer, of Bellefonte.

Rev. C. C. Shuey had charge of the funeral services which were held at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Fairview cemetery, in Boggs township.

**FARNSLER.**—Miss Elizabeth Farnsler died at the home of her niece, Mrs. George Pelter, in Tyrone, at 8:45 o'clock on Saturday morning, as the result of injuries sustained in a fall seven weeks ago.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Farnsler and was born at Port Matilda on May 4th, 1842, hence was almost 89 years of age. Her entire life was spent at Port Matilda until she went to Tyrone twelve years ago. She was a member of the Methodist church and the last to go of her family. Her only survivors are two nephews and two nieces, Gaynor and Joseph Rightmour, of Tyrone; Mrs. William Barnhart, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Pelter, of Tyrone.

Funeral services were held in the Black Oak United Brethren church, in Worth township, on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. Welsh, burial being made in the Black Oak cemetery.

**WEAVER.**—John Wesley Weaver died at his home near Port Matilda, on Sunday, following a lingering illness with heart trouble, aged 72 years and 5 days. He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Elizabeth Walk, and the following children: Mrs. Harry Etters, of Juniata; Mrs. William Rodkey, of Brinsbin; Mrs. Raymond DeShong, of Everett; Willard, Alvah and Warner, of Port Matilda; George, Madalene and Eileen, at home. He also leaves five brothers and sisters, J. Weaver, of Altoona; Mrs. Ellis McAllister, of Jersey Shore; Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of Northwood; Mrs. Alice Irwin, of Swissvale, and Samuel Weaver, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

**WARRANTZ.**—William C. Warrantz died at his home near Wolf's Chapel, in Brush valley, on February 8th, following several months' illness with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of Daniel and Susan Warrantz and was born at Woodward on March 16th, 1851, hence was almost eighty years old. He followed farming most of his life. He married Miss Catherine Stover who survives with one son and a daughter, Harry Warrantz, of Fiedler, and Mrs. Fred Vonada, of Miles township.

Rev. G. A. Fred Greising had charge of the funeral services, held last Thursday morning, burial being made in Wolfe's Chapel cemetery.

**BILLETT.**—Mrs. Anna Billett, wife of Latimer Billett, died at her home at State College, Saturday afternoon, following a few days' illness with an attack of pneumonia. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barlett and was born at Scotia 43 years ago. She is survived by her husband and an adopted son, Robert. She also leaves her mother, one brother and two sisters, Vincent Barlett, Mrs. Roy Snyder and Miss Sarah Barlett, all of State College.

Funeral services were held at her late home, at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. A. L. Bixler, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

**FITZMAN.**—The remains of George Fitzman, railroad conductor who died in Cleveland, Ohio, last Thursday morning, of injuries sustained in a railroad accident two hours previous, were brought to Bellefonte, on Sunday, and taken to the Edward Whittaker home, on Linn street. Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. C. E. Arnold, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

Mr. Fitzman was a native of Sunbury and was 49 years old. He married Mrs. Nelle Whittaker Jackson, a former Bellefonte girl, who survives with one sister.

**ELLENBERGER.**—G. Nelson Ellenberger, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Pittsburg, Thursday of last week, following an illness of several months. He was a son of William and Cecelia Ellenberger and was born at Marengo on May 26th, 1866, hence was not quite 65 years old. He is survived by his wife and two daughters; also one brother and a sister. The remains were taken to Tyrone where burial was made in the Grandview cemetery, on Sunday.

**BLONDE GUN WOMAN**  
**LOSES PLEA FOR LIFE.**

Mrs. Irene Schroeder, blonde gun woman convicted of the murder of Brady Paul, State highway patrolman, in Lawrence county on December 27th, 1929, lost her plea for life before the Pardon Board, on Wednesday, and will have to go to the death chair at Rockview penitentiary on Monday morning. With her will go her partner in the crime, Warren Glenn Dague. Wilferd Flood, of Luzerne county, will not be electrocuted Monday morning for the murder of a gasoline station attendant, Joseph Pollard, as he was granted a respite to March 30th.

Mrs. Schroeder will be the first woman electrocuted in Pennsylvania and the first to be executed for murder since Mrs. Catherine Miller was hanged at Williamsport in 1881. Just what time Mrs. Schroeder and Dague will be brought to Rockview is not definitely known, as prison officials have not stated definitely when. It is their intention, however, to avoid undue publicity. Many applications have been received for permission to witness the electrocution but the number will be limited to that prescribed by law. It is already known that the bodies of both Mrs. Schroeder and Dague will be claimed and taken back to West Virginia for burial.

**PENN STATE HAS 18 GAMES**  
**ON BASEBALL SCHEDULE.**

Penn State's 1931 baseball schedule, announced on Saturday, provides for 18 games, which includes a southern trip during the Easter vacation. The schedule is as follows:

- April 1—Elon College at Elon, N. C.
- April 2—North Carolina State at Raleigh.
- April 3—Duke at Durham, N. C.
- April 4—Georgetown at Washington.
- April 5—Maryland at College Park.
- April 18—Gettysburg at State College.
- April 25—Dickinson at State College.
- May 1—Syracuse at Syracuse.
- May 2—Colgate at Hamilton, N. Y.
- May 8—Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J.
- May 9—Army at West Point.
- May 14—Juniata at State College.
- May 16—Muhlenberg at State College.
- May 20—Susquehanna at State College.
- May 23—Bucknell at State College.
- May 27—Villanova at State College.
- May 30—Colgate at State College.
- June 6—Temple at State College.

**PRISONER RECAPTURED**  
**AFTER TWO ESCAPES.**

Steve Watters, Allegheny county, who on August 31st, 1930, with Joe Chalk, escaped from the Rockview penitentiary, was captured at Spring Mills four days later and put in the Centre county jail to await sentence but dug out of there on the night of September 29th, was arrested in Pittsburgh, last Friday, when he inadvertently came face to face with a detective who knew him. Watters, who was serving a term of five to thirteen years for robbery, has not yet been brought back to Centre county but taken to the penitentiary in Pittsburgh to serve his original sentence.

**WONDER WHAT THE WRITER**  
**WOULD THINK OF IT NOW.**

A letter addressed to "Farm School," Centre county, has just been received at the Pennsylvania State College, although the name was changed 69 years ago. Mailed from Yonkers, N. Y., the letter contained a newspaper clipping of January 16, 1862, which pointed out that almost all attempts to establish agricultural colleges have been "singular failures." The clipping relates that in 1862 a "Farm School" student could meet tuition, board and all other expenses for \$100 per session of 10 months.

—Dick Harlow's junior "Varsity boxing team of the University of Maryland will put on the gloves with the Bellefonte Academy fist fighters in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium tomorrow evening, at 9 o'clock, Leo Houck, of State College, will referee the bouts.

—Traffic on the Beech Creek railroad was tied up twenty-four hours by a wreck of twenty-three coal cars, at Orviston, on Saturday. Fortunately nobody was injured. It was ten o'clock on Sunday morning before the road was opened to traffic.

**SWISHER.**—Suffering an attack of apoplexy while at work in the Morrisdale Coal company's mine, on Monday of last week, Morgan Swisher was rushed to the Phillipsburg State hospital where he died the same afternoon. He was 53 years old and was born at Julian where he lived until moving to Morrisdale about two years ago. He married Martha Duhan, of Hawk Run, who survives with six children. Burial was made at Morrisdale last Thursday.

**CHASE.**—John M. Chase, former burgess of Clearfield and father of Judge A. R. Chase and Congressman J. Mitchell Chase, died at his home in Clearfield, on Friday night, following three days' illness with pneumonia. Ten days before his death he celebrated his 79th birthday anniversary. His wife and five sons survive, one son having died some years ago. His funeral was held on Tuesday.

**P. R. R. STARTS ENLARGING**  
**YARDS BELOW TOWN.**

On Wednesday five contractors were here bidding on the classification yards that the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will build just north of Bellefonte.

The plans are for a complete change in all the sidings that now occupy the meadow just below the "Sunny Side" quarries of the American Lime and Stone Co. It is probable that all of the flat where the old nail works stood and whatever ground can be procured from there to "the turn" at the end of the mountain, will be utilized for the purpose in view.

It is quite an extensive project and will involve a considerable outlay. The importance of Bellefonte as an originating freight point makes the improvement necessary. Facilities for expeditiously handling the many loaded cars, in and out of this place daily, have always been inadequate and it is the company's plan to improve them as much as possible.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GIRLS**  
**ENTERTAIN MOTHERS.**

The young lady members of the Ruth and Naomi class of the Lutheran Sunday school, whose teacher is Mrs. Nelson W. Billett, entertained their mothers and a few friends at dinner at the Penn Belle, last Friday evening. They had as the principal speaker of the evening Rev. C. F. Lauer, chaplain at Rockview penitentiary. Rev. C. E. Arnold and Herman Hazel, Sunday school superintendent, also made brief talks. Guests present were as follows: Mrs. William Fisher, Arline Fisher, Mrs. David Barlett, Mary Gertrude Barlett, Mrs. William Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Mrs. Clyde Jodan, Leila Jodan, Mrs. C. F. Lauer, Lois Lauer, Mrs. Ray Mentzer, Ellen Mentzer, Elizabeth Lauer, Jennie Snyder, Mabel Watson, Mrs. N. W. Billett, Rev. C. E. Arnold, Rev. C. F. Lauer and Herman Hazel.

**A VERY CLEVER COMEDY**  
**WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK.**

"Charley's Aunt," a hilarious comedy of student life at the picturesque Oxford University, is the latest vehicle of that famous player, Charlie Ruggles, beloved of millions of fans.

The story centers about two Oxford students, who invite their sweethearts to luncheon at their rooms and then find themselves minus the chaperon they had counted on, "Babbs," one of their college friends, is disguised in feminine attire, pressed into service and introduced as "Charley's Aunt." The complications that result from this are infinitely funny.

Others in the cast are June Collyer, Flora Sheffield and Doris Lloyd. "Charley's Aunt" can be seen at the State every night next week.

**"MIRTH OF THE NATION"**  
**AT CATHAUM NEXT WEEK.**

Whenever either Joe E. Brown or Winnie Lightner makes a picture it is invariably a comedy hit. Picture then what awaits you when you see these two famous comedy stars together in one tornado of laughter, "Sit Tight," which will be the attraction at the Cathaum theatre, State College, on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Many will recall Winnie Lightner in "Gold-Diggers of Broadway" and "The Life of the Party," while Joe Brown will be remembered for his work in "Top Speed," "Going Wild" and with Marilyn Miller in "Sally." They combine their talents to make "Sit Tight" the comedy scream of the season, appropriately named "The Mirth of the Nation."

—The card dinner of fifty covers given by the men of the "Hate-to-Love It" club, at the Penn Belle, Tuesday evening, in compliment to the women and for which Mr. and Mrs. Emerick presented the four prizes; the Legion card party at the Legion home and Hugh Quigley's benefit party at the parish house, were the principal social events, which ended the Bellefonte pre-lenten season. Thursday night of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoffer entertained with a bridge dinner, in celebration of their wedding anniversary; Wednesday night Mrs. Hugh Crumlish, of Pleasant Gap, was hostess at bridge and Saturday night, twenty of Mr. and Mrs. George Bingamin's friends were their guests at a Valentine party, given at their home on east Curtin street.

—Dauntless courage and heroism, of the kind so often displayed by the Coast Guard, at last gets the recognition of the audible screen, in the Fox movietone production, "Men On Call," featuring Edmund Lowe and Mae Clark, coming to the Richelleu Theatre, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. "Men On Call" is a dramatization of the lives of those who guard our storm tossed coasts, with Edmund Lowe adding the portrayal of a fearless, hardworking Coast Guardsman to the impressive list of service heroes he has characterized before the camera. Besides the service men in the supporting cast, such favorites as William Harrigan, Sharon Lynn, Warren Hymer and George Corcoran will be seen.

**RESIDENCE CHANGES**  
**IN BELLEFONTE.**

The Colonel Decker family are preparing to leave the apartment which they have been occupying in the Decker garage building, to go to their new home on east Linn street, expecting to move sometime the latter part of March.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cassidy have rented the Henry Taylor property on Spring street, and will go there from the Blair house several doors south on the same street; Mrs. Morris Kelley, who recently bought the Blair house to be vacated by the Cassidys, will leave the Fred Musser home on Logan street to take possession of the new property.

G. R. Spigelmeyer, who since selling his home on Howard street has occupied a room in the MacManus house, will go from there to the Mrs. Clayton Brown home on Spring street. The MacManus home is to be offered for sale on Friday, March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warner will move, next week, from the Hart apartment on Spring street to the new apartments made in the Orvis home at Allegheny and Curtin Sts.

**GREATEST MAN IN CONGRESS.**

When Patrick Henry was asked whom he regarded as the greatest man in the First Continental congress he answered: "If you speak of eloquence, Mr. Rutledge, of South Carolina, is by far the greatest orator; but if you speak of solid information and sound judgment, Colonel Washington is unquestionably the greatest man on the floor."

It used to be the fashion, on the recurring anniversaries of the birth of this man, to draw from his career and his character lessons which might be useful to citizens of the republic which he was largely instrumental in creating. Present-day Americans do not relish such didactic advice, but, after all, there was use in the custom, and there might be today if the people were inclined to heed it.

And if they were, what better subject for meditation today could they find than the first President.

—There will be an all day bake sale at George Bohn's store, Lemont, Saturday, February 21st, under the auspices of the Women's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church of that place.

**CATHAUM**  
A Warner Brothers Theatre  
**STATE COLLEGE**

(Due to unusual length of Saturday evening athletic program, there will be no special late show at the Cathaum this week.)

**FRIDAY—**

Constance Bennett, Adolphe Menjou, Robert Montgomery in "THE EASIEST WAY" Laurel and Hardy Comedy

**SATURDAY—** Jack Holt, Constance Cummings in "THE LAST PARADE"

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY—** Matinee Daily at 1:30 Warner Bros. and Vitaphone Present Joe E. Brown, Winnie Lightner in "SIT TIGHT"

**WEDNESDAY—** First National and Vitaphone Present Lewis Stone, Leon Janney in Booth Tarkington's "FATHER'S SON"

**NITTANY THEATRE**

**FRIDAY—**

Bernice Clair, Edward E. Horton in "KISS ME AGAIN"

**SATURDAY—** "THE EASIEST WAY" Laurel and Hardy Comedy

**TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY—** Myrna Loy, Paul Page in "THE NAUGHTY FLIRT"

**THURSDAY—** "FATHER'S SON"

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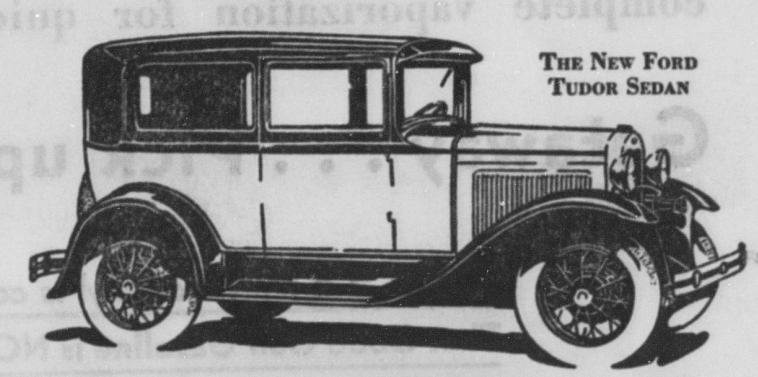
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