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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of March 18, 1881.

—The old Methodist church building on jail hill, of late occupied by the Baptist congregation, has been sold to a Mr. Meyers, of Benner township, who intends to cut it up into dwellings.

—The transfer of the Snow Shoe Railroad to the Pennsylvania Company was formally effected at noon yesterday, March 17. A special train arrived here carrying many of the principal officers of the P. R. R. from Philadelphia and another with Supt. Blair and other officials of the Tyronne division. At 11 o'clock they started on a trip over the road, had dinner at the Chincelamouch house in Snow Shoe and at noon all the officers of the Snow Shoe road retired and the visitors took control.

—The Lemont band would be very happy if the Republican county committee would pay it what is owing for having played at the Republican rally last fall.

—Mr. and Mrs. Philo Ward, late of Altoona, have returned to make their home in Bellefonte and with them came their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Fleming.

—The Centre Hall Reporter states that three tramps passed through that place one day last week and one was so far gone with consumption that before they reached Potter's Mills the other two had to carry him. He was left at the hotel in that place, took a hemorrhage soon after and died the next day. (In going over this edition the writer has discovered no less than six cases of impending deaths from consumption. It was a very common and fatal disease fifty years ago and the fact that one rarely reads of a case of it now is a tribute to those scientists who have fought so patiently and hopefully to conquer what was once called "the white plague" and is now known as tuberculosis of the lungs.—Ed.)

—One of Penn's Valley's most respected citizens, in the person of Amos Alexander, passed away at Millheim on March 1, at the age of 69 years. He was the father of W. K. Alexander, who represented Centre county in the Assembly; Dr. John F. Alexander, of Centre Hall; and C. C. Alexander, of Millheim. His father came to this county from Maryland, in 1795, and settled on the William Potter farm in Potter township.

—Water has been struck at a depth of 520 feet in the well they are drilling to supply water for the ore mining operations at Scotia.

—The people of Scotia have applied for a post office. (The application was later granted but the office was called Benore because there was another Scotia in Pennsylvania and have gone the way of a. c. m. Now, however, both Scotia and Benunities depending solely on mining deposits that are not inexhaustible.—Ed.)

—John Montgomery Ward, the celebrated curve ball pitcher, known everywhere as "Monte" has been engaged by the Providence, R. I., base ball team for the coming summer at a salary of \$2,200. This will be his last season in base-ball as he expects to quit and go to Germany to complete his education.

—John Harrison Jr. and William Noll, of Pleasant Gap, are planning to leave for Paynesville, Ohio, in the spring to take a course at the commercial college there.

—Dr. Geo. Lee, who is a son of John Lee, of Potter township, has hung out his shingle and will practice medicine at Pleasant Gap.

—The many friends of Mrs. Hammon Sechler will be glad to learn that she is slowly convalescing from her late dangerous illness.

LUCKLESS FOREMEN NEED OUR SYMPATHY.

The February issue of The Warner-American News carries a picture of foreman James McNichol of the plant of the Warner company in this place. It was taken while Jim and his fellow foremen were off on that junket the company arranged for them last fall. The story that accompanies it indicates that the sleuths of the Department of Labor and Industry have missed a trick, for if the story is true those poor foremen were worked twenty-two hours and fifteen minutes out of every twenty-four that they were away. Worked hard, too.

Day and night they had to eat banquets and see things until they just begged to go home, "so we can get some sleep."

Surely such rough treatment is a violation of the labor laws of the State.

BLAIR.—Mrs. Anna Mary Blair, widow of John W. Blair, died at her home, at Kenton, Ohio, on Monday, as the result of general debility.

She was a daughter of Perry W. and Catherine Conley McDowell and was born at Milroy on March 20, 1843, hence had reached the age of 87 years, 11 months and 19 days. When she was a child her parents moved to Centre county and her early life was spent in Walker and Marion townships. In 1873 she was united in marriage, at Howard, to J. W. Blair, of Belle Centre, Ohio, and practically all her married life was spent at that place. As a young woman she became a member of the Lick Run Presbyterian church, at Jacksonville, and ever since had been associated with the Presbyterian church.

Her husband died a number of years ago but surviving her is one daughter, Mrs. Anna C. McNeille, of Kenton, Ohio, with whom she made her home. She also leaves one brother and two sisters, Harry T. McDowell, of Howard; Mrs. Sarah E. Allison, of Seaman, Ohio, and Mrs. Emma J. Tibbens, of Beech Creek.

Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter at Kenton, Ohio, on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery at Belle Centre.

WILLIAMS.—John R. Williams died on Monday last week, at his home in Lemont, of general infirmities. He was a son of James and Mary Rumberger Williams and was born in the house in which he spent his entire life and where he passed away at the age of 85 years, 11 months and 25 days.

He was a plasterer by trade and followed that occupation all his life. For more than sixty years he had been a member of the United Brethren church at Houserville and for many years taught the young men's Bible class. As a young man he married Sarah Z. Young, who died ten years ago, but surviving him are five sons and one daughter, G. W. R. Williams and Edward J. Williams, of Lemont; D. J., of Perth Amboy, N. J.; N. W., Martin A. and Mrs. G. J. D. Fike, of Lemont. Funeral services were held in the United Brethren church, at Houserville, Wednesday last week, burial being made in the cemetery at that place.

DIMELING.—Mrs. John Dimeling, a native of Clearfield, but who for some years past has been living with her husband and children at Spokane, Wash., passed away at Santa Barbara, Cal., where she had been living for several months for the benefit of her health. For some time past she had been a sufferer with a heart ailment.

Mr. Dimeling is a brother of the late Senator George M. Dimeling and has many warm friends in Centre county. While most of his life was spent in Clearfield he, with his family, went to the State of Washington about twenty years ago, where he has been engaged in the lumbering business. His many friends will regret to learn of his bereavement. In addition to her husband Mrs. Dimeling leaves two daughters and two sons.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW.

The third annual automobile show will be held at the H. A. Rossman Garage, Bellefonte, March 19th, to 21st, showing all the new models of Chrysler Eights, and Plymouths. You ought to try driving these new models, surprising even to those familiar with previous Chrysler value, and enjoy the newest motoring thrill.

Every car is a true deluxe model, both in appearance, appointments and performance. Prices range from \$595 to \$3145. Souvenirs will be given to every man, woman and child.

TWO DELIGHTFUL PARTIES.

Miss Christine Weaver, an operator in the local Bell telephone exchange, was hostess at a party given in the company's rest room, in the Bush Arcade, last Friday night, at which her co-workers were the guests.

On Saturday evening a party was held at the home of William Lucas, on Halfmoon hill, in celebration of that gentleman's fifty-fourth birthday anniversary. The forty-six guests present included his children and grand children, and a few close personal friends.

Fortunate and happy indeed would be the owner of the artistic and refined Sheraton bed-room suite displayed in the window of W. R. Brachbill's furniture store. Manufactured by the "Berkey and Gay Co., of Grand Rapids, Mich., America's finest producer of high-grade furniture and, furthermore, you will be surprised how moderate present prices are for this quality merchandise. —76-11-11

Miss Winifred Vogan's class of Saint John's church school will hold a food sale in the Variety Shop on Saturday of this week beginning at 10 A. M.

Chairman Legge, of the Farm Board, has left a legacy of 200,000-000 bushels of wheat to dispose of. It was easy to acquire but will be hard to get rid of.

Talks With The Editor

This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

Isn't It The Truth?

Huntingdon, Pa., March 9, 1931

Mr. Editor:

The first paper I ever read was the Watchman.

I have taught school and am the mother of five. If the children pay no attention to the forty-ninth telling I explain the thing the fiftieth time.

Whether I can hold out fifty years, apply my principle and explain, now, what a sure enough, honest-to-goodness Democrat is, has me guessing.

Before it is too late let me tell the folks that all this trend toward centralization of government is killing community initiative. The roads, schools, courts, reformatories, verily, even what we grow on our own farm are all controlled by the machine called government. Almost one is afraid to have pie for dinner without inquiring as to whether it is permissible.

If things continue in this way the day will soon be here when no community will have the right to consider and cater to its own peculiar needs. And it's a mighty weak community that doesn't have some men and women intelligent enough to know its needs best.

Awaiting great results from this fiftieth telling, I am.

A WATCHMAN READER

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

BELLEFONTE METHODIST CHURCH.

Church Bible school, C. C. Shuey, Supt., 9:30, supreme subject, extra exercises. Exceptional League topic, well handled by the young people, attractive service, 6:30. Worship, 10:45, with preaching—pungent and pertinent: reception of members. Evangelistic service, 7:30, men's chorus. Pastor responds to calls for his services. Visitors, commercial travelers and people of Bellefonte community welcome. Annual Brotherhood banquet, Friday, 13th, 6:30 p. m. special after dinner speech on "Superstitions," by Rev. E. H. Hart, Hollidaysburg.

Methodist Events:

The members of the Women's Missionary societies will serve the annual dinner on this Friday evening to the members and friends of the church, the occasion being under the auspices of the Methodist Brotherhood. The guest speaker for the evening, Pastor responds to calls for his services. Visitors, commercial travelers and people of Bellefonte community welcome. Annual Brotherhood banquet, Friday, 13th, 6:30 p. m. special after dinner speech on "Superstitions," by Rev. E. H. Hart, Hollidaysburg.

Some superstitious supper, speech for non-superstitious folks. Beginning next Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, the Easter class of young people and children will meet for religious instruction. Parents can honor this notice by directing their children to this meeting.

Horace Lincoln Jacobs, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

9:15, Sunday school, Wm. Osman, Supt.

10:30, Morning Worship with sermon, "Whose Son is He?"

6:45, Combined meeting of the Jr. and Sr. Leagues. This will be a family meeting.

7:30, Evening service with sermon, "The Gift of the Morning Star."

Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 11:30. There will be an illustrated lesson on "Jesus, the Wonder Worker."

The official board will meet at 8:30. The W. M. S. will meet on Thursday with Mrs. Jennie Miller.

Rev. A. Ward Campbell, Minister.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The guest preacher at the 7:30 service this (Friday) evening in Saint John's Episcopal church will be the Rev. Thomas Worrall, rector of Saint Mark's church, Lewistown. The Order of DeMolay will attend in a body the 7:30 service, Sunday evening, at which time the rector will preach to them.

The Rev. Stuart F. Gast was guest preacher, Wednesday evening of this week, in Grace church, Ridgway, and this evening will beat St. James' church, Muncy.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 9:30 A. M., R. R. Davidson, Superintendent. Preaching at 10:45 and 7:30. Morning subject: "The Three-fold Ministry of Christ."

Evening subject: "The Wicked After Death. What?"

Intermediate Endeavor at 6:30. Evangelical services each evening this week except Saturday evening. Ladies Aid all day Wednesday.

Junior Endeavor Saturday at 3 o'clock.

Rev. G. E. Householder, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

9:30 A. M., Sunday school; Herman Hazel, Supt.

10:45 A. M., Morning service; Sermon: "Making Provision and More."

Junior Sermon: "Candles."

6:30 P. M., Luther League and Catechetical Instruction.

7:30 P. M., Evening service; Sermon: "Man's Destiny in God."

Lenten service Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

PINE GROVE MENTIONS.

W. D. Port, of the State College Times, is off duty on account of illness.

Eugene Irvin took a truck load of stock to the Altoona market, last Thursday.

Mrs. Alvin Sherbine, of Germantown, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bierly.

Mrs. Margaret Tressler, of Linden Hall, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Reed.

Miss Elizabeth Archey, teacher in the Bellwood schools, spent Sunday with the home folks.

W. E. Reed is housed up with injuries sustained in a fall down the cellar stairs, last Friday.

John Johnson is here from Philadelphia to spend some time at his home on east Main street.

Roy Shoemaker, student at State College, last week won first prize in stock judging at the College.

Donald Woerner has returned from Pittsburgh, where he attended the funeral of his father, last week.

Mrs. Mary R. Miller is now improving from a long illness, a fact her friends will be glad to hear.

Isaac Harpster is now engaged in moving an old barn he bought down near Zion to his farm, on Tadpole.

J. C. Rudy intends to quit farming and will make public sale at his home, at Struble, on March 20th.

Mrs. Robert McCray, of Wellsburg, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Foster, of State College.

At a meeting, last Friday, the Ferguson township road supervisors cut three mills off of the road tax for 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marshall, of Elwood City, became the parents of a little daughter on the last of February.

Ed Kocher has purchased the Sallie Burwell place, east of town, for \$1400, and will take possession April 1st.

George Woods, of Wilmerding, spent Sunday with his father, Dr. G. H. Woods, who is housed up with a heavy cold.

Mrs. Mary Miller has returned to her home in Philipsburg, after spending several weeks with friends in the valley.

Mrs. John Keller gave a children's party, last Thursday, in celebration of the fifth birthday anniversary of her son Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Fye have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grace Leda, to E. A. Shultz, of Pittsburgh.

Harold Albright and L. R. Daugherty attended an insurance agents conference, at Berwick, the latter part of the week.

Rev. J. O. C. McCracken and wife motored in from Export, Pa., and spent the early part of the week at his old home in the Glades.

Word has been received from Harrisburg of the birth of a son, last Friday, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Close. It is their first child.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bailey were in Huntingdon Saturday, attending the funeral of Anna Grove, 14 months old, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Grove.

Some time ago chicken thieves stole 40 hens from the D. W. Thomas chicken house and last Friday night they made a cleanup, carting away about one hundred more.

Thomas Wogan, wife and boys, of Altoona, and Mrs. Etta Corl and family, of this place, were entertained at a chicken and waffle supper at the J. F. Musser home, near town.

An exploding oil stove, a few days ago, in the apartment of Mrs. Edward Phillips, caused quite a fire scare, but fortunately the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

At the congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church, held Monday evening, the report of the treasurer showed all bills paid and a snug balance in bank. George C. Burwell was elected a trustee.

The annual banquet of Washington camp No. 130, P. O. S. of A., last Friday evening, was largely attended. Chicken and waffles were served and enjoyed by all. Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick was the principal speaker.

Fred Gearhart was 58 years old, on March 3rd, and his wife and daughters served a special chicken dinner in celebration of the event. Mr. Gearhart is the father of 16 children and has 24 grand-children. He is teacher of the boys class in the Presbyterian Sunday school.

At a meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge, Saturday evening, 25-year emblems were presented to Rev. H. N. Walker, D. S. Peterson, W. W. Keller, Joseph Fleming, W. G. Gardner, E. Musser, H. A. Elder, A. L. Sunday, I. O. Campbell, C. H. Meyers, and W. G. Harpster. Hon. J. Laird Holmes was present as the principal speaker of the evening.

WINGATE.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Peters motored up to State College, on Saturday, for a short visit with their son, Elwood Peters and family.

Elwood Peters and little son, of State College, motored here, on Sunday, spent the day with his parents and attended church at Unionville that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harnish and daughter, Beulah, who closed their home last fall and went to Altoona, where Miss Beulah attended school, returned home two weeks ago, and Mr. Harnish has resumed the work of carrying the mail from the trains to the postoffice.

Oscar Summers will move his family from the Pennsylvania Railroad company's house, near the depot, to the Lloyd Smith house, in Milesburg, recently purchased by Mr. Smith from Emma Bavarr. The new division foreman on this section will move into the railroad company's house.

A BIG PICTURE BOOKED THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

Romance built on a background of a historic period in America's growth, The Dakota Land Rush. Romance built around three bad men who set out to protect one lone defenseless girl. Romance built around the lives of simple, good people who carved a nation out of a wilderness.

Romance coming next week to the Richelleu theatre in "Not Exactly Gentlemen," featuring Victor McLaglen, Fay Wray, Lew Cody and Eddie Gribbon.

"Not Exactly Gentlemen" will be shown at the Richelleu next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. It's a thriller and it's good.

—Read the Watchman.

Altoona Booster Merchants Say:
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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
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This Spring Style Shoe Will Be An Outstanding Fashion Event as Booster Stores will Make

ELABORATE DISPLAYS OF
NEW SPRING APPAREL
FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE
FAMILY, AS WELL AS NEW
FURNISHINGS FOR THE HOME!
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HAVE BEEN KNOWN FOR YEARS

WEDNESDAY
Will Also Be
SUBURBAN DAY
In ALTOONA
BOOSTER STORES!
Many Booster Stores Will Offer Other
Special Attractions for SUBURBAN DAY
in Addition to The Displays of New Spring Goods.

Altoona
Booster Association
WARNER THEATRE, Altoona, Pa.
1 Week, Starting Friday, March 13th
Booth Tarkington's
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Lewis Stone—Leon Janney—Irene Rich