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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of March 25, 1881.

On Tuesday night, one of the students of the Pennsylvania State College was returning from a social function when he discovered smoke in the basement of the building. He awakened the night watchman and an investigation revealed quite a brisk fire burning right beside the large tank in which coal-oil for the lamps is kept.

The Agnes Wallace-Villa dramatic company, one of the best traveling, will appear in "A Daughter of the State" in Reynolds hall on the night of the 29th.

The venerable Uriah Slack died at his home at Potters Mills on the 13th inst., at the age of 87 years, 4 months and 2 days. He came to Centre county from Newark, Dela., in 1817 and speedily established himself as one of the substantial and most honorable citizens of Pennsylvania.

James McCord, who many years ago carried on a saddlery and harness business in Bellefonte, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Miller, in Lewistown, on the 15th.

Married.—On the 3rd inst., by the Rev. W. H. Groh, Mr. Samuel S. Grieb, of Central City, Kansas, and Miss Maggie D. Krumrine, of Ferguson township, Centre county, Pa.

At the age of 82 and after having been afflicted with paralysis for some time Daniel Kimpfort died at his home in Lebanon county and, with his brother John and a sister, came to this county many years ago. In 1849 he bought the Cornelius Dale farm at the end of the mountain and farmed it until 1861 when he moved to Boalsburg and thereafter followed his trade as a carpenter.

From the Altoona Sun we get the information that the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. is experimenting with a train signaling device that is operated by electricity. The patent for the novel invention is owned by a Boston firm.

An adopted child of Mr. Emanuel Noll, of Pleasant Gap, died of scarlet fever last Tuesday night.

The silver gray head and pleasant face of James Milliken Esq., was noticed in the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning.

The Methodist conference has just concluded its sessions at York, Rev. Mr. Donahue, who had been here only a year has been transferred to Bloomsburg and Rev. G. D. Pennepacker has been assigned to Bellefonte. (Rev. Pennepacker was the preacher who drew all the blinds in his home and closed the shutters when a circus parade passed his place because he didn't want the family "to see the devil and all his flying banners.")—Editor's Note.)

William Gaines, the colored man tried here in 1866 and acquitted of the murder of his brother Robert, was killed at the mouth of Birch island in Clinton county last week. Rolling timber caught and crushed him to death.

The office and material of the Centre Democrat has been moved from the basement of the Bush house to the upstairs of the large frame building at the corner of Allegheny and Bishop street.

Scarlet fever still rages at Pleasant Gap. Quite a number are sick and several have died.

There is an awful fight on in Unionville between the new upper and the lower cemeteries. They say there are some people up there who want to die but won't just because they can't decide which one of God's acres they prefer to lie in.

Levi A. Miller is now editor of the Republican published at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and from the appearance of the copy we have at hand Levi is making a good job of it.

D. P. Peters will retire from the management of the Bush house Saturday morning. Col. W. R. Teller will leave the Brockerhoff to take Mr. Peters' place and W. A. McKeever will assume management of the Brockerhoff.

Of the Snow Shoe R. R. employees to be retained by the P. R. R. E. A. Nolan has already been notified that he will continue as a passenger conductor. C. P. Stonerode will be retained as passenger and freight agent at Snow Shoe. The local office here, where as fine a crowd of gentlemen as ever served any company have positions, is concerning their Bellefonte friends. Of course there will be no need for two stations here and everyone is hoping that the consolidation will not leave such capable and faithful men as Mr. Cook, Mr. Butts, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Klingler and Mr. Irvin without occupation.

MILLER.—Mrs. Myra Ruth Miller died, last Friday, at the home of her grandfather, Phillip Dale, at State College, following a long illness with a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of Phillip and Sarah Dale and was born on the old Dale homestead at Oak Hall, on February 28th, 1875, hence was a little past 56 years of age. When 21 years old she married Arthur Miller and they located in Cleveland, Ohio. They had one daughter, Miss Myra Ruth, who holds a clerical position at State College. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Lutheran church and a woman of fine christian character.

Funeral services were held at the Dale home at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning, by her pastor, Rev. J. F. Harkins, burial being made in the Boalsburg cemetery. Six of her near neighbors officiated as pallbearers.

TATE.—Mrs. Mary A. Tate, wife of Fred B. Tate, of State College, died at the Lock Haven hospital, on Tuesday afternoon of last week, following an operation for gall stones.

She was a daughter of Martin A. and Mattie M. Dreibelbis and was born at State College in 1896, at her death being 35 years, 1 month and 18 days old. In March, 1918, she married Mr. Tate who survives with the following children: Minnie, Annabelle, Martin D., Joyce, Dorothy, Mary Ann and Fred Jr. She also leaves her mother, two brothers and two sisters, Bruce E., Carl M., Mrs. C. A. Irvin, and Miss Dorothy Dreibelbis, all of State College. Burial was made in the Pine Hall cemetery, on Friday morning.

CUMMINGS.—Arthur Cummings died at his home at State College, last Friday, following a brief illness. He was born in Kishacoquillas valley 49 years ago, being a member of one of the old-time families of Mifflin county. He is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter, Miss Margaret Cummings, of Lancaster, Kulp Cummings, of Lewistown, and Ned, at home. He also leaves two sisters and a brother, Mrs. D. A. Hanawalt and Mrs. A. S. Gibboney, of Bellefonte, and Howard Cummings, of Seeleyville. The remains were taken to Bellefonte where funeral services were held and burial made on Monday.

KREAMER.—Henry Dallas Kreamer, a native of Centre county, died on March 1st, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. P. Breon, in Jeannette, as the result of general debility. He was born in Pennsylvania and was 84 years, 5 months and 26 days old. He is survived by the following children: Harry Kreamer, of Coburn; Mrs. Breon, of Jeannette; Roland, of Milroy; Paul, of Mercer; Lloyd, of Pittsburgh; Eva, of Plainfield, Ill., and Sara at Tarentum. The remains were taken to Aaronburg where burial was made on Wednesday of last week.

There will be no triple electrocution at Rockview penitentiary on March 30th. The Board of Pardons, at its meeting on Wednesday, asked for a further respite for Wilfred Flood, of Luzerne county, as the board did not have time to hear argument in the case. Argument was heard in the case of John Nafus and Sigismund Szachewich, the two men convicted of blowing up a pay car of the Glen Alden Coal Co. and killing four men, and their case has been held under advisement. They are scheduled to go to the chair March 30th, but may also win a respite.

Several weeks ago a local game warden came across a boy with a lot of fish in a scoop net. As fishing with nets is forbidden by law he naturally took the lad to task. On examining the fish he noticed peculiar teeth marks on some of them and naturally asked the boy for an explanation. The lad told the boy his dog had caught them. It finally developed that the young fisherman had taught the dog to catch the fish. The boy would chase them into shallow water when the dog would jump in and catch them.

Centre county trappers had the poorest luck the past winter season ever experienced. For a number of years previous the fur and premiums on scalps brought into Centre county, approximately ten thousand dollars a season. During the season just closed one fur dealer at State College did not get one hide while other dealers got very few. The absence of any deep snows rendered trapping almost impossible, and the low prices quoted for raw hides did not justify the labor and trouble of going after them.

While cleaning a chicken, ten days or two weeks ago, Mrs. Charles Kuhn, of Boalsburg, scratched her hand on one of the bones of the fowl. Infection developed and for a few days her hand became very painful but it is now yielding to treatment and no further serious complications are anticipated.

The venerable David Barlett fell down stairs, at his home on Thomas street, Wednesday evening, and while he sustained no broken bones he was considerably bruised and is suffering from shock.

ESCAPED PRISONERS CAUGHT IN TENNESSEE.

Irving Gilinsky and George Tomachsky, the two Allegheny county prisoners who escaped from Rockview penitentiary at noon, on March 7th, were captured, at Waverly, Tenn., on Monday, and on Tuesday were brought to the Centre county jail to answer to the charge of breaking and escaping. Gilinsky was serving a term of four to eight years for feloniously entering a building and Tomachsky five to ten years for robbery. If they consent to pleading guilty they will probably be sentenced by Judge Fleming at a session of court tomorrow morning.

When the men escaped, on March 7th, they made their way to Nittany mountain and that night traveled to Boalsburg and stole a car belonging to Capt. Leland Walker, commander of Boal troop. Several days later Capt. Walker told Mack Hall, manager of the Western Union telegraph office in Bellefonte, that his car had been stolen. Mr. Hall later called up the penitentiary office and told deputy warden McFarland about the stolen car, and assistant deputy C. C. Rhoads went to Boalsburg and got the tag number and description of the car from the Captain.

These were promptly broadcasted over the country and resulted in the capture of the men in Tennessee, as they were traveling in the stolen car. As Mr. Hall furnished the information which led to the capture of the men he has made application for the reward of \$50 each.

MILL HALL MAN OUT IN TWO BY TRAIN.

While working on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, at Mill Hall, last Friday evening, Peter J. Evers was knocked down by a freight train and his body cut in two. It is the belief of the authorities that the man was picking coal on the tracks and failed to notice the approach of the train.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evers and was born at Hubersburg 35 years ago. He lived at the place of his birth until twenty-one years ago when he moved to Mill Hall and for a number of years worked as a welder at the plant of the New York and Pennsylvania Paper company. He was laid off six months ago and had had no work since.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Kenneth Later, of New York city; Mrs. Alfred Yearick, of Zion; John, Rowland and George, all at home. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, the remains being brought to Bellefonte for burial in the Union cemetery.

STRUCK BY TRAIN DIES OF INJURIES.

Roy McCann, 50 years old, of Morrisdale, died at the Philipsburg State hospital, on Monday afternoon, as the result of injuries sustained that morning when he was run down by a gasoline coach of the Morrisdale branch of the New York Central railroad. He was a miner by occupation and had been a resident of Morrisdale all his life. He was unmarried but is survived by three sisters. Burial was made at Morrisdale yesterday.

BELLEFONTE ACADEMY 1931 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

James R. Hughes, supervising principal of the Bellefonte Academy, has announced his football schedule for the season of 1931. Nine games are on the list with one open date, which he will probably be able to fill before the season opens in the fall. Five of the games will be with college freshmen and four with Prep schools. The list is as follows: Sept. 26—Duquesne Freshmen at home. Oct. 3—Keystone Academy at home. Oct. 10—Wyoming Seminary at Kingston. Oct. 17—West Virginia Freshmen at Morgantown, W. Va. Oct. 24—Dean Academy at Attleboro, Mass., or Providence, R. I. Oct. 31—Western Maryland Freshmen at home. Nov. 7—Pending. Nov. 13—N. Y. U. Freshmen at New York City. Nov. 21—Bucknell Freshmen at Lewisburg. Nov. 26—(Thanksgiving day) Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport.

THREE MEN, TWO WOMEN ASK NATURALIZATION.

Three men and two women will seek American citizenship at a session of naturalization court to be held in Bellefonte on June 15th. They are: Dr. Walter Thomas, of State College, a native of Wales. Ivari Rajamiaki, of Spring township, a native of Finland. George Verba, of Philipsburg, a native of Austria. Ida Mathilda Risan, of Bellefonte, a native of Chelsea, Mass., who lost her citizenship when she married Emil Risan. Anna Gregory, wife of Peter Gregory, of State College, a native of Greece.

Miss Bella Johnson, proprietor of the Peacock Art and Gift studio, on Allegheny street, will move from the Macmanus property the first of April into the room on High street, belonging to the Y. M. C. A., and recently occupied by the Bellefonte Republican.

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.

Following is our way of answering several of the many pleasant and interesting notes that have lately found their way to the Editor's desk.—Ed.

George Harpster, one time resident of Bellefonte and all the time great Democrat, writes from Mill Hall that he always finds something in the Watchman that he likes to read, that he is working forty hours a week "under the Hoover prosperity" and that, generally, he is getting on fine. George is that kind He's so resourceful and so dependable that he would get on, even if times were worse than they are.

Another Investigation Wanted.

Harrisburg, Pa., Mar. 11, '31. My dear Mr. Meek: By the way, I wonder if Lord Hoover would have any solution to the "Fair Grounds Dam-n Problem." That, to my mind, is the most aggravating question before our town's people. Even Pinchot hasn't promised an investigation of what those "big babies" down there will be taking about April 15th. I really think they need a change of administration, but remember, you and "J. M." must leave a few for those who can't get there for the grand opening.

Sincerely GEO. J. McNICHOL

Our correspondent is hereby informed that we have played "Polly-Anna" all our life. The worm has turned and if any of those "big babies" he writes about make a dash for it on the morning of the 15th we're not going to jerk it away from them just for the sake of the sports who can't get here for "the grand opening."—ED.

Thirty-five crippled children, seven of them new cases, were treated at the clinic held at the Philipsburg State hospital, last Thursday. Both Bellefonte and State College were represented in the children in attendance.

Wild geese were honking over Bellefonte at six o'clock yesterday morning and robins were chirping. It all sounded like spring but it didn't look like it when snow began falling two hours later.

HOWARD.

Miss Mildred Askey spent Friday in Lock Haven.

Miss Alma Pletcher is visiting friends in Williamsport.

Lot H. Neff has been ill for several days and is still confined to his home.

Miss Jane Kane entertained the members of the Sewing Circle, Tuesday evening.

Miss Anna Muffy is visiting her sister, Miss Josephine Muffy, at New Paltz, New York.

Miss Elizabeth Gledhill is entertaining her friend, Miss Marguerite Clark, of Williamsport.

Mrs. Anna Smith left, last Wednesday, for Buffalo, where she will visit her daughter, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nagle, of Milesburg, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Girard Altenderfer.

Mrs. Beatrice Weaver and little daughter, of Greensburg, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mokke.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sharer and children, of Lock Haven, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harter, of State College, spent Sunday with Mr. Harter's mother, Mrs. Fietta Harter.

Mrs. Edythe Hoy, a teacher in the schools of Greensburg, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Hoy.

Mrs. Kline R. Wolfe and Miss Nell Weber were guests at the Kiwanis dinner, at Bellefonte, Tuesday evening.

Guy Thompson, who is employed at Elizabethtown, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson.

The Missionary society of the Lick Run Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. James Harvey, last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mary Weber, of Somerset, and Miss Lauretta Weber, of Clearfield, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Kate Weber.

Misses Nelle Weber, Hilda Leathers, and Mrs. Joseph Rothmel attended the meeting of the Eastern Star, in Bellefonte, Monday evening.

George G. R. Lucas and friend, student at State College, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lucas.

Robert Cook, one of our oldest residents, who has been confined to his home for several months with illness, is able to be about town again.

Girard Altenderfer, manager of the local Sheffield Farms plant, who has been confined to his home, by illness the past several days, is much improved.

Mrs. Minnie Hoy expects to move to Harrisburg, in the near future and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yearick will then occupy the Hoy home, on Main street.

Mrs. W. Harrison Walker, Miss Adeline Olewine, Mrs. Bess Clark and Mrs. Sara Hoffer, of Bellefonte, were Friday evening guests of Miss Nelle Weber.

Junior Mokke, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mokke, who has been suffering from abscesses in his ears, is much improved although not yet able to be out.

Mrs. C. C. Dreese, Mrs. Malcolm Wagner and little daughter, Joanne, have returned from Lewistown, where they visited the former's sister, Mrs. Ora Kline.

W. K. McDowell attended the meeting and banquet of the Clinton County Fish and Game Association, held at the Masonic Temple in Lock Haven, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lauth and daughters, Patricia and Marie, and R. H. Lauth, of Lock Haven, were guests of Mrs. Lauth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pletcher, Sunday.

Miss Linnie R. Long gave a very interesting talk in the Methodist church, Monday evening, in the interest of the W. C. T. U. Miss Long also gave a talk to the school children Monday afternoon.

Revival services are being held each evening, at 7:30, in the Methodist church. Rev. J. F. Winkleblech, the local minister, has charge of the services. There is a special chorus of about twenty voices and splendid sermons. Everybody is welcome and urged to attend.

BOALSBURG.

J. D. Mayes, of Milton, was in town last week.

Miss Beulah Fortney spent the week-end in Altoona.

Mrs. W. H. Stuart and Mrs. E. W. Hess visited friends at State College on Tuesday.

Miss Anna Sweeney returned home, Thursday, from a month's visit with friends in Centre Hall.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick was entertained at dinner, on Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey.

The Women's Bible class of the Lutheran Sunday school held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Ross, at Linden Hall, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Leland Walker entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs, of State College, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Poorman at dinner, on Sunday, in honor of Squire Walker's birthday anniversary.

On entering his garage, last Wednesday morning, Squire Leland Walker was surprised to find his new Dodge sedan missing. No clue could be found until Monday the car was located in Tennessee in the possession of two prisoners who had escaped from Rockview. Mr. Walker accompanied an officer to secure the stolen car.

Come to the Watchman office for your printing jobs.

OVER SLEET-COVERED MOUNTAIN ROADS . . BECAUSE THEY KNEW THEIR HELP WAS NEEDED. THE sleet storm played havoc with the lines that sullen winter day. Poles crashed. Wires snapped under the accumulation of ice. Every available man was needed to make repairs. Miles away, on the other side of the mountain, a crew of West Penn men was busy on new construction work. There was no way to call them—but no call was needed. Immediately they set out, into the night, taking their equipment and trucks with them. Over mountain roads, ice covered and hazardous, they traveled by the shortest route to give their services. These men knew that hours of the hardest kind of work waited at their journey's end. They undertook the trip cheerfully—set to work willingly. West Penn people take pride in keeping interruptions to service at a minimum. But for this pride, the inconvenience you sometimes suffer when a storm interrupts your electric service would often be more serious. There are West Penn people in your town—friends and neighbors of yours. Every day—day after day—they are using their skill and experience, their training and foresight, to make West Penn service—dependable and uninterrupted—mean more to you. AN ADVERTISEMENT OF THE WEST PENN POWER COMPANY