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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of April 29, 1881.

—Adam Forepaugh has sued Barnum, Bailey and Hutchinson for \$50,000.00 damages. He alleges they said defamatory things about his circus, which is exactly what Adam said about the Circus Royal that exhibited here last Wednesday.

—The Stevens Uncle Tom's Cabin show will exhibit in Reynolds' opera house next Tuesday evening.

—Bellefonte streets were so dry and dusty last Saturday, that the town sprinklers had to be gotten out.

—Six of the children of Rev. C. O. Whippo, of Fort Matilda, have had scarlet fever, and all recovered. The family did not call a physician for any of them as Mrs. Whippo is a good nurse and brought them all around.

—Recent deaths in the upper Bald Eagle valley have caused much sorrow there. Gen. H. Lee Marks, aged three years, only son of G. M. and Mary Marks, died at their home at Hannah on the 21st.

—On the 26th the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Reese, of Port Matilda, was taken away from them. On the 18th Philip Newman Jr., aged 13, died and an infant child of Edward Jones died on the 22nd, all of scarlet fever.

—Harry Gerberich, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gerberich fell into the fore-bay of the mill race, last Tuesday, and narrowly escaped drowning.

—The board walk on the Bush house side of the High street bridge was boarded up on show day. It was regarded as too weak to carry the crowds that might have passed over it.

—Abe Baum's new hack-wagon "Valley Queen" made its appearance on the streets last Tuesday and it is a handsome vehicle. It was made by McQuiston and Co., and will carry thirty people comfortably. Now picnic parties to "the top of the mountain" and Penna Cave will be more popular than ever.

—James Allen, of Tyrone, and a native of Boslesburg, was mangled so badly by being run over by a train last Sunday that he died at his home that afternoon. The accident happened near what is known as "the red bridge" just east of Altoona.

—The Circus Royal that exhibited here last Tuesday turned out to be a tip-top show. Mollie Brown, the comely little bare-back rider, captivated the large audience with her daring and skill. The lady who walked the tight wire at the top of the tent with her feet encased in baskets was also a feature that drew much applause. Shooting the man out of a cannon was a humbug, however.

—Dr. Bush, of Patton township, was driving past the Sunny Side lime kilns below this place last Tuesday when his horse suddenly took fright and ran away. He was thrown from the buggy and received very severe, possibly serious, head and body injuries.

—While out boating on the dam at Roopsburg last Saturday Richard Detling and Miss Kate Haas had quite a thrilling experience. Somehow the boat rocked and Kate fell in. The gallant Richard immediately plunged in to rescue the lady and after quite an exciting struggle succeeded in getting her safe on the shore.

—55 lb. cotton and felt mattresses, heavy woven stripe ticking, two parts, regular \$12.00 value, Friday and Saturday \$8.50.—W. R. Brachbill's Furniture Store. 17-1t

—Dollar Day bargains at Sid Bernstein's Friday and Saturday of this week. 17-1t

SMITH.—Mrs. Margaret Almada Smith, widow of Thomas E. Smith, for many years resident of Woodward, died on April 9th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Lambert, at Akron, Ohio, following an illness of a year or more with heart trouble. She was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Reinhart and was born at Woodward on December 6th, 1861, hence was 69 years, 4 months and 3 days old. She married Mr. Smith in 1886 and all their married life was spent in Haines township. Her husband died seven years ago but surviving her are four children, James R. Smith, of Woodward; Harry C., of Altoona; Mrs. Lambert, of Akron, Ohio; and Naomi A., in South Dakota. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Altoona, and Mrs. A. A. Winters, of Rebersburg. The body was brought east and funeral services held at Woodward on April 11th, burial being made in St. Paul's cemetery.

BARLETT.—David Barlett, one of the oldest residents of Bellefonte, died at his home on north Thomas street, at 6.10 o'clock on Wednesday evening, from the effects of a fall down a flight of steps he sustained a few weeks ago.

He was a son of Solomon and Mary McElwain Barlett, and was born in Bellefonte on February 3rd, 1847, hence was 84 years, 2 months and 19 days old. He first saw the light of day in a house where the McQuiston property was later located and his entire life was spent within a few hundred feet of that place. As a young man he went to work in the warehouse of the old Pennsylvania canal and helped to unload the first railroad locomotive to land in Bellefonte. Later he went to work for the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe railroad and on May 6th, 1873, accepted a position in the freight office of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, a position he filled until placed on the retired list on March 1, 1917, or almost forty-four years. He was the oldest member of the United Brethren church, and a most exemplary citizen in every way.

On August 27th, 1872, he married Miss Julia C. Page, who died on June 15th, 1915. Surviving him are seven children, Mrs. George Rothrock, of Bellefonte; Sidney S. Barlett, of Tyrone; Mrs. Christ D. Young, Grace Lildahl and David A. Barlett, of Bellefonte; Rexford Barlett, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Howard Dry, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon by Rev. G. E. Householder, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

HOCKMAN.—Simon P. Hockman died on April 7th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Peters, at Mingoville, as the result of general debility.

He was a son of Simon and Sarah Elizabeth Hockman and was born at Millheim on November 4th, 1843, hence was 87 years, 5 months, and 3 days old. He had been a resident of Walker township for upward of fifty years and followed farming all his active life. He was a member of the Reformed church, at Hulingsburg, and for many years the church treasurer. During his residence in Walker township he served as school director, tax collector and assessor.

He married Josephine Garbrick, who died nineteen years ago. They had twelve children, eleven of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. W. H. Markie, of Hulingsburg; Newton J. Hockman, of Zion; Mrs. Edith Deitz, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Roland E., of Philadelphia; Mrs. Gardner Grove, of Centre Hall; Hannah S., of Philadelphia; Mrs. William Meyers, of State College; Harry, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Lloyd Peters, of Mingoville; and John H., of Zion.

Funeral services were held in the Reformed church, at Hulingsburg, on April 10th, by Rev. Harry A. Hartman, burial being made in the Hulingsburg cemetery.

WEAVER.—Mrs. Alice J. Weaver, wife of George J. Weaver, passed away at the Centre County hospital, at 9:30 o'clock last Thursday evening, following an illness of five months. She had been a patient in the hospital just one week.

She was a daughter of Jefferson and Annie Houtz and was born at Linden Hall on February 16th, 1883, hence was 48 years and 2 months old. When a young woman she married Mr. Weaver and all her life since had been spent in Bellefonte. She had been a member of the Presbyterian church for a number of years. In addition to her husband she is survived by one son, Howard Weaver, of Tyrone. She also leaves her parents, living at State College, and one sister, Mrs. Elsie Cori, also of State College.

Funeral services were held at her late home, on Burrows street, at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. W. C. Thompson, burial being made in the Weaver lot in the Union cemetery.

The husband and friends wish to express their appreciation of the many kindnesses shown during Mrs. Weaver's illness and following her death.

SAMPSEL.—Robert F. Sampsel, a native of Centre county, died during the week, at his home in Uniontown. He was a son of Alexander and Margaret Furey Sampsel and was born at Pine Grove Mills on April 14th, 1863, hence was 68 years old. As a young man he clerked in his brother's store at Pine Grove Mills and later became a railway mail clerk. In 1904 he located in Uniontown and six years later was elected treasurer of the Uniontown Trust company. He is survived by his wife and one son, Robert Jr., of Los Angeles, Cal. He also leaves three sisters. Burial was made at Uniontown.

PATTERSON.—Horace G. Patterson, a native of Unionville, Centre county, died on Tuesday of last week, at Cleveland, Ohio. He was a son of Hiram and Mary Dale Patterson and was 53 years old. He was a plasterer by trade and followed that occupation all his life. He never married but is survived by his mother and two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Croyle, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Cora M. Black, of Johnstown. Before going to Cleveland he lived in Johnstown and burial was made in that city on Friday.

ROSSMAN.—George Washington Rossman, well known resident of west Ferguson township, died at his home at Pennsylvania Furnace, at 6.15 o'clock last Friday morning, as the result of neuralgia of the heart. He became ill several days previous while on a fishing trip in Potter county with Ray Buck, of Warriors-mark.

He was a son of David and Polly Rossman and was born at Pleasant Gap in 1875, at his death being 56 years, 1 month and 8 days old. He had been a resident of Ferguson township for many years past and of late had been in charge of a garage and gasoline station. He was a member of the Methodist church and the Odd Fellows lodge.

On September 27th, 1893, he married Miss Annie Shuey, who survives with the following children: J. F. Guy D. and Allen R. Rossman, of Pennsylvania Furnace; R. L. and E. J. Rossman, of Altoona; Mrs. Clair Burns and Mrs. Robert Harpster, of Warriorsmark, and Mrs. George Elder, of Cumberland, Md. He also leaves these brothers and sisters; J. C. and W. G. Rossman, of Mifflinburg; M. C., of Tyrone; Henry, of Howell, Mich.; Mrs. Harry Houser, of Colona; Mrs. George Markle, of Boalsburg, and Mrs. R. N. Campbell, of Pennsylvania Furnace.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at Fairbrook, on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Vernon D. Grubb, of Bellefont, assisted by Rev. J. W. McAlarney, burial being made in Meek's church cemetery.

THOMPSON.—Mrs. Stella Thompson, wife of Joseph E. Thompson, of Bellefonte, passed away in the Centre County hospital, at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning. She had not been in good health for a year or more and of late had suffered so much with dropsy and heart trouble that she was taken to the hospital last Thursday. About four o'clock Saturday morning she suffered a stroke of paralysis and passed away five hours later.

She was a daughter of Robert and Anna Brown and was born at Milesburg on September 9th, 1888, hence was in her 43rd year. She married Mr. Thompson about eighteen years ago and had since lived in Bellefonte. She was a member of the Methodist church and a member of Queen temple. Knights of the Golden Eagle. Surviving are her husband and three children, Charles, Mildred and Joseph, all at home. She also leaves three brothers and one sister, John Brown, of Oil City; Clarence, of Canton, Ohio; Homer, of Glassport, Pa., and Mrs. C. C. Rhoads, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at her late home at 3 o'clock, on Monday afternoon, by Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, assisted by Rev. G. E. Householder, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

FRAVEL.—Mrs. Mary M. Fravel, widow of George Fravel, of Snow Shoe, died on Tuesday morning, at the home of her daughter, John Tobin, in Williamsport, following a brief illness.

She was a daughter of Adam and Sara Crissman and was born at Howard 85 years ago, though the greater part of her life had been spent at Snow Shoe. She was a member of the Methodist church and a woman loved by all who knew her. Her husband died some years ago but surviving her are five children, H. C. Fravel, of Chester Hill; Mrs. John Tobin, of Williamsport; W. H. Fravel, of Chester Hill; Mrs. Gertrude Reeser, of Snow Shoe, and Mrs. Stella Brennan, of Williamsport. She also leaves one brother, W. Homer Crissman, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services will be held at the family home in Snow Shoe this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, burial to be made in the cemetery at that place.

HOLLAR.—Mrs. Nan Meese Hollar, a native of Centre county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lettie Hilly, Northside, Pittsburgh, on Monday, after a week's illness with pneumonia.

She was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Wells Meese and was born in Howard township on December 28th, 1849, hence was in her 82nd year. As a young woman she married George Hollar, of Fort Loudon, Franklin county. He died forty-five years ago but surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Hilly, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Spencer Robinson, of McKeesport, and one son, Arthur Hollar, of Cumberland, Md. She leaves one brother and two sisters, Linn Meese, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Clyde Fletcher, of Howard; and Mrs. Sue Morrison, of Williamsport. Burial was made at Fort Loudon yesterday afternoon.

THE "COLLEGE WIDOW" WILL ENTERTAIN SOON.

George Ade's "College Widow" will be seen at the Richelieu theatre, Thursday evening April thirtieth, at 8:15.

This interesting play, full of sparkling wit, will be presented by the glee club of the Bellefonte High school. Many novelties have been added as specialty numbers.

Tap choruses in very difficult and clever routines are a part of the added attractions and the dainty stppers range from High school seniors to babies in the first grade.

Price of admission 75c. Tickets can be exchanged for reserved seats at the Richelieu box office, Tuesday, April 28, at one o'clock.

STATE COLLEGE EXPERT KILLED BY MOTORCYCLE.

Prof Arthur J. Wood, head of the department of mechanical engineering at the Pennsylvania State College, died at the Centre County hospital, at 5 o'clock Saturday evening, of injuries sustained at noon that day when hit by a motorcycle ridden by Lewis Harvey, eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harvey.

Prof. Wood had stopped on the corner of Fairmount avenue and Allen street, State College, to talk to another professor. Cars were passing back and forth and just as he stepped out onto the crossing to cross the street to his home Harvey, going north on Allen street, struck him. In fact the professor stepped out from behind a car right in front of the motorcycle. The force of the impact threw him a distance of thirty-nine feet. He was unconscious when picked up and was rushed to the Centre County hospital. There it was found that he had sustained a fractured skull, broken arm and leg and internal injuries. He died without regaining consciousness.

Harvey was also thrown from his machine and it was two hours before he fully recovered from the fall. Coroner W. R. Heaton held an inquest and exonerated him of all blame for the accident.

Prof. Wood was noted as a refrigerating expert. He was past president of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, former associate editor of the Railroad Gazette and until 1918 associate editor of the Railroad Mechanical Engineering. He was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of National Research Council.

Development of the modern refrigerating car was made possible largely through research conducted by Professor Wood on insulating materials and heat transfer, and at the time of his death he was directing a number of research workers.

—The Sid Bernstein store will have many Dollar Day bargains on display today and tomorrow. 17-1t

NEGRO MURDERER WENT TO HIS DEATH MONDAY.

William Watkins, 25 year old murderer of Chester county, was electrocuted at Rockview penitentiary, Monday morning, for the murder of his former employer, James W. Harward, 69 year old farmer, as the result of a dispute over wages the negro claimed were due him. The execution of the negro established a record for quick justice, not only in Pennsylvania but the entire country. The murder was committed on the evening of January 10th. Watkins was captured the next day. He was tried and convicted on January 29th, sentenced to death on February 2nd, and on March 23rd Governor Pinchot named April 20th as the date for his electrocution, making exactly 100 days from the time he shot the aged farmer to the day he paid the penalty. Watkins went to the chair without any visible show of fear. His body was claimed and shipped to Chester county for burial.

—The film revival of "East Lynne," which has been running all this week at the State theatre has proven a great pleasure to those who remember the days when it almost rivaled "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as the one stage play that, year in and year out, visited the one night stands. It has pleased those of younger years, as well. The State has been gaining in popularity ever since it adopted the policy of showing one really worth while picture rather than a conglomeration of indifferent ones. In accordance with this policy "Little Caesar" has been booked for next week's showings and "Little Caesar" is some show." You should see it.

—For Dollar Day bargains go to Sid Bernstein's Friday and Saturday.

—The film feature in the show houses of Bellefonte next week will be "The Devil to Pay," which will be shown at the Richelieu Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Ronald Coleman, always a favorite, is at his best in this striking, satirical comedy which has to do with the troubles "A prodigal son" might fall into. The Watchman has no hesitancy in recommending it because we know it is excellent entertainment. Coleman can make a bad play good, but in this instance the play itself is so clever that it would prove satisfactory even if such an accomplished actor were not in its leading role.

—The Ladies Aid of the Bellefonte Evangelical church has a handsome quilt for sale at \$5. It can be seen at the home of Mrs. Edward Peters, on Thomas St. They will also have a bake sale on Saturday at the Eckel meat market in the Arcade. Pies, cakes, bread and rolls will be on sale.

—Ten members of the Bellefonte Methodist church are attending the standard training school which meets every Monday evening at Milesburg. Ninety persons representing the churches at Snow Shoe, Port Matilda, Stormstown, Howard and Bellefonte, are now enrolled in this training work.

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

This Sunday will be Rally Day and great things have been planned. The Girl's Sax band of the Evangelical Orphanage, of Lewisburg, will be present for Sunday school and for the morning service. This has added interest from the fact that there are a number of Centre county girls in the group.

In the evening the young people of the church will present a pageant entitled, "Evangelical Beginning." Thirty-five talented young folks will picture in pageant form the early history of the church. You are invited to enjoy the day with us.

A. Ward Campbell, Minister.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., R. R. Davidson, superintendent.

Preaching at 10:45 a. m., by the pastor.

Morning subject: "God Blessed Man: His Company." This is the first of a series on the 1st Psalm.

The Christian Endeavor societies will hold their anniversary service at 7:30 p. m. A program has been prepared for the evening and music will be furnished by the choir and male chorus.

Brotherhood Monday evening at 7:30.

Prayer and Bible study Wednesday evening 7:30.

Ladies Aid all day Wednesday.

Junior Endeavor Saturday at 3 o'clock.

Rev. G. E. Householder, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church Bible school, C. C. Shuey, Supt., 9:30, with extra events—the big egg nest to be filled for the two homes. League, 6:30, with high light topic, strongly presented by informed leaders: good meeting for young people. Worship: 10:45, with pertinent preaching: special exposition; 7:30, evangelistic period. Pastor responds to calls for his services.

Strangers and people of Bellefonte community invited: cordial welcome. This (26th) Sunday is appointed for egg collection. A huge basket will be installed as a nest: every one attending any of these meetings will please come with no less than one egg—dozen will not be refused: two-thirds of the total will be sent to the Methodist home for the aged at Tyrone; one third to the Methodist home for children at Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Pastor has announced he will provide eggs for strangers and visitors to donate—to secure 100% giving by the people.

Horace Lincoln Jacobs, Pastor.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS SOON TO BE HONORED.

Bellefonte Chapter, Daughters, of the American Revolution, will unveil makers for the following Revolutionary soldiers, Saturday afternoon, tomorrow, April 25, 3:00 o'clock—John Goheen at Rock Springs, 3:30 o'clock—John Borland, George Meek and John Glenn, on the highway one mile east of Rock Springs.

The old cemetery in which the three latter soldiers were buried is situated on the Sumner Miller farm but some of the graves have gone down in a sink hole and the cemetery being inaccessible it was decided to erect the marker nearer the highway, about one-quarter mile from the graves.

Descendants of these men and everyone interested in this patriotic event are cordially invited to attend.

—Hundreds of acres of forest land in Centre county were ravished by fire during the past week. Mountains near Millheim and Woodward, south of Madisonburg, out on the Alleghenies, and in the Barrens the flames, seethed and roared for several days, but the hard rain of Wednesday afternoon and night put an end to the fires and soaked the ground to quite a depth. Out on the Allegheny mountains considerable snow fell on Wednesday evening but the temperature remained above the freezing point.

—An excellent quality 55 lb., 2-piece mattress for \$8.50, Friday and Saturday only, at W. R. Brachbill's Furniture Store. 17-1t

112TH ANNIVERSARY OF ODDFELLOWSHIP

The observance of the 112th anniversary of the birth of Oddfellowship, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Anniversary Association, for twenty counties of the State of Pennsylvania, will be held at Benton, Columbia county, on Tuesday, April 28th.

The day's program will open at 10:30 a. m., with a business meeting of the Anniversary Association, with delegates present from practically every one of the three hundred lodges of the order in these counties.

The counties comprising the district in this observance are: Lycoming, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Adams, Bradford, Clinton, Juniata, Mifflin, Tioga, York, Centre, Northumberland, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Montour, Sullivan, Snyder and Schuylkill.

At 2:30 p. m. a parade will be held, in which hundreds of men and women of the three link organization will participate.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock, a session of the grand lodge will be held at which time the grand lodge degree will be conferred under the direction of grand master Webster Grimm, of Doylestown, and grand secretary Asher A. Hall, of Philadelphia, and lodge officers. This will be followed by a school of instruction for subordinate lodge members.

The little town of Benton, with its facilities to take care of thousands of visitors, will be gaily decorated for the occasion.

—Bellefonte Methodists are planning for an interesting observance of Mother's Day. Geo. W. Reese, chief surgeon and superintendent of the Shamokin State hospital, will be here to make the address and he will be accompanied by a quartet of Welsh miners, who will sing during the exercises. The subject of Dr. Reese's address will be "Mothers."

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James Edgar Sents, of State College and Eva Mae Bryan, of Milesburg.

Fred R. Dolan and May A. Fike, both of Nittany.



STATE COLLEGE

FRIDAY—
Dick Barthlemess, Fay Wray in "THE FINGER POINTS"

SATURDAY—
All Star Caste in "QUICK MILLIONS"

MONDAY AND TUESDAY—
Matinee Daily at 1:30
George Arliss and Star Caste in "THE MILLIONAIRE"

WEDNESDAY—
Warner Oland, June Collyer in Harold McGrath's "DRUMS OF JEOPARDY"

Special added attraction.
Bobby Jones, King of Golfers, in "HOW TO PUT"

with Joe E. Brown, Dick Barthlemess

NITTANY THEATRE

FRIDAY—
Marlene Dietrich, Victor McLaglen in "DISHONORED"

SATURDAY—
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