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## FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of August 5, 1881.

The prohibition convention, which met here yesterday, nominated Judge Diven, of Hubersburg, and Christian Buck Esq., of Unionville, for associate judges. No nominations were made for other county offices.

We are pleased to say that Mr. John Barre, of Pleasant Gap, has entirely recovered from his late severe illness, which it was supposed at the time was going to prove fatal.

R. C. Cheesman and family left Belleville for Washington, D. C., on Tuesday last, and will make that city their home in the future. Maj. Cheesman has secured a good position in the pension department.

The Democrats of the county will hold their delegate election on Saturday, August 6. Ninety-two delegates to the county convention will be chosen and they, in turn, will nominate our ticket for the fall election from the 50 aspirants who are in the field for the 9 offices to be filled.

Since it has been discovered that they make croquet arches bow-legged young men are in great demand for picnics and lawn parties.

James A. McClain, late of the Milesburg depot, has been transferred to Snow Shoe by the Pennsylvania railroad company and took charge of their business in the latter place last Monday.

The Howard iron works, located at Howard, this county, have been doing well this summer and in the last two weeks their orders have increased so rapidly that a double turn has been put on the forges. The mill for making pipe is nearly ready to start.

Curwensville and Clearfield have been connected by telephone and the service will be extended to Phillipsburg by September.

The Patrons of Husbandry, Fairview Grange, are erecting a new hall at Spruce-town, in Penns valley.

Prof. J. H. Kurzenabe has been conducting a singing class in Millheim for the past two weeks and it will close with a grand concert in the Evangelical church, there on Wednesday evening, August 10th. Admission will be 25c.

At the regular meeting of the Undine fire company on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. S. Wagner; vice president, William Long; treasurer, Geo. L. Potter; secretary, John J. Irwin; tellerman, D. I. Parsons; foreman, John N. Lane; assistant foremen, Geo. Wolfe, Wm. S. Galbraith and Jacob Flack.

Chaney and Thompson, of Port Matilda, are running three charcoal jobs.

Last week a corps of engineers surveyed the part from Port Matilda to the Alleghenies of the proposed low grade railroad that is to run from Milton, Pa., to Toledo, Ohio.

We regret to say that Newton S. Bailey, night editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record, has been compelled to return to his home in this place, on account of bad health.

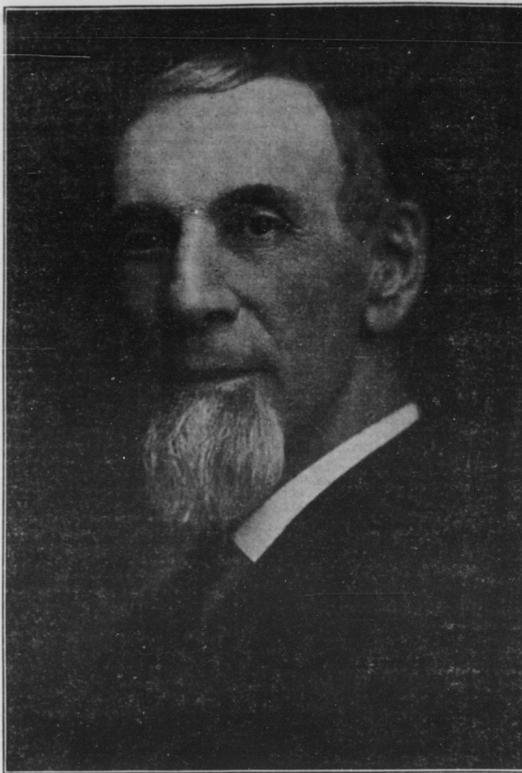
On Monday lightning struck a tree between the residences of Edward Tyson and Samuel Gault, on east High street, opposite the jail. A little boy in the Gault house was knocked off the chair on which he was sitting and his shoulder was somewhat burned and a little sister had her fingers slightly burned.

Homer C. Brown, at one time associated with his father in the ownership of the Belleville Republican, writes that he has a good job at \$15.00 a week on a paper in St. Elmo, Colorado. Homer also says he has paid all his back debts and hasn't taken a drink for several years. Hurrah for Homer!

## GRANT HOOVER LANDS TO BE SOLD FOR DEBTS.

According to an orphan's court advertisement posted at the court house, Belleville, all the lands of the late Grant Hoover, in Union township, including his summer home, "Hi-view," will be sold at public sale at the court house, on Tuesday, August 15th, to "pay the debts of the late owner."

All told there are approximately one thousand acres of land, most of which is mountain land on which Mr. Hoover has been experimenting in reforestation. There are six distinct and separate tracts and on each tract he had planted at various times some half a dozen or more different species of trees. Some of these trees are now twenty or more feet in height and have a fairly good stand. In years to come most of the land might produce a good stand of timber. Mr. Hoover, it will be recalled, was killed on his farm by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting groundhogs.



WILBUR T. TWITMIRE

**TWITMIRE.**—Wilbur Thomas Twitmire, for more than sixty years an active business man of Belleville, passed away at his home on south Water street, a few minutes before twelve o'clock last Thursday night, following several weeks' illness with blood poisoning, the result of an infected toe combined with hardening of the arteries.

He was a son of Joseph and Jane Steele Twitmire and was born at Milesburg on September 25th, 1846, hence was 84 years, 9 months and 28 days old. When he was yet a small child his parents moved to Belleville and it was here he grew to manhood and was educated in the public schools. As a young man he worked for a year or two with Frank L. Wetzel's father but in the early '60's embarked in business for himself as a tinner and dealer in stoves, continuing in that line until his retirement in April, 1930, with the exception of less than a year which he spent in Philadelphia. Without doubt he was the oldest business man in Belleville and enjoyed the reputation of fair and square dealing at all times.

He was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and had been a member of the official board for upwards of sixty years. He was the last to go of the men who contributed to the building of the present Methodist church in 1875. He was a member of the Belleville lodge of Odd Fellows and a charter member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He was a splendid citizen in every way and, though all his early contemporaries in business have passed on, he will be missed by those of a younger generation with whom he had been associated for many years.

In 1870 he married Miss Nannie Alexander, of Unionville, who died in 1911, leaving five children, three sons and two daughters. Both daughters, Mrs. Frances Pickle and Mrs. Philip D. Waddle, have passed away but the three sons survive, Alton Twitmire, of Bradley Beach, N. J.; Joseph, of Sunbury, and Dr. Wilbur Twitmire, of Lancaster. In August, 1914, he married Mrs. Margaret Brachbill-Ardell who also survives.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at 2.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, assisted by Rev. C. C. Shuey, burial being made in the Twitmire lot in the Union cemetery.

**HAAGEN.**—John A. Haagen, a native of Beech Creek, but who for many years lived at Howard, died at the home of his son George, in Lancaster, on July 26th. He was almost 75 years old. During the almost fifty years that he lived at Howard he was engaged in the lumber business. He was a member of the Brethren in Christ church.

He married Miss Willa J. Long who died twelve years ago but surviving him are five children, Mrs. Harry Kuntz, of Sharsburg; George C. Haagen, of Lancaster; Mrs. Stewart Hannon, of Mill Hill; Ira M., of Nittany, and Mrs. Estella Kroenke-berger, of Paulsboro, N. J. He also leaves one brother and three sisters, D. H. Haagen, of Danville, Va.; Mrs. Jennie Smith, of Renovo; Mrs. Franklin Taylor, of Beech Creek, and Mrs. Charles Gunsallus, of Lock Haven.

The remains were taken to Howard where funeral services were held in the Methodist church, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, by Rev. D. L. Graybill, of Harrisburg, assisted by Rev. Abner Martin, of Elizabethtown, and Rev. H. S. Miller, of Mackeyville, burial being made in the Schenck cemetery.

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**MURPHY.**—Mrs. Katherine M. Murphy, wife of Frank L. Murphy, passed away at her home, on east Bishop street, at 9.45 o'clock last Thursday evening, following an illness that dates back almost two years, though her condition had not become really serious until about six months ago.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hemsworth and was born at Grand Rapids, Mich., on June 9th, 1880, hence was 51 years, 1 month and 14 days old. On November 3rd, 1898, she married Mr. Murphy and their early married life was spent in Michigan. Upwards of nine years ago they came east and located in Williamsport and three years ago they moved to Belleville, Mr. Murphy becoming general superintendent of the Central Pennsylvania Gas company. She was a member of the Catholic church all her life. In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons, Raymond W. Murphy, of Belleville, and John C., at home; and five daughters, Mrs. Wilbur Hoover and Mrs. LeRoy Davis, of Belleville; Mrs. Ray Bishoff, of Williamsport; Berenice and Lorraine, at home. She also leaves five sisters, living in Michigan.

Funeral services were held in St. John's Catholic church, at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, by Rev. William E. Downes, after which the remains were taken to Williamsport for burial in the Mt. Carmel cemetery.

**LUTZ.**—George McClellan Lutz, retired farmer, died at his home, at Struble Station, Thursday of last week, as the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered three days previous, while eating his supper.

He was a son of John and Margaret Martin Lutz and was born near Fillmore on May 3rd, 1864, hence was 67 years, 2 months and 20 days old. Born and raised on a farm he made tilling the soil his life work, during most of his mature life farming near State College. Ten years ago he quit the farm and had since been living a retired life at Struble.

In the spring of 1885 he married Miss Ella Dreibelbis, who survives with three children, Daniel and William Lutz and Mrs. H. S. Illingworth, all of State College R. D. He was one of a family of fourteen children, only four of whom are now living, Harry Lutz, of Findlay, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Meyers, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. J. H. Strouse, of Oak Hill, and Mrs. Charles Johnston, of Belleville.

Funeral services were held in the Reformed church at Pine Hall, of which he was a member, at 11 o'clock on Monday morning, by Rev. Asendorf, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

**COOKE.**—Robert Cooke, sheriff of Centre county forty years ago, died at his home at Howard, on Sunday, of general debility. He was born at Muncy on January 24th, 1850, hence was in his 82nd year. The family moved to Howard in 1855 and that had been his home ever since, with the exception of the three years he occupied the sheriff's residence in Belleville. For many years he was in the mercantile business at Howard.

He married Miss Kate Gross, of Marion township, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Rosetta Rathmell, of Howard. Funeral services will be held this afternoon, burial to be made in the Schenck cemetery.

Centre Hall won the first game from Coburn in playing off the tie for the first half of the season in the county baseball league.

## PATIENTS TREATED AT CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. John Jacobs, of Boggs township, was discharged on Monday of last week after having undergone surgical treatment.

Mrs. Bess Hartwick, of State College, was discharged on Monday of last week after having been a surgical patient.

Mrs. B. R. Dickey, of State College, was discharged on Monday of last week after having undergone surgical treatment.

Mrs. Melvin Cherry, of Belleville, was discharged on Monday of last week after having undergone medical treatment.

Robert Albright, of State College, was admitted on Monday of last week as a surgical patient.

Wanda M. Gill, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gill, of Belleville, was admitted on Monday of last week as a surgical patient and discharged the following day.

Mrs. Edward Williams was admitted on Monday of last week as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Lee Dobson and infant son, of College township, were discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Phyllis I. Benner, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Benner, of Madisonburg, was admitted as a surgical patient on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Elmer Musser, of Belleville, was admitted on Wednesday of last week as a medical patient and discharged the following day.

Mrs. Blaine Hoy, of Spring township, was admitted as a medical patient on Wednesday of last week.

Miss Bertha Bloom, of Ferguson township, was discharged on Wednesday of last week after having undergone medical treatment.

Mrs. James Smeal, of Gregg township, was admitted on Saturday, as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Jacob Fickes and infant son, of Harris township, were discharged on Wednesday of last week.

John P. Robert, of State College, was discharged on Wednesday of last week after having undergone surgical treatment.

Lester G. Stine, of Patton township, was discharged on Thursday of last week after having undergone surgical treatment.

Mrs. Perry Krise, of Pleasant Gap, was discharged on Friday after having undergone medical treatment.

Miss Madeline St. Clair, of Benner township, was discharged on Friday of last week after having undergone surgical treatment.

Miss Ethel Henry, of Union township, was discharged on Friday of last week after having undergone surgical treatment.

Leonard Witt, 10 years old, was admitted on Friday of last week as a surgical patient.

Richard Kessinger, of Walker township, was admitted on Friday of last week as a surgical patient.

William Bell, of Union township, was admitted on Friday of last week as a surgical patient.

Miss Eleanor Shaffer, of Coleville, was admitted as a surgical patient on Saturday and discharged on Sunday.

Master Harold Corman, aged 10, son of Kyle Corman, of Spring township, was admitted as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Ralph Owens, of Gregg township, was admitted as a surgical patient on Sunday and discharged the same day.

Mrs. Sarah J. Adams, of State College, was admitted on Sunday as a surgical patient and discharged the same day.

Mrs. Morris Larimer, of Pleasant Gap, and infant daughter were discharged Sunday.

Helen L. Poorman, aged 7 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poorman, of Belleville, was admitted on Sunday and discharged the same day.

John Tressler, of Belleville, was discharged on Saturday after undergoing medical treatment.

Emerson Rhoads, of Johnstown, was admitted on Sunday as a medical patient.

Harry S. Miller, of Lock Haven, was admitted on Sunday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Irvin Shawver, of Gregg township, was admitted on Sunday as a surgical patient.

Miss Emma E. Horner, of Harris township, was discharged on Sunday after having undergone surgical treatment.

William H. Garman, of College township, was discharged on Sunday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Doyle B. Confer, of Madisonburg, was discharged on Sunday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Miss Madeline St. Clair, of Benner township, was readmitted on Sunday as a surgical patient. There were 36 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

## THREE MEN SENTENCED IN COURT WEDNESDAY.

At a brief session of court, on Wednesday morning, James W. Patterson and D. E. Perryman plead guilty to the charge of larceny and were sentenced to pay the costs, \$25.00 fine, each, and imprisonment in the county jail for 60 days.

H. B. Stanley, alias Henry Hansen, plead guilty to the charge of forgery and was sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and one to two years in the western penitentiary.

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## TROUT PEN REMOVED FROM SPRING CREEK.

In compliance with a resolution of council, passed at a regular meeting on Monday evening, July 19th, the trout pen was removed from Spring creek some time last Thursday night or early Friday morning. There were in the neighborhood of fifty trout in the enclosure and some of them doubtless went upstream while those accustomed to the cold water overflowing from the spring remained in that section. No wire screen was put in to keep the trout from going up stream because nothing suitable could be found in any of the stores in Belleville.

—"Honeymoon Lane," the Richelieu offering for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, is a worthwhile show. You will make no mistake in seeing it.

Tommy—"Nurse, did you say you would kiss me if I were good all day?"

Handsome Nurse—"Yes, dear, and so I will now."

Tommy—"No, nurse. I have sold the kiss to my big brother for a shilling."

Some bright Westerner has twisted a phrase into a slogan so pat that it has been adopted by an Oklahoma farmers' organization. The slogan is one we commend to all gardeners every where; "Weed 'em and reap."

"Gargling with strong antiseptics," says a medical journal, "will invariably kill the influenza bacillus." Provided, of course, we can catch him and make him gargle.

## IN BELLEVILLE CHURCHES

**BELLEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH.** Church Bible school, C. C. Shuey, Supt., 9.30, with World service program and special offering. League, 6.30; prepared leaders and pertinent topics; exceptional meeting for young people. Worship, 10.45, special exposition. Evening worship in Lutheran church. Strangers and commercial travelers usually share worship with this congregation. Meeting of the official board Monday, 7.45 p. m.  
Horace Lincoln Jacobs, Pastor.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** 9:30 A. M., Church school; Herman Hazel, superintendent.  
7:30 P. M., Union community church service.  
There will be no morning service this Sunday.  
Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

**UNION CHURCH SERVICES**  
The union church service Sunday evening, will be held in the Lutheran church at 7.30 o'clock. The preacher will be the Rev. Wm. C. Thompson.

**UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.** Sunday school at 9.30 a. m., R. R. Davison, Supt.  
Preaching at 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor.  
Morning subject, "The Tabernacle, a Type of Christ, The Candle Sticks and the Shewbread."  
Evening subject: "Satan, His Doom."  
Senior and Intermediate Endeavor at 6.30 p. m.  
Brotherhood Monday evening at 7.30.  
Official Board Monday evening.  
Prayer and Bible study Wednesday evening at 7.30.  
Ladies A.I. all day Wednesday.  
Junior Endeavor Saturday at 3 o'clock.  
G. E. Householder, Pastor.

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