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A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

The Watchman is in receipt of a suggestion that it find ten persons who will give ten dollars a month, for four months, for the relief of the needy in Bellefonte. That would be two dollars and a half a week for ten families until April 15.

It sounds like a trifling sum, but there will doubtless be many cases where even such an amount would be a veritable Godsend, especially through the hard winter months that are on us. It would buy more than enough coal to keep a little home warm. There are some people in the town who have been so practiced in frugal living that two dollars and a half would pay for nearly all the food they have been accustomed to having. There are others depending on odd jobs for subsistence to whom such a weekly gratuity might mean more than their pride would permit them to tell.

The suggestion of the gentleman who made it is offered for the consideration of those persons in Bellefonte who have not been face to face with the problem as to where the next meal is to come from. It was a timely thought and the Watchman gives it publicity because if anything is to be done the moment is at hand.

The money could be given to the Associated Charities for distribution. That organization is being pressed now for relief that it is not in funds to supply and one hundred dollars a month or—if there were one hundred people who would join such a project—a thousand dollars a month would assure those who have that none of those who haven't will be in actual distress during the winter.

The Watchman is willing to join the movement. It will be glad to hear from eight others if the mark is to set at ten or from ninety-eight if one hundred appears to be a possible goal.

THE NEW POST-OFFICE BUILDING.

Inasmuch as the proposed erection of a new post office building in Bellefonte has now gone beyond the stage of uncertainty and entered the realm of early probability the matter of its design has become a topic of discussion among those who have an eye to maintaining traditions in a town beautiful and distinguished for its many types of colonial architecture.

The new post office will occupy a corner where it will be entirely surrounded by the traditional lime-stone houses of early day Bellefonte. It has been suggested that the Post Office Department might be persuaded to change its specifications calling for a brick structure of the stereotyped small town public building and adopt a design more in harmony with the environment in which the new structure will stand. Also to use native limestone instead of brick for the outer walls.

It would not be an unreasonable request to make and Washington might react favorably to a suggestion that a town that has given the country so many notable public men, a town so rich in historic interest, might be given a public building that would be made symbolic of some of its traditions.

It is not beyond the realm of probability that one or more of the historic old houses on the square on which the post office will stand will become perpetual memorials in the town, so that a new federal building that would not jar with the materials of construction and the type of architecture of its surroundings would be a credit to the government's sense of the propriety, as well as the utility of its building here.

Congress convened on Monday, the Democrats organized the House as expected and as there was perfect harmony in the party ranks they have gotten off to an auspicious start in an undertaking that will be watched with the keenest and most critical interest. Economic legislation is to have the foremost place in the consideration of the body. That is as it should be and every effort should be put forth to strangle such extraneous subjects as will undoubtedly be injected into its deliberations. The country is weary and out of patience with do-nothing legislative bodies. That is the reason there is a Democratic Congress in Washington today. It is the first time in twelve years the party has been given a chance to show what it can do. Certainly it will not be a difficult matter for it to accomplish as much as its predecessor, but that will not suffice. What is needed is a program of constructive economic legislation, assiduously pressed to enactment, without regard to matters of less import.

The collapse of a state controlled bridge over the Neshaminy creek at Newtown, because of which Walter Ross Jr. lost his life, might have been regarded as just another unfortunate accident for which no one in particular was responsible, if investigators sent out by the Highway Department had not undertaken to place the blame on the victim. "A dead man tells no tales," but those who survive him think that responsibility might be laid at the Highway Department's door. In fact it was laid there and Secretary Sam Lewis is said to have offered the alibi that the Governor, having taken all the money to build bridge paths, has left nothing for him with which to keep bridges safe. If Sam persists in sticking behind such a defence a "Big Bertha" is going to be trained on him from the Executive office and he is going to be blown clear off the highways just as Paul D. Wright was in 1925.

The Federal Farm Board has stuck Uncle Sam for \$177,000,000. That wouldn't be so bad if it had accomplished anything that it set out to do. Wheat was 81.9 cents a bushel when the bungling bunch of buncoers thought they were stabilizing it. Now it is 56 cents on the Chicago market. Cotton was \$81.50 a bale when the economic necromancers waved their wands and told it to go up. Now it is quoted around \$31.00. Injecting artificiality into the laws of supply and demand always was and always will be costly experiments. In this instance the United States have been "stung" for \$177,000,000 and the worst part of it is that U. S. spells us. We are the United States and we have to pay the bill.

If Senator Frank Baldwin, of Potter county, should be named for State Treasurer by the Republicans the way would be open for Senator Harry B. Scott to achieve his ambition to have a place on their State ticket. If Senator Baldwin, who represents a constituency not nearly as great as that represented by Senator Scott is entitled to such an honor why should our Senator not be entitled to recognition for the self sacrificing devotion he has given to the regular organization of his party. Central Pennsylvania hasn't had representation on a Republican State ticket for so long that few will recall just who the last one was.

Senator Moses probably never thought there would be enough "sons of the wild jackass" to kick him out of the coveted position of president, pro tempore, of the Senate.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of December 16, 1881.

—The Episcopal and Catholic churches will, as usual, be handsomely decorated for the Christmas and New Year services.

—Three out of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Markle, of Pine Grove Mills, are at the point of death with diphtheria, and the fourth is threatened with the dread disease. Diphtheria and typhoid fever are both prevalent about Pine Grove.

—I. Guggenheimer & Co. have just received and put on display the largest lot of silk handkerchiefs ever brought to Bellefonte. They are the popular Christmas presents now being selected from.

—Next Thursday evening a concert will be given in the Presbyterian church in Milesburg and some of the best musical talent in the county will be on the program. Among them Mrs. Love, Mrs. Sadie Hayes and L. T. Eddy.

—District Attorney Heinle has purchased the double house on Bishop street, next door to the residence of Chief Justice Smith.—This is the property now owned by E. J. Gehret. Editor's Note.

—A telephone line from Phillipsburg to Tyrone is likely to be built soon.

—Lock Haven is getting alarmed about its water supply. A committee recently visited the streams that supply that town and found them nearly dried up.

—Chester Munson, L. G. Lingle and Lewis Hess, of Phillipsburg, have been appointed by the court to divide that borough into three wards, the increase of the voting population having made such a division necessary.

—The door of the Presbyterian church in this place was ornamented last week with a notice of sale by the Sheriff for a bill of \$180.00. At the Sunday school service on Sunday afternoon Gen. Beaver suggested that \$100 of the amount be raised. It was done and next day the other \$80 was raised and the congregation has highly resolved never to let its handsome church edifice be disgraced with a Sheriff's Sale bill again.

—The new secretary for the Y. M. C. A., J. Willard Miller, arrived in town last Tuesday.

—Burns Gates, of Port Matilda, shot a wild turkey that weighed 23 lbs. on Muncy mountain last Friday.

—One of Phillipsburg's pleasantest gentlemen was in town on Tuesday. We allude to Mr. Robert Lloyd, proprietor of the Lloyd house, one of the best and most comfortable hotels in the State.

—D. H. Chandler, lumberman, and proprietor of the Temperance hotel in Julian, died on Wednesday night of last week. His death was very sudden having occurred during the night and without any manifestation of pain.

—On Friday night, the 30th, inst. the Logan Hose Co., will hold another of their delightful balls in Bush's hall. Tickets are only 50 cents and everybody who possibly can ought to buy one.

—Christian Derr is suffering from hurts received by a fall from the Milesburg trestle, on Monday evening. He had reached this end of the trestle under which there was no water but many rocks. On them he landed and was badly shaken up. He made his way, however, to McCoy's where Frank hitched up his horse and buggy and drove him to his home here.

—Apartment for rent. Inquire of Mrs. E. O. Driscoll. 49-2t

D. A. R. MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT STATE COLLEGE.

The December meeting of the Bellefonte chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution was held at the home of Mrs. Frederick W. Owen, at State College, Pa.

The hostesses were Mrs. F. W. Owen, Mrs. F. G. Merkle, Miss Mary Bevan, Mrs. Dwight DeMerritt, Miss Grace Fitts and Mrs. E. I. Wilde.

Reports of the 35th State conference held at the Wm. Penn hotel, in Pittsburgh, November 10th, 1931, were given by the three delegates who attended the meetings; Mrs. John G. Love, regent; Miss Anna A. McCoy and Miss Kate D. Shugert.

Also a report of the eastern division meeting held at the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, Pa., November 19th and 20th, by Mrs. Edwin Erie Sparks, who attended as a representative of the Bellefonte chapter.

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH.

Church Bible school, C. C. Shuey, Supt., 9:30 "Confronted by the Challenging Christ," special events. Christmas trees for special gifts for the little folks at the Methodist home for children, Mechanicsburg, useful articles, inexpensive, too, requested for boys and girls. Strong topic in League, 6:30, and interesting discussions. Worship—10:45, preaching from scriptures centering in Christ's Birth. At 7:30, evangelistic meeting. Friday, 18th, Christmas celebration by the intermediate and junior League—very special exercises. Mid-week, Wednesday, Tuesday class, C. C. Shuey, leader. Pastor responds to all calls for his services. Strangers and visitors as well as commercial travelers worship in this church. Welcome to everybody. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, pastor.

A HODGE—PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

"Help the Unemployed" is the big appeal emblazoned on the front pages of newspapers published in every city and town in Pennsylvania, as well as the country at large. It's appeal is heralded to every village and remote corner of the back-country districts and the public generally is responding to the call. The burden of any and all such relief as may be given must necessarily fall on the few. Some of them, of course, are well able to give while others who will give because of a feeling that they must or for the reason that they will be ashamed not to do so, are little better off than the unemployed. They are virtually holding on by the skin of their teeth, hoping they can worry along until there comes a break for the better.

The Legislature is now in session in Harrisburg in compliance with a call of Governor Pinchot to enact legislation for the relief of the unemployed. It's cost to the taxpayers is already in excess of a quarter million dollars and not one definite thing has been done. The Governor wants a bond issue and wants to tax this, that and the other, to most of which the Legislators are opposed. Just how much good will eventually come out of the extra session no man can tell. And up to now we have not found any reasonable excuse for it. Every city and town in the State and every poor district in the Commonwealth has made plans to take care of those really in need, so why the help from the State.

The Associated Charities of Bellefonte is in operation and will endeavor to extend all the help needed in this locality. In the Diamond is a big barrel on a pair of scales for the collection of a ton of pennies, but so far the needle doesn't show a very liberal contribution. Last year just \$100 were collected by this means. One hundred dollars in pennies means 10,000 copper cents, and that is quite a number for the way most of us have to pinch pennies these days to get along.

Of course the unemployed are deserving of sympathy and if they are destitute should not be allowed to go hungry or in need of the necessities of life. But why are they destitute, even though they are out of work temporarily? The prime cause of need and suffering now is explained in profligate spending and the lack of saving when high wages and steady employment was the rule rather than the exception. And the man who did save is now called upon to help the man who spent his all in riotous living.

Up in the Barrens, this side of Fairbrook, lives a man and his family on a small farm. Anyone who knows anything about land in the Barrens knows what a struggle it is to wrest a living from its sandy, shallow soil. A few days ago a well known Centre countian stopped at the farmer's home and was invited into the house. When he got inside the man asked him to go along down stairs into the cellar. The cellar is large and roomy. It's four sides are the foundation walls of the house and the floor is the ground trodden smooth by the foot prints of many year's use. The farmer pointed to a rough wooden table on one side where are stored 125 jars of tomatoes; to a similar table on the other side where are lined up over two hundred jars of other vegetables, fruits, etc. He exhibited a well-filled closet of jellies, a bin with 25 bushels of potatoes, another with 20 bushels of apples and he had a good supply of cabbage buried in the garden. Then he said: "This winter I will be literally one of the unemployed. I haven't got much money but I won't need much, and we're sure of enough to eat until next summer when we all hope for better times." And that is the real way to keep the wolf from the door during times of depression and unemployment.

MUNSON MAN TAKES LIFE BY DROWNING.

Ernest Charlton, 49 years old and unmarried, of Munson, committed suicide, on Wednesday night of last week, by jumping into a deep pool in Moshannon creek. Financial worries over the fact that he had no work or no money is assigned as the cause. The man lived in bachelor quarters with his brother Victor. Burial was made on Saturday.

—Stetson hats, \$5.25 at Fauble's 45th anniversary sale. 49-2t

BIG SLAUGHTER OF DEER IS NEARING AN END.

The big slaughter of deer in Centre county mountains is drawing to a close, even though there are four more days of shooting season, including today. But so many hunters have come out of the woods that what deer are left have a better chance of escaping the high-powered rifles now in use.

It would be a futile attempt to endeavor to give a list of those who killed deer in the county because of the fact that a large number of them were bagged by day hunters who went to the mountains, got their deer and left for home the same day. Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday automobile after automobile passed through Bellefonte with from one to three deer. They came from the Seven mountains and from the Alleghenies, and the big majority of the deer were does.

Quite a number of the old-time hunting parties scorned to shoot the female of the species and spent all their time running down bucks. The Yarnell party, of Hecla, was one of these. They were in camp in Sugar valley and returned home on Saturday evening with three nice bucks. They could have shot lots of does but refused to do so.

The Bellefonte crowd of hunters which included Charles Wagner and postmaster John L. Knisely came home from the Alleghenies with five, four bucks and a doe.

J. W. Mowery, of Old Fort, shot a pure albino buck in Blue Bell gap, on the first day of the season, which dressed 60 pounds.

Hunting with a Unionville party, on Wallace Run, last Friday, C. C. Shuey, of Bellefonte, shot a 150 pound buck, and avers that it didn't excite him in the least.

Up to Tuesday of this week county treasurer L. L. Smith had issued 7100 resident licenses and 133 non-resident.

Irvin Martin, popular young barber of Bellefonte, has quite a reputation for bringing dulcet tones from an ordinary hand saw. When handling a razor he knows all about close shaves, but when he gets his trusty rifle on his shoulder and starts for the mountains it's different. There is no "close shave" for any game that comes his way. Out about Orviston, last week, he bowled over a ten point buck and a fine young bear.

Up in the western end of the county Clair Burns bagged a nice 4-pointer near his home at Gatesburg.

Ed Martz, a merchant of Pine Grove Mills, brought down a fat doe.

Curt Greenoble, of Ferguson township, took home a 150 pound bear killed in the Allegheny mountains.

The Shoemaker crowd, from near State College, got a 160 pound bear in Potter county.

H. D. Albright got an 8-point buck.

The Elder crowd have three deer hanging up in their camp, and the George Smith crowd four.

George Musser got a 9-pointer and Paul Sunday shot a big doe at a range of 300 yards. Charles Stuck got a buck with four prongs.

Wayne Kline got his buck and other successful hunters in that section were Fred Painter, of Baileyville, Bob Reed, Wilbur Todd, George Phillips, Hugh Dale and the three Dean brothers, of Tadpole, each of whom killed his deer.

CATHAUM

A Warner Brothers Theatre

STATE COLLEGE

Matinee daily at 1:30
Evening opening time 6:00 p. m.

NOTE: For gift purposes, special Christmas Ticket Books at \$1.00 and \$2.00 are on sale at the box office. A most acceptable gift. Ask about them.

FRIDAY—
Gary Cooper, Claudette Colbert in
"HIS WOMAN"
Masquers' Club Comedy

SATURDAY—
Jimmie Gleason, Robert Armstrong,
Bill Boyd, Ginger Rogers in
"SUICIDE FLEET"

MONDAY AND TUESDAY—
Eddie Cantor, Charlotte Greenwood in
"PALMY DAYS"

WEDNESDAY—
Wallace Beery, Jackie Cooper in
"THE CHAMP"

THURSDAY—
Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy in their
feature length Comedy
"PARDON US"

NITTANY THEATRE

FRIDAY—
"OVER THE HILL"

SATURDAY—
"HIS WOMAN"

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY—
Lionel Barrymore, Kay Francis in
"GUILTY HANDS"

THURSDAY—
"THE CHAMP"

Ed Osmer went out onto Nittany mountain, back of Rockview penitentiary, last Saturday afternoon, shot a 3-pronged buck which weighed 165 pounds and was home in time for supper.

Quite a number of illegal deer have been picked up by game wardens. Last Friday evening eleven deer were hanging up in game protector Mosier's back yard, but on Saturday morning there were only nine. Who got away with two of them has not yet developed. Among the deer was a large doe which bore the tag of a Shamokin hunter.

Mr. Mosier stated yesterday that it was impossible to give anything like an accurate estimate of the number of deer killed in the county, but as one guess is good as another his guess would be somewhere between 2000 and 3000.

As many of the deer were killed single-handed it might be well to call attention to the fact that it will be unlawful for any person to have in his possession venison longer than thirty days after the close of the deer hunting season.

Talking about things to eat, why waste money on stringy, tough celery, when the Pascal variety can always be relied on to be crisp and nutty in flavor. Don't be afraid of it because it doesn't look bleached. The big green outer stalks are as tender as the hearts of a lot of other varieties.

Come to the Watchman office for high-class job work.



ALTOONA BOOSTER MERCHANTS SAY:

Trade in Your Home Stores First, But Come To Booster Stores for the Things Your Home Merchants Cannot Supply.

Christmas Suburban Day In Altoona Booster Stores Wednesday, December 16!

Many people are planning to give just as many gifts this year as formerly and those who come to Altoona Booster Stores to make selections will find unlimited variety from which satisfactory selections may easily be made.

In addition to having a wide variety from which to choose in merchandise of the highest quality and choice style,

YOU WILL FIND THAT YOU CAN BUY GIFTS FOR MUCH LESS IN Booster Stores THIS YEAR!

Christmas Suburban Day will be a good day to select gifts as special attractions are always offered by Booster Stores on Suburban Day.

Look for the Suburban Day Window Streamers on Wednesday—They Help You Locate Booster Stores.

GIFTS FOR THE HOME

More attention will be given this year than formerly to buying gifts for the home and Booster Stores are better equipped than ever to supply satisfactory gifts of this kind and at Lower Prices than have prevailed for years!

Gift Buyers Will Find Pleasure, Satisfaction and Profit in Making Selections at Booster Stores.

ALTOONA BOOSTER ASSOCIATION

Starting Saturday, Dec. 19, Booster Stores Will Be Open Evenings Until 9 O'clock 'Till Christmas.