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Capt. WILLIAM H. FRY

Ferguson township has lost its most notable resident, a landmark such as we believe no other community in Centre county has ever had to boast of. We have known many men, but none just like Capt. William H. Fry, who died on Sunday.

Picked up on the field at South Mountain after lying three days with much of his skull shot away, surviving the crude and unsanitary trephining operation in a field hospital he came home to lead a life so strenuous that often we thought he must have been super- day anniversary on March 1st and human. At eighty-eight he had the mental alertness and the physical will to do things that most men begin to shirk and dread at fifty. Capt. Fry was a veterinarian, one who learned his profession, like the old time doctors, by studying under the tuition of an older practheir curricula he attended clinics with a regularity and interest that the past two years, has returned to the past two years, has return might well be emulated by others who presume superior knowledge because of the fact that they are graduated from such schools.

We regret that we never asked just when he began to contribute Hoover, Hughes & Co., at north ten minutes and dwelt especially on "Pine Grove Mentions" to the Watchman. We regret his passing, Houtzdale, has taken over the busibecause we know there are hundreds of readers of this paper, scattered in the four corners of the country, to whom it will never be the same as it was when it carried the items concerning the people der his own management. He has In his charge Judge Fleming and the places that they hold dear, written by the man who knew been fortunate, too, in persuading stated that only two verdicts were late home, at ten o'clock on Monday most of their grandfathers, their fathers, their sisters, their brothers and their remotest kin.

We know that, rather than disappoint them, Capt. Fry spending ity. a night in a barn with a sick horse or a cow has written his weekly letter to them with only the light of a lantern to guide his pencil and his knee for a desk on which to rest his pad of paper. We know that often he wrote his weekly letters while driving in a horse

and buggy from one professional call to another. It was all a labor of love for those of the grand old days in Ferguson township when men wanted to do something for their fellows. Capt. Fry never received a cent, never expected one from the Karthaus, Clearfield county, on Feb-Watchman. He carried on for those whom he knew could never lose their yearning for news from the homeland, the Watchman only happened to be the fortunate medium through which his good will came over to the Democratic party and kept until court reconvened at 1852, hence was in his 80th year.

We called on him three weeks ago today. He was confined to his room then, but he was so nonchalant about his condition that we gusted with Grantism. had no thought that tonight we would be paying this tribute to his memory. It was only a few years ago that he submitted to an nois, last Friday. He expects to operation from which few recover. When he came through that, practice law there and the Watchat his age, somehow it inspired the feeling that the Captain was one

destined to be with us always. He is gone, however, and with his passing there is broken another link in the chain of memories that binds the Meeks of the Watch- more highly respected. man to the township in Centre county in which they had a living representative for one hundred and forty-two years.

When John B. Goheen, John I. McCormick, the Keichlines, with his friends. Bill was looking their verdict all the jurymen representation of Juniata. He ing the score 21 to 20 in favor of his fine and was sporting a fierce moustine and repeated in the control of the first National bank of the pale realms where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of tache death" there will be nothing left to us, if we are spared, but memories and hope. Memories of older men who were worthwhile in pox in Unionville, in the Ammer-dicted." their communities and hope that those of our generation will muster man family. their communities and hope that those of our generation will muster danger from the recent cases in the enough courage to keep building on the foundation they helped to Patterson family was over, but evious mend the death penalty as pre-Mills, who survives with six chil
On Friday, March 4, Bellefonte ommend the death penalty as pre-Mills, who survives with six chil-

Capt. Fry was a builder. Through his "Pine Grove Mentions" he kept many in touch with the environment in which they were born sons at a pump they used in comand inspired them with the pride that has made Ferguson township a lasting and beautiful memory for all of her sons and daughters, no matter how far they may be scattered.

THE WORM HAS TURNED.

The worm has turned and we are not surprised. The new Democratic Congress that has done more in two months to push through constructive legislation than its Republican predecessor was able to do in three years has grown tired of having President Hoover and his boomers appropriate the credit to his exploitation.

The Democrats kept their pledge to work with their opponents which S. G. Gutelius, Republican, as long as political capital was not made out of the results accomplished. So much has been done in the short time our party has been in control of Congress that the entire country has been heartened. General execration of Washington has ceased and a discouraged people are again looking with hope to the fountain of our government.

No sooner had the tide of public opinion shown indications of a turn than Republican spell-binders took to the stump and the microphone to proclaim the wonders the President is performing. But for a Democratic Congress that was willing to forego partisan political political confidence of the slough in which it has tics in order to help the country out of the slough in which it has been floundering Mr. Hoover would have been as impotent as he has been for the three years he has held the Presidency. Utterly lacking in constructive suggestion and devoid of tactical skill to handle a Senate and Congress of his own party the Great Engineer had lost his bearings entirely and the country was on the verge of disgust with him.

Then came a Democratic majority in the House and a John

FOR CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce the name of Floyd G. Hoenstine, of Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pa., as a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for Congressman from the Twenty-third District composed of Blair, Centre and Clearfield counties, subject to the rules governing the Republican party at the primary April 26, 1932.

Garner with tact enough to mold it into a cohesive force that has put through legislation that promises relief and inspires hope. It is not legislation of Republican origin, either. Most of it has been adaptations of war time enactments under the guidance of President Wilson or proposals originating almost wholly in the minds of House will hold a "Washington" social in Democrats.

No effort was being put forward to claim credit for it for the night, February 29. Democratic party. There had been an agreement that politics There will be appropriate music should be taboo-until the country was headed toward recovery, and a talk on "George Washington" The results have been so notable, however, that those who have been by Rev. Wm. H. Thompson, pastor searching vainly for something that might help keep the President in of the Presbyterian church. Anoththe White House have seized upon it as a drowning man clutches er feature of the program will be at a straw. Forgetting their promise to the Democrats they started a great ballyhoo for Hoover, who they say is the man of the hour. The man who, when all the great financiers and captains of industry were running around in circles, finally pointed the way out.

That was too much for the Democrats in Congress. They had of the board of director: Mrs. Paul expected their political opponents to keep faith with them. tainly they had no thought that their unselfish actions were to be bella S. Hill, Mrs. Walter McCorturned to restore the waning prestige of a presidential failure.

From now on Congress can be relied upon to do just as well as it has since December 7, last, but it will see to it that President Hoover does not get credit for something he hasn't done.

The worm has turned and it had good reasons for so doing.

China must have had one eye at least partly open.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of March 3, 1882

-Prof. J. A. Weaver is conduct- psychopathic ward. ing a musical convention at Pine Grove Mills.

hung in the belfry of the Methodist church at Pine Grove Mills.

-J. E. Ward, teacher of the Kepler school in Ferguson township, has been off duty for some time because of sore eyes.

-It is said that when the Belletion they will furnish employment that Malone made him mad. for 450 men.

basement of the Centre county bank on April 1st. -Philipsburg celebrated Washing-

ton's birthday anniversary by watching a parade of the Reliance Hose Co., which turned out, full strength, headed by a band. -Benjamin F. Hunter, of Benner township, celebrated his fiftieth birth- the Beaver county jail.

says he is now just at the proper age to represent the county in the Legislature with wisdom begotten of experience as to her needs. -George Taylor, who has been

for Wm P. Duncan & Co.

ness of Cresswell and Miller, at West Moshannon, Clearfield county. He will restock the store and run it un-Geo. W. Rumberger, the popular head clerk of the retiring firm, to remain with him in the same capac-

-Charles Harvey, aged 18, died of typhoid fever on Thursday morning case was given to the jury. very well known in Bellefonte be- long and it took just one hour to years past a well known banker and Nichols netted about 60 of them cause he frequently drove his fath-deliver. After the jury retired and real estate man of Juniata, died at from the hole, and when he stopped,

mer resident of Bellefonte, died in Markland for supper. ruary 21. Mr. McGarvey, in his along with Governor Curtin and a 7 o'clock last evening. lot of others who had grown dis-

man can recommend him to the people of that place for the reason that he is a very competent young man and our town boasted none who are

at Braddock, came to Bellefonte last

H. S. Moore had been chosen jury in building lots and disposed of at tory seemingly in the bag Henwood, Saturday for an over Sunday visit foreman but when called on for good prices. The farm is now a of Philipsburg shot a long goal mak-

dently it wasn't, for recently Mrs. scribed by law." Ammerman met one of the Patterantined in the house with her.

At the recent election in Miles date of electrocution. and Penn townships the contests that caused most interest was that Pittsburgh before 9 o'clock, the for Justice of the Peace. In both cases men running for a third term were defeated. In Miles W. J. Carlin defeated W. H. Corman and in Penn P. H. Stover defeated Jacob Millheim had a three DIPHTHERIA FATAL Emerick. cornered fight for Chief Burgess in

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

REPUBLICAN

COUNTY CHAIRMAN

FOR CONGRESS.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD WASHINGTON SOCIAL

The Woman's Club of Bellefonte the Presbyterian chapel on Monday

formal reception into the club of the many new members lately elect-

A brief business session will precede the social hour. The members Cer- McGarvey, Mrs. Ebon Bower, Isamick, Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, Anne W. Keichline, Helen A. Wiliams, Mrs. Harry Witter, Mrs. Stewart Brouse, and Mrs. William Emerick will be hostesses.

The exercises will start at eight \$700. o'clock and all old members are -Every day the Japs are getting new evidence that sleeping earnestly requested to be present to well Ward, et al, tract in Ferguson the ensuing year and other importgreet the new ones.

COLLINS CONVICTED OF MURDERING BETTY HICKOK

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3.)

In 1909 he claimed to have had his skull fractured with a beer bot--Last Saturday a new bell was tle and has been knocked unconscious eight times since, five times outside the penitentiary and three times after entering it.

He admitted that after going to the Hickok home he had an argument with Henry Malone, the colorfonte nail works are ready for opera- ed cook in the house, and claimed He also said he believes in spirits and -William Mills, the barber, will that they act as a hoodoo on him, move his shop into the room in the his legs getting stiff and his tongue becoming tied when they plague him. They had been after him for a week before the murder and added: "There's one after me right now say- manhood. ing I'm the dirtiest deuce that ever got on the witness stand." He said they first started after him while in

of the Hickok girl on them.

CASE WENT TO JURY AT 5:35 basis of his plea.

the fiendish character of the crime and that Collins was perfectly ra- of Pine Grove Mills; Otto Hender- Justice of the Peace Tressel. Pleadtional when he did the deed.

possible in the present case, that of murder in the first degree or acquittal on the grounds of insanity. It was just 5:35 o'clock when the

er's milk wagon over his route here. before they started consideration of his home in that place on Tuesday estimated that more than a hundred -Edward McGarvey Esq., a for- the case they were taken to The afternoon. He had not been in remained there.

Collins was taken to the jail, un- He was a son of Henry and PHILIPSBURG WINS SECOND active days, was a great politician.

First a Whig, then a Republican, he

a cell where he was given supper at Pine Grove Mills on July 7th,

_J. H. Wetzel left Bellefonte for the court directed that a panel be of his birth but in 1885 he went to son. It was a hard fight to lose Foreston, Stephenson county, Illi- called to try the Heaton homicide Altoona and entered the service of because our boys led the way up to case so that it will be ready to go the Pennsylvania railroad company. within a minute of the final whistle. to trial early this, Friday, morning. Some years later he gave up his At the end of the half the score VERDICT GUILTY

and the prisoner was brought into now a part of Juniata. Later he mounting to 20 to 19, but with Belle--William Dilion, P. R. R., agent court handcuffed to Corp. White. purchased a farm which he laid out fonte still leading. Then with vic-

It was thought all When asked what penalty should One June 13th, 1892, he married Whippo 4, Caldwell 3 and Emerick

They left here for the trip to sonic fraternity. same officers accompanying the Sher- (Friday) afternoon, at the First the outstanding social function of iff as were with him when they Methodist church, by Rev. M. S. Q. the Washington Day celebration in brought him in.

of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Confer, of was janitor, died in the Centre coun-Coleville, died on Monday night as ty hospital, Wednesday night. Inthe result of an attack of diphtheria, terment will be made from the Wetzfollowing a brief illness. In addi- ler funeral parlors, in Milesburg, tion to the parents a number of Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. brothers and sisters survive. Owing to the contagious nature of the dis- FREDERICK RASMUSSEN ease burial was made on Tuesday afternoon in the Meyers cemetery.

terest for his young hearers because pitals. of his thorough familiarity with Prior to going abroad he was among those who entertained in celthat far country.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Odie C. Spicer, et ux, to A. Naomi Poorman, tract in Ferguson Twp.;

Catherine Armor, et al, to Alice M. Spicer, tract in Bellefonte; \$40. James N. Raymond to Michael C. Delaney, tract in Potter Twp.; \$1. Edgar G. Kustenbauder, et ux, to Mary Cole Heverly, tract in Benner Twp.; \$1.

Bowes, et ux, tract in Liberty Twp.;

Twp.; \$1.

derson, of State College, dropped dead of a heart attack, last Friday afternoon. He had been an invalid times to be transferred from the for some years but that afternoon was put in jail last Saturday afterhad gone along with Fred Carner noon, charged with illegal fishing. out to the latter's corn field for a Hockenberry was apprehended by few shocks of corn, just for the Lincoln Lender, fish warden, of Bellride in Mr. Garner's truck. They wood. In his bag a gig was found, had loaded the fodder and started as well as three trout and three home when two shocks fell off. suckers . Fines and costs amounted Henderson volunteered to reload to \$75.50 which Hockenberry was un-

stantly. He was a son of James and Mar- were evidently dynamiting fish near garet Henderson and was born in the old Rock mill on Spring creek. Clearfield county 77 years ago. He saw three men standing in the When he was a lad about fourteen water scooping up dead fish as they years of age the family moved to floated down stream. Two of the Centre county and located in Buf- men were apprehended by warden falo Run valley, where he grew to Nichols, but the third got away.

on the truck and stooped down to

married Miss Rachel E. Hunter, a lege, happened about 7 o'clock in the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin morning. Both men were water-F. Hunter, and they at once engaged soaked from their illegal fishing op-Recalled Dr. Wholey stated that in farming. For a number of years erations. The third man, who ran Collins had told him about the they occupied the Hunter home- into the woods. spirits but didn't blame the murder stead where Mrs. Hunter passed away about twenty years ago. men had a total of 210 fish, mostly Shortly thereafter Mr. Henderson suckers, thrown on the bank, where Philip Johnston made the plea to and children moved to State College. they were rapidly dying. The fish Carl Furst, of State College. He and their catch were brought to Walter E. Meek, formerly with District attorney Love talked only also leaves one brother and three Bellefonte and lodged in the Centre sisters, Mrs. Clayton Heckman, of county jail until Monday afternoon Bellefonte, R. D.; Mrs. Emma Reed, when they were arraigned before son, of Williamsport, and Mrs. Wil-

liam Lose, of Chicago. Funeral services were held at his morning, by Rev. Edward Jones, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

good health for some months.

His mother was a sister of the late the High school basket ball team of While waiting for the jury to re- Judge David L. Krebs, of Clearfield. that place downed the Bellefonte turn a verdict in the Collins case His early life was spent at the place quintet for the second time this seajob with the railroad company and stood Bellefonte 12, Philipsburg 10. The jury reached a verdict at 7:55. embarked in the grocery and real All through the second the contest At 8 the jury filed into the box estate business at Blair Furnace, was most exciting, with the score -There is a new case of small- ison: "We find him guilty as in- Juniata and served as vice president

dren, Mrs. Orlando Taylor, of War- will play Mt. Union, the game being Immediately thereafter Judge riorsmark; Mrs. George Hynick and their last one of the season. mon and now she is down with the Fleming imposed sentence and Sher- Mrs. Nellie Cherry, of Altoona; disease. She is a widow, but has a iff Boob at once prepared to take James R. Meek, of Sinking valley; son and a daughter, who are quar- Collins back to Pittsburgh for safe R. S., of Kansas City, Mo,. and Edkeeping until the Governor sets the gar M., of Greenwood. He was a

> Funeral services will be held this Mellott, burial to be made in Rose this locality.

Hill cemetery. -William Cox, aged 81, and for

professor of dairy husbandry at also be the guest of honor at an Students of the Bellefonte State College, died at his home in High school were very much enter- Harrisburg, on Sunday, as the re- Mrs. Smith, at her apartment on tained and highly interested in a talk sult of a heart attack. He was 56 on Russia of today that was given years old and a native of Hald, Denin the auditorium last Friday morn- mark. He came to the United ing by E. C. Ramsey, news corres- States in 1899 and in 1905 graduatpondent for American and European ed in dairy husbandry at the Iowa given at her home on east High feature syndicates. His story of State University. He served with the United States of Soviet Russia the American expeditionary force was founded on personal observa- during the World war directing the tions and had a most compelling in- establishment of dairies at base hos-

things as they are there today. His professor of dairy husbandry at ebration of Washington Day, having training as a news gatherer enabled State College. In 1919 Governor given a "500" party Tuesday evehim to bring out the human inter- Sproul appointed him State Secre- ning, at which three tables were in est side of the unique experiment in tary of Agriculture and at the end play. government that is being made in of his term he became secretary of Eighty of their friends were guests the International Association of Ice of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Peters, of Cream Manufacturers, a position he Milesburg, at a Washington birthhad filled ever since. It was while day costume party, given at their he was Secretary of Agriculture home in that place. Cards, dancing that he organized the State farm and a huge birthday cake, with elabshow which has grown to be an im- orate decorations, were the features portant annual meeting.

It was in 1919, while yet at State College, that he married Miss Faith Elliott, an instructor at the College, isters of Centre county, accompawho survives with six children.

Henry N. Hoy, et ux, to Mary Cole Pennsylvania dental society will noon, pastor M. H. Crawford and Heverly, tract in Benner Twp.; \$1. hold it's annual two day's conven- wife being the entertaining host and Alice M. Council, et al, to Harmon tion in Altoona next Monday and hostess. While these meetings are Tuesday. The district is composed entirely informal, with no set pro-Warren S. Ward, et ux, to J. Max- Centre. Officers will be elected for up for discussion because of the

HENDERSON .- Robert M. Hen- ILLEGAL FISHERMEN

PAY STIFF PENALTIES Arthur Hockenberry, of Sunnyside

them and had put one shock back able to pay.

get the other when he dropped to Early Sunday morning game warthe ground and expired almost in- den John Nichols, of Lemont, fell on a trio of State College men who

The arrest of the pair, John Re-Upwards of fifty years ago he sides and Harry Meek, of State Col-

> When the arrest was made, the ing guilty, they were fined \$100 each, and \$7.40 costs, and were given ten

days' time in which to settle in full. Game Warden Thomas Mosier and Assistant Warden Nicholas visited the scene of the dynamiting later Sunday morning and found a hole MEEK .- David H. Meek, native of blown in the creek bottom literally The Judge's charge was unusually Centre county and for a number of filled with more dead fish. Warden

VICTORY OVER B. H. S. At Philipsburg last Friday night

For Bellefonte points were scored and director for a number of years, as follows: Rossman 6, Ulrich 5,

SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The bridge dinner of sixty-nine member of the I. O. O. F. and Ma- covers given at the Nittany country club, at which members, their wives and friends were the guests, was

A novelty surprise birthday party originated by Mrs. James B. Craig, TO COLEVILLE BOY. many years a familiar figure about was given Mrs. R. L .Capers, Wed-Milford Confer, nine year old son the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A., where he nesday night, at the Capers' home her close friends joined in the mer-

Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson entertained at dinner, Wednesday night, at their home on Half Moon hill, in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Sue DIED AT HARRISBURG. Dawson Copley, who was married last week to J. H. Copley, of Hun-Frederick Rasmussen, a former tingdon, W. Va. Mrs. Copley will evening party, given by her sister, north Thomas street.

Mrs. Mark W. Williams was hostess for a three table bridge party, Mallory, Mrs. H. M. Murtorff and Miss Mildred Wetzel, were the prize

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Billett were

of the evening.

----The Methodist Episcopal minnied by their wives, held their regular monthly meeting at the parson--The Seventh district, Central age in Milesburg, yesterday afterof nine counties, one of which is gram, vital questions always come