

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

The J. H. Detwiler vs. Musser E. Coldren case has been appealed to the Supreme court.

Lot E. Bechtel, of Lewisburg, is the State milk control officer for the 5th district, which includes Centre county.

There were 50,742 cases of measles in Pennsylvania during 1931. Chicken pox was second with 29,107 cases and scarlet fever third, with 20,252 cases.

Dr. E. W. Runkle has been given a leave of absence from the Pennsylvania State College in which to complete the history he has been writing of the institution.

We regret to learn that W. H. Gardner is very seriously ill at his home at Mackeyville. He contracted flu last week and it has affected his heart in such a way that much alarm is felt lest he might not survive the attack.

Distribution of trout by the State hatcheries has begun. Most of the streams of the State are in fine condition to receive them as the waters are high enough to furnish forage as well as protection from their natural enemies.

Edward J. Thompson Esq., of Phillipsburg, has been selected to head the Democratic victory fund drive in Centre, Clearfield, Cameron, Clinton, Lycoming, Potter and Tioga counties. The quota set for the district is \$5000, with Centre county's apportionment \$500.

Members of the Bellefonte lodge, I. O. O. F., were entertained at a leap year party, in their lodge rooms last Thursday evening, by the members of Crystal Springs Lodge of Rebeekahs. About one hundred were present. Cards were in play and prizes won by Willis Wion and B. D. Tate. Refreshments were served.

The fire companies were called out, early Sunday morning, by a fire on the roof of the Charles Baney home, down near "Red Roost." The fire originated from sparks from a burning flue. Several holes were burned in the roof and a small amount of damage done on the second floor. The flames were extinguished with chemicals.

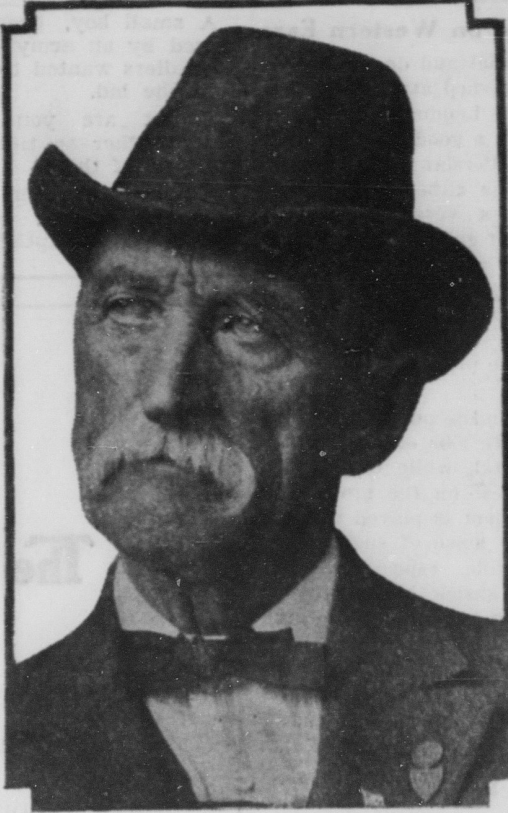
Diphtheria has been prevalent at Coleville for some time but only one death has resulted in consequence of it; that of Milford Confer, who died Monday night. At first it was thought that Mrs. Estella Stover's death had been caused by the disease, but diagnosis showed that such was not the case. There are two cases in the village now.

After several years of study it has been discovered that young turkeys can be raised in confinement like young chicks with better results than from the old fashioned practice of letting them roam at will. Experiments have proved that 85 to 90% of the hatch can be raised to maturity under the new method as against 30 to 70% under the old.

Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church, has accepted an invitation from the Masonic lodge of Centre Hall to deliver his address, "Washington, the Mason," at their Washington celebration on Monday evening, March 21st. Rev. Jacobs gave his address before the Bellefonte lodge, last week, and those who were fortunate enough to hear it acclaimed it a masterful effort.

The Bellefonte Academy basketball team has been going like a house afire this season. Up to date they have won six games out of nine played, and have defeated three teams that were their conquerors in the return games. Last Wednesday night they vanquished the strong Lock Haven team by the score of 42-22. This (Friday) night at 8.30, in the old armory, the Academy will play the junior College School of Commerce, of Altoona. It will be a most interesting game, as the visitors are a classy aggregation. Admission, 25 cents.

Frank Knox, of the Chicago Daily News, has taken up the cudgel of President Hoover in an effort to pull the hoarded money out of old socks, tin cans and discarded petticoats, and has telegraphed W. Fred Reynolds to lend his aid in starting action in the Bellefonte Board of Trade. In the first place the local Board of Trade, of which Charles R. Beatty is president, has no money to bear the expense of a campaign of any kind of publicity. In the second place it is hardly likely there is enough money in all the old socks in Centre county to justify a campaign, and in the third and final place the interest advocated by President Hoover, 1 1/2 per cent., is not enticing enough to make anybody turn handsprings in their eagerness to help the President out of the hole he was partially responsible for getting into, so it is likely that if there is any money being hoarded by Centre countians anything the Board of Trade might do would not bring it from under cover. And that's that.



CAPT. WILLIAM H. FRY

FRY.—Up at Pine Grove Mills, in Ferguson township, the sun set at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon for one of the best known men in Centre county; a man who probably befriended more people during his life than any other man in the county. He lived to a ripe old age, well onto eighty-nine years, and his going was as peaceful as his life was thrilling. The man was Capt. William H. Fry, veteran of the Civil war, patriotic G. A. R. man, retired veterinarian and venerable newspaper correspondent for his community for most of the county papers. His death was the result of a general breakdown of a once strong and rugged constitution, and he was conscious up until several hours before he entered upon his last peaceful sleep.

Capt. Fry was a son of Conrad and Mary Ann Kustenbauder Fry and was born on the family homestead, in Ferguson township, on July 18th, 1843, making his age 88 years, 7 months and 3 days. He was educated at the Pine Grove Mills academy and as a young man taught school during the winter seasons and worked on the homestead farm in summer. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted as a private in Company E, 45th Pennsylvania volunteers. At the battle of South Mountain a Confederate bullet shattered his skull and he was left lying on the field as a fatality. Twenty-four hours later he was discovered alive and was at once rushed to an emergency hospital. His wound was dressed, a silver plate put in to replace the splintered skull bone and he recovered. He was honorably discharged at Baltimore on April 24th, 1863, and returning home resumed teaching, for several years being in charge of the grammar school at Pine Grove Mills. He later took up the study of veterinary science and in due time was licensed to practice that profession. At the death of his parents he took over the homestead farm, near Pine Grove Mills, and that is where he made his home for many years.

Possessed of an inordinate amount of vitality Capt. Fry was not content with farming and doctoring horses, cattle and dogs, but literally "had his fingers in the pie" of every public movement in his section of the county in which he could see anything beneficial to few or many. The spirit of selfishness never entered into any of his acts. He never counted the benefit to himself but the good it might do for others. As one means of self expression he started his "Pine Grove Mentions" for the Watchman. That was many years ago and few weeks there have been since that the paper did not carry his always breezy and familiar column. Beguiled by the interest in his column attracted in the Watchman he wrote for other county papers and for a few years corresponded for Altoona papers.

It was really while in service during the Civil war that he wrote his first correspondence for the Watchman. After he came home he continued writing for the paper occasionally, but it was not until some years later that he became a regular contributor to these columns. Capt. Fry's correspondence was unusual in that it always had real news value and never lent itself to broadcasting mere community gossip.

He was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church, served as trustee, secretary of the church council and also secretary of the Sunday school. He was one of the most enthusiastic G. A. R. men in Centre county. He was a member of the J. O. Campbell post, No. 272, and filled most of the offices during the time it was an active organization. He was a member of the Centre County Veteran Club and its adjutant for many years. He was a member and for many years an officer in Pennsylvania lodge, No. 276, I. O. O. F. He was the oldest Odd Fellow in Centre county, within eight months of 60 years. He was also an honorary member of the Past Trade association. He was a charter member of old Company B,

Fifth regiment, N. G. P., and served one enlistment. He was affiliated with the Grange and at one time was a member of the Heptasophs, Jr. O. U. A. M. and P. O. S. of A. In politics he was a true blue Democrat without "isms" of any kind or character. He filled various township offices and on one or more occasions was a candidate for county honors but lost out either at the primaries or the election. All in all, he was a man among men, with a standing attained by very few.

Mr. Fry was twice married, first to Miss Sallie Larimer, on September 12th, 1865. To them were born seven children. Following the death of his first wife, on December 25th, 1883, he married her sister, Miss Rebecca C. Larimer. Three children were the result of this union. The second Mrs. Fry died about fifteen years ago but surviving the Captain are the following children: Mrs. Charles M. Dale, of State College; Mrs. J. F. Kimpfort, of Boalsburg; Conrad M. Fry, of Altoona; Mrs. W. K. Goss, of Tyrone; Mrs. Thomas A. Mallory, of Altoona; W. H. Fry, of Tacoma, Wash.; Dr. Hugh L. of Nashville, Tenn.; G. B. McC. Fry, of Rock Springs, and Fred R. Fry, on the old homestead farm. He also leaves one brother, Robert E. Fry, and a sister, Mrs. Polly Ward, both of Bellefonte, and twenty-four grand-children and thirteen great grand-children.

Brief funeral services were held at his late home, at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, and continued in the Presbyterian church, with Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick in charge. He was assisted by Revs. J. S. English and Samuel R. Brown, burial being made in the new cemetery at Pine Grove Mills. Six of his grandsons acted as pallbearers. As might have been expected the funeral was very largely attended. Men from all parts of the county were there and the church was so full that many could not obtain admittance. The cortege to the cemetery was headed by a firing squad of State College cadets, a squad from the American Legion and a large delegation of Odd Fellows, representatives from most of the lodges in the county being among them. The services at the grave were brief and closed with a salute of three volleys and "Taps," sounded by Maj. Thompson, band master at The Pennsylvania State College.

KRIDER.—Mrs. Marion L. Krider, wife of Donald Krider, died at her home at State College, at 9.15 o'clock on Monday morning, following a long illness with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of Clarence E. and Anna V. Weston and was born in Tyrone on Jan. 18th, 1891, hence was 41 years old. She was a graduate of the Curwensville High school and took a post graduate course at the Tyrone High. In 1917 she married Donald Krider, at Wilkesburg, and most of their married life had been spent at State College. She is survived by her husband, her father and two sisters, Mrs. Edward Banker, in Florida, and Mrs. Imogene Reems, of Bloomsburg.

Funeral services were held at her late home at State College, yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Eastlawn cemetery, Tyrone.

SIMMONS.—Two brothers, natives of Centre county, died suddenly and unexpectedly last Friday. They were Edward and James R. Simmons, sons of George and Maria Simmons. Edward, the first to go, dropped dead of a heart attack on the street at Patton, his home town, at noon, while James died at his home in Chester Hill, near Phillipsburg, at 9.30 o'clock in the evening, also of a heart attack.

Edward was born at Julian 62 years ago. He is survived by his wife and four children.

James was born near Beech Creek and was in his 72nd year. In 1886 he married Miss Catherine Poorman, of Bellefonte, who survives with five children. Two brothers survive.

GATES.—Miss Ella Alberta Gates passed away at 4.50 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Mary Kane, at Roopsburg, following an illness of more than eight years.

On the morning of January 31st, 1924, she was found unconscious on the floor of the living room in her apartment in Crider's Exchange. She was clad in her night clothing, and how she happened to be stricken at that spot has never been revealed. For two weeks her life hung in the balance then signs of recovery became apparent. She received treatment in the Centre County hospital for fourteen months and recovered, physically, to a partial extent, but never mentally. In April, 1925, she was taken to the home of Mrs. Kane where she received the best of care and attention at all times. The physical break came last October and since then she had been confined to her bed.

A daughter of David and Mary Solt Gates she was born at Colerain Forge, in Spruce Creek valley, on April 1st, 1870, hence was not quite 62 years of age. When a child two years old her parents moved to Loveville where she grew to womanhood. About thirty-five years ago she came to Bellefonte to make her home with her brother, Charles L. Gates and family, and later learned the trade of a seamstress, which she followed until stricken by illness. She was a member of the Lutheran church from girlhood, and for some years was a member of the Lutheran church choir in Bellefonte and also taught a class in the Sunday school.

She never married but is survived by three brothers and three sisters, namely: Charles L. Gates, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Robert Kustaborder, of Warriorsmark; Mrs. Hayes Dixon, of Johnstown; Benner G. Gates, of Lewistown; Mrs. Charles Young, of Altoona, and Earl L. Gates, of Denver, Col.

Funeral services were held at the home of her brother, Charles L. Gates, on north Spring street, at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, of the Lutheran church, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

HARLACHER.—Miss Susan Lucetta Harlacher, of State College, passed away at the Centre County hospital at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, following an illness of some weeks with complications.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harlacher and was born at Centre Hall about fifty-eight years ago. When she was a girl her parents moved onto a farm, near Stormstown, and the greater part of her life was spent in that vicinity. For a number of years past she had made her home at State College where she was a member of the Methodist church, the Woman's Home Missionary society, the Epworth Sunday school class and the W. C. T. U. Her only survivor is one sister Mrs. Andrew H. Melville, of Greenwich, Conn.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Elsie McKaig, at State College, after which interment was made in Gray's cemetery, in Halfmoon valley.

BITNER.—Irvin T. Bitner died at the home of his son, Guy O. Bitner, at State College, on February 15th, following an illness of some weeks. He was almost 73 years old and was born at Mill Hall. He lived in DuBois from 1902 to 1926, when his wife died, and since then he had made his home with his son, at State College.

He is also survived by his step-mother and four brothers and a sister. Burial was made in the Branch cemetery last Thursday afternoon.

DECKER.—Mrs. Bessie Decker, wife of Howard Decker, of Northwood, near Tyrone, died quite suddenly, last Saturday, while visiting her nephew, George Dixon, at Bedford, Ohio. Acute indigestion was the cause.

She was a daughter of David and Sarah Ewing and was born at Port Matilda 42 years ago. She is survived by her husband and eight children, all at home; also her mother, five sisters and two brothers, two of the sisters, Mrs. Daniel McMonigal and Mr. Benjamin Fink, living at Port Matilda. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Bald Eagle cemetery.

FRY.—Miss Sarah A. Fry, a native of Centre county, died at a private hospital, in Lock Haven, last Friday afternoon, following an illness of some months with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of Herman F. and Sarah J. Fry and was born near Boalsburg 56 years ago. She went to Lock Haven as a young woman and for the past fifteen years had been in charge of the home of Frank D. O'Reilly. She is survived by two brothers and four sisters, Wilson Fry, living near Lock Haven; Franklin, of Yarnell, Centre county; Mrs. Palmer D. Hetzel, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Walter Cronister, of Tyrone; Mrs. Mollie Yeager and Miss Nora Fry, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, at the home of deceased's sister.

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NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. O. M. Bowersox, of State College, returned, on Tuesday, from a visit with her sister, Mrs. F. T. Cole, at New Brunswick, N. J.

T. King Morris Jr., drove in from Pittsburgh Saturday afternoon, to join those who came back home to Bellefonte for the week-end vacation.

Charles A. Lukenbach, formerly of Bellefonte and for some years located in Detroit, has left that city and is now located in Santa Monica, California.

Miss Annie Shortridge, who was thought to be critically ill within the past ten days, at the Walker home on north Allegheny street, is now slightly better.

Mrs. Harry Greenburg's Sunday guests included her brother, Lewis Levy and Max Iver, of Philadelphia, both of whom were entertained by Mrs. Greenburg, at her home on Howard street.

County Treasurer Robert F. Hunter was in Philadelphia on Tuesday; having gone down to attend a meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Gas Co., voting trust, of which he is one of the three members.

Among Mrs. George M. Gamble's guests during the week, were her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Talbot, of Philippi, W. Va., who were in Bellefonte from Friday until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shields and their two children, were over from Reading, for one of their frequent week-end visits with the children's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shields and Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith.

J. H. Kellerman, of Cresson, made one of his occasional visits home, Monday, coming over to spend the day in Bellefonte with his mother, and sister, Mrs. Kellerman and Mrs. Musser, at the latter's apartment in Petriken hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hickok, Mrs. D. H. Hastings and Mrs. Frank Hall motored here from Harrisburg, on Tuesday, and spent the day at "The Talleyrand." Mr. Hickok came up to look after some business matters and the ladies accompanied him.

Mrs. Ogden E. Malin and her small son Herbert accompanied Mrs. Malin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Meyers, to Spring Lake, N. J., following their week-end visit here with the Malin family. Mrs. Helen Malin Shugert, of Central City, has also been a guest at the Malin home within the week, here for a visit with the children's grandparents.

Accompanying Mrs. George B. Brandon's body, when brought here from Scranton for burial a week ago, were her son and daughter, Robert Patterson and Miss Winifred Brandon, and several close friends of the family. Driving over in the morning they went immediately to the cemetery for the commitment service, had lunch at The Markland then left for the return drive to Scranton.

John H. Beezer, of Punxsutawney, was in Bellefonte visiting relatives and friends from Saturday until Tuesday. He drove over with Harry Tate and Claire Lyle who work with him in the cutting room of the meat packing house at Punxy, and they went back Sunday, while John went up Spring creek to visit his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Bertram and the family. He returned by bus.

R. E. Freeman, a retired P. R. R. official, formerly of Tyrone, was here from Philadelphia for a part of the week, a guest at the Nittany country club, having come up to attend the dinner on the night of the 22nd. Among several groups of friends who were Mr. Freeman's dinner guests during his stay at the club, were Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Scullin, former associates and neighbors in Tyrone.

Fred W. Topelt, of Brooklyn, spent the greater part of the week in Bellefonte, with Mrs. Topelt's mother, Mrs. E. S. Brouse, having come over Thursday for a five day's visit. Mrs. Topelt was unable to accompany him on account of the demands made on her time through her official work in the Eastern Star, she at present being a member of the New York State board and a deputy in the Amaranth branch of the State organization.

Mrs. Violet Barnhart-Morris arrived at her home here Tuesday evening. She was accompanied by Miss Genevieve Todd, of Pittsburgh, who remained over night and then journeyed on to her home in that city. Both women completed their training as nurses in Mt. Sinai hospital, New York city, during the month and are taking a rest period before entering active service. They motored here from New York, having stopped at Hazleton, enroute, for a visit with Mrs. Morris' sister, Mrs. Fred R. Seidel.

Mrs. Mary C. Miller and her son, Walter, drove up from Hagerstown, Md., the early part of last week, bringing with them Mrs. Miller's niece, Mrs. Tom Patterson, of Seattle, who is spending the winter at the Stewart home in Bellefonte, and who had been in Hagerstown for the greater part of the past five weeks. Mrs. Miller and her son made the overnight visit at this time primarily to see the former's brother, Dr. Walter Stewart, here from Wilkes-Barre for ten days while convalescing from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Melville and daughter, Edith Jane, of Greenwich, Conn., were called here Friday by the sudden and fatal illness of Mrs. Melville's sister, Susan Harlacher, of Stormtown and State College, who died Saturday in the Centre County hospital. Mrs. Melville will be remembered as Edith Harlacher, formerly secretary to Dean Louis E. Reber of The Pennsylvania State College and who remained with him when he went to the University of Wisconsin.

It was while there that she met and married Mr. Melville, then associate professor of business administration. He is now in the extension work, commercial research, of Columbia University with Drug Inc., New York. Mrs. Melville is chairman of program of the Woman's Club of Greenwich, which numbers three hundred members. She is the last of the Harlacher family and the death of Susan Harlacher means the end of another Gray family in Half Moon valley where they have been prominent for a century and a half.

CENTRE COUNTY MEN IN HIGHWAY ACCIDENT.

Last Thursday morning W. W. Kerlin, of Centre Hall; Arthur C. Hewitt, Rev. Robert Thena and Herman Hazel, of Bellefonte, started on a motor trip to Phillipsburg to attend the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis club, of that place, as representatives of the Bellefonte club. Mr. Kerlin was driving his own car and, as the luncheon was to be a joint one of the Tyrone and Phillipsburg clubs, he was under the impression it was to be held in Tyrone.

Consequently when he reached the Triangle, instead of turning off to go over the mountain he continued on up Bald Eagle valley. When his attention was called to the fact that the gathering was at Phillipsburg he undertook to make a left hand turn in the road and as he did so he saw coming toward them at full speed a big Studebaker car. He attempted to swing to the right and get out of the way but was too late and the cars crashed head on. Mr. Hewitt was thrown against the windshield and sustained a cut on the head from the broken glass. Mr. Hazel, sitting on the rear seat behind Mr. Kerlin, was thrown over the back of the front seat and landed on top of Kerlin and the steering wheel. He was not injured and neither were Kerlin and Rev. Thena.

The occupants of the Studebaker car, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mullane, of Greensburg, who were enroute to Lock Haven, were not so fortunate, however. Mr. Mullane suffered a fracture of the cheek bone, lacerations and bruises and the loss of several front teeth. Mrs. Mullane sustained a fracture of the right leg, lacerations and bruises. They were both taken to the Altoona hospital for treatment. Both cars were badly damaged.

CENTRE COUNTY BOYS OUT FOR SPORTS AT STATE

Centre county students at the Pennsylvania State College who are out for places on the various athletic teams there are: Wilson R. Shope, Bellefonte, wrestling, 135-pound class. Bernard A. Confer, Madisonburg, wrestling. James M. Campbell, State College, wrestling 155-pound class. Austin W. Eisenman, State College, wrestling, 155-pound class. Peter W. Fletcher, State College, wrestling, 155-pound class. Willard H. Garman, State College, wrestling, 145-pound class. Ralph D. Hetzel, Jr., State College, wrestling, 145-pound class. Paul Krumrine, State College, basketball, forward. John P. Lonebarger, State College, boxing, 145-pound class. Charles D. Oberdorf, State College, boxing, 165-pound class. Robert J. Reese, State College, boxing, 145-pound class. Joseph S. Ramer, Tusseyville, wrestling, 165-pound class.

FATHER MAYNARD TO BE GUEST PREACHER HERE.

Rev. Malcolm dePui Maynard, rector of Grace church, Ridgeway and former rector of Saint John's parish, will be the guest preacher at the Lenten service in Saint John's church this evening at 7.30. Father Gast, rector of the parish, will be in charge of the service which will include several hymns, the litany and devotions preceding the sermon.

Rev. W. C. Thompson was the speaker at the Washington birthday exercises, held at the Bellefonte Academy, on Monday afternoon.

The Bellefonte Academy basketball team went to Hollidaysburg, Tuesday night and defeated the fast "Y" quintet of that place by the close score of 29 to 28.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Long, of Howard, fell on a hot air register in their home last Friday and was burned painfully on the hands and arms before her mother was attracted to her rescue by her screams.

One of the most useful and active organizations among the churches of the Bellefonte group is the young peoples' council, which, since it's organization, has developed into a popular and well-supported meeting, stressing the informational phases of church-wide benevolences and local interests, as well as social and recreational life. The organization is non-denominational.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Knisely were in Wilkesburg for the Washington Day week-end vacation guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Butterworth and Mr. Butterworth at their home in that place.

Dr. G. S. Frank, J. Randall Miller, D. J. Neiman, Lloyd Boob, Fred Mensch and C. E. Musser, a group of Millheim's most representative citizens, were among those who wandered through the streets of Bellefonte, yesterday morning, after having failed to gain admittance to the court room, even though each one of the party was in possession of an admittance card.

Bellefonte Grain Markets. Wheat .48, Corn .41, Oats .31, Rye .42, Barley .42, Buckwheat .32