

The Republican platform is wet, just wet enough to make drys put on rubber boots to stand on it.

No matter what your opinion may be Al Smith seems to be big news wherever he goes and whatever he says.

Former Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court Robert Von Moschzisker, threw a whole hod-ful of verbal brickbats at Governor Pinchot, on Wednesday.

Mr. Warren Van Dyke's fear that National Committeeman Sedgwick Kistler will steal some of his thunder should beget a laugh from those who know Warren.

Mr. Sharkey's flying fists took the heavy weight championship away from Max Schmelling and his flying tongue is likely to chase all the glory of his victory away from him. If it doesn't, Steve Hamas eventually will.

As a matter of fact the Republicans didn't want Hoover any more than they wanted Curtis. They had to nominate Herbert because no one else would take it and they nominated Charley because Dolly Gans has more "it" than Alice Roosevelt Longworth.

Boiling the alcoholic content of the Republican platform down to one-half of one per cent it means that New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and other States that want to be wet may be so, but dry Congressmen from Maine, Kansas and other arid areas will decide just how wet they may be.

The Governor has called the General Assembly of Pennsylvania into another extra session. It is to convene next Monday night to consider a fourteen point program for unemployment relief. The Governor is long on points. All of his programs have so many that the principal one is invariably overlooked.

The next President of the United States will be a Democrat, no matter who is nominated at Chicago next week. This isn't a prediction, it's a foregone conclusion arrived at by the country after its discovery that the Republican party and prosperity are not synonymous and the belief that it would be impossible for a Democrat to make matters worse.

On Monday wheat on the Chicago market made an all time low price record. And this in the face of prospects for a poor crop of spring wheat in this country. The break is generally attributed to the effect of the Federal Farm Board's vast supplies hanging over the market as a threat. It is just another evidence of the futility of attempting to fix prices by legislation.

The Republican National Convention would have been a complete flop had not a Hollywood movie magnate, Louis B. Mayer, taken charge. Delegates and spectators were walking out on the show so fast that there would have been nothing left of it if Mayer hadn't come to the rescue and created an atmosphere in which Senator Moses cavorted like one of "the wild Jackasses" that only a year or so ago he thought to be so contemptible.

Bill Noll, merchant prince of Pleasant Gap, like Geo. W. Ward, of Pittsburgh, predicts that if Roosevelt is nominated Pennsylvania will go Democratic. Bill has been an unusually accurate prognosticator as to the political trend in the south precinct of Spring township and if it should turn out that he knows as much about the State as he does about his home precinct we're right here to say that when Pennsylvania goes Democratic he is prophesying a residence in Danville for us. For when Pennsylvania goes Democratic in a presidential contest we're going "beserk."

Up to the moment we had forgotten to comment on an action taken by the Methodists at their recent quadrennial general conference at Atlantic City that intrigued us at the time. They removed from the marriage vow: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow." The young folks marry, these days, without any thought of "worldly goods." If the groom's or the bride's parents have an automobile, an extra bed and a probable meal ticket venturing on the matrimonial sea is no more to them than going to a movie. So what was the use of tying a hymeneal knot around a bundle of empty promises.

We know little about the controversy that is engaging residents of State College as to the wisdom of extending the borough limits so as to include Lytle's Addition. We do know, however, that, between them, the two communities have been occupying a great deal of the time of the county civil and criminal courts of late. Last Saturday morning we met a court officer on the street. His home is distant from Bellefonte and because it was unusual to see him in town so early in the morning and on the day when court is rarely in session, we stopped to inquire the reason for his presence here. Imagine our surprise when he said: "State College has Taylor township beat all to h— for keeping the Court busy," and, with a "Cyrusian" wink, walked on.

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## MEN WHO GET HELP SHOULD DO SOME WORK AVER BORO. COUNCILMEN

Poor Overseers to be Asked to Cooperate with Council in Putting Men to Work.

Many men are clamoring for work all over the United States and Bellefonte likewise has its quota. Then there are others who are asking assistance of the poor overseers who are not so anxious to find work. If an agreement can be reached between Bellefonte borough council and the overseers of the poor of Bellefonte all able-bodied men who ask for aid will be required to work for it.

The matter was brought up at Monday night's meeting of council by Mr. Jodon, of the West ward, who said he knew a number of men who are getting help from the overseers and who are physically able to do a fair day's work. His suggestion was that as soon as contractor Talbert completes his job of repairing the reservoir it would be a good idea to put some of the men to work fixing up the surroundings and make the place a beauty spot to compare with the pumping station at the spring. He said he had spoken to the poor overseers and they expressed willingness to cooperate but felt that the borough should also pay at least a portion of the support given the men. The matter was finally referred to the Water, Street and Special committees for consultation with the borough solicitor and overseers in an effort to work out a plan of some kind by which the labor of the men can be utilized to advantage.

When council convened secretary Kelly read a communication from the Undine Fire company regarding a bill of expense for covering the windows in the company's building with heavy wire screens to keep the children who use the vacant lot north of the building as a playground from breaking the glass. The bill for the work is \$46.58 and the company wants council to pay it. Referred to the Fire and Police committee.

Secretary Kelly stated that he had written a letter to all the insurance agents in Bellefonte regarding council's desire for a rebate on insurance premiums but so far had received no replies.

The Street committee reported various repairs, the laying of 60 feet of sewer pipe on Thomas street, the start of work on laying the sanitary sewer in Spring creek, and execution of a contract to cover the brick paving between the Penn Belle hotel and Watchman office with tarvia at a cost of \$7.71 a ton. As it is not known how many tons will be required to do the job the total cost is uncertain. The committee is now engaged in filling up the holes in the paving in order to keep the required amount of tarvia as low as possible.

The Water committee reported various minor repairs and the collection of \$637.21 on water taxes and \$11.20 for garage rent.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$523.98 and \$722.24 in the water fund. Authorization was granted for the renewal of old notes totaling \$10,600, and a new borough note for \$1000 to meet current bills. As the date for the next regular meeting of council will be July 4th, when there just naturally won't be a meeting, the treasurer was also authorized to negotiate new notes in both the borough and water departments for such amounts as may be needed to pay bills at that time.

The Finance committee also recommended that the tax millage for 1932 be fixed the same as that for last year, 7 mills for borough, 7 for street and 3 for interest. The recommendation was approved.

In the absence of chairman Cobb, of the Water committee, Mr. Beaver called council's attention to the fact that there should be a retaining wall built along the southern line of the reservoir property to keep the bank from giving way. The matter was referred to the committee with power.

The Town Improvement committee presented the request of Roy Baylets for a permit to build a garage on Beaver street and also stated that a man whose name had not been learned wanted a permit to build a \$3000 house on Halfmoon hill. The committee was authorized to grant the permits if the plans and specifications come up to the requirements of the building code.

Borough bills totaling \$1642.80 and water bills for \$1662.81 were approved for payment after which council adjourned.

If it isn't in the Watchman today it isn't worth reading.

## STATE COLLEGE PEOPLE PROTEST PAVING OF ATHERTON STREET

In court, on Saturday, argument was made on the validity of an ordinance passed recently by the borough council of State College providing for the paving of south Atherton street. The action to set aside the ordinance was instituted by residents of the street in question who thus protest against the expense that will be imposed on every property owner if the ordinance providing for the paving of the street is approved by the court.

The purpose of the proposed improvement is to divert through traffic from the business section of the town. State College people are looking forward to the completion of an entire concrete highway from Pottery Mills to State College and the building of the link connecting the present concrete road from the College to Buffalo Run valley from the latter place across Bald Eagle mountain to the concrete highway in Bald Eagle valley.

This would put the College on a direct highway east and west through the State and would naturally attract considerable through traffic. While the college merchants and business men are anxious to have as much traffic as possible stop in the college town, providing there is any financial profit therefrom, they do not want their main business streets, College avenue and south Allen street, cluttered up with a lot of through traffic that won't mean anything to the town.

The present concrete highway through the Barrens enters State College almost opposite south Atherton street, and what the ordinance proposes is to provide for the paving of that thoroughfare for two or three blocks south, where a connection will then be built with the highway running from Boalsburg to the College. This would divert through traffic from the present route of two blocks east on College avenue and thence south on Allen street to the Boalsburg highway.

In the argument, on Saturday, former Judge James C. Furst represented the citizens opposed to the paving proposition and N. B. Spangler the borough. The court will render a decision in due time.

## NORTH CAROLINA CO. WAS LOW BIDDER ON CENTRE CO. HIGHWAY

At Harrisburg, last Friday, bids were opened for the construction of 8.74 miles of concrete highway on route 307 in Harris and Potter townships, from Boalsburg to Tusseyville, including a reinforced concrete two-span bridge, the low bid having been submitted by the Robert G. Lassiter company, of Raleigh, N. C., \$210,256.

The Highway Department also announced that the contract for the construction of 9.4 miles from Pine Grove Mills to McAlevy's Fort has been awarded to Joseph Ciccone, of Philadelphia, at his bid of \$178,847.

Surveys are now being made for the extension of the concrete road from Matterville across Bald Eagle mountain to near Martha Furnace, a distance of a little over four miles, while the road from State College to Boalsburg will also be rebuilt. As these roads are all scheduled to be built this summer the four jobs ought to furnish work for a number of Centre county laborers.

## POTTER TOWNSHIP BOY DIED OF TETANUS

Linn Thomas Smith, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith, who live near the Old Fort, in Potter township, died at the Centre County hospital early Sunday morning, as the result of tetanus (lockjaw.) About two weeks ago he ran a splinter into one of his fingers, but thought little of it at the time. A few days later the wound became infected and by Friday of last week a decided case of tetanus had developed. He was brought to the Centre County hospital but all efforts to combat the disease proved futile and he died on Sunday morning.

In addition to his parents he is survived by three brothers and one sister, Bruce, Hazel, Philip and Bryce Smith, all at home. Funeral services were held at the Smith home, at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. D. R. Keener, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

Five days of court were consumed last week in hearing testimony in the equity proceeding of residents of State College against the Neidigh Bros., without reaching the end, and the case was continued until June 29th.

## BIG FARM BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE SATURDAY MORNING

Chicken Coop and Wood House Only Structures Saved on Farm of Epley White.

One of the most destructive fires that has occurred in years on a Centre county farm was that at the home of Epley White, two miles south of Bellefonte, at an early hour on Saturday morning. House, barn, some five or six outbuildings, all their contents, and one calf were burned, while the only things saved were the chicken coop which housed over a hundred chickens, the wood house, sewing machine and several chairs from the house. The only redeeming feature is that Mr. White had his buildings and contents fairly well covered by insurance. As his policies were also burned he was unable to give the exact figures but he has policies in the Farmers Mutual, of Centre county, the Sugar Valley and the Anville companies.

Mrs. White was away from home at the time and the only persons in the house were Mr. White and a boy who works for him. The fire originated in a summer kitchen and was doubtless from a defective pipe on the stove. It was discovered shortly after three o'clock in the morning and had already gained such headway that it was impossible to save anything of consequence from the house. Calling Bellefonte firemen for assistance Mr. White and the boy, realizing that the barn was in danger, turned their attention to saving the stock and were able to get every head out and to safety except one calf.

The Logan fire company went out to the White farm but with no water supply they were unable to do much to fight the flames, but with the use of chemicals helped to save the chicken house and chickens. The buildings were all in splendid condition, the barn being one of the best equipped in the county for the dairy business. Mr. White had most of last year's corn crop still on hand and this, with the destruction of all his other stock feed, is a serious loss. While he was unable to give any figures his loss will probably top ten thousand dollars.

## MONSTER TRUCK USED IN HAULING COAL FROM SNOW SHOE TO BELLEFONTE

What is believed to be the largest truck and trailer ever built is now being used to haul coal from the Snow Shoe mines to Bellefonte by the American Lime and Stone company. The truck is the product of the Stewart Motor company, of Buffalo, N. Y., and was built by Lloyd I. Wingert, of DuBois, who was recently awarded the contract to transport the coal for the American Lime and Stone company, which had been hauled during that past year by the Shoemaker Bros., of State College.

The truck and trailer runs on 22 tires and hauls a maximum load of 25 tons. When it is recalled that in the old horse and wagon days a ton of coal was considered an average load for a team some idea of the size of this truck can be gathered from the fact that it hauls twenty-five such loads at one time. It takes in the neighborhood of 20 minutes to dump it out automatically.

## BELLEFONTE ACADEMY WILL REOPEN IN FALL

Headmaster James R. Hughes desires to announce that he fully intends to open the Academy in September and is making every effort to that end. He would appreciate it if day students of Bellefonte and Centre county who attended the Academy last year and desire to return in the fall to complete their work so well begun would make their desires known at once.

There are many other students in the county who have expressed a desire to enter the Academy in the fall. It would be advisable for these students to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Hughes for their entrance as soon as they can conveniently do so. No payments are required until after school opens. There will be some one at the Academy all summer to represent Mr. Hughes in making all necessary arrangements for admission.

The court, last week, appointed Edward J. Thompson and Philip E. Womelsdorf, of Philipsburg, and James R. Reish, of Potter township, viewers to assess the damage accruing to the Gamble estate for the seizure of "The Island" in Spring creek, by Bellefonte borough under the right of eminent domain. The view is to be made and report filed within twenty days.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE SENDS A NEW PASTOR TO BELLEFONTE CHURCH

The annual Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church closed at Williamsport on Monday afternoon with the reading of the appointments by Bishop McDowell. Sixty-two changes were made in the assignment of pastors within the conference, which means that about one in every five or six will have to flit during the next few weeks.

Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, who has so ably filled the pulpit of the Bellefonte church during the past two years, was assigned to Woolrich and Rev. E. R. Heckman was transferred from Carlisle to Bellefonte. Other new appointments in Centre county are as follows: Halfmoon, Burton Bastuscheck; Port Matilda, H. B. Simons; Salona and Lamar, J. P. Hurlburt; Pleasant Gap, R. C. Dershen; State College, Wesley Foundation, G. C. Weimer.

Other changes in which Watchman readers might be interested are the transfer of C. A. Metzger from Pleasant Gap to Conyngham; Rev. Homer C. Knox from Barnsboro to Hazleton, and W. W. Willard from Harrisburg to Mulberry street, Williamsport.

Conference accepted an invitation to meet in First church, Lewisport, in 1933.

At Monday's session of conference Rev. Jacobs presented his resignation as a member of the board of trustees of the conference corporation, having previously presented his resignation as a member of the board of trustees of the Home for Children, at Mechanicsburg. Conference refused to accept the resignations and pastor Jacobs was importuned to delay insistence on acceptance for another year.

## PASTOR JACOBS SAYS A REGRETFUL GOODBYE

Pastor Horace Lincoln Jacobs has conveyed to the writer the fact that he has solid reasons for saying a very regretful goodbye to the people of this community through the Watchman. His contacts with the children, by frequent visits to the schools, his trips to the hospital, and his fellowships with the several churches and their pastors and people will be remembered with gladness. That his stay here and his usefulness in this community have been other than he hoped for and sincerely sought, is his to carry away with a very sure sense of disappointment. He leaves his greetings and wishes for every good, to each and all.

Rev. Jacobs and his household folks are busy packing up and putting everything in readiness for moving out shortly after the noon hour next Tuesday.

A public farewell reception will be given Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs, in the lecture room of the church, Monday evening, to which all of their friends of any denomination are invited.

The new pastor, Rev. Edgar R. Heckman, was in Bellefonte on Wednesday overlooking the parsonage and getting a slant of the work on this charge. He expects to move here with his family on Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

## BUFFALO RUN GIRL VICTIM OF GUNSHOT

Last Friday afternoon two young sons of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Watson, of Benner township, were out at the barn shooting rats with a .22 calibre rifle. Firing of the sport they went to the house and put the gun down on the back porch. The gun fell over, was discharged and the bullet, after going through a window, struck Eleanor L. Hull in the side and entered the abdomen. A hastily summoned physician sent the girl to the Centre County hospital where she is under treatment. Her condition is not considered critical.

The child is twelve years old and a daughter of Edward and Cora Hull, who formerly lived on Reynolds avenue, Bellefonte. Her mother died some four years ago and for several years she has made her home with the Watson family.

While at work for contractor Talbert at the Bellefonte reservoir, Monday morning, Edmund Thompson lost his balance while wheeling a wheelbarrow load of wet concrete up an incline, tumbled to the ground, below, a distance of eight feet, with the wheelbarrow and concrete following after. He was taken to the Centre County hospital where a diagnosis showed four fractured ribs and a number of bruises and contusions. Up to this time it has not been determined whether he was injured internally or not.

## SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE

Milk is said to be selling at 5 cts. a quart on the streets of Selingsgrove. The low price offered farmers by the dealers caused the cut. Rather than accept the offered price a number of farmers started peddling their own production. A year ago the price was 11 cts. a quart.

Ninety persons took the civil service examination at Sunbury, on Saturday, for positions at the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg. At the same time seventy-three persons were taking similar examinations at Lewisburg. The positions are storekeeper and receiving clerk.

The Orphans' court of Philadelphia county has awarded to Wilson College, Chambersburg, the trust fund created under the will of Dr. William Curran, Presbyterian churchman and physician, who died more than 50 years ago. The fund now yields about \$50,000 a year, and four colleges have been contesting for it.

Due to the advance in postage rates from 2 to 3 cents, the Scranton Springbrook Water company has decided to make its own delivery of monthly bills rather than send them through the mails. The company sends out more than 50,000 statements each month and figures it can make deliveries at a lower cost than the new postage rate will entail.

Orval Seas, 27, of Bloomsburg, admitted last Friday, police said, that he burglarized nineteen places in Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties within the last three months. He was arrested a week ago and was held for questioning. In most of the places he broke open safes with a chisel and sledge-hammer. The most he obtained from one place was \$250 from a store in Benton.

Mrs. Flo Skinner, of Lewistown, has brought action against a New York Life Insurance company to recover \$54,000 on a life insurance policy carried by her late husband, Orville Skinner. The defendant company claims Skinner committed suicide, but witnesses say they saw an unidentified man running through the yard just after hearing shots. Ballistic experts say the fatal bullet did not come from a gun in Skinner's possession.

Injuries suffered a month ago when he was struck by an automobile near Tyrone and carried 110 miles, then to be abandoned proved fatal to William Knodel, 57, Birmingham, who died early on Monday morning at the Brookville hospital. A charge of involuntary manslaughter has been lodged against Bryant N. Williams, Philadelphia Negro, confessed driver of the fatal car and abductor of the aged man, who is under \$1000 bail to appear in the Blair county court when wanted.

An explosion which blew the boiler of a locomotive from its chassis and wrecked the engine, killed an engineer and fireman of the Baltimore and Ohio's fast passenger train, the Capitol Limited occurred Monday near Pittsburgh. The explosion tore up several rods of track and sent the engine, a twisted mass, on its side. The train, which was bumped along for more than 500 yards before they halted. They were not wrecked and none of the eighty-four passengers were injured.

A dog who fought for two days to protect his master won the latter's freedom. John McShane, 33, was arrested in Pittsburgh for being drunk. His Spitz dog forced the arresting patrolman to get reinforcements to make the arrest. Then the dog fought the lieutenant who ordered him to jail. So much barking and growling was done the dog was put in the cell with McShane. At the arraignment before Magistrate Leo Rothenburg, Saturday, McShane was sentenced to five days in jail but when officers sought to lead him away the canine jumped again into the fray. After he'd snarled at everybody who approached the magistrate and police decided such loyalty should be rewarded and the sentence was rescinded.

Mary Wydra, unmarried, worker in a Kulpmont cigar factory, was winner of a \$35,000 verdict against attorney Donald M. Johnson, of Scranton, formerly of Lewisburg, and son of Federal Judge Albert W. Johnson, in Northumberland county court, the result of an automobile accident in Bloomsburg, on the afternoon of September 27, 1930. The verdict was taken by agreement of counsel and direction of the court. The defendant, it is understood, carried heavy accident liability insurance. The accident occurred on Main street, Bloomsburg, while Miss Wydra was riding in the car of John Havack, of Kulpmont, driven by Walter Kusma, of the same place. They were proceeding toward Danville and in making a left turn Kusma gave the customary signal it was contended.

Convicted of stealing seven chickens, Melvin M. Schlossman, of Columbia, Lancaster county, is under sentence to pay a fine of \$1000, the costs in the case and serve four to eight years in the eastern penitentiary. Court attaches said the severity of the sentence was without precedent in recent years. Schlossman was convicted by a jury which did not leave the box after district attorney Paul A. Mueller produced a confession signed by the defendant. Attorney Marshall Cohen, counsel for Schlossman, sought to introduce testimony to show his client was without work and owed a board bill at the time of the chicken theft, but Judge Atlee refused to admit the testimony. "Some of you fellows will soon know enough to leave your hands off other people's chickens," Judge Benjamin C. Atlee commented in passing sentence.

J. Clarence Thoman was sentenced to serve eighteen years in the Columbia county jail and pay \$6000 fine after he pleaded guilty to six charges of intimidating Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Magee, at a session of court at Bloomsburg, Monday night. An alleged confession of seven pages was read into the record and the only witnesses were the Magees and policemen. Thoman, a telegrapher of Beaver Springs, was alleged to have demanded \$15,000 from Magee, a carpet manufacturer, in threatening letters, directing that the money be dropped from an airplane near his hideaway. A package containing two \$20 bills which had been soaked in silver nitrate was dropped last week. The nitrate stained Thoman's hands black, police said, and he confessed to the Magee plot and four others when tracked down from a filling station where he passed one of the bills.