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## WAS A. B. KIMPORT NOMINATED?

For Prothonotary by the Republicans at their Primaries

## BOARDS FAIL TO COUNT VOTE

A Recount Should be Made in Some Districts—Due to Misunderstanding and Bad Advice—A Voter's Choice Should be Respected.

One thing happened at the recent primaries in this county that needs correction. A number of election boards, and especially those in the North Ward of Bellefonte, and State College were informed, failed to tabulate the vote as they found it, and report same to the county commissioners as clearly directed by the act. We refer to the vote cast for Prothonotary where A. B. Kimport received the endorsement of a number of republicans. In spite of the following explicit direction on the head of the ballot:

"If you desire to vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write or paste his name in the blank space provided for that purpose."

Certain politicians advised the election boards that a democrat could not vote for a republican, or a republican for a democrat. The law gives no such limitation, but allows you to vote for anyone you wish, and indicates the method of doing it. We are surprised that election boards would be misled by such advice from anyone. Election boards have practically only clerical duties to perform, among which is to return the vote as they find it was cast and not as they may wish, think or were advised by politicians, as was done.

In a number of places republicans endorsed Arthur Kimport, as their choice for Prothonotary, but the boards threw the vote aside, and took no account of it. If there were over 30 such votes thrown out in the county, it would place him in position to demand that his name be placed on the Republican county ticket this year.

It is the duty of election boards who failed to count such votes cast for Mr. Kimport, or any other candidate, to take steps at once to have those returns rectified.

It is not our purpose to attribute improper motives to election boards, but we think if an error was made the same should be corrected. If Mr. Kimport is entitled to the Republican nomination for Prothonotary he should have it.

This point deserves attention so as to avoid similar annoyances and incorrect returns in the future.

The vote returned to the county commissioners office for Prothonotary, on the republican ticket stood: Hayes Schenck 54, Ambrose Sletoman 35, A. B. Kimport 24—which is 20 less than Schenck and 14 short of Sletoman. It is claimed that over a dozen votes for Kimport were cast aside in North Ward Bellefonte, and State College and similar reports come from other places. For information as to the duty of election boards we quote the following from the new act:

"Upon the closing of the polls at such primary election, the election officers shall \* \* \* and then count the vote cast for the different persons named upon said party ballots; and when said count is finally completed they shall certify in due and proper form to the number of votes cast for EACH PERSON upon the respective party ballots."

By what authority these election boards made no count of such votes for Mr. Kimport is past understanding.

In all districts where, by mistake, or otherwise, such votes were not counted the county commissioners or Mr. Kimport should be acquainted with the fact at once.

## Mrs. Mingle Injured.

Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mingle in company with a couple of other ladies, were coming down east High street, in their automobile, and when in front of the Garman House an axle broke, letting the machine to the ground very suddenly. The result was that Mrs. Mingle, who was sitting in front, was thrown over the front of the automobile, on her face. At first it was thought that she had been fatally injured, but fortunately a careful examination showed that while her injuries were painful they were not of a character to cause alarm. Her face was so badly cut and bruised that for several days she was compelled to take nourishment through a tube being unable to open her mouth. She also was bruised about the hands and shoulders. She has been getting along nicely and in a short time will be able to be about as usual. If the machine had been going at a high speed there might have been a sadder story to record. The axles are ball-bearing and the supposition is that one of the balls became flattened and the continual wearing had a tendency of cutting the axle so thin that it finally broke.

## A New Book.

"A Missioner's Reminiscences," by Rev. R. Crittenden, Bellefonte, forty-two years serving the American Sunday School union in Northern Central Pennsylvania, 1864-1907, is the title of a new book soon to be published. In the introduction General James A. Beaver says: "Missioner Crittenden's work came under my observation nearly forty years ago. It would be difficult, in the few words I write, to convey any adequate conception of the spiritual destitution of many localities in which he has labored. If there be satisfaction in service and joy in sacrifice for the welfare of others, the man, whose personal experience is herein recorded, should have his cup full and overflowing of joy and satisfaction."

With all its puffing and blowing a locomotive has to take water.

## ORPHANAGE NEWS.

On Friday Messrs. Tobin, Orr and Hoffman, of the Tyrone boro council, came to consult with the members of Bellefonte council in reference to the Pruner Orphanage. They inspected the property at this place and interviewed some of our people. We are informed that a committee will be appointed by our council to go to Tyrone later and take up the matter with them. The public will be interested in noting who will be appointed and by whom. All that the citizens of this place demand in this matter will be a "square deal," no monkey business or trickery on the part of the "interested" councilmen.

It is no exaggeration that 75 per cent of our people want this institution established, and if our councilmen falter they can not prevent the wishes of Col. Pruner being carried out, for back of a town council stands the strong arm of the Orphan's Court of Centre county that can be invoked in behalf of the homeless and friendless children of this section—which will see to it that charity faileth not, even though public officials do. The councilman who offends against these little ones, will have to bear the stigma that will follow his shortcomings.

It will be the policy of this paper to follow carefully the actions of our council, and the course of each individual member in this matter so that this community may know what has been done. We contend that there is but one consistent course to pursue. The provisions of the will have by ordinance been accepted. It now simply remains the duty of our people to HONESTLY join with Tyrone, and put the Orphanage in operation. The funds are ready, the amount is ample to make a trial; after an honest effort has been made, and the project is not practical, then it is in place to talk of abandoning it.

When that time comes, it will only be an admission that our councilmen do not want to perform a duty to humanity, and then other parties will petition the court to appoint other trustees who will command the confidence of our community. If the reputation or integrity of any member of Bellefonte's town council should suffer, by an attempt to destroy a \$60,000 bequest to this community, he alone is to blame for his course.

## A Vivid Imagination.

Walter Fry, who clerks in Meese's grocery store, Bellefonte, has been telling his friends about the narrow escape he had in Nittany Mountains the other day which sounds as if Walter had a fanciful dream. It seems that Will Conley sent the young man across the mountains to the home of John Conley, near Centre Hall, to get a horse. He gave him a dollar, but after paying his rail-roads he had forty-five cents left, so Mr. Conley thought it unnecessary to send a bill with him. With the dollar Conley still fresh in his mind young Fry concluded not to go empty-handed so he provided himself with a Colt's revolver and a pocket-full of cartridges. The reader can imagine the thoughts of the young hero as he rode over the mountains. With every rustle of the leaves came a thrill that pierced his very heart. His eyes glanced in all directions and by the time he got to the watering trough his imagination had become so vivid that he really thought he saw a man come out of the dense mountain foliage and grab his horse. In a twinkling of an eye Walter fired three shots at his ghostly assailant after which it disappeared and the young man, surviving the trying ordeal, brought the horse safely to Bellefonte.

## A Gracious Act.

The man in Bellefonte who is not merciful to the brute creation is not fit to enjoy the good things of life, and we are glad that there are some persons in the town who have the nerve to speak their convictions when they see the law of human kindness violated. Friday afternoon a team of horses, hitched to a heavy load of lumber, was going up the road leading to Halfmoon Hill. They finally stalled because of the heaviness of the load. Instead of throwing some of the lumber off the thick-headed driver undertook to make the poor animals do what was an impossibility, and the consequence was that they were shamefully treated and abused. An eye witness to this brutality was Miss Carrie Harper who served notice on the driver that if he didn't stop his fiendishness she would have him arrested. With a contemptuous laugh he applied the lash again. Then Miss Harper, still more determined, gave her combatant just so many minutes to unhitch or he would be before a justice. Realizing that in cases of that kind a woman means business he unhitched and disappeared. Miss Harper is deserving of much credit for the part she took in relieving the distress and oppression of brutes that were unable to release themselves from the hand of a tyrant.

## A Sensible Law.

Governor Stuart has approved a bill to permit children who reside two or more miles by public road from the nearest school house in their own district to attend any more convenient school in any other district without the consent of the directors of either district, and making the district where they reside liable for the cost of tuition to the district where they attend. The new law will end the frequent controversies between school boards over the question.

## Williams Reunion.

The annual Williams Reunion, of Centre County, will be held in Miles's Grove, at Martha Furnace, Saturday September the 7th 1907.

The officers elected for this year are as follows: Presidents, A. S. Williams; Vice pres., Abednego Williams; Secretary, Walter H. Williams; Corresponding Sec'y R. R. Hartsock; Treasurers, G. G. Pink.

## The Bass Season.

The open season for bass, salmon, perch, pike and sunfish will open next Saturday, and then the fellows who didn't get any trout will have an innig.

When a man loses his head he must shoulder the responsibility.

## STATE PENSIONS VETOED BY GOV.

Declares State's Revenues to be Insufficient for the Measure

## OLD VETS. ARE DISAPPOINTED

Had Hopes of Securing Aid from their State—Declares the Bill is Crudely Framed—Our Charitable Institutions would Suffer in Consequence

Governor Stuart on Tuesday vetoed the bill pensioning soldiers of the Civil War who served in Pennsylvania regiments and now residents of the State. The chief reasons for vetoing the bill are that it is crude in form and bears evidence of having been passed without mature deliberation and if it were to become a law it would be necessary to reduce the appropriations to the State's public and private charities.

## NOT LIKE MAINE LAW.

The Governor States that although it was asserted on the floor of the Senate that the bill was under consideration it followed the lines of the pension law of Maine, yet a comparison of the measure with the Maine law demonstrates that the measure omitted many features of the pension law in that State.

## WHAT THE BILL PROVIDED.

The bill appropriated \$5,224,375 for the payment of the proposed pensions of the five quarters, payable on the first days of April, July and October, 1908, and of January and April, 1909. The schedule of pension allowance was as follows: For soldiers who served less than one year, \$5 a month; for those who served more than one year and less than two, \$7.50; for men who served more than two years \$10.

The bill originated in the Senate where it was introduced by Senator Cochran, democrat, of Lycoming Co., and was passed in that body upon the assurance of the author, Mr. Cochran, of Lycoming, that it would require only 2,000,000 a year to pay the proposed pensions. The house raised the appropriation to nearly \$6,000,000. The Governor in vetoing this bill says in conclusion:

"Approval of the bill would pledge the State to pay the specific sums therein set forth and an appropriation adequate to pay only one-third of the amount granted by the express terms of the bill would be neither fair to the beneficiaries nor creditable to the State.

"I yield to no man in my gratitude, admiration and loyalty to those who so valiantly served the nation in its hour of need; but the appropriation already made by the Legislature exceed the revenues of the State my many millions, and will not permit me to approve this bill without reducing, even more materially than I have already been obliged to do, the appropriations to the educational institutions; to the hospitals for the sick and injured, poor consumptives and the indigent insane; and to the various charitable institutions of the State; which appropriations, long before the pension bill was even introduced, I promised the people of Pennsylvania would be made as liberally as the revenues of the State would permit. For these reasons the bill is not approved."

## State College Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Pennsylvania State College this week was perhaps the most successful in its history. Never was there such a large number of visitors present, representing so many prominent families throughout the State. It thoroughly demonstrated that this institution was gaining in prominence, and is fast approaching the day when it will be recognized as one of our great universities. One of the most perceptible things connected with this week's exercises was the attendance of so many pretty and attractive young ladies who added lustre to the many social functions of the week. The baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning by Dr. Ball of Scranton, and the commencement address on Wednesday morning by Dr. Merrill Gates, of Washington, D. C. were both masterly and scholarly discourses and no doubt, will be productive of great good. The other exercises of the week were of a high character and in accordance with the regulations of the best colleges of the land. General Beaver the acting president, and Dr. Welsh, the vice president presided at the commencement exercises and had a general supervision of the festivities of the week.

## Huntingdon Presbytery.

At the adjourned meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery held in the First Presbyterian church of Tyrone Monday afternoon, twenty-six ministers and ten elders were present. The deaths of Rev. R. G. Williams on June 5, and Rev. D. Freeman D. D. on June 10 were announced.

From the proceedings we note the following: W. P. VanTries and J. M. Glenn were examined in the various subjects required and were licensed. Licentiates W. P. VanTries and W. P. Benedict were then ordained with prayer and the laying on of the hands of Presbytery. Dr. Laurie preached the sermon. Rev. W. P. VanTries was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Newark.

Rev. VanTries is a son of Dr. VanTries of Bellefonte, and has a bright future before him based upon his superior qualifications. Presbytery adjourned to meet September 9 at Burnham.

## Another War Scare.

The past few days the papers have been filled with rumors of trouble with Japan and the danger of war, all on account of some difficulties with a few Japanese in California. President announces that all this excitement is from unreliable information. He assures the public that there is no danger of a conflict.

The real thing—A trout fisherman.

## DUNKERS IN CENTRE CO.

These people, the Dunkers, also called the German Baptists, were quite numerous in the earlier day, in this county. They were mostly settled in Pennsylvally, and other sections on this side counted them among its citizens. They were sturdy farmers industrious, of strictest integrity and faithful to the teachings of that church. Honesty, not from policy, was a characteristic of these people, because it was a tenet of Godliness, and the teachings of the Savior was the main creed in their religion.

The Dunkers, once rather numerous in this county, have dwindled in numbers, from removals, deaths and many of their sons and daughters straying into other churches and intermarrying with members of other Christian denominations. As a result their love feasts, public baptism in the streams, and meetings, in this county, are things of the past. They had no meeting house, like their brethren in Union county, who held their love feasts and other gatherings in a spacious meeting house this side of Millflinburg, in which the attendance was large from Brethman and Sisters of far and near, as well as from persons outside of the Dunkers church. In Centre county their gatherings were usually held in barns, and their dippings, or baptisms, in Elk creek at Millheim, on a Sabbath.

The prominent Dunker leaders in this county were Levi Luckenbach, a preacher, living at Aaronsburg; also Isaac Segner, living in the same town; in Penn and Haines were these active members, Mr. Bishop Aaron Martin, George Lose and Mr. Miller, while in Spring township there was Joseph Stover, and others in Nittanyvalley, whose names we can not recall. Some of the sons of the Rev. Luckenbach fell away from the Dunkers and joined other churches. Our worthy citizen, Abraham Luckenbach, is at present an active member of the Bellefonte Reformed church, and several other sons have also gone to other denominations. The same is true with some of the children of Rev. Levi Segner. A son of Mr. Shadow is now a minister in the Lutheran church, likewise was a son of Joe Stover. Thens of Mr. Lose well known here have drifted from the Dunker church.

In Union county the Dunkers are still numerous, also in Millin county, and all along the Juniata and in Bedford and Somerset, Lancaster, York, Berks and other eastern counties, have membership sufficient to keep up an organization, with annual love feasts, baptisms in the streams of living waters, and worship. Just at this time in Lancaster, the Dunkers have a large assembly going, as will be seen from the account as follows:

"Twelve hundred people sat to the table at the annual love feast of the Dunkers at the Cross Roads church near Florida. Bishop Aaron Martin had charge of the religious services which were participated in by the Revs. J. R. Rug, of Des Moines, Ia; Abraham N. Engle, Dayton, O.; Evangelist Noah Zooke, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Jesse Engle, a missionary.

All the above Dunker patriarchs named, (with whom the writer enjoyed a personal acquaintance,) have come to their reward on the other shore, Rev. Luckenbach was the last, having departed this life only a few years ago.

## A Monster Trout.

The Penfield Press tells the following: When George R. Woodward lived at Ridgeway there also lived in the same town a big trout. The latter made his home at the town bridge and disdainfully refused all bait offered him. He had got so big that he could swim from his hiding place any time and swallow a few dozen smaller fish, enough to last him a week. But he had a foe, implacable, terrible and resourceful on his track when Mr. Woodward decided to shadow him, and here is how the monster of the pool came to his doom. His pursuer took a live mouse and hooked it in the neck. Then carefully concealing him self, he let the kicking rodent down on the water. Scarcely had the bait touched the surface and made one kick, when there was a mighty rush and splash and the mouse vanished. But the line and hook held and the big fish was caught and it took thirty-two inches along the yardstick to equal his length.

## Mind Unbalanced.

Many residents of Bellefonte will remember Herbert Long, at one time a mixologist at the Brockerhoff House. He was handsome in appearance and socially a number one fellow. In speaking of him a Sunbury paper says: Becoming mentally unbalanced the other evening, Herbert Long, of this city, wandered down Woodlawn avenue, a short distance from Third street, and in his delirium he imagined he was in his bed room, removing his clothes and sleeping the remainder of the night on the wet ground and with no protection from the raw wind or the chilling rain. He was found there unconscious at five o'clock the next morning by Officer Morton and taken to the lock-up in a precarious condition. Fortunately the weather had moderated somewhat or he would doubtless have been frozen to death.

## Drowns Trying to Land Fish.

Edwin aged 14, son of Charles Rose, machinist at the Lawrence Cement Works, Siegfried, was drowned in a struggle with a five-pound carp, at dusk Monday evening. Young Rose was sitting on the breast of Indian Creek dam, fishing when he felt a smart tug at his line. In the excitement of landing his fish he arose to his feet. The dam was slippery, and as the fish gave a jerk, lost his footing falling into the deep water below. A dozen boys endeavored, by poking sticks to him, to rescue him, but as none of them could swim, he drowned before their eyes.

## A Good Record.

The State College baseball team made its last trip last week defeating Delaware College on Tuesday by the score of 8 to 1; losing to Princeton on Wednesday by the score of 3 to 1 and defeating Lafayette on Thursday 3 to 0, making twenty victories so far to but three defeats.

## GOV. STUART SIGNS MANY BILLS

Some of the Important Measures Recently Approved

## SCHOOLTEACHERS SALARY BILL

Salaries have been Largely Increased—Important New Dog Law Requires Every Cur to Wear a Tag or be shot—Other Bills Signed

Among the bills signed by Governor Stuart on Friday were these: Fixing the salary of township treasurers at a sum equal to five per cent, of taxes collected and one per cent, of other moneys collected; amending the road law of 1826 to provide that the width of a public road shall not exceed eighty feet, regulating the costs and fees in relation to the arrest and conviction of incorrigible and delinquent children; providing for the appointment of a clerk for the director of farmers' institutes and the manner of appointment of clerks and other employees in the Agricultural department; amending the act authorizing the formation of partnership associations in which the capital subscribed shall alone be responsible for the debts of the association; amending the act relating to the taxing of joint stock associations to make more clear the standing of the whole body of stockholders, empowering the courts to vacate an unused road on any division line between townships; providing for the licensing and regulation of foreign companies engaged in the sale in Pennsylvania of their own stocks, etc.; regulating the insurance companies and providing that office agents shall pay a fee of \$100.

## THE NEW TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The minimum salary act for common school teachers took effect the first of June, 1907 and is of interest to Centre county teachers. The following is a synopsis of the act:

The president and secretary of the school districts shall certify under oath to the state superintendent of public instruction, on blanks prepared by him, the number of teachers, with the salary paid to each in 1906 and also to the number of teachers with the salary paid to each and the number of months in the school term for the year of 1907.

The total amount payable to all the school districts in the state on account of the increase of teachers' salaries as provided for in this act shall first be deducted from the total annual school appropriation and the balance of said appropriations shall be appropriated and distributed among the several districts as provided for under existing laws. The state superintendent of public instruction shall, at the usual time of paying the regular appropriation pay to those districts, from the annual school appropriation, an excess equal to the difference between the salaries of 1906 and the minimum salaries prescribed by this act.

The new act provides a minimum of fifty dollars per month in all cases where the teacher holds a professional, permanent or normal school certificate and has had two years practice and presents a certificate of proficiency in said practice, for said time, from the superintendent in charge of said teacher.

The minimum salary shall be forty dollars for all teachers holding certificates of less grade.

## THE NEW DOG LAW.

The new tax law, requires every dog to carry his tax receipt on his neck band in the shape of a small brass or copper tag furnished by the tax collector when the tax is paid, or in default of such receipt, the dog is to be killed, and ought to overcome the present farce of having a few dollars of the dog tax returned from districts where dogs roam about in scores or hundreds. The Johnstown Tribune thinks such a tax as this will not be a burden to the owner of a valuable dog, and will be gladly paid. The law will, moreover, make some one responsible for every dog at large—or else will dispose of the dog. Altogether, it is likely to reduce the number of dogs in the state and raise the quality of those that remain. And it ought appreciably cut down the number of hydrophobia scores.

## MUST SIGN 400 BILLS.

Gov. Stuart has about 400 bills yet in his hands, left him by the legislature. The most of them are appropriation bills and from indications the Governor is going to swing the veto axe vigorously on some of them.

## After Harriman.

President Roosevelt and Attorney General Bonapart have decided that the evidence in the government's possession is sufficient to start prosecution of E. H. Harriman and his associates for violation of the anti-trust laws.

The proceedings against Harriman will be based on violation of the law in connection with the Chicago and Alton deal, Union and Southern Pacific transactions and perhaps in connection with the Southern Pacific-San Pedro traffic agreement.

## Epworth League.

To-day and to-morrow the people of Bellefonte are signally blessed by having in their midst a band of christian workers who have come to attend the sixteenth annual convention of the Epworth League of the Altoona district of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference. The district is large and every train is bringing in delegates, and it is expected when they all arrive it will be one of the largest conventions held in years. The meetings will be held in the Methodist church.

There are sermons in stones which may explain why even the ministers are out for the rocks.

Graft and the world grafts with you.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

Even the rounder wants a square deal. Evil spirits are usually bought for \$1.50 a gallon.

It's easier to acquire a poor wife than a good cook.

Many a silver wedding is celebrated in a silver-plated way.

Making love in an automobile depends a good bit on the sparkler.

Give some men bread today and they will expect pie tomorrow.

A man and his trousers are both apt to be pressed by the tailor.

A girl's first love affair is apt to develop into an epidemic.

The poor old summer girl is wondering if she will ever get a show.

A man's idea of a close friend is one who will loosen up occasionally.

Some people are not satisfied to tell the truth—they want to stretch it.

Just because a man means well it doesn't signify he is a man of means.

Many a scion of wealth who is good for a million is really good for nothing.

Politeness is gradually becoming confined to the people who want to borrow money.

The people who preach that honesty is the best policy have evidently tried both ways.

One time when the world is willing to take a man at his word is when you discover you have made a mistake.

A man who just died in Switzerland never drank, smoked, took medicine or kissed a woman. The last 80 years or so of his life must have been pretty dull.

## A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Tuesday morning William P. Humes was on his way from Philadelphia to Bellefonte when he met Bishop John H. Vincent on the train, who had been in Williamsport Monday evening officiating at a brilliant wedding. Mr. Humes, who has a strong affinity for the men who wear the clerical robe, invited the distinguished divine to his home in Bellefonte. The generous invitation was accepted because he knew that he would receive princely treatment at the hands of the ex-banker. Tuesday morning Mr. Humes arranged an outing for the bishop by taking him to State College Commencement. Horton S. Ray did the elegant by getting out his handsome Buick and placing it at the disposal of Mr. Humes and his guest. The party was composed of the Bishop, Mr. Humes, Rev. James B. Stein and Mr. Ray, who skillfully handled the machine. If these gentlemen had known Mr. Ray's past record as an automobilist they would have applied to Harry Fenlon for an accident policy, but this was one of the occasions where ignorance was bliss. On their return they stopped at the residence of Wm. Thompson, Jr., at Centre Furnace, to see Mrs. Peter Beaver, mother of Mrs. Thompson, and an old friend of Bishop Vincent, and after returning to Bellefonte called upon Mrs. Catharine Humes, who is a cousin of the Bishop. The ride was thoroughly enjoyed by the gentlemen and Bishop Vincent was highly delighted with State College and its pleasant environments. It will be remembered that several years ago Bishop Vincent presided at the Methodist Conference of Central Pennsylvania, which was held here. He left here Tuesday afternoon for Indianapolis to fill an appointment Wednesday evening.

## ACADEMY RECEPTION.

One of the magnificent social events in Bellefonte was the Academy reception which took place Friday. For beauty and grandeur it surpassed all like occasions. The electrical illuminations around the top of the building, together with the beautiful Japanese lantern effect on the campus added lustre to the same. The rooms in the large building were tastefully decorated with ferns and evergreens, and presented a delightful appearance. There were many out of town visitors also present. The reception committee consisted of the following ladies: Mrs. J. R. Hughes, Mrs. C. S. Hughes, Miss Jennie Harper, Miss Mary Crider, Miss Overton and Miss Orvis.

After the reception the annual Assembly took place at the Armory. Nearly one hundred and fifty couples danced to music of the orchestra, the music being furnished by Messrs. Stopper and Fisk, of Williamsport.

The work accomplished by this school during the last three years has been wonderful. The present number of boarders being nearly double that of last year. The high standard of the Bellefonte Academy is attested by the many students who come here from many states, West Virginia, having eleven, Ohio one, Delaware one and New York one. There are many who will enter college next year. The examinations of the students this week was very satisfactory, and revealed the fact that this was the most successful year in the history of the institution.

## Big Bank Barn Burned.

A disastrous fire occurred at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning of last week in the east end of Nittany valley. The large barn owned by John Snyder, was discovered burning fiercely. Neighbors on the adjoining farms ran to the Snyder farm and assisted but all efforts to save the barn or live stock were futile and the result was that 3 horses, 2 colts, 13 shoats and 2 calves were roasted alive. An other old family horse managed to get out into the barnyard in some manner but was so badly burned that it had to be killed. Aside from the loss of live stock all of last season's crop of wheat hay, oats and considerable corn was burned. The loss was about \$3,500, with some insurance. It is believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary. During the last five years there have been five farms burned in that locality, all of which had a mysterious origin.