

BELLEFONTE AND VICINITY

THE LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Derstine, of Tyrone, spent Sunday with friends in Bellefonte.

—Col. Reynolds placed an order with Geo. Beizer this week for a new Studebaker 25.

—Mrs. Marilla Dawson departed on Tuesday for Philadelphia to spend some time with relatives.

—R. W. Alexander, of Unionville, was a caller at his office on Tuesday while in Bellefonte on business.

—Mrs. W. D. Zerby and Mrs. Chaney Hecken entertained at the home of Mrs. Zerby on Tuesday evening.

—Miss Margaret McFarlane, night nurse at the Bellefonte hospital, spent Sunday at her home in Lock Haven.

—Oscar Yeager, who is superintending a lot of masonry for the American Lime and Stone company operation near Tyrone, spent Sunday with his folk in Bellefonte.

—There will be a half hour meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. in the Y. M. C. A. building Monday evening, February 3rd, promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

—Hon. C. L. Gramley was in Bellefonte on Monday en route from his home in Rebersburg, where he had spent Sunday, to Harrisburg to resume his legislative duties.

—Miss Grace Miller, of Milton, left for her home on Saturday, after spending a week at the United Evangelical parsonage in this place, as the guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Weaver.

—Miss Helen Robb has accepted a position with the Potter-Hoy Hardware Co., as saleslady in the retail department. A lady clerk in this line of business is out of the ordinary.

—Miss Sallie Guisewite, of Aaronsburg, was a guest of friends in Bellefonte last week from Thursday until Saturday, leaving then for Altoona where she will visit for an indefinite time.

—Charles Stover has been "setting up the pop" since Saturday, and telling the boys what he is going to make of the young man who arrived at his home on Valentine street. It's a fine big boy, don-cher-know.

—Miss Cora Withers, of Pittsburg, spent several days in Bellefonte recently, in Rebersburg, where she is the mother, Mrs. Thomas Shawley, of Curtin, who underwent an operation in the Bellefonte hospital.

—A burning fire at the residence of Mrs. Catherine Kline, on west Curtin street, caused a general fire alarm to be sent in on Thursday morning of last week. The fire, which was caused by an accident to a lamp, resulted in the incipient conflagration.

—Samuel Solt, wife and child, of Williamsport, visited friends in Bellefonte last week, returning to their home on Sunday. "Sammy" is holding down a good job at present, and his letter to every reader of this notice is cordially invited to join us in these services.

—Mrs. Eliza Ammerman reached her seventieth birthday last Friday and the event was made a joyous one for her by a little family reunion made possible by the home-coming of two sons, William Ammerman, of Mt. Carmel, and Austin Ammerman, of State College. Together with John at home the boys made it a day of enjoyment for the aged mother.

—Three Bellefonte youths of tender years, yet old enough to know better, were taken to the penitentiary on Friday. The boys gave him a metal check in payment for ten cents worth of goods, but were later apprehended, when they confessed to their wrong-doing. It made good the amount boys remember where such acts lead to.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McClure came down from their home at Renovo on Saturday and spent Sunday with their respective parents. They were accompanied to Renovo on Monday by the McClure's father, Veteran Herman Miller, who will spend a month in visiting with them and with another daughter residing at Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. McClure were very welcome guests in Bellefonte and their many friends were glad to see them.

—Prof. James R. Hughes took his Academy basketball team to Pittsburg last Friday for two stiff games, one of which was played on Friday evening with University of Pitt, and the other on Saturday evening with the Westinghouse Club of Wilkes-Barre. The score of 35-22 in the first game and 39-21 in the latter is a rattling good testimonial to the playing ability of Academy's "five" this season, and although defeated in both games the local boys made splendid records.

—Those who were absent from the Presbyterian chapel on Tuesday evening missed a rare treat in the subject was taken on a pleasure trip through the great national park, and it was with a feeling of regret that the journey had to end. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Men's Bible Class.

—Dr. Weston, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., announces a specially interesting meeting in Petrikin Hall next Sunday afternoon at 7:30, to be addressed by one of the world's most famous author-preachers. It will be none other than Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," and other religious works that have received wide circulation. Rev. Sheldon recently completed a world tour and is now giving lectures. By rare good fortune Dr. Weston was able to get in touch with him and persuade him to stop in Bellefonte over the Sabbath. There will be no admission fee charged for Sunday's meeting, and the expectation is that the hall will be crowded, so early. Those who desire to have seats reserved can secure same up until 10 o'clock Saturday night by calling at the Y. M. C. A. There will also be an abundance of good music on this occasion.

—Big "Mike," a foreigner, who while a patient at the Bellefonte hospital for several weeks past, kept all hands busy preventing him from lifting the roof from the building, was sufficiently "cured" to leave the institution on Tuesday and return to his home. Mike, although a giant in size, is said to possess a very peaceable disposition under ordinary circumstances, but after prolonged tussles with booze, his sunny disposition was harassed by snakes and toads. Under these circumstances, Mike had been a patient for almost three weeks, part of the time requiring constant watching by several strong men to keep him in bed. He is said to be one of the boarding house keepers at the railroad construction job recently completed near Howard. His entrance to the hospital was of his own volition, and made at a time when he felt that heroic treatment would soon be needed.

—Mrs. Charles Luchenbach departed on Saturday for Detroit, Mich., to join her husband who is employed in a banking house.

—Fred Dugli, of Altoona, has leased the room in the Alken block, soon to be vacated by J. Finklestine, and will open a fruit and confectionery store.

—Among those from out of town who attended the funeral of William Barley's daughter on Monday were: Mrs. Harry Switzer and daughter, of Mill Hall; Mrs. Cyrus Watson, of Unionville, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lanning and two daughters, of Milesburg.

—Miss Elsie Rankin, who has been assisting her father, W. B. Rankin, in his insurance office, will go to Philadelphia in about a month to enter the Presbyterian hospital training school for nurses. Her position in Bellefonte will be taken by her brother John.

—The Young Ladies' Bible class of the United Brethren church will hold a sale of bread, rolls, cakes, pies, cream and candy, on Saturday afternoon evening, Feb. 1st, in the parlors of the parsonage. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

—This week the home of James Toner on Water street, next to the Harry Irvin house, was quarantined for smallpox, as one of his children took ill with the ailment. Samuel Wasson took ill this week, and his home on Logan street also was quarantined. The delivery of the college of Verona were also quarantined.

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—Edward Rine, of Tyrone, one of the Adams Express Company's trusted employes, spent Wednesday in Bellefonte.

—Ambrose Sleteman, traveling salesman for the Hayes Run Fire Brick Company, was in Bellefonte Tuesday on his way to Pleasant Gap to visit relatives.

—The Ladies' Aid Society, of the Lutheran church will hold a fair in the W. C. T. U. Room, February 21st and 22nd. All kinds of aprons, fancy work, home made candies, pies and cakes will be sold.

—Henry Fox, recently bereaved by the loss of his wife, has broken up housekeeping and on Saturday disposed of his household effects at public sale. He is now in Bellefonte, Milford county, visiting his daughter, with whom he will probably make his future home.

—This week Sigmund Joseph placed his order with Geo. Beizer for a new car, and the delivery of the new modern equipment. For some time he had his mind made up to have a car of his own, and when the spring season opens he will be in shape to tour the country in good style.

—Kechline's garage has several new Ford '1911 model cars in stock and anticipates the delivery of another this spring season. The car has a new body and quite a number of improvements over former make. The body has more graceful lines, and there is not so much exposed brass to keep polished.

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FIRE PROTECTIVE MEETING.

Few people realize how tremendous are the losses caused by forest fires, and those of us who are not owners of timberland should not forget that the market value of a single acre of timber is one-fifth of the loss to the timber land owner himself, while four-fifths is a direct loss to the community affected in the way of depreciation of property, higher cost of wood and loss of labor.

The opportunity is knocking at your door. Landowners, now is your chance to secure forest fire protection. At our meeting Saturday, Feb. 1st, in the Court House, Bellefonte, at 1 p. m., we have a chance to present our claims directly to a representative of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Much work has been done to get this association under way and let us now grasp the opportunity by the forelock. Let us all arouse our patriotic spirit and join hands in this worthy cause. We need your help now and if you respond you will have initiated a work that will mean much to yourselves and to the community at large. Messrs. S. B. Elliott and J. Linn Harris, of the State Forester's office, will be present at the meeting, to which all citizens are invited. J. M. HOFFMAN.

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—SWEELY.—A. F. Sweeley died Friday morning at his farm home in Dunstable township, Clinton county, of brights disease, aged 62 years, 9 months. He is survived by his wife and 12 children. Mr. Sweeley was reared in Nittany valley and engaged in farming all his life, cultivating farms near Salona and Mackeyville until last spring when he moved on to the Grafius Stewart farm in Dunstable where he died.

—KALIN.—Samuel W. Kalin, a prominent business man of Lock Haven, died on Tuesday evening, of a complication of ailments resulting from typhoid fever with which he had been stricken last August. Deceased was a native of Russia and was aged about 55 years. About a year ago he went to State College to study in a clothing store which he conducted for five years. Mrs. Morris Horwitz, of State College, is a surviving sister.

—HESS.—John B. Hess, postmaster of DuBois, Pa., took ill last Friday of acute dilation of the heart and died at his home in DuBois on Saturday. He was a son of Adam Hess, and was born at Boalsburg, Centre county, 49 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Ida Williams Hess, two sons, Frank and Harvey, and one daughter, Mary, the following brothers and sisters: William Hess, of near Pittsburg; Harry Hess and Mrs. Charles Segner, of Boalsburg. Interment at DuBois, Tuesday afternoon.

—MCCNITT.—David Sterrett McNitt, one of Milford county's most prominent business men, and a brother of J. McNitt, of Centre county, died in the Lewistown hospital on Saturday the result of injuries received in an accident. On Wednesday previous to his death he was caught in a cable chain used to move cars at the National Lime Stone quarries, and was thrown from the hospital. Mr. McNitt was 43 years old. He was a bank director and manufacturer, and had extensive lumber interests. A widow and four children survive.

—BARLET.—Following an operation in the Bellefonte hospital for appendicitis, Rebie, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Barlet, died on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. As mentioned in last week's issue, the child had been seriously ill for several days and her removal to the hospital was made on Sunday with the hope that an operation would lead to recovery. However, the disease had progressed beyond human aid, and peritonitis developed, resulting in her death. Rebie Barlet was born at Coleville June 12, 1905, and was thus in her eighth year. She was the fourth child of her parents. Her father, Harry, and mother, Gladys, the funeral services were held at her late home in Coleville on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. W. Wilney, of the United Brethren church. Interment was made in the Union cemetery. Four of deceased's girl friends acted as pall-bearers, as follows: Carrie Temple, Russie Cole, Blanche Minnemyer and Alice Crawford.

—HOFFER.—After a period of invalidity extending over the past twenty-three years, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Hoffer, widow of the late John Hoffer, died at the Hayes apartments in the Bush House on Wednesday evening of last week. Deceased was a daughter of Dr. David Pruner and was born at the old Pruner homestead on Pine street and had lived until the 25th inst. would have been seventy-three years old. She was one of a family of eight children. Five sons and three daughters, and is the last one to pass away. Forty-seven years ago she was united in marriage to John Hoffer who died in 1885. Mrs. Hoffer continued her life at the old homestead until the death of her brother, the late Col. E. J. Pruner, when she went to make her home with her only daughter, Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes, who is her only survivor. A number of years ago she became a member of the Presbyterian church and was active in its work. Funeral services were held from a funeral home in the city of its doctrines. Funeral services were held from the Bush House at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, and interment made in the Union cemetery.

—WOLF.—Henry W. Wolf, son of Henry and Catharine Wolf, nee Noll, was born in Bethel township, Berks county, Pa., Jan. 21, 1832. When six years of age his parents moved to Centre county where he lived the remainder of his days. He was one of a family of nine children, all of whom have departed this life except one brother, David, who resides in Wisconsin, and three sisters: Mrs. Amos Fohl, of Smullin; Mrs. Thomas Fohl, of Nittany; and Mrs. Henry Zeigler, of Bellefonte, Pa. In 1862 he was united in marriage to Amanda Wolf. To this union were born six children, five sons and one daughter as follows: George, of Wis.; Daniel, of Ill.; William, of Pa.; John, of Pa.; and Cal., Mrs. Clair Gramley, of Smullin; and William, whose residence is unknown. Mr. Wolf was a member of St. Peter's Reformed church of Rebersburg, all his lifetime. He was an industrious and highly respected citizen. His sickness was only of two weeks duration during which time he was an intense sufferer, but bore all his misery with christian fortitude until Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1913, when death released him. Funeral services were held the following Saturday, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. G. A. Stauffer. Interment was made in the Union cemetery, of Rebersburg. The services were largely attended by relatives and friends. His age was 80 years, 11 months and 24 days.

—Correction in Obituary Notice. In a previous notice of the death of Samuel Ertel and wife, of Georesville, last week a mistake was made in mentioning Mrs. Ertel's maiden name. It should have read Miss Mary A. Minnieh, whose union with Mr. Ertel took place in 1867. The funeral services and a sad couple were largely attended, and services were in charge of Revs. Barry, Price and Haney.

—A resolution has been submitted to the state senate for the submission to the voters of Pennsylvania a proposition to vote for suffrage franchise for women. It will not be long until the question will be a live one in this state. The thought of cold meals is haunting some of the readers already.

—The Grangers throughout this state will naturally be offended by Gov. Tener's harsh criticism. The Granger has been after Biglow, Tener's highway chief, and that likely is where the rub comes in.

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—Mrs. Tom Thumb, Diminutive Little Lady Talks of Her Past Life.

When asked recently about her past life, Mrs. Tom Thumb said, "I am 73 years of age. Of course my hair is not gray and I don't think that I appear that old. I have been on the stage for 52 years and really I feel as well today as ever. This, however, is my farewell tour, as I expect to retire. But you know," she added in an off-hand manner, "Paul and Sarah Bernhardt have made several farewell trips and so may I, if I desire."

Mrs. Thumb said she came of a family of large people. She was born in Middleboro, Mass., and has seven brothers and sisters, only one of which is of small stature. She was the wife of Charles S. Stratton, the original Tom Thumb and for many years was the leading attraction of Barnum's circus.

Mrs. Tom Thumb will appear at Garman's opera house with the Bijou Comedy Company, three nights commencing to-night. Special matinee Saturday. Popular prices.

—Can't Tell What Will Happen. An exchange says: You can't always tell what will happen. For instance, there is a story of a man who determined to commit suicide. He went to the store and bought a rope, a can of oil, a box of matches, a dose of arsenic and a revolver. He went down to the river and pushed his boat from the shore and waded to where a limb hung over; and tied one end over the limb and the other around his neck, saturated his clothing with the coal oil, lighting a match and set his clothing afire, took the dose of arsenic, put the muzzle of the revolver to his temple, pushed the boat from under him and pulled the trigger. But the bullet glanced and cut the rope above him and he fell kerflop into the river; the water put out the fire and he got drenched and coughed up the arsenic and rose up and waded out and declared himself a candidate for the Legislature on the reform ticket.

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