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## LIGHTNING KILLS MAN NEAR CLARENCE

DAVID O. ETTERS' UNTIMELY  
DEATH ON WEDNESDAY.

BRADY BEIGHTOL WAS CRUSHED

Mr. Etters and Companions Were  
Sitting in a Mine When Lightning  
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On Wednesday noon Centre county was visited with one of the most terrific storms that has occurred in this section in years and as the direct result one man was killed and several severely injured in addition to great damage to property and crops. In the vicinity of Snow Shoe it was particularly severe. David Oran Etters, a miner, employed in the Chambers and Uzel mines near Clarence was struck by lightning and instantly killed while several of his companions were seriously injured. Oran, with his brother Ralph, Thomas Chambers and several others were sitting on a mine car about seventy feet from the mouth of the mine waiting for the form to end, when the lightning struck the track and followed the rails into the mine causing the death of Oran and rendering the other men unconscious. The accident caused great excitement in and about Clarence and everything possible was done for the unfortunate man.

David Oran Etters, who met his death in such a tragic manner, was the son of Reuben Etters, of Clarence, and was 30 years of age. He was unmarried and made his home with his parents. He was born at Pine Glen, Pa. He is quite well known in Bellefonte being a member of the Bellefonte Lodge of Moose. He was a nephew and namesake of Prof. David O. Etters, superintendent of the public schools of Centre county, and his untimely death is a source of great sorrow to his family and friends.

## STATE REGENT'S TRAGIC DEATH

Prominent Member of the D. A. R.  
Killed in Auto Accident.

The Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution have met with a sad loss in the tragic death of their State Regent, Mrs. Henry H. Cummings of Bellefonte, Warren county, Pa., who was killed in an automobile accident on Park Heights avenue, Baltimore, Md., Sunday afternoon. Her son, Ralph Cummings was seriously hurt and is in the Union Protestant Infirmary. He has a fractured ankle and is badly cut and bruised. When the steering gear of the car locked it swerved across the road and ran into the car of Owen Daley, a prominent banker of Baltimore. The impact hurled both Mrs. Cummings and her son to the roadbed. The former was beneath the Daley's car and her skull was fractured. As she was placed in another car to be taken to the hospital she died. No one in the Daley car was hurt.

By the death of Mrs. Cummings, the Vice Regent, Miss Helen E. C. Overton of Bellefonte, becomes head of the State organization of the Daughters of the Revolution. Mrs. Cummings was an untiring worker and ambitious to place the State organization upon the highest standard of perfection. It was a most worthy object for her to meet with success had she lived to direct the same. The responsibility of carrying on the state work now rests upon Miss Overton and the splendid corps of state officers, all of whom were faithful supporters of Mrs. Cummings.

## BRADY BEIGHTOL KILLED.

On Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock Brady Beightol, of Moshannon, was instantly killed by a fall of slate while at his work. He was born at Beightol was killed by his wagon with dirt, near the Methodist church at Snow Shoe, and at this point, there is a large embankment of slate, and it is supposed that the heavy rain of Wednesday noon, caused the earth to cave-in, with the result that Mr. Beightol was caught between the bank and his wagon. He was terribly crushed about the body and death was almost instantaneous. The unfortunate man was 55 years of age and leaves a wife and two children—children: Mrs. Alma Beightol, of Jersey Shore; Minnie Beightol at home. He also leaves one brother, Jefferson, of Altoona, and two sisters, Mrs. Jerry Martin and Mrs. Polly Haska. The remains were taken charge of by Undertaker Confer of Snow Shoe, and they will be removed to his home at Moshannon today.

## NEW ROAD ROUTES.

Centre County Would Be Benefited in Five Different Sections.

Centre, Bedford and Huntingdon counties are favored in the proposed new road routes which have just been amended in the senate and which are regarded as very likely to go through both branches of the legislature. Centre county will get three new routes and be touched by two from Huntingdon county.

The Sprout act contained 227 routes and the bill would increase the number to 379 and make the total mileage about 2,900, the increase being 1,200 miles. The bill for new routes originally contained 41, but the senate cut the house routes to 37 and then added 46 of its own. The bill will go into effect June 1, 1915, the next session making the appropriation for maintenance as the present list will take about all the money the state can stand at present for maintenance.

The new routes in Central Pennsylvania include:

Bedford County.—From Manne Choice to Maryland state line via Stringtown.

Centre County. From Centre Hall to Millburg, Union county via Madisonburg and Cowan. From Phillipsburg to Kylesburg via Morrisdale. From Potter's Mills to State College.

Huntingdon County. From Reformatory cross roads to Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, via Petersburg, and Charter Oak. From Huntingdon to Bellefonte. Centre county via Spruce Creek and Stormstown.

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## A CHAPTER OF AUTO ACCIDENTS

MISHAPS WERE NUMEROUS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

JODON BROTHERS INJURED

Both Received Treatment at the Hospital—Sheriff Hurley and Merchant Wolf Have Collision on Sunday—Cars Considerably Damaged.

Since Saturday evening last, automobile casualties have been the principal topic of conversation in Bellefonte. Considering the fact that within a period of twenty-four hours' time, three accidents occurred in the borough, two of which have victims in the hospital, there is ample excuse for the discussions heard on every side.

Perhaps the misfortune of the Jodon brothers, of Milesburg, drew the most attention, because of a peculiar coincidence. Edward and William Jodon (the latter best known as Dick) came from Milesburg to Bellefonte on Saturday evening on the motor bus. The former was riding the step, at the side of the car as the bus reached the intersection of Linn and Spring streets his hold slipped and he fell to the ground, a rear wheel passing over his right arm. Mr. Jodon sought a physician at once who sent him to the hospital, where an examination of the arm revealed a compound fracture and the muscles badly bruised. The injury was given the proper treatment and is now on a rapid mend.

The accident occurred about 8 o'clock and strange to relate, an hour later the other brother was struck by Mr. R. Johnson's car near the High street bridge, and painfully injured. Mrs. Johnson's car, in which were herself, wife and daughters, was coming east on High street, from the passenger station. As he reached the bridge "Dick" Jodon attempted to cross the street in front of the car, and did so, but it is said to have become confused by another car approaching and started back. He was struck by Johnson's car and rendered unconscious. After his removal to the hospital Mr. Jodon remained in a comatose state until the next morning. An examination of his injuries developed a scalp wound and lacerations of the left eye and ear. There was also a wound on the right leg where the car struck him. In spite of his rough experience, Mr. Jodon will suffer no serious injury, and will be able to leave the hospital in a short time. A peculiar coincidence was the fact that three members of the Jodon family were in the hospital for treatment at the same time. Amelia, a sister of the men, was an operative patient. Her recovery, however, permitted her discharge on Monday. Both the above accidents are regarded as having been purely unavoidable, and no censure is laid upon the drivers of the cars.

## UP LEMONT WAY.

Folks Disagree and Come to Bellefonte for Justice.

The question as to the right of a land owner to lead a cow back and forth over the premises of his tenant, was the cause for upsetting the equanimity of two Lemont families and a subsequent case for Squire Brown in Bellefonte, on Tuesday. David Jackson, a young man who rents a portion of the Murray farm at that place, made information against John E. Murray, who is 78 years of age, charging him with assault and battery upon Jackson's wife. The evidence showed that the trouble started when Mr. Murray attempted to prevent Mrs. Jackson from taking the cow over the right of way, behind a field and an orchard where the latter wished to pasture a horse and a cow. The prosecutrix and defendant met at this entrance to the field a little more than three weeks ago, and in the struggle that ensued in tearing down the fence, Mrs. Jackson, who was the fence Mrs. Jackson claimed to have been struck on the legs with one of the bars by Mr. Murray. This the latter emphatically denied, and in addition told of being roughly handled by Mrs. Jackson. This led up to the hearing of the grand jury, and plea guilty to stealing two bicycles, one from Jack Montgomery and the other from Fred Witmer of this place. The court decided to sentence him on the charge of stealing the Montgomery boy's wheel and suspended sentence as to the second bicycle theft for the present. The sentence of the court was that he pay a fine of \$1.00 costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment at solitary confinement and hard labor in the western penitentiary for an indeterminate sentence of not more than three years and not less than nine months.

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## Centre Countians' Annual Picnic.

The tenth annual picnic of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia will be held at Belmont Mansion, Fairmont Park, on Saturday afternoon, June 28th.

## RELATIVES AND FRIENDS MEET IN REUNION

PLEASANT ANNUAL OUTINGS OF HAPPY FAMILIES.

WEATHER WAS DELIGHTFUL

Hecla Park Was the Scene of Yearick-Hoy Reunion Last Thursday—Houser Families Gather at Rock View—Fine Addresses Made.

Following their usual delightful custom of inviting distant relatives and friends to meet in reunion with them each year, the well known families of Yearicks and Hoes, residing in Centre and Clinton counties, held their annual outing last Thursday at Hecla Park. More than two hundred of the relatives and friends were present, some of whom came from Akron, and Bellevue, Ohio, and from various points in Pennsylvania. The greater part of the forenoon was spent in a social way, much to the pleasure of each one present, as many acquaintances of long ago were renewed.

The first business of the morning was the meeting of the executive committee at 10 o'clock, which elected the following officers for the coming year: Rev. Z. A. Yearick, D. D., of Shenandoah, Pa., president; N. H. Yearick, of Jacksonville, vice president; Hon. J. Henry Wetzel, of Bellefonte, secretary; Albert Spayd, of Hubersburg, treasurer; Rev. Dr. Yearick, John S. Hoy, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. Sadie Hendricks, of Pittsburgh, family historians.

In addition to the above officers of the organization the following named persons constitute the executive committee: Adam R. Yearick, of Lamar; Benjamin Royer, of Madisonburg; D. K. Miller, of Lock Haven; William Yearick, of Mill Hill; S. R. Gettitz, of Madisonburg; Henry Yearick, of Lock Haven; Samuel C. Hoyer, of Bellefonte; John C. Hoy, of Jacksonville; M. Vernon Rishel, of Clintonville; Amos Garbrick and D. W. Woodring, of Bellefonte.

At 1 o'clock p. m. a service was conducted in the pavilion, at which the prizes were awarded. Miss Loretta Webber, of Howard, officiated at the piano, Rev. E. H. Zechman, of Howard, offered the invocation, Rev. A. M. Schmidt, of Bellefonte, read in prayer, Rev. J. Leidy Yearick of McConnellsburg, Fulton county, Pa., delivered the address. Impromptu remarks were made by Arthur Yearick, of Akron, Ohio, and the Revs. Dr. Schmidt, Zechman and Hoover. The latter also pronounced the benediction. Rev. W. E. Harr, of Lock Haven, the pastor of many who were present, was also an attendee.

## HOUSE FAMILY REUNION.

One of the most successful reunions held this season was that of the Houser family, of Rock View, on Thursday, June 13th, 1913. The ancestors of this notable family settled at Houserville in the year 1787, when that section of the country was an almost unbroken wilderness. Early in the morning of last Thursday a large crowd assembled to observe the thirtieth anniversary of the reunion, and children came from far and near until about one thousand people were busy congratulating one another on the auspicious occasion which brought them together. Thus the time passed until the dinner hour when all sat down to a banquet on a table laden with all the luxuries the country could afford. After dinner the audience gathered around the speaker's stand when a program which had been arranged for the day was fully carried out. Reading of the minutes, election of officers and a preliminary organization for the day was in order. Mr. C. C. Shuey, of Bellefonte, made the first speech which was well received and heartily applauded; the speaker made a number of good hits which were highly appreciated. Clement Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, remained upon the second address. The speaker gave an account of the condition of affairs when the early settlers came into this county, as we have it handed down by tradition and by local history; what the ancestors of the different families who are having their reunion did toward clearing the country of the forests and turning the valleys into productive fields and farms. The speaker also gave a history of the early settlements along Spring Creek not forgetting the important part which the Houser family played in the work of improving the country. Rev. Stover, of Boalsburg, gave a short address abounding in humorous incidents; also spoke of his acquaintance with the present generation of the Housers. The young people enjoyed the exercises by songs and short addresses. Late in the afternoon the audience adjourned and went to their several homes voting this to be one of the most successful reunions ever held in this locality.

## 4TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

Held by the Bellefonte Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

On Thursday evening of last week the beautiful and cozy quarters of the Bellefonte Lodge of Moose on the third floor of the McClain block was the scene of quite a brilliant festivity, it being the occasion of their 4th anniversary banquet. About one hundred and fifty members and their ladies gathered around the tables which were laden with a tempting array of good things prepared by the ladies, the menu consisting of cold meats, salads, ice creams, cake and coffee. At one end of the room was a big Moose head mounted in evergreen and the room was prettily decorated with flowers and potted plants. After the inner man was satisfied, D. Paul Fortney acted as toastmaster, and called on the following who made brief addresses: Rev. John Hewitt, Col. H. S. Taylor, A. D. Taney, Past Dictator, Robert McMullen, Dictator and J. Homer Decker, secretary. It was brought out by the speakers that the lodge is growing nicely and a campaign for new members just closed has added nearly one hundred new names to the roll.

## Ziegler Reunion at Hecla Park.

The third annual Ziegler reunion held at Hecla Park, on Saturday, June 21st, was a very pleasant occasion, and was largely attended by relatives and friends from different parts of the state. The forenoon was spent in social intercourse, and in the cultivation of a closer friendship. After dinner a service was held in the pavilion, at which Roy E. Keller, of State College, delivered the address of welcome in a forceful style, after which the Rev. N. L. Horn, of State College, who was the speaker of the day delivered a very timely and appealing address.

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## PAROCHIAL COMMENCEMENT.

Impressive Ceremony at the Graduation of Class of 1913.

Beginning with a musical recital in the opera house last Thursday evening, the commencement exercises of St. John's Catholic school came to an imposing close in the church on Saturday morning when the graduating class of 1913, numbering three young ladies, Marie Dorothy Doll, Ethel Magdalene Flack and Marie Pauline Sherry received their diplomas and the prizes they had earned.

The recital was given by the entire school, under the direction of the teachers, and was an exemplification of the thorough training being received by the pupils of this school. In addition to the musical numbers an operetta in three scenes, entitled "The Golden Shipper" was given in which the three young graduates took prominent parts.

The services in the church on Saturday morning began promptly at 9 o'clock, with solemn high mass celebrated by Very Rev. P. A. McArdle, assisted by Very Rev. O'Hanlon, deacon, and Pauline Caprio, sub-deacon. Prior to the hour of service the pupils marched in a body to the church, accompanied by the teachers, and took places assigned them near the altar. A regrettable fact was that Miss Doll, one of the graduates, by reason of illness was unable to be present. At the end of the service, Rev. O'Hanlon delivered a forceful address to the graduates. The speaker, who is an accomplished orator, impressed upon his hearers, and especially the younger members present, the importance of being true to one's self and of the importance of the parents in allowing their children to remain in school long enough to acquire a good sound education. His remarks were of the sort that cannot help but bring forth good fruit.

## THE SCHOOL IN THE MOUNTAINS

Famous Old Academy Now the Property of Its Successful Principals.

On Saturday afternoon all the real estate owned by the trustees of the Bellefonte Academy was sold under public auction, proceeding by Sherry, Arthur B. Lee and purchased by James R. Hughes, the price being \$11,000. It was known for some time that Prof. Hughes would purchase the school and now that it is an assured fact, a general feeling of satisfaction was felt throughout the community. Prof. Hughes has made a wonderful success of the school under adverse circumstances and as he stands high as an educator and is possessed of abundant energy, as well as ability, we bespeak for this famous old institution a brighter and greater and brighter future than ever before in its history.

Improvements which will cost upwards of \$40,000 are already commenced. Two large wings are to be built to each end of the present main building. These rooms will be devoted to school rooms, dormitories and a gymnasium. The house recently purchased from Philip Beizer has become a fraternity house to take the place of the one on North Allegheny street. The old stable and carriage house at the rear of the Beizer property will be torn down and a beautiful lawn will extend down from the main buildings to the two fraternity houses. When the full term of school opens you will hardly know the old Academy, the change will be so great.

In the sale of the old hall field for an automobile factory, Mr. Hughes was compelled to seek a new athletic field and was very fortunate in securing the Reynolds field on the south side of East Bishop street, a short distance beyond the Swartz building. This deal was closed on Monday and was satisfactory to both Col. Reynolds and Mr. Hughes. The latter has secured a lease of the field for five years with the privilege of buying the same if he so desires. It is an immense field, 800 feet long and 375 feet wide. It is an ideal location for an athletic field, on a high level, bordered on the south by the Humes woods and with a beautiful view in every direction. Away from the smoke of factories and trains, Mr. Hughes could not have secured a finer place for the Academy's permanent athletic field.

We hope that the Academy may continue to grow and prosper under the efficient management of its new owner and that he may receive the encouragement he so richly merits.

## Will Hold Memorial Service.

Bald Eagle Grange No. 151 will hold their annual memorial services in the Grange Hall, in Centre City, on next Sabbath, June 29, at 2 p. m. Every body welcome.

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Charles Allen, a young man aged about 19, whose home is at Pleasant Gap, was arrested on Wednesday and brought to Bellefonte jail, charged with flourishing a revolver while having a wordy dispute with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Shawley, of Axemann. The young man has been married but a few days, and it is said insisted upon taking his wife to the home of his father. This the mother of the girl objected to, and tried to persuade him to leave his wife at her home until he could provide a home of his own. They disagreed, however, and Mrs. Shawley came to Bellefonte and asked to have him arrested as she was afraid that he might do her bodily harm. He will be given a hearing before Squire Musser this morning.

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## HOW BELLEVILLE WILL SPEND THE FOURTH

PROSPECTS INDICATE AN INTERESTING DAY.

SAFE AND SANE--ALL THROUGH

Everything Has Been Planned With the Idea of Furnishing Innocent Amusement, Minus the Usual Dangers of Independence Day.

The coming Fourth of July celebration in Bellefonte—safe and sane in every respect—is going to be one of the best ever held in the town, if present expectations are realized, and the promised support is forthcoming. The ladies of the Civic Club have been working hard for the past few weeks to make the event a success, and all of a sudden about completed for a full day of innocent amusement. The greatest feature, possibly, will be the parade. This is where the business men and organizations of the town should join in helping all they can. Several of the lodges have made arrangements for putting floats in the parade, and no doubt a number of business places will be represented. The committee offers a prize of \$5 for the best business advertisement—stores, places of business and industries contesting being represented by persons not over twenty years of age.

The day's events will start with a band concert at 9 a. m. on the Diamond. The concert will be given by the famous Coleville band, who are second to none in the county.

The parade will form in the meantime and start from the public school commons. This will be made up of decorated automobiles, the fire companies, school children, woman's suffragettes, bicycle riders, secret organizations, floats, drummers, etc. Five dollars are offered to the best decorated automobile from Centre county. Five dollars are offered to the best decorated bicycle and rider. Prizes will be given to children representing the best Indian, Indian squaw, cowboy, cowgirl, clown, Uncle Sam, Columbia, fancy dress, gypsy, and go-cart and doll. One of the features of the parade will be "Our Boys Band" of Milesburg, the oldest member of whom is but sixteen years of age. The parade will march over the principal streets of the town.

Free automobile rides will be given the children immediately after the parade. Children must form in orderly line down Allegheny street, with head at R. A. Beck's barber shop.

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