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## GEN. JAMES A. BEAVER CALLED BY DEATH

### PASSED AWAY SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT HOME.

## WAR HERO—FORMER GOVERNOR

### Served Eleven Years on Superior Court Bench—Lost Leg in Battle and Was Made General for Gallantry—Funeral Largely Attended.

On Saturday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock there passed away at his home on Curtin street, General James Addams Beaver, Bellefonte's most distinguished citizen, a brave soldier, statesman, jurist and christian gentleman. His death was cause for general sorrow, not only throughout this community, but the entire State. General Beaver had been in failing health for the past two years suffering from arteriosclerosis, but was able to be about his house up until a few days before his death. So gradual had been the decline that the general public were not aware that the end was approaching and the announcement of his death was a shock to his neighbors and friends. His last appearance on the Superior Court bench was last March in Harrisburg and while he was actively engaged only about an hour, the exertion proved too great. Since that time he had not been away from Bellefonte, but he took almost daily rides in the country. He was about 70 years of age and was well and remained in bed. From this time on he gradually grew weaker until Saturday noon when he began to sink and died at 2:40 o'clock. At his bedside when he passed away were his wife and two sons, Gilbert A. Beaver, of Yorktown Heights, and Thomas Beaver, of Bellefonte.

General Beaver at the time of his death was a Justice of the Superior Court and was a former Governor of Pennsylvania, his death removing the last of Bellefonte's famous trio of Governors, Curtin, Beaver and Hastings.

General Beaver was born in Millers-town, Perry county, Pa., October 21, 1837 and was the son of Jacob Beaver and Ann Elizabeth Addams and was 76 years of age. He was the descendant of an old Pennsylvania family. About the time that the treaty of William Penn was made with the Indians his ancestors emigrated from Alsace, France, now Germany, and settled in Chester county. The great grandfather of General Beaver was a soldier in the revolution.

When he was three years old his father died and his maternal grandfather then took charge of him. After graduating from the High school at Millers-town he took a course of two years at the Pine Grove Academy in Centre county, and in 1856 graduated from old Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa. He was then not yet 19 years old. In September of the same year he moved to Bellefonte where he studied law. H. N. McAllister, a distinguished lawyer and one of the framers of the state constitution. In 1859 he was admitted to the bar of Centre county when just past 21 years of age and became a partner of Mr. McAllister. This partnership lasted until the latter's death. While a young lawyer of Bellefonte he received a commission as second lieutenant in the Bellefonte Fencibles, of which Andrew G. Curtin, Pennsylvania's famous war governor, was captain.

At the outbreak of the Civil War the military organization of which Mr. Beaver was a member entered the Second Pennsylvania Infantry as Company H and Mr. Curtin having been elected governor, Mr. Beaver was made captain. During the first three months the regiment was under the command of Robt. G. Patterson. In the three years' service Mr. Beaver became lieutenant colonel of the Forty-fifth Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. He resigned later to accept the colonelcy of the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

In the command of the brigade at Cold Harbor he distinguished himself so that he was raised to major general of the United States Volunteers in August, 1864, at the age of 27. In the same year he was mustered out because of wounds. He lost one of his legs at Ream's Station, Va., and was injured in battle at Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and in the first assault on Petersburg.

At the close of the Civil War Gen. Beaver returned to Bellefonte and resumed law practice, becoming one of the most successful members of the bar in the state. In 1865 he was elected chief Burgess of Bellefonte and in 1866 was a state delegate to the Republican National Convention. He was nominated in the Republican caucus for the United States senatorship, but was defeated by John I. Mitchell. In 1882 he ran for governor, but was defeated by Robert E. Pattison. In 1886 he was again a candidate for governor against Chauncey F. Black and was elected by a large majority, entering the office, January 18, 1887, and serving until 1891. The following was the close of his inaugural address:

"I am yours for service. The best powers of body and mind which God has endowed me are yours to be freely expended in your service and for your welfare."

It was during his administration that the Johnstown flood occurred and he distinguished himself by the manner in which it was handled and aid given sufferers. He immediately dispatched representatives to Johnstown to take charge, while he raised funds through his personal influence to shelter and feed the stricken people.

While governor he effected the building up of State College through state funds and enlarged the courses of study and later in life was made head of the college for a year, while the trustees were choosing a permanent president. While he was state chief executive he began forest preservation in the state, and was later

## PRETTY TEACHER ASSAULTED.

### Angry Parent Wrecks Vengeance on Clearfield Girl.

Because she detained his son during recess, it is alleged, John Wilkinson, a coal operator, smashed in the door of a school house near Amesville, Clearfield county, and beat the teacher, Miss May Pooley, into insensibility. When told that his 13-year-old son had been detained inside the school house during recess, Wilkinson went to the building and called the teacher to the door. He asked why she had detained his son. The girl replied that the boy was being punished for using improper language. Declaring he would show her who was running things around there, it is said, Wilkinson sprang toward her. The plucky girl slammed the door and bolted it. Wilkinson then broke down the door and with a blow on the head, knocked the girl to the floor, it is alleged. Dazed, she sprang to her feet and attempted to escape from the room. The man followed her, and when she knocked her down, it is alleged, he kicked her until she was unconscious. A Frenchman who saw Wilkinson at the door ran to the building and beat the infuriated man to the floor, when other help arrived. Wilkinson was arrested but was released on \$500 bail, furnished by his wife. Miss Pooley was given medical attention and was taken to her home in Madera. She did not regain consciousness for several hours and her condition is critical.

When told of the girl's condition, it is said Wilkinson offered to go to her and apologize for what he seems to regard as merely an unpleasant incident. He was one of the jurors to convict John O. Keeler, who was hanged January 15, for first-degree murder.

Miss Pooley, who is slight of stature, is regarded as one of the most attractive young women of this section. She is a daughter of Benjamin Pooley of Madera and is regarded highly.

## ARMY OFFICERS COMING.

### Will Inspect Company L, 12th Regiment on Monday, April 6th.

The order announcing the annual spring inspection of the National Guard of Pennsylvania by the officers of the army who are detailed from the war department for that purpose, has been issued. The inspection will be on very much the same basis as last year. All property available for field service is to be inspected, including field ranges and cooking utensils and will be made in daylight, but the inspection of personnel will be at night. Every enlisted man must have in addition to equipment, one comb, one cake of soap, one toothbrush, one pair of stockings and one towel, in addition to a blanket, housewife kit and poncho.

The regular army officers detailed are as follows: Captain W. M. Fassett, signal corps; Captain L. T. Anderson, engineers; Captain L. T. Bollesau, field artillery; Lieutenant W. H. Bell, Eleventh cavalry; Major Thomas L. Rhoads, medical corps; Major Louis Hess, medical corps; with infantry officers to be detailed.

The date for the inspection of Co. L of Bellefonte, is Monday, April 6th.

## Birthday Party at Bald Eagle.

A delightful time was enjoyed by those who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Howard at Bald Eagle, on Thursday, January 29th, in honor of Mrs. Howard's 53rd birthday. Mrs. Howard was the recipient of many useful presents. A sumptuous dinner was served and with the music furnished by Mr. Ayers it proved a great success. The following were present and enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Edgway Woomer, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. James Tipton, Mrs. S. W. Himes, Mrs. S. B. Conrad, Mrs. David Reese, Mrs. Edward Bryan, Mrs. Louis Mauroccort, Mrs. Frank Cogan, Mrs. Arch Irvin, Mrs. Raymond Howard, the Misses Florence Cogan, Clara Irvin, Mae Bigelow, Ella Howard, Florence Irvin, Rhoda Reese, Lolo Reese, Effie Miller, Mertie Miller, Verna Howard, Nellie Irvin; Messrs. Robt. Miller, Jno. Ayers, Alfred Tipton, Jno. Irvin, Wilbur Cogan, Eugene Tipton, Clark and John Bryan, Fred and Horace Conrad.

## A Century Old Clock.

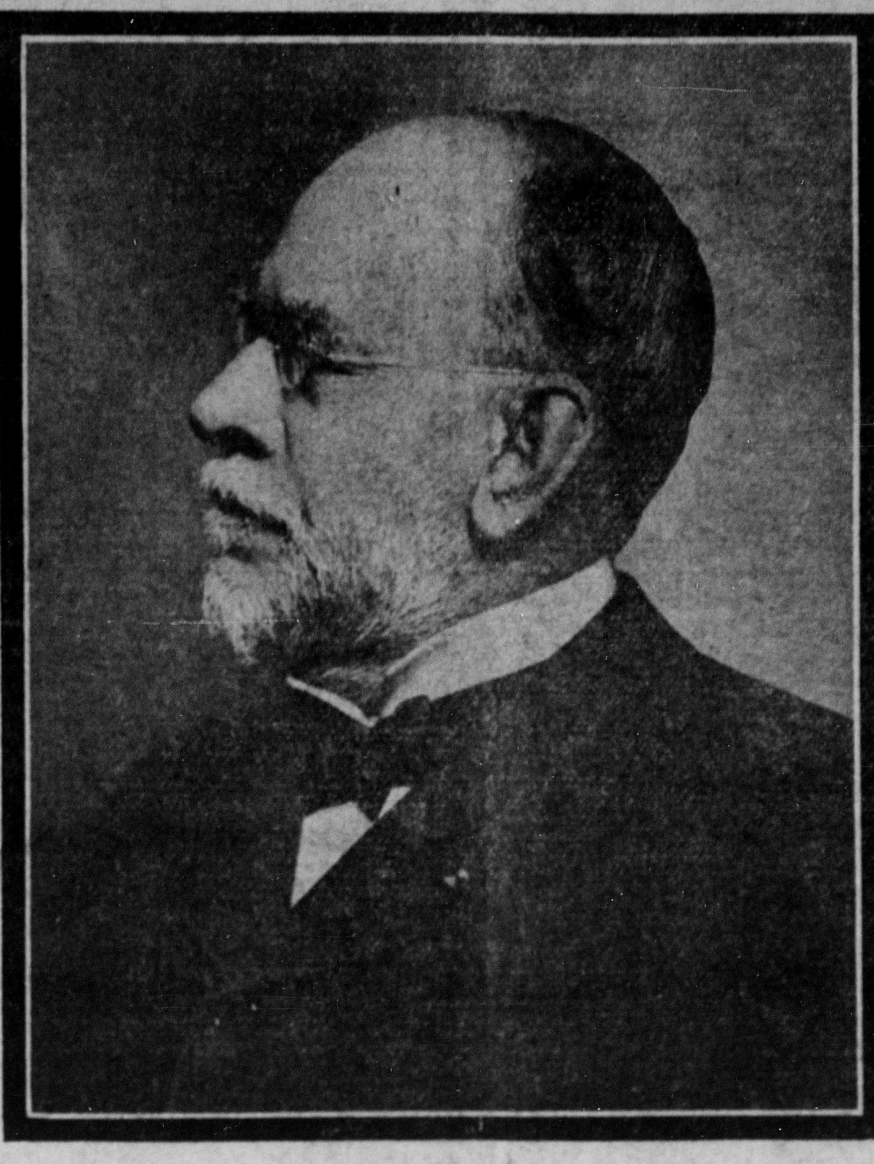
The following interesting item is from the Altoona Tribune: "B. F. Shelby, a local optician, is in possession of a clock said by eminent jewelers to contain the finest workmanship it has ever been their good fortune to see. The clock was made for Jacob Heller, of Aaronsburg, Pa., one of the oldest towns in the State, and is the oldest resident known to recall when Heller was in the jewelry business. The works are made of brass, hardened by some unknown process with one weight balanced so true that hanging on three strands of iron chain it regulates the time, strike and the changes of moon and seasons. The works show the wear of more than a century, in addition to the half century it had been relegated to the scrap heap on the attic of the late Major Robert W. Patton. A test of thirty days shows it to be a most accurate time keeper and many would like to know its history.

## Struck and Killed by Train.

George Folmar, aged about 27 years, and a son of Jacob Folmar, of Cooper township, Clearfield county, was run over and killed by a N. Y. C. train, on the River line, near Surveyor, on Wednesday of last week. His lifeless body, cut in two, was found along the track, and while it is not known how he met his death, it is thought he fell from the work train while going from Frenchville to Surveyor, where he had a lady friend.

## Welcome, Welcome.

The First United Brethren church of Bellefonte, wishing to take her place in the religious activities of the church militant, in this town for righteousness, invites you and your friends who have ever found shelter under her branches, to join us in a Rally Day Service, Feb. 8th, when the Holy Communion will be administered in the morning and evening services. The new pastor who is to resign you. W. B. SPRAGUE, Minister.



THE LATE JUDGE JAMES A. BEAVER. Photo by Mallory Studio, Bellefonte, Pa.

## REV. C. W. WINEY ROBBED.

### Former Bellefonte Pastor Loses Valuables Worth \$100.

The many friends in this vicinity of Rev. C. W. Winey, former pastor of the Bellefonte United Brethren church, will sympathize with him and hold the minister in this county, who paid fines for having the meat of that animal in their possession, indicating that several of the herd had been slaughtered. A number of the elk have wandered to Millin county and are said to be committing various sorts of depredations. They have been barking the apple trees of the agriculturists and digging through the snow to vegetation. Worst of all when late farmers undertook to drive a truculent bull elk to the woods they had chased them up trees. The farmers were used in the vicinity of the home of Robert Moll and were compelled to stay aloft until the elk wandered away of its own accord. The elk is declared to have been as big as a horse and is believed to have weighed 1,100 pounds. The farmers who undertook to drive the bull from the fields thought that it would run like a deer at the sight of a man. The elk made good time in the way of murderous prongs and hoofs. The freezing cultivators of the soil descended to the snow after they had become convinced that the elk had gone for good.

## "Oath" Story Admitted to Be False.

The authors of the so-called "Knights of Columbus oath," a widely-circulated defamatory circular holding the members of the Catholic organization up to scorn, acknowledged in the Philadelphia court Friday that the document was false in every particular and that it was intended to harm the Catholic church. Charles Mcgonigle, who printed the circular last spring, pleaded guilty while C. H. Stage, who distributed them, did not contest the charges of conspiracy and libel. James A. Flaherty, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, and Joseph P. Gaffney, counsel for the defendants, asked for the discharge of the defendants under a suspended sentence, declaring that their admission was a complete vindication.

## Fireman Finds Engineer Dead.

John W. Johnson, an engineer on the New York Central railroad, was instantly killed about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon as his train was speeding along near Glentworth on the Beech Creek division. The lifeless body was found in the cab by the fireman, Wilson Barner, a few minutes after the accident that resulted in the engineer's death.

## Lincoln's Birthday Exercises.

All departments of the public schools will hold special exercises in commemoration of the life and work of Lincoln, Thursday morning, February 12th, at 10:30 o'clock. The public is very cordially invited to attend any of these exercises.

## FARMERS TREADED BY BULL ELK.

### Narrowly Escape Injury When Animal Turned on Them.

The elk recently liberated from the Centre county game preserve are again in the limelight. A few weeks ago several residents of this county paid fines for having the meat of that animal in their possession, indicating that several of the herd had been slaughtered. A number of the elk have wandered to Millin county and are said to be committing various sorts of depredations. They have been barking the apple trees of the agriculturists and digging through the snow to vegetation. Worst of all when late farmers undertook to drive a truculent bull elk to the woods they had chased them up trees. The farmers were used in the vicinity of the home of Robert Moll and were compelled to stay aloft until the elk wandered away of its own accord. The elk is declared to have been as big as a horse and is believed to have weighed 1,100 pounds. The farmers who undertook to drive the bull from the fields thought that it would run like a deer at the sight of a man. The elk made good time in the way of murderous prongs and hoofs. The freezing cultivators of the soil descended to the snow after they had become convinced that the elk had gone for good.

## Superior Court Vacancy.

In view of the imminence of the state campaign, the death of ex-Governor Beaver, who was a judge of the superior court, has created an unusually interesting political and judicial situation.

So far as the constitutional and election law requirements are concerned, the situation is this: The vacancy having occurred more than sixty days before the November election, the vacancy will be especially filled at the general election in the fall. Had Judge Beaver lived, his successor would not have been chosen until the election of 1915.

## Died From Result of Fall.

William V. Wright, an aged citizen of Clearfield, who was recently injured by a fall, died on Wednesday afternoon of last week. He was a native of Centre Co., and was aged little past 80 years. He followed lumbering and merchandising for many years, and helped organize the County National bank of Clearfield, and was its first cashier. He is survived by his wife, who was a daughter of the late Judge William C. Foley, and two sons and one daughter, Roland C., Albert M. and Miss Anna, at home. One sister, Mrs. E. A. Bilger, also survives.

## Hospital Notes.

Admitted for treatment—Mrs. Sadie Mackley, State College; Operations—John M. Connor, State College; Joseph Flack, Bellefonte; and David Weylan, Howard.

## Discharged—Attello Latina, Pleasant Gap; Ellie Provancha, Armons Gap.

There are thirty-one patients now in the hospital.

## Nurses Entertained Miss Frances Swope, of Lock Haven, at dinner on Tuesday evening.

## Sparks Suggested for Governor.

At a meeting of State College alumni held in Philadelphia last Thursday a new candidate for Republican gubernatorial honors was named in the person of Edwin Erie Sparks, president of Pennsylvania State College. An organized move in his behalf may be started if President Sparks puts himself in a receptive attitude.

## A MATTER FOR REFLECTION:

The following is the concluding paragraph of an article, written by a Bellefonte minister, and published in a recent issue of the "Keystone Gazette." We republish the paragraph for the purpose of bringing it directly to the attention of all thoughtful citizens of Centre County for their careful reading and serious reflection. With the question of granting liquor licenses in our county now pending before our Court, we deem comment on this utterance, at this time, imprudent:

"Centre county can well take her neighbor, Millin, as an example; and Bellefonte may well emulate Lewis-ville. Will we? We will. The people who are against us in this matter may as well waken up to the situation. There is plenty of law on the statute books of this county, and plenty of sentiment in this county to compel the application of these laws to our local conditions. Bellefonte must be dry. Bellefonte must be dry. After several conversations with one 'learned in the law' about what we have done here, and the facts that we have presented to the court, this learned gentleman said without hesitation, 'The judicial discretion feature of the Brooks Law is broad enough to justify the refusal of every license against which you have presented these damaging facts.' We are more than thrice armed in this just cause. And we will see what we will see. Not this year then next year; and if not next year then the year after; and if not that year then the year after that. Centre county goes dry. The time is come for those most interested, to read the handwriting on the wall. 'Bellefonte's liquor situation has been weighed in the balance, and found wanting.'"

"Most Sincerely,  
"GEORGE E. HAWES."

## FOUND CHARRED REMAINS.

### Of George Smolka in the Ruins of Budinger's Store at Snow Shoe.

Ever since the fire which destroyed Budinger's store at Snow Shoe on the night of January 5th, George Smolka, a Slavishman, has been missing from his home near Clarence. All efforts to locate him were in vain until Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock when the charred remains of a man were found among the ruins of the Budinger store by several men who were at work there and it has since been identified. Nothing remained of the body except the trunk, the head, arms and legs having been destroyed.

Smolka, who was a familiar character about Snow Shoe was last seen on January 5th. He had been drinking freely during the day and had been put out of Budinger's store several days before the fire. About ten o'clock on the eve of the fire he left Smolka's hotel saying he was going to Budinger's store and that was the last seen of him. He was a man 55 years of age and was employed in Kelly's mines. He was a wife but no children. His remains were taken to his home near Clarence and the funeral will take place this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church at Clarence. Interment at Clarence.

## SITE AGENT AT STATE.

### Government Employee Viewed Possible Building Plots.

Bramwell Davis, of Washington, D. C., known as the government site agent, spent Tuesday and part of Wednesday at State College, looking over the possible site for the government building to be erected in that town. Mr. Davis was met by a delegation of college citizens and on Tuesday was shown the various sites offered of which there are said to be at least a dozen. Just what conclusion will be reached cannot be conjectured. The size of the plot desired must be at least 11x250 feet, and it is understood the government will not pay more than \$15,000 for it. Tuesday evening a reception was tendered Mr. Davis at the Inn, at which a number of the college faculty and business men of the town were present. Remarks were made by Dr. Sparks, Dean Jackson, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kapp and Mr. Davis.

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## EX-CENTRE COUNTIANS HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

### AT CONTINENTAL HOTEL IN PHILADELPHIA.

## FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 30

### Largely Attended by Centre's Native Sons and Daughters Now Residents of the Quaker City—A Pleasing Affair.

The tenth annual dinner of the Centre County Association of Philadelphia, was held at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, on Friday evening, January 30th, 1914. As usual on these occasions there was a full attendance of residents of old Centre now residing in the Quaker City, who never miss an opportunity to gather together and exchange reminiscences of the old days back home. At the dinner Friday evening the following menu of one home: Blue points, radishes, celery, olives, cream of celery, escalope of bass bonne femme, potatoes hollandaise, Nittany Valley spring lamb, Boston green peas, C. C. A. sberbet, Muncy Mountain turkey, Spring Creek water dress salad, cream, assorted cakes, Roquefort cheese, crackers, Bellefonte pure spring water and coffee. After satisfying the inner man, there were speeches by Rev. Guido Bossard, D. D., Hon. William W. Porter, Rev. W. D. S. J. and others. There then was a reading by Miss Lydia Underwood which was much enjoyed. There was also some excellent music by A. M. Hersch's quartet.

The officers of the association are President, Ira D. S.; First Vice President, Warner Underwood; Second Vice President, William S. Purst; Secretary, J. C. C. Beale, D. D. S.; Treasurer, S. Gray Matern, M. D.

The Board of Directors is composed of: Gen. B. P. Fisher, Thomas Foster, Rev. W. K. Foster, Robert Harkinson, D. D. Herman, John Charles R. Kurtz, Max Liveright, Thomas J. Loughrey, Charles A. McClure, Esq., Forest N. Magee, Esq., William A. Magee, L. Olin Meek, Prof. William T. Meyer, E. H. Miller, Isaac P. Miller, Rev. James A. Pratt, John L. Rankin, George P. Rishel, M. D., Harry Runkle, M. D., W. B. Schaffer, B. Frank Schaffer, Amos Sternberg, H. I. Wright.

The dinner committee is composed of the following named: Dr. S. Gray Matern, chairman; Hon. Charles R. Kurtz, Charles A. McClure, Esq., Dr. George P. Rishel and Warner Underwood.

The ladies committee: Mrs. Mary H. Magee, chairman; Miss Mary A. Butts, Mrs. Ella A. Cooke, Mrs. Albert Ford, Mrs. Robert Harkinson, Mrs. Daniel S. Kapp, Mrs. S. Gray Matern, Mrs. Eva Reck, Mrs. George P. Rishel, Mrs. Stuart C. Runkle.

Before adjourning all present joined in singing the following song in honor of Old Centre to the tune of "Nellie Gray":

Those present at the dinner were the following members and guests: Rev. and Mrs. Guido Bossard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Purst, Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Garman, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Harkinson, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Magee, Dr. and Mrs. S. Gray Matern, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Rishel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Runkle, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart C. Runkle, Dr. and Mrs. John Franklin Shields, Dr. and Mrs. J. Harris Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Harry I. Wright, Mrs. David J. Miller, Mrs. Ella Hahn Cooke, Mrs. George V. Forcey, Mrs. J. Carvel Gough, Mrs. Cecelia S. Lichten, Mrs. Mary H. Magee, Mrs. M. L. Reavey, Mrs. Harry J. Simonds, Misses Carrie Barnhart, Eleanor M. Brooks, Mary Butts, Marcella A. Cleaver, Belle Fonte, Eliza Griest, Emma Henderson, Damarus Knox, Ida E. Landis, Helen McClure, Lillian Matern, Eliza T. Miller, Dorothy Weaver, Ida J. Underwood, Lydia Underwood, Mrs. John C. C. Beale, R. Franklin Bowers, H. C. Campbell and Amos P. Porter, Messrs. Wm. H. Berry, W. R. Carson, Thomas H. Forcey, I. G. Gordon Foster, Esq., Max Liveright, John J. MacVeigh, Chas. A. McClure, Esq., Boyd H. Magee, Port Mattida, L. Olin Meek, Harry Runkle, Esq., J. Miller, E. I. Miller, Isaac P. Miller, Wm. W. Porter, John I. Rankin, R. S. Underwood, Paul Vosberg, and Rev. W. K. Foster.

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