

Democratic Watchman

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To CORRESPONDENTS.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

Mr. M. H. Guise, of Penn Hall, is the duly authorized agent of the WATCHMAN for Gregg township.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

—Miss Annie McCafferty will open a summer school in the stone building on Monday, the 26th of May.

—Judge Furst and family went to Milton on Tuesday of last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Furst's mother.

—The amount of money needed for the Clara Price monument having been raised, bids for its erection are now asked.

—Fietta Weaver, Alf. Davis and Maggie Spiece, sentenced to the Western Penitentiary, were taken to that institution last Monday.

—Wm. Miller, former resident of Centre county, and an ex-soldier, died at Tyrone on Monday morning in the 78th year of his age.

—W. W. Brown, esq., of Bradford, has accepted the invitation of the G. A. R. of this place to deliver the Decoration Day address in Bellefonte.

—Mr. John L. Given, formerly a Bellefonte boy, and a graduate of the high school of this place, has become the city editor of the Altoona Times.

—The report that Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland would attend the Knights Templar parade at Lock Haven on the 27th inst., was of course a canard.

—Thursday evening of last week Max Sternberg left Bellefonte for Seattle, Washington Territory, where his brother Paul preceded him and is now engaged in business.

—As matter of course the four pugglers who were imprisoned for several months for riotous conduct, got full of beer up to the neck when they were released from jail the other day.

—Mrs. David Lohr, of Chester Hill, who fell through a hole in the pavement on 4th St., Philipsburg, and broke her arm, intends to bring suit against that borough for damages.

—Governor Beaver has appointed George R. McCrea, of Renovo, Associate Judge of Clinton county to fill the vacancy occasioned by the appointment of Judge Chesnutt as postmaster at Renovo.

—Mrs. John Garbrick, of Eagleville, in her 73rd year, and Mrs. R. C. Leathers, of Mount Eagle, aged about 35, were two well known and highly respected Centre county ladies who died within the past week.

—One night last week the sawmill of G. M. Raup & Son, in Little Sugar Valley, near Washington Furnace, was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of about \$3,000, on which there was no insurance. It is supposed to have been set on fire.

—County Superintendent-elect Etters has received many congratulations from his friends on his success in attaining the position to which he has been elected. He was serenaded on Thursday night by the Bellefonte band.

—Mr. Mahlon C. Fryberger has left Philipsburg for the State of Washington to remain permanently. He goes with Dr. Stewart, of Snow Shoe, to Seattle, where the Stewarts (father and son) have purchased a large body of timber land.

—The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners are now represented in Philipsburg, a local union having been instituted there on Saturday, by C. Clark Crowell, with 28 members. The officers were elected pro tem., as the regular term for election is early in June.

—The Huntingdon Car Company failed last Saturday and their works are in the hands of the Sheriff. Claims to the amount of \$150,000 have been entered up against the Company, but this does not include a \$100,000 mortgage and \$15,000 due the hands. The assets amount to about \$250,000.

—Since the hanging of two inmates, the sending of three to the penitentiary this week, and the discharge of the four pugglers who were incarcerated last winter for riotous conduct, our county jail rears its ponderous walls around only four prisoners. These remnants of justice must feel rather lonely.

—The game of ball to be played at State College this afternoon between the Lebanon Interstate League Club and the College boys, will be called at two o'clock, instead of three, as stated on the bills. This change has been made so that parties going up from here can return in time for supper.

—On the Sunday prior to Decoration Day, which will be May 25th, there will be a memorial service held in the Court House, under auspices of Gregg Post, G. A. R. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. B. Koontz, the Evangelical minister in this place. All soldiers, as well as everybody else, are cordially invited to be present.

A LOCK HAVEN STRIKE.—About twenty of the workmen in the Kistler tannery at Lock Haven struck for higher wages on Monday morning. They demanded \$1 a week more than they had been getting, but Mr. Kistler refused to comply with their demand, saying that he could not afford to pay any higher wages than he has been paying. Upon this answer to their demand some of the strikers returned to work at the same rate as before, and the places of the others were at once filled with new men.

REVENUE FROM INTOXICATION.—The Chief Burgess of Philipsburg turned over \$32.00 to the school directors of his town fines collected from persons arrested for intoxication during the past year, and several of the councilmen became angry at this action under the belief that fines should go into the borough treasury. The Journal says the burgess arose to his dignity when challenged concerning it, and stated with emphasis, "I took an oath to obey the laws of Pennsylvania and I have done it." The burgess undoubtedly knows the full import of the law.

FIELTTE WEAVER SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY.—Thursday morning of last week Fietta Weaver, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in killing Andrew Weaver, was brought into Court to receive her sentence, which was pronounced by Judge Furst to the effect that she pay a fine of one dollar and undergo imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for the period of two years and three months. The Court said that if an effort was made to secure her pardon he would interest himself in her behalf. On the same day Maggie Spiece, who pleaded guilty to the charge of theft and felonious assault, was sentenced one year to the Western Penitentiary, and a similar sentence on Alfred Davis who pleaded guilty of robbery.

A HANDSOME POLITICIAN.—The Lock Haven Democrat, speaking of a recent visit to that place, of L. L. Brown, esq., Republican chairman of Centre county, on political business, indulged in the following remark: Mr. Brown is an active worker for his party and in the present contest is a strong friend of Gen. Hastings. Politically he is "way off," but personally is an excellent citizen, a very pleasant gentleman and popular with all parties. Facialy, Mr. Brown is handsome enough to be a Democrat, and we have often wondered how he could lend so much good-lookingness to the advancement of such a bad cause. But, being a well-informed man, we still have hopes of him and have confident expectations of hearing him some day shout for Democracy and General Jackson.

DEATH OF RICHARD BRIDGES OF LOCK HAVEN.—We learn from the Lock Haven Democrat that Robert Richard Bridges, ex-Mayor of that place, died at his residence on West Main street last Tuesday morning, aged 72 years, seven months and three days. The demise of Mr. Bridges was the result of a light attack of apoplexy, received about two years ago, since which time he had been slowly failing. About seven weeks since he began to sink rapidly, but rallied again and was downtown in a carriage, about four weeks ago, for the last time. During the whole of his late illness, however, he was only steadily in bed since Sunday last.

Mr. Bridges was born at the old Bridges homestead about one mile west of the city limits, October 10, 1817, and notwithstanding the fact that he was an extensive contractor and often absent from the city for weeks, and occasionally for months, he nevertheless thought of making any other spot than Lock Haven his abiding place. He was well known throughout the State and took an active interest in politics. Politically he was an earnest, out and out Democrat, and did not hesitate to express himself in the strongest terms where he felt that any man or any measure deserved denunciation. Personally he was one of the kindest-hearted and most generous of men and injured himself financially by the frequency and liberality with which he loaned money and went upon other people's paper. In him the poor man always found a friend, and he was a liberal contributor to the churches and to charities, as well as to public enterprises that he thought worthy, of all sorts. He was a friendly, genial companion, and in his more youthful days was a very handsome man, and will carry with him into the grave good looks that many a younger man might envy. His departure is a matter of deep regret to the entire community.

Although a strong party man and politician, the deceased gentleman never was an office-seeker and never held any public position that we are aware of except that of Mayor. He was an extensive dealer in lumber, as well as contractor, and his business required all his attention. He leaves a wife but no children. His funeral takes place to-day (Friday) in Highland cemetery.

—Aaron Smith, of Philipsburg, and James Dolan, of Pleasant Gap, have been granted an increase of pension.

The Philipsburg Ledger of last Saturday says: Robert Taylor is lying in a most critical condition the result of injuries received several months since in an altercation with Capt. Clark, in which Taylor was knocked, or fell down a flight of cellar stairs, striking his head on a stone wall. He was badly hurt at the time but apparently recovered. His recovery seems to have been temporary and he is now in all likelihood on his death bed. In the event of his death no criminal action can be taken against Captain Clark, as the time for such action has elapsed and no information against the Captain was ever lodged by Taylor. Besides Taylor was always known as a man of evil disposition, and it was the general opinion of the people at the time that he only got what he deserved. —Since the publication of the above Taylor has died and was buried last Monday.

If the following picture drawn by the Altoona Tribune is a correct one, they must have a "dandy" court in Cambria county: "During last week some singular incidents occurred in the court at Ebensburg. For instance one of the attorneys was swaggering drunk during the progress of a trial and became so "humorous" and offensive as to require the attention of the judge. Again in the Peters gambling house case, it is alleged the attorney for defendant prepared the bill of indictment for the prosecuting attorney. The bill, as everybody knows, did not hold water. Is it likely that a defendant lawyer would prepare a bill of indictment against his client that would stand? And still again may be cited the case already referred to, wherein attorney for the prosecution referred to the defendant as the —— liar in Cambria county, the remark attacking no particular attention from either the court or bar, just as if such incidents were of common occurrence. Cambria has a "dandy" court."

The death of Hon. H. G. Fisher leaves only three members of the Board of Managers of the State Reformatory at Huntingdon, Harry B. Tyler, of Philadelphia, having resigned a few weeks ago. The board is now composed of Hon. Samuel McCamant, of Tyrone, Col. W. W. Jennings, of Harrisburg, and Hon. Alex Port, Huntingdon. The vacancies, it is expected, will be filled shortly by Governor Beaver, and it is probable that one of the new members will be from Philadelphia, where Mr. Tyler resides, and the other from Huntingdon.

—There will be a burst of Bellefonte eloquence on Decoration day all along the line. Clement Dale will argue at Howard; W. I. Swoop will do triple oratorical service at Curtin, Milesburg and Unionville; Governor Beaver will hold forth at Altoona; William E. Gray at Pine Grove Mills; D. F. Fortney at Philipsburg, General Hastings at Allentown, and Jack Dale is considering whether he shall accept the invitation to speak at Unionville.

Isaac Sickler, of Towanda, Bradford county, Pa., challenges any person in Clinton and Centre counties to run a foot race of from three to five hundred yards. The race is to be run in Bradford county and the purse to be from \$50 to \$100. Sickler must beseech to think that any Centre county runner will go all the way to Bradford county to run with him. Let him come down here with it he wants to be beaten.

—Complaints are made about the vandal conduct of visitors to the Union cemetery who pluck the flowers which sorrowing friends have planted on the graves of their dead. If there is a penalty for such conduct it should be enforced, and that such vandalism is allowed to be practiced is not creditable to those who have control of the cemetery.

—One of the Chinese proprietors of the laundry on Howard street was arrested on Monday evening by officer Folk for disorderly conduct at W. F. Fleming's tailoring establishment, and taken to jail. It is supposed that he is slightly insane, which accounted for his wanting to "shoothee," but it is more likely that he was under the influence of opium.

—Superintendent Bricker published a schedule of the number of applicants for enumerators in his districts. In all there were 833 applications to fill 289 places. In Centre county 106 applied for the 32 districts. Of the enumerators appointed in this county 18 are soldiers. In the entire district 128 soldiers have been appointed.

—Montgomery & Co. have made their fine merchant tailoring store room in the Crider building perfectly dazzling at night by the introduction of two or lights, which are fed from the electric light plant. The light they furnish beats even day light in showing off their goods to advantage.

—A ball will be given in the rink on Wednesday evening, 21st inst., for the benefit of the base ball club just organized in Bellefonte.

—Aaron Smith, of Philipsburg, and James Dolan, of Pleasant Gap, have been granted an increase of pension.

—The most elevated town in the United States is Red Mountain, Owyhee county, Col., which is at an altitude of 11,123 feet; Leadville with 20,000 inhabitants is 10,300 feet up.

—The Knights Templar Conclave

—The Reception to be given by Hospital Commandery, No. 46, Knights Templar, of Lock Haven, to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and visiting Knights Templar, on the evening of May 27, promises to be the largest and most brilliantly conducted assembly ever held in that city. The home commandery are sparing no efforts or expense to make it a complete success.

They have made a contract with an expert decorator from abroad, and at a large expense, to cover the extensive interior of the Armory of Company H in a most elaborate and magnificent manner, and have secured an orchestra equal to any in the State to dispense the music, and are also having engraved and printed most elaborate and superb programmes in elegant style and design, well suited for the grand occasion, which will also be a desirable souvenir. Luncheon

will be served without charge to all the guests present.

The General Committee of Arrangements have decided to grant the sale of a limited number of tickets to citizens who may desire to participate in the reception and enjoy themselves with the distinguished guests of Hospital Commandery. All applications for tickets must be made by Saturday, May 17.

THE DEATH RECORD OF THE FLOOD.

—The following are the names and ages of the persons drowned in Clinton county by the great flood of last year, as furnished to the flood commissioners:

Mackeyville—John Harter, age 70; H. J. Rhine, 55; Rachael Rhine, 47; Allie Rhine, 15; Charles Rhine, 7.

Wayne township—William Confer, 28; Rosana Confer, 26; Calvin Confer, 5; Sarah Confer, 3; Jennie Confer, 7 months; Allen Kashner, 4; William Kashner, 9.

Rothe—Mrs. Clara Cole, 26; Myrtle Cole, 1; Mrs. Jennie Barner, 29; John Barner, 9; Harry Barner, 2; Jessie Barner, 6 months.

Lock Haven—James Guilford, 38.

Salona—Alexander Whiting, 45; Margaret Whiting, 44; William Emerizer, 50; Mary Emerizer, 51; Harriet Snyder, 74.

Cedar Springs—Wilbur J. Seyler, 9; Louis C. Seyler, 7; Franklin Seyler, 5; Mary C. Seyler, 36.

Clintondale—Robert Armstrong, 58; Jane Armstrong, 56.

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THE MIFFLIN COUNTY SHOOTING CASE.—We briefly mentioned last week the shooting case near Lucy Furnace in Mifflin county, in which James Davis was shot by William Say, two railroad employees working on the same engine, one as engineer and the other as fireman. In giving an account of the affair a correspondent of the Altoona Tribune says: "Davis is married and lives in one of the furnace houses, and Say had up until yesterday morning, boarded with him, when he (Say) had intended moving his goods from Davis' place. It seems that Davis suspected Say with having improper relations with his wife which had caused ill-feeling toward each other. Yesterday morning, May 6, while Say was removing his goods, Davis came in when a quarrel ensued, and Say says that Davis drew a knife on him and threatened to kill him. Say said, 'Don't strike me Jim, or I will shoot you.' Davis came on and Say fired, the ball entering Davis' neck, cutting or slightly cutting the jugular vein. Davis fell and Say turned him over, he said to Constable Latherow, to see how badly he was hurt. To Justice Miller he said that when Davis fell he caught him and that at the same time the knife fell out of his (Davis') hand, and that he (Say) stooped down and picked up the knife and started toward Mount Union."

—After doing the shooting Say started toward Newton Hamilton, but was overtaken by Constable Nevill on the Pennsylvania railroad track between that place and Mt. Union bridge. He gave himself up without resistance, saying that he was on his way to deliver himself to a justice, and after a commitment was made out by Esq. J. D. Miller, he was lodged in the Lewistown jail.

Later accounts concerning the condition of Davis represented him to be growing gradually worse and scarcely any hope was entertained of his recovery. His antemortem statement was taken by an officer. The location of the ball had not been determined.

—One of the last victims of grip in this county was Mrs. Matilda Watkins, of Boggs township, who died on the 2nd inst., after eight days illness, in her 60th year. She was the daughter of George and Sarah Boyer. Her remains were interred in the Fairview cemetery on the Sunday following her death, and was attended by many friends and acquaintances.

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