

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

NO WATCHMAN NEXT WEEK.—According to our custom not to publish a paper for the week including the Fourth of July, there will be no edition of the WATCHMAN issued next week.

—The race track project is in a state of suspense.

—Prof. D. M. Wolf, so well known in this county as an educator, has been made a D. D. by Franklin and Marshall college.

—The Unionville and Sandy Ridge camps of the P. O. S. of A. will attend the Lock Haven celebration on the 4th of July.

—Arrangements are being made for an extensive picnic of the P. O. S. of A., to be held in Long's grove at Howard, on Saturday, July 25.

—Mrs. Lane, mother of John Lane, of this place, and James B. Lane, of Philadelphia, celebrated her 71st birthday on Thursday last week.

—The report that the county commissioners had contracted to have the court house yard paved with a composite pavement is contradicted on authority.

—The Millburg *Telegraph* says that Millburg will not celebrate the Fourth this year, but many of the citizens will skip to other places, but the majority will go to Bellefonte.

—The Washburn & Arlington circus that showed in our town last Saturday was what the boys call a first class snide. It didn't deserve more than the slim attendance that patronized it.

—Ex-Governor Beaver, and Prof. James Y. McKee, of State College, attended the recent meeting of their class, that of 1856, of Washington and Jefferson college, at Washington, Pa.

—Mr. E. K. Rhoads has given an ornamental appearance to his coal and grain house, opposite the railroad station, by an application of paint of brilliant colors. Appearance always has a good effect.

—Mr. William Jones, the general factotum of the First National Bank of this place, was 71 years of age last week, but still displays the vigor of a young man in doing the running for that institution.

—The Logan Steam-fire company have built two handsome fountains in front of their engine house. We suppose they are to spout out a cordial welcome to their visitors and guests on the Fourth of July.

—John Griffith, of Todd township, Huntingdon county, died recently, aged 88 years. Fifty years ago he was the owner of the greater portion of the coal land on Broad Top, disposing of it to Robert Hare Powell.

—Some days ago while Joseph Cowher was working with a log in the saw mill of Chaney & Thompson at Port Matilda a grab hook caught his right hand and penetrated through it, causing a very painful wound.

—Mr. John Tate, an old resident of Pleasant Gap, aged about 62, died last Friday morning from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. He had been in bad health for a number of years, having had several previous paralytic attacks.

—Mrs. Woods, wife of Rev. Charles Woods, of Germantown, and daughter of the late Wister Morris, of Philadelphia, died suddenly Thursday last week. She was a niece of Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, of this place, and was well known here.

—It is a big crop to pick 120 quarts from one cherry tree, but this quantity was taken, this season, from a tree on Col. D. K. Tate's premises on Penn street. This has, indeed, been a great cherry year, plenty for family use and some left for the birds.

—The Reliance Hook and Ladder Company of Philipsburg, 60 strong, will be entertained at Garman's Hotel on the 4th. We have no doubt that arrangements have been made for the entertainment of other organizations, but we have not learned particulars.

—A portion of the roof of the railroad and driving bridge across the river at Lewisburg was blown off last Sunday afternoon by a severe storm which passed over that section at that time. Telephone and telegraph wires were also demolished and considerable damage done to vegetation.

—Rev. J. O. Davis, who has been rector of St. John's Episcopal church, of this place, for the past five years, has handed in his resignation to the vestry, to take effect about the 1st of August. We understand that he has accepted a call to a church in Nebraska. Mr. Davis has done excellent work since his connection with St. John's, and his departure will involve a loss which its congregation will greatly feel.

'91 SAYS FAREWELL!

Another Commencement at the Pennsylvania State College.

CROWDS OF PEOPLE ENJOY THE EXERCISES.

The happiest season of the whole college year for the underclassmen, and the one when young graduates must say farewell to their alma mater, came and went at State College with a rapidity that left the impressions formed by a week's visit to the great institution, a chaotic jumble in the mind of your reporter. The imposing buildings, the beautifully appointed grounds and the impressive ceremonies incidental to the launching, upon life's broad stream, of so many destinies, were all so interesting that we are in a quandary as to where to begin the proceedings.

On Saturday night visitors began to arrive and take up their quarters at the different hotels and boarding houses, and Sunday morning found the usually quiet little village aglow with a new life. Bright and early the horn of the milkman and butcher could be heard echoing over the hills, and the curling smoke from innumerable chimneys told the story of a new day. By eight o'clock many of the throng were astir, and soon the walks about the place were lined with young men and women, with here and there a father and mother, who, perhaps, had come to see the son in whom all their hopes are centered, bring to an end his college career. And with what pride they looked at the passers by, if perchance he had carried off one of the honors.

Gay maidens, in wonderfully striking gowns, seemed really interested in everything except in the gowns of their sisters (?). Gallant youths only wanted an opportunity to be of service to some one, and the budding Freshmen, but lately released from Preparatory Hall, vainly endeavored to impress the contemptuous college men with their importance.

Nature could not have been more lavish in her part. The day was indeed an ideal one, and when the "clang" of the ponderous bell in the main college building rang out for the assembly to chapel, for the Baccalaureate address to be delivered by the Rev. George W. Chamberlain, of Brazil, the beautifully decorated little chapel was comfortably filled with people, and at 10.30 sharp the services began. The talk was necessarily to the class of '91 and contained many points of capital interest, though at times rather prosy.

The Baccalaureate sermon over, nothing remained for us to do but enjoy the beauties of the place during the rest of the Sabbath, and we found plenty of interesting sights in which to interest ourselves.

MONDAY.

Every train brought visitors to augment the crowd which had been gathering, and as there was nothing of importance occurring during the day, we took the opportunity of visiting the various departments of the institution. Engineering, mechanical, civil and electrical, chemical, physical, botanical and experimental, afforded abundant entertainment for the day. In every building we were struck with the rather unusual order and precision of the work which was going on. With the best equipment and the combination of theory and practice, the heads of these various departments are doing a work of exceedingly broad scope. The intricate points in the different lines were explained by affable assistants, and on the whole this visit was made one of the most delightful incidents of our whole commencement experience.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the chapel was again comfortably filled with the members of the college Y. M. C. A. and their friends who had assembled to hear the Rev. James Carter, of Williamsport, Pa., deliver the address before the association. It was a very able dissertation, and his auditors were highly entertained with the discourse. Eloquence and sound logic combined to produce a salutary effect upon the minds of the audience.

TUESDAY.

The first event of any importance which transpired on Tuesday was the examination of candidates for admission to the Freshman class, and from the number who were there to take them, with the applicants the class of '95 will be the largest the college has ever had. At 2.5 we expected to see the young athletes compete for the prizes at the annual summer field sports, but the condition of the athletic grounds and several other unforeseen difficulties precluded the possibility of their being held, so in this we were disappointed. There is one treat always in store for commencement goers, however, on Tuesday, and that is the Junior Oratorical Contest, which is held in the evening at eight o'clock. This invariably proves to be one of the special features of the week, and the contestants, always having attained a certain degree of proficiency in rhetorical before they are accorded the honor of entering the contest, never fail to sustain the high standard which has been set for these performances.

All of the addresses were deserving of much praise, but we particularly desire

to commend that delivered by Mr. Loyd. His treatment of so broad a theme and the originality of the ideas presented coupled with the grace and effectiveness with which he spoke, merit the highest eulogiums. Mr. McDowell was voted the first prize and Mr. Loyd received honorable mention for his work. Below we give the programme for the evening:

- Music, Overture, "La Tosca."
- Oration, "The French Republic," Willis McKee, State College.
- Oration, "Education of the Citizen," Howard R. Pratt, Fleming.
- Music, Gavotte, "L'Ingenue."
- Oration, "The Italian in America," Raphael Kessler, Brandt.
- Oration, "Four Centuries of Progress," John W. Stephenson, Mahaffey.
- Music, College Medley.
- Oration, "A Nation's Defender," Milton S. McDowell, Milroy.
- Oration, "The Agnostic," Nelson McAllister Loyd, Oakland Mills.
- Music, Waltz, "A la Walden." Announcement of Judges' Decision.

KING PREPDOM DIES!

Immediately after the contest, one of the most amusing features we have ever witnessed occurred. It was the cremation of Prepdom by the out-going class, or the new members of '95. Among students it has been an honored custom to express their delight at having finished certain abhorred studies, or being freed from the preparatory halls, by playing a burlesque of some sort. In this case it took the form of a cremation, and as the college band sounded the assembly, numbers of white-robed Freshmen appeared, and with them the bearers who sadly (?) carried the coffin in which was King Prepdom. Weird music and the most discordant moans resounded along the line of march, and when the Athletic field was reached the procession halted. There the crematory had been erected and the box was placed upon it. Orations for the dead were delivered, and as the mourners passed the bier they took a parting look at the remains of their beloved (?) departed. Soon the torch was applied and fantastic forms danced about the flames chanting wild dirges, and amid the glare of red lights and rockets the last of the king was seen.

The exercises were conducted in the most successful manner, and though '95 experienced some difficulties in eluding the watchful eye of the Preps, they nevertheless had their cremation and had with it the assurance that afforded more genuine pleasure to the great crowd of spectators than anything which has occurred at the college for some time.

WEDNESDAY.

The gust of Tuesday night drew itself out into one of the most dreary rains, and morning brought fog and a cheerless shadow over everything. Visitors were compelled to remain in doors, and much of their anticipated pleasure was curtailed, for Wednesday has always been the "big" day during commencement. Big, because so many things of interest are usually scheduled to take place.

At 8.30 the Alumni Association met and transacted business of importance. Among other things it voted to deprive the members of all graduating classes, hereafter, the privilege of a vote in the meetings until one year after graduation. The loud "boom" of the cannon brought every one to the front of the main building, where a squad of well-drilled artillerymen, under Lieut. S. A. Wolf, U. S. A., was firing the gubernatorial salute of seventeen guns. After the salute the trustees met in the chapel to hear reports of the condition of the institution, and we understand that they were all of the most flattering nature.

At 12 M. the Alumni dinner was served in the large armory, by Achenbach, Bellefonte's excellent caterer. Two hundred and forty guests sat down to the first table, and ere they arose they were treated to a sumptuous menu as well as to entertaining toasts, which were responded to by Hon. William Stone, ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth, Dr. Waller, Superintendent of Public Instruction, the President of Pennsylvania College, Attorney Robb, of Pittsburg, and F. N. Weidner, of the graduating class. All of the speeches were pithy and entertaining, and we were particularly taken with the warm-hearted talk of Secretary Stone.

Dinner over the delegates and alumni met in the chapel to elect trustees to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of five of the present board. The choice was as follows: By the delegates, Gen. James A. Beaver, Capt. C. W. Roberts, of West Chester, Major Fox, of Reading, and by the Alumni, Gabriel Heister, of Harrisburg. Other routine business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of weather a crowd assembled to hear Gen. D. H. Hastings, of Bellefonte, deliver the address before the alumni, in the evening at 8 o'clock. His talk impressed the audience with his characteristic brightness and elocutionary power, and everyone was delighted. This address has in past years been much of a bore, but "Our Dan's" was an exception and a brilliant one, too.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to the honored President, Dr. Atherton, of a solid silver tea service. It was a token of esteem from the citizens of the village, bearing with it the hearty congratulations and ecom-

iums of the people for the zealous work he has done for the institution.

The next thing in order was the reception by the members of the faculty to the visitors. It was given in the armory, and many were there to renew pleasant acquaintances of years gone by and pay their respects to the guardians of so many young men and women.

THURSDAY.

Graduation day at last! and everything began to take on an air of the end. The ceremonies commenced promptly at 9.30, and by noon thirteen young men and one young lady had finished their college career and been launched upon a new life finished in the preparatory work of their vocations. The following program was carried through in the most successful manner, all of the orations showing the time which must undoubtedly have been spent upon them: Music, overture, "La Rose Nuptiale;" oration, "Inductive Science and Modern Education," Arthur G. McKee; oration, "The Political Situation in Europe," John W. Fields; music, Potpourri, "Iolanthe;" oration, "What the Nation Demands of Her Educated Men," Walter M. Camp; oration, "Should Foreign Immigration be Restricted?" Dilworth M. Taylor; music, String Quintet, "Loin Du Bal;" valedictory oration, Noah H. Suloff; music, "Aufmunterung." Then came the address by the Hon. A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times. A most able effort, indeed, containing thoughts which should prove of invaluable service in the lives of the graduates, couched in the best of English and delivered with an eloquence and earnestness which was entertaining in the highest sense.

Degrees were conferred as follows: B. S., in the Latin Scientific Course, Miss Moore; B. S., in the Advanced Course in Chemistry, Messrs. Fields and Weidner; B. S., in the Course in Civil Engineering, Messrs. Camp, Gilkey, Suloff and Taylor; B. S., in the Course in Mechanical Engineering, Messrs. Bartley, Griffin and McKee; B. S., in the Course in Physics and Electrotechnics, Messrs. Green, Hamilton and Long; Special Certificate in Civil Engineering, Mr. Clarke. The honor men of the class were: First honors, Walter Mason Camp, John Wesley Fields, second honors, Charles Maxwell Green, Dilworth Miller Taylor.

A few short remarks by the president, and his last "farewell," and the class of '91 had done. Gone from student life, probably, forever.

But one thing remained to hold the people, and that was the Farewell Reception given by '92 to '91. It was simply a repetition of many delightful dances which the college boys have given, except that an unusually brilliancy was given to the affair by the assemblage of so many new faces.

The committee, Messrs. C. E. Aull, S. G. Crawford, S. H. Brown, C. C. Hildebrand and Ray Kessler, are deserving the congratulations of every student of Pennsylvania State College for the completeness of their work, and the reward they received in the great success of the reception was well merited, indeed.

One word more and we will close. To '91 we wish unlimited success in your footsteps. To the succeeding classes of the Pennsylvania State College—may your courses be as nobly ended as have been those of the ones so lately graduated.

PRIZES.

The different prizes offered by the college and individual friends of the college, for meritorious work in specified matters, were awarded as follows:

English Prizes—Preparatory year—First to A. G. Blackburn; second to O. P. Redford.

McAllister Prize—A. G. Blackburn.

Oratorical Prize—M. S. McDowell.

Oreis Prizes—First to F. M. Willis; second to H. E. Dunkle; third to Emma Camp.

Declamation Prizes—sophomore and Freshman year—First to R. V. Matern; second to A. D. Knittle.

SUDDEN DEATH.—A very sad case of sudden death occurred in Coleville, a suburb of this place, Thursday night of last week, the victim being Mrs. Michael Heyden. She had been living alone with her two-year-old baby, her husband being employed by Mr. Thomas Collins on the contract he has in building a railroad in New York State. Mrs. Heyden not making her appearance at the usual time in the morning the attention of the neighbors was attracted by the circumstance, and also by the crying of the child. About 9 o'clock they entered the house and found Mrs. Heyden dead in bed with the baby sobbing by her side. The physician who examined the body decided that death had been produced by some form of heart trouble. The unfortunate woman had been preparing to go to her husband and had been working hard in getting her household goods ready for the moving, and it is probable that she over-exerted herself. Her husband was telegraphed for and arrived on Saturday to attend to the sad duty of interring his wife, whom he had left in good health and who he had expected would soon join him at his new place of residence.

—The people of Renovo are going to attend the Lock Haven 4th of July celebration almost en masse.

—McQuiston & Co's is the place to get fine buggies, carriages and wagons of every kind.

—Lock Haven wants the State Chronic Insane Asylum which the State Board of Charities is to locate at some eligible place.

—If you want furniture cheap, E. Brown, Jr's is the place to get it.

—Allegheny College has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. Geo. W. Penepacker, of Clearfield, who is well known in this county.

—Repairing executed with neatness and dispatch at McQuiston & Co's.

—Maj. Reynolds has his attention completely taken up now with his numerous crops of hay and grain. He has some twenty farms all under cultivation. As the crops are very promising he is not going to starve just yet.

—Prof. Reeves, formerly of the State College, but at present a resident of and doing business in New Jersey, spent Tuesday night in Bellefonte, on his way to attend the commencement exercises at the College. The Professor is looking well and we are glad to know he is doing well and is pleased with the business he is now engaged in.

—Novelties in furniture and wall paper are the order of the day at E. Brown, Jr's on Bishop street.

—The school Board have elected the following teachers for our borough schools for the ensuing year: Prof. D. M. Lieb, G. W. Johnstonbaugh, D. M. Wolf, and J. F. Harrison, Jr., Misses Ella Levy, F. Kate Heves, Annie McCaffery, Rose J. Fox, Jennie Strickland, Carrie A. Weaver, Kate M. Powers, Annie MacBride, Laura H. Wright, Bella K. Rankin and Millie Smith.

—Monday's *Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin* says: Quite a number of the Edgar Munson & Son's mill men will leave to day for Bay City, Michigan, where the Munsons have two large saw and two planing mills, manufacturing about 30,000,000 feet of lumber a year into doors, sash, blinds, and all other material required for house furnishing. The men going to-day take their families with them, the whole numbering about fifty persons.

—The death is announced of Hon. John Hockenberry, of Chest township, Clearfield county, who will be remembered as having served as associate judge from January 1, 1887. He was 65 years of age, and his death is said to have been the result of a rupture, caused by an injury received only recently. He was well and favorably known, a man of wonderful physique, who gave promise of living to an extreme age.—*Philipsburg Journal*.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESTRUCTIVE.—About half after four last Saturday afternoon a blaze was discovered on the roof of the large frame building adjoining Maitland's boiler shop, this place. It rapidly enveloped a large part of the roof and had a very dangerous look when parties who were attracted by it raised a ladder to the roof and kept the fire in check with buckets of water until the firemen made their appearance and speedily put it out. The steam fire engine made its appearance on the scene, but the work had been done before there was occasion to put the steamer in operation. The house is occupied by Mr. Scott, bartender of the Brockerhoff House.

FATAL COAL OIL EXPLOSION NEAR PHILIPSBURG.—The *Journal* of Tuesday gives the following particulars of a distressing fatality near that place:

Mrs. Mills, the young wife of William Mills, living at Nuttall's block, near Ashcroft, met her death last night in the most distressing manner. About five o'clock she began to make preparations for supper. She, supposing the fire in the stove had entirely died out, picked up the coal oil can, containing nearly a gallon of oil, and attempted to pour a little on some of the wood in the stove, which had not burned. Unfortunately, there was still a little fire in the stove, and as a result, the flame shot up and ignited the oil in the can, causing a terrible explosion. In an instant she was enveloped in flames, and notwithstanding the efforts of her husband and others who happened to be about the premises at the time, they could not be extinguished and every bit of clothing on her body was consumed. She was burned almost to a crisp, and suffered the bitterest agony up until eleven o'clock, when death came to her relief. She retained her consciousness up until the last and just before she died bade her friends a most affectionate farewell. Her four-months-old child, who was sitting in a high chair in an adjoining room, was also badly burned, the little one's apparel having caught fire from the mother's burning clothing, as the latter in her excitement rushed into the room with the view of saving the life of her child. It is very much feared that the little one cannot survive.

—The finest and largest line of Foreign and Domestic woolsens for suitings and overcoats ever shown by us. Full assortment of Ready Made Clothing Hats, Caps, and Furnishing Goods. MONTGOMERY & Co. Tailors.

—The Baccalaureate sermon last Sunday at the State College, preached by Rev. George Chamberlain, of Brazil, was listened to by a large audience who greatly appreciated it as a specimen of pulpit eloquence.

In the evening a song and prayer service was held in the college chapel, during which Rev. Wm. Calder, who is an alumnus of the college and who has been for several years a missionary to India, delivered a very entertaining address on the practical workings of Buddhism, showing the difference between Buddhism in Burma and Buddhism in Boston. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. Chamberlain and Dr. Atherton.

BINDING TWINE.—The attention of the farmers is called to the fact that J. S. Waite & Co., have received a car load of binding twine, including seven varieties. They will be sold at the lowest prices. 2t

MATRIMONIAL LICENSES.—The following marriage licenses were issued from the Register's office of this county since last publication.

C. L. Brannan, of Altoona, and Anna B. Lucas, of Moshannon; H. E. Walker, of Milesburg, and Lizzie C. Transe, of Mackeyville; Austin H. Bartley, of Spring twp., and Alice M. Mead, of Bellefonte; C. E. Musser, of Aaronsburg, and Hannah M. Hackenberg, of Millheim; John Rayhom, of Allport, and Frances Singer, of Romola; Geo. W. Nangle and Bella M. Perks, both of Philipsburg; Samuel F. Musser and Carrie L. Condo, both of Penn Hill.

—If you have not already visited E. Brown, Jr's new store on Bishop street you should do so at once. Great bargains await you.

A HAPPY EVENT.—Thursday evening, the 18th inst., at eight o'clock, at the home of the bride in Moshannon, Mr. Lloyd L. Brannan of Altoona and Miss Anna B. Lucas were united in holy matrimony by Rev. W. W. Cadie, pastor of the M. E. Church. Many friends were present from Altoona, Bellefonte and the surrounding neighborhood. The bride, was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents.

Mrs. and Mrs. Brannan left the next day for a trip to Washington and points east. Their future home will be in Altoona. *

—Wall paper in every shade and pattern at E. Brown, Jr's on Bishop street.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—Owen McCabe, a somewhat notorious character, made an attack on Officer Roe, of Altoona, the other day. He had a suspended sentence hanging over him for some offence committed some time ago, and when brought before Judge Dean his honor just clapped the suspended sentence right on to him, and it was four years in the penitentiary. Judge D. allows no fooling.

—E. Brown, Jr., wants you to see his stock at his store on Bishop street.

TALLYHO!—James H. Potter, the liveryman, is now the owner of a regular tallyho coach, the first one that has been introduced into this place as a permanent institution. It was made by Charles Smith, of Pine Grove Mills, this county, and was brought to town last Saturday evening loaded with a jolly party.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.

The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press:

White wheat, per bushel.....	95
Red wheat, per bushel.....	95
Rye, per bushel.....	80
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	65
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	70
Oats—new, per bushel.....	50
Barley, per bushel.....	65
Ground plaster, per ton.....	9 50
Buckwheat per bushel.....	50
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$4 00 to \$6 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Seckler & Co

Potatoes per bushel.....	90 to 100
Eggs, per dozen.....	15
Lard, per pound.....	8
Country shoulders.....	8
Sides.....	8
Hams.....	12 1/2
Pallow, per pound.....	1
Butter, per pound.....	12 1/2

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