

Democratic Watchman

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MEMORIAL DAY IN BELLEFONTE.

As time rolls on, and one by one the brave souls who fought for the Union so well are numbered among the dead, there is little left for the hands of their posterity to do, but strew flowers on the green mounds that mark their resting place and shed tears for the memory of our heroes. One day in the year is a holiday on which the heroic dead are to be honored, and wisely enough that one falls on a date when nature is most radiant in her floral attire. The children and battle scarred veterans pluck them, and with songs of praise consecrate such emblems of purity and friendship to the memory of departed comrades.

Bellefonte has always observed the 30th of May with appropriate services and this year will prove no exception to the rule. Gregg Post has already begun preparations for holding memorial ceremonies over the graves of their comrades and the following program of arrangements has been issued from their rooms:

Parade will form in Diamond square, in front of the Court House, at 2 o'clock p. m., right resting on north side of High street, in the following order—Music, Orator in Carriage, Company B. Gregg Post, Visiting Comrades Camp 447, P. O. S. of A., Camp 639, P. O. S. of A., Citizens—and will move at 2 1/2 o'clock promptly, by wheeling into platoons and marching over the following route: Allegheny to Howard street; Howard to Spring street; Spring to Bishop street; Bishop to Allegheny street; Allegheny to Howard street; out Howard street to Union cemetery. Arriving in the cemetery the parade will form a square, enclosing four graves previously designated with post and national colors, in the centre. The following program of services will be gone through with: Opening ceremonies by the commander; ode; prayer by the chaplain; dirge by the band; decoration of four (4) graves in honor of all deceased soldiers and sailors; ode; peccoration of all soldiers' and sailors' graves; re-assembling of comrades by bugle call; dirge by the band; memorial address by comrade General F. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa. Benediction.

OLD SQUIRE RANKIN WAS TOO SLICK.—Last fall, if our readers will remember, we published an account of Squire Rankin's embezzlement of funds left in his trust and also of his great scheme for purchasing farms without any other bonds than his "promise to pay." The reports of the Squire's defalcations appeared in nearly all of Centre and Clearfield county papers, but at last they were denied by some of his friends down at Howard. Everyone was in a quandary, then, as to whether the stories were true. One thing was eminently suspicious: The Squire was missing from his home at Karthaus, and two notes were due, with the settlement of an estate left in his charge.

Nothing has been heard of Squire Rankin since last fall and indeed his friends began to think him guilty of the charges brought against him. But the climax was capped, the other day, when carpenters went to remodel his late residence. High up under the roof, a cosy little room was fixed up in one of the many gables, and there sat the sly old fellow smoking his pipe as complacently as if nothing had ever happened. All of the time that officers have been hunting him he has been sitting up there beside his little stove and as one by one, his bondsmen have trotted up to Clearfield to make good the obligations of their wily friend, he has been perched up there blowing enough smoke rings to get himself engaged to all the girls in christendom, for you know the Squire was a great ladies' man. Having married a girl, here whom he met while giving testimony on the Andrews murder case. Not even the Sheriff's hammer, as it knocked off his personal effects, disturbed him and we suppose he would have been up there yet if the carpenters had not found him out.

At one time Squire Rankin was one of the most respected citizens of Karthaus, Clearfield county, but he has fallen from grace and is now in the same hole with many others who do not have their wings clipped in time.

BY ELECTRICITY TO LEWISTOWN.—The Lewistown and Bellefonte electric railway company, with a capital of \$400,000, was on Friday last granted a charter at the State department. The line will extend from the village of Reedsville through the valley of Milroy, thence to Centre Hall, to the depot of the Bald Eagle Valley railroad in Bellefonte. The directors of the company are W. P. Stevenson, James Macklin, McVeytown; C. R. Marks, Johnson Murthersbaugh, A. P. Martin, W. W. Trout, Lewistown.

It is hardly probable that any of the readers of this article will ever ride on the proposed road.

Mr. Frank H. Clemson and his bride, nee Miss Eva Gray, were in town on Tuesday preparing for housekeeping. They had just returned from an extended bridal tour and will reside at Benore, where Mr. Clemson is general Supt of the large Scotia ore operations of Andrew Carnegie.

Williamsport and Phillipsburg are both trying to get up a 4th of July demonstration.

Harvey W. Kieth and J. H. Devore, of Altoona, were arrested in Houtzdale, on Friday, for passing counterfeit money.

The Lewisburg Chronicle, at one time one of the leading papers of Union county, has been sold to a stock company for \$1,225.

Kellar the wizard, the magician and the most skilled in the art of ledger-demon will be here for a matinee, on Saturday, May 21st.

The different regiments of the 2nd brigade N. G. P., to which our 6th belongs, will encamp from July 30th to August 6th inclusive.

Being tickled with a few squares of paved street sleepy old Clearfield has placed an order for 400,000 more bricks to be used for the same purpose.

Ex-banker-presenter Dill, of Clearfield, was indicted by the grand jury, at Pittsburg, on Saturday, for embezzling \$21,000 of the funds of the Houtzdale bank. Perhaps others will be implicated.

Hoover & Emerick's store, at Scotia, was burglarized on last Thursday night. Some trousers, neck-wear and the contents of the money drawer made up the plunder. They entered by a front window. The rail-road station was also broken into, but nothing of value was taken. The telephone was torn from the wall at the latter place.

Wilmer Tate, the oldest son of Col. D. K. Tate, more commonly known as "Pank," has entirely recovered from the injuries sustained from a fall while practicing on a trapeze in the winter quarters of Robinson's circus, at Cincinnati. On Monday he leaves for Kentucky where he will join a summer theatrical company playing "Hilarity."

"Pank's" part will be knock-a-bout German song and dance artist.

There is an art in everything, no matter what it is, and accordingly some people possess more skill in certain lines than others. Among the class of men who cater to man's animal appetite Mr. Jacob Kast, of Half Moon, has become especially noted. Noted for the superior quality of the bologna he makes. He is now butchering for the Matters and the trade to which he caters can certainly congratulate itself upon the skill of the man who serves it, for Mr. Kast is in every respect a first class butcher.

The many Bellefonte friends of Mr. Alfred Herkheimer, not very long since a resident of our town, will be sorry to learn that he recently met with an accident which it is feared will prove fatal. He lives, with his parents, in Williamsport now and when the word came to us that he had been crushed between two cars we were sorely grieved. Al was always a jovial, whole souled fellow whom everyone liked and it is our sincere hope that his injuries may not prove as serious as they are thought to be.

Huntingdon county is bankrupt and the situation is summed up in the following: "At a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners it was found that the legal limit of assessments on real estate in the county—ten mills—had been reached. It was decided, however, to lay a special tax levy of about four mills, making a total of fourteen mills, in order to reduce, if possible, the county's bonded indebtedness, which amounts to \$166,911. An increase of \$351,773 in assessments was also agreed upon, which will make the total assessed valuation of property in the county \$5,739,028.

Houtzdale has done without a bank long enough; so the people out there think, and the "Citizens' Bank of Houtzdale will be the outcome of putting their heads together. The list of stockholders is made up as follows: G. W. Dickson, S. T. Henderson, Edward Pidgeon, John Beyer, Frank R. Darry, A. O. Stewart, C. H. Rowland, J. M. Johnson, W. A. Crist, Jonas Westfield, Julius Viebahn, R. F. Fleming, John Simindinger, and Michael Burns. The capital stock is \$25,000. W. A. Crist was elected president and F. R. Darry cashier. The bank is expected to open for business on May 23.

FIELD SPORTS AT THE COLLEGE.—To-morrow the students of the Pennsylvania State College will hold their first Handicap Field Sport Meeting, on the new athletic field. The events to be contested are as follows:

100, 200, 220, 440 yard dashes; 1/2 and 1 mile runs; low and high hurdles; pole vaulting; hammer and shot throwing running and standing high jumps and running broad jump.

The meeting will be under the direction of trainer Geo. W. Hoskins and the list of prizes includes the following: Four fine silver cups and team caps for the records broken. A gala time is anticipated at the big institution.

ARBOR DAY AT OUR SCHOOLS.

Governor Pattison's proclamation concerning Arbor day had not made the same impression on us as it had on many of our school children, and last Friday morning when we met so many little girls and boys dressed up in their very best, we could not imagine what great event was going to be celebrated, but after noticing that nearly every child carried a bunch of flowers, it dawned on us that it was the 6th of May. The day, every man, woman and child in Pennsylvania had been asked to plant a tree or shrub, to beautify their surroundings and to prevent the great calamities that the Forestry association say will surely befall us, if we allow our country to become treeless.

From the scholars' bright and happy faces, tree planting was a pleasure even if it was accompanied by some suggestion work and by an official document. Arbor day has always been observed in the Bellefonte schools; but never have they had better programs or more appreciative audiences than they had on last Friday. The rain interfered somewhat with the outdoor exercises, but the trees were planted and nature wanted to help on the good work.

At the north ward building all the schools had prepared some special exercises. Recitations were given, songs were sung, flowers were represented by little children and every actor in the celebration showed careful and thorough training. Up at the High school building the primary and intermediate schools held their exercises in the morning. When Miss Levy's school planted a tree in honor of Prof. D. M. Lieb, the hope was expressed that "with the summer's sun and life giving air, health and strength would come back to the principal, who has been resting for a year, and that he who has made the schools of the town what they are—may soon return to them strong and well."

At the High school, the exercises were especially interesting as the Reynolds prize a gold medal or fifteen dollars was contested for, in addition to the regular class day exercises, David Kelley, Miss Maggie Teats, Miss Gussie Stover, Harris Heylman, Rufus Strohm, George Miller, Miss Grace Luckenbach and John Miller all did so well, in spite of their old and hackneyed subjects, that had we been one of the judges we would have been tempted to have taken up a public subscription and given them all prizes, however when the judges, J. C. Meyer, E. R. Chambers, and W. E. Gray announced that Miss Maggie Teats, who had recited "My Mother's Grave," had won the honor the general verdict was, that it had been rightly bestowed. Miss Gussie Stover, who recited "The Dumb Savior" received honorable mention and came with in one vote of winning the prize. Music by Miss Schofield, Miss Ella Twitmore Miss Tessie Peters and Miss Laura Wright filled out the program and on account of the rain, the class day exercises took place in the school room. A well written history of the class by John Bower, was read by Miss Bessie Stroup and Harry Gerbrick made the address at the planting of the tulip tree, which represents the class of '92 and which was planted in the memory of Carol Cridder, who was a member of the class before he entered Dickinson college, and who died in September.

On Thursday afternoon, May 19th, the 9th annual commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High school will be held, in the opera house. The class of '92 is made up of the following young ladies and gentlemen: Elizabeth J. Stroop, Mary H. Wright, May Y. Talor, Alice K. Dorworth, John J. Bower and Harry F. Gerbrick.

William Cornealey, the young fellow who tried to wreck way passenger train, just as it was coming out of the Spruce creek tunnel, one day last week, and who afterward surrendered himself at the jail door, was tried and convicted in Huntingdon, on Wednesday. The jury was out but thirty minutes.

A REMARKABLE RIDER.—Last week Mr. Reuben Kreamer, of Rebersburg, entertained his aged friend James McCall who lives in Union county. Mr. McCall is past 88 years old and rode on horse back the whole way up from his home in Union county and never expressed a word as to being tired.

That rafting is falling off and our timber districts are being laid waste we need only state that during the past season but 400 rafts went through the boom, at Williamsport, as against 4,600 some years ago.

Contractor T. Frank Kennedy raised the frame work for the new College barn, on Wednesday. It will be an immense building and will occupy the site of the one that was burned last fall.

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A BURGLAR CAME IN HANDY.

About six months ago an order arrived at the Sub-Treasury directing the Treasurer to have all the locks on the vaults cleaned. Among those that were taken out was one on a reserve vault containing \$12,000,000 in silver. From the lock, on the door to this vault, the locksmith took only such parts as needed to be cleaned, leaving the rest in the door. When the vault was closed the tumbler fell into their places, the "catch" of the time lock, or the part that was left, caught all right, and the door was securely locked—so securely locked, in fact, that it was found impossible to open it again, for the part of the time lock that should release the catch on the inside was outside in the hands of the locksmith.

The combination knob was turned this way and that, and everything that would in any way tend to loosen the bolt was done, but to no effect. The locksmith even went so far as to put a plank against the door and pound away with a sledge in the hope that something would give way, but still the door remained securely closed, and as there was really no necessity to open the vault the "treasury seal was placed on the door and the things remained as they were.

It became apparent that something had to be done, however, and it having been learned that "Billy" Ensign was in town, he was hunted up. Ensign is the well-known cracksman whose ability to pick locks has more than once landed him in prison, and the propriety of calling him in was considered at some length before it was decided to resort to his skill.

"Billy" went into the Sub-Treasury and at once set to work. He tinkered with the combination knob for a while, and then, getting down to business, put his ear against the door and began listening to turn the knob back and forth, listening intently to the clicks of the tumblers as they fell into their places.

How he did it none of the bystanders could determine, but it is certain that his manipulation of the knob affected the time lock in some way, for he suddenly straightened up, grabbed the lever that moves the steel bolts, and, giving it a quick, sharp jerk, the door swung open before the astonished clerks.

Ensign knew nothing about the lock when he started to open the door, and all Treasurer Jackson could say was "He's a wizard."

The best styles of mens dress pants \$2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00 and 5.00. Lyon & Co.

The young ladies charitable sewing circle, of St. John's Episcopal church, gave quite a pleasant entertainment at the home of Mr. J. V. Thomas' corner Curtin and Allegheny streets, last night.

Furniture For Sale.—Cheap. An antique oak side board, with plain mirror and half a dozen dining chairs to match will be sold cheap. Also 8 dining chairs, in solid walnut. All in the best of condition. Inquire at this office.

FOR RENT.—A good stable near the passenger station. Rent cheap. Inquire at this office.

Don't miss seeing these \$10 suits at Fauble's.

Suits made to order \$18.00-19.00 20.00.

Overcoats made to order \$18.00-19.00-20.00.