

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

The "Fairies Well" at the opera house next Tuesday evening.

Daniel Tressler, of Linden Hall, will soon celebrate his 93rd birthday.

Tuesday was the anniversary of surrender of Johnson's army to General Sherman.

A number of wild ducks were shot on the streams about town on Tuesday morning.

There were more candidates than court attendants in town during the fore part of the week.

The boom at Lock Haven broke under the pressure of last Friday's flood and nearly two million feet of logs escaped.

Rev. W. F. Steck has resigned the pastorate of the Philipsburg Lutheran church to accept a call from Port Royal.

It is estimated that four-fifths of Lock Haven's population turned out to see the old Liberty bell go through that place Tuesday evening.

George H. Timmons, the young Irish actor will appear in the "Fairies Well," next Tuesday evening. The play is a very pretty Irish drama.

Architect Robert Cole, of this place presented his designs for the new public school building in Lock Haven last week. The board accepted them.

Next Tuesday, May 2nd, the convention of the school directors of the county will be held in this place for the purpose of electing a county Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jenkins, of Willowbank street, are rejoicing over the advent of a young son into their household. The little stranger arrived on Tuesday.

John Benner, of Altoona, was the only man who appeared for a marriage license during the week. If all goes well his bride will be Miss Maud Dutton, of State College,

The twentieth annual picnic of the Granger's Annual Picnic Exhibition will be held at Williams Grove, Cumberland county, during the week beginning on August 28th and lasting until September second, inclusive.

Jas. Potter's livery stable has just received a handsome two seated drag. It is built of quartered oak and upholstered in gray corduroy. There is also a jump back seat for footmen, making it a very stylish looking wagon.

The last consignment of the once celebrated Mann Ax, made at the old works at Boiling Springs, was shipped on Monday. There was just two car loads of them left and it is probable that there will never be any others made at the old works.

Rev. Benton, rector of St. John's P. E. church of this place, has received a call from Duluth, Minn. Mrs. Benton is also wanted in Duluth to act as organist. It is said they have been offered a decidedly larger salary than they are receiving here.

To-night the Adelphi club, an organization composed of members of the faculty and the two upper classes of the Pennsylvania State College, will hold its first Assembly in Bush's Arcade, in this place. Stopper & Fiske's Williamsport orchestra will furnish the music.

While feeding a vicious horse Hunter Riley, a teamster employed at Hunter's Park, on the Bellefonte Central rail-road had his hand badly bitten. He reached in to clear the trough out, when the animal caught him and before he could get it loose he had suffered frightfully.

Alfred Kinsloe, an aged employee of the Mountain house, at Snow Shoe, had his leg amputated in the Williamsport hospital last Friday morning. He was suffering with gangrene. As he already had one artificial limb before the operation was performed he is now without either natural members.

Dr. Thomas R. Hayes, who several weeks ago sold his Linn street home to W. Fred Reynolds, with the intention of buying the Andrew Curtin property, on Curtin street, has become owner of the handsome brown stone residence at No. 822, North Allegheny street. It was the property of Mr. George Valentine, who will probably take his family to Philadelphia to live.

Mrs. John F. Markle, aged 65 years, 11 months and 16 days, died at her home near Roopsburgh, on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. Deceased was suddenly stricken with lung fever, but a week before her death. She is mourned by a husband and four children, three daughters and a son. Interment was made in the Union cemetery Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. She was a kindly, lovable woman and bore the respect of all who knew her.

SHORT TERM OF COURT—The regular April term of Quarter Sessions court convened in this place on Monday morning with Judges Furst, Riley and Faulkner on the bench. There was a short calendar for their work and it was hustled through with a dispatch that was a credit to the officers concerned.

The first session, Monday morning, was devoted to the routine of opening. The constables reports were heard and the grand jury, under the chairmanship of Squire W. H. Korman, of Rebersburg, put to work. When trials began the cases were taken up as follows:

Commonwealth vs Stewart Decker, f. and b. Defendant plead guilty, usual sentence imposed. Lucy Watkins prosecutrix.

Commonwealth vs Joseph Savage, assault and battery. The defendant plead guilty of the charge preferred by David Hoffman, of Snow Shoe township, and was fined \$30, cost of prosecution and sentenced to spend thirty days in the county jail.

Elizabeth Lingle vs Thomas Lingle. Defendant failed to appear and a verdict of \$6,091.91 was rendered for plaintiff.

In the case of J. G. Fehl vs W. T. Meyer the plaintiff failed to appear and a verdict for defendant was rendered.

Commonwealth vs Samuel Gingerich, f. and b. Jury returned a verdict of guilty and usual sentence was imposed. Mertie E. Ammerman prosecutrix.

Commonwealth vs Morris Bursten, larceny by bailee. Prosecutor L. Summers. Bill ignored.

Commonwealth vs L. Summers, perjury. Case arising out of preceding one. Prosecutor Morris Bursten. Bill ignored and prosecutor to pay costs.

Walter A. Wood vs John Rishel. Case arising out of a mower sold to defendant, which was returned because it would not work. An action to recover Verdict for defendant returned.

Commonwealth vs Mary Ebbart, improper conduct. *Nol pros* entered.

Commonwealth vs Harvey Baney, f. and b. True bill. Usual sentence imposed. Mary Holt prosecutrix.

Commonwealth vs Henry Tressler, charged with wantonly pointing guns at children. Case brought by Wm. Colpetzer, of Benner township. Bill ignored and county pays costs.

Commonwealth vs George Lamb, selling liquor without license. Returned by constable of Philipsburg. True bill. Continued till next court.

Commonwealth vs Paul Shepley, f. and b. *Nol pros* entered.

Commonwealth vs J. H. Runkle, f. and b. Defendant plead guilty. Usual sentence imposed.

Commonwealth vs Henry Seyler, def. and b. Case settled because defendant married prosecutrix. Sarah Ewing.

Commonwealth vs Michael Kelley, Agnes Shaw prosecutrix. Case continued.

Commonwealth vs Edward Crawford, f. and b. Continued. Bella Slack prosecutrix.

Commonwealth vs George Sheesley, larceny. *Nol Pros* entered.

Commonwealth vs. Harvey Mattern, f. and b. Defendant not arrested. Prosecutrix Salie Love. *Nol Pros* entered.

Commonwealth vs. W. G. Swabb, f. and b. Case continued. Lizzie Brooks prosecutrix.

Commonwealth vs. Samuel Irwin, f. and b. Case continued. Ida M. Moran prosecutrix.

Commonwealth vs. Wilbur Leathers, f. and b. *Nol Pros* entered.

Commonwealth vs. John Krumrine, f. and b. *Nol Pros* entered.

In the case of J. O. McCormick vs. W. K. Alexander to recover value of grain in the ground purchased at public sale. Verdict for plaintiff of \$89.75.

On motion of Wilbur F. Reader, Esq., Howard B. Hartwick, of Clearfield, was on Wednesday morning admitted to practice law in the courts of Centre county. After which court adjourned.

This was one of the briefest sessions ever held in the county and if work were done at all times with such dispatch there would be far less expense arising from our court. Perhaps the fact that the courtroom was thoroughly cleaned out and a bright new carpet placed in the bar, with new matting in the aisles had something to do with the expeditious manner in which the work was carried through.

DYNAMITE FACTORY BLEW UP—Residents of Emporium thought an earthquake had caught them last Friday morning when the dynamite factory of that place had blown up. Three employees of the works, Wm. King, Geo. Lyons and Fred Badger, were blown to atoms. King was blown 400 feet and the largest part of his body found weighed only six pounds. The explosion shook the whole town and it was feared many of the buildings would fall because of the severe rocking motion given the ground by the terrific concussion. It is not known what caused the explosion.

FRIGHTFUL DROWNING ACCIDENT AT LOCK HAVEN.—During the high wind storm of last Thursday afternoon, the scow used by the Queen's Run Fire Brick Co., of Lock Haven, to transport clay from the mines, at the mouth of Queen's Run, to the company's works in Lock Haven, capsized in mid-river, three men drowning before aid could reach them.

Owing to the rough water the boat had not been loaded up to its capacity of seventy-five tons of clay and when it left the Queen's Run wharf for the trip down the river it carried only fifty ton and 23 small cars. Besides the scow's crew, Harry Long, engineer; Mack Boyle, wheelman and Thomas Reed, bowman, there were on board: Cornelius Packer, who had been up the river looking after some logs, Fred Sonn, a German, Arthur Thomas, colored and a Frenchman from Peale, whose name was unknown. The latter had been up the river fishing and were returning to the city.

The trip down the river was about half made when a severe wind squall struck them, dashing the waves over the side of the scow and soaking the clay. It became so heavy that the cars all fell over to the one side and the boat careened. Wheelman Boyle saw the danger and headed her for shore, but she filled so rapidly on the one side that she turned clear over and he only escaped through a window of the wheel-house. All of the men jumped, then scrambled back onto the bottom of the scow when she turned over. Reed who had drifted some forty feet away was advised to swim for shore as it was only a short distance off. He seemed dazed and after struggling round a little sank from sight and was not seen again. Just then Sonn and the Frenchmen were missed and it was remembered that they had not been seen after the boat turned. The men were taken off by row boats from shore and tramped down to Lock Haven to tell their sorrowful tale.

Thomas Reed, one of the drowned men, was about 24 years old, and was a son of Daniel Reed, of East Main street. He was an industrious young man, and had many friends. Fred Sonn went to Lock Haven from Hazleton, and at one time worked in the coal mines in that vicinity. He was an inoffensive German, and recently became a member of the East Main street M. E. church. Of the Peale man, little is known, except that he was a Frenchman.

The Queen's Run company valued the scow at \$3,500. It was righted on Wednesday afternoon and will be gotten ready for work immediately.

No sign of the dead bodies has been seen.

FINKBINDER'S PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.—A loud rumbling noise following by the crash of broken timbers alarmed pedestrians on West High street yesterday, Thursday, afternoon, and the clouds of dust and smoke that rolled up from the rear of Jas. Harris & Co.'s hardware store told plainly enough that something extraordinary had happened.

For some time workmen had been at work at the rear of the hardware tearing away the frame house on Water street, adjoining Finkbinder's photograph gallery, and the building being removed it was necessary to do considerable quarrying before a foundation could be had for a ware house which James Harris will build on the lot. The blast were all quite light till noon yesterday, little damage if any having been done to surrounding property. Then it became necessary to put in a heavy charge to blow off the side of a knob of rock which stood in the way of the workmen. A nine foot hole was drilled and charged and before it was fired old lumber was piled over it so as to arrest the flight of small stones.

When the blast was set off the great rocks flew with terrific force against the adjacent photograph gallery. Crashing in its side and carrying the broken timber with them, they ploughed their way clear through the building and fell in the yard of the Van Treese property next door.

The operating room is a complete wreck. All the photographic scenery and appliances are buried beneath the debris. Fortunately there was very little fire in the stove at the time for as it was knocked over the coals rolled out in the wreath and there might have been a fire to complete the destruction.

Neither Mr. Finkbinder nor his employee were in the building at the time and it is fortunate that they were not, for both would undoubtedly have been killed.

TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO SEE THE INDIAN RELICS.—Major Bristol, better known as Omaha Charley, the government trailer and scout, is exhibiting his many interesting Indian relics in the store room adjoining the Europa grocery, in Bush's Arcade. The exhibit includes beaded work, war instruments, blankets, bridles, sign work and many other interesting trinkets of the various Indian tribes with which he has come in contact. The children will be especially interested in seeing it as there is a good lesson in U. S. Indian history in store for them in the Major's explanations.

News Purely Personal.

Ex-county Surveyor Samuel Brugger, of Unionville, was in town on Monday morning.

The death of his wife's father called C. T. Gerberich Esq., to West Hanover, on Tuesday.

Nicholas Redding came up from his home, at Gettysburg, last week to see old friends in this locality.

Rev. Wm. A. Houck, pastor of the Methodist church, went to Tyrone, on Wednesday, to attend the funeral of the late Catharine Blake Boyer.

Ex Representative J. H. Holt, of Moshannon, was noticed on our streets during the early part of the week. He was on his way to Lock Haven.

After seeing the fires of the Bellefonte Furnace Co.'s furnace lighted at seven o'clock Monday morning Thos. Collins left for a business trip to New York.

J. Lynn Murphy and wife, nee Minnie Crosthwaite, formerly of this place, have changed their place of residence from Brooklyn to Long Island city, N. Y.

Squire W. J. Carlin, of Miles township, was in town during the fore part of the week looking up his political fences, the Squire has announced himself for Register.

W. K. Alexander Esq., of Millheim was an arrival in town on Monday. He tarried between trials on his way to Tyrone. Court business brought him back here Tuesday.

General John Q. Miles, of Huston township came down on Monday to Court. His court is rather of the political than legal kind, however, as he would like to succeed Treasurer Gramley.

Thos. M. Barnhart, one of Spring township's most successful school masters and an auditor of the township is holding the closing exercises of his school to day. His year has been a successful one.

Millheim sent two of her most reputable citizens to attend court this week. They were Squire J. H. Ryffsynder and C. W. Bringart. The latter would like to be the next Sheriff of Millheim.

T. A. Brashears, the gentleman who is temporarily located at Beech Creek whence he sends agents all over the county selling the Home Comfort range, was doing some business in town on Wednesday.

Bert K. Henderson, of Buffalo Run, who had been employed as delivery-man for the Phoenix Flouring Mills for a short time, has gone to Dixon, Ill., where he has secured a position with the Riverside Shoe Company.

Al. Kline, of Washington, D. C., looking as if the salubrious climate of the capital city just suited him, spent part of the week with friends in this place. He is employed in the pharmacy of L. O. Meek, at 1700 Vermont Avenue.

Judge John M. Grier, of Butler, was a recent prominent arrival at the Bush House. He shook hands with friends in Bellefonte while waiting between trains on his way to the State College, where his son Robert is at school.

The great naval parade yesterday was witnessed by three Bellefonters at least. Robert V. Miller, his wife, and his sister Eliza, left on the early train Monday morning to take in the grand nautical exhibition. They will visit all the principal eastern cities while away.

DeKoven's beautiful opera "Robin Hood," by the Barnaby, Karl & Donald company, attracted Messrs. George Bayard, James Harris, Charles T. Neil, Henry Lyon, Henry Quigley and George L. Jackson to Williamsport last Monday evening.

That good Democrat of Half Moon township, David Gates, of whom it is said that he holds the primaries all by himself, because no one else will attend, then delegates himself to the county convention and runs for all the township offices, was in town during the week.

The political bee seems to have done a great deal of buzzing this Spring and the last bonnet we found it was that of John H. Beck, of Walker township, a very pleasant gentleman, who will doubtless do much toward making the fight for the Treasurership nomination an interesting one.

Among the barristers from a distance who were attending court this week, were George Ziegler and Wm. Bryson, of Philipsburg. The former is trying his hand at newspaper work during the absence of editor R. A. Kinloch, of the "Wage Earner's Journal," who is at Atlantic City for his health.

General D. H. Hastings and Col. J. I. Spangler, after spending Sunday at the homes in this place left on the express Monday. The former to his duties as president of the Sterling Coal Co., in Philadelphia. The latter to the company's mines at Hastings, where his careful management is making so much of a success of the operations.

Col. Jas. F. Weaver, who is Treasurer of the county away back in '72 and who at one time figured in journalism, came up from his home in Middletown, on Wednesday, and met many friends in town. This Colonel says that he used to balance his subscription list every year when he was in the newspaper business and it did not surprise us at all when he laughingly remarked "there are many of the balances still on the books too." He devotes much of his time now-a-days to Grange work.

Dr. Charles E. Rhone of this place, and Arthur McKee, of State College, journeyed together to Pittsburgh yesterday where they will exhibit an electrical dental engine before the State Dental Association in session in the Smoky city. Dr. Rhone is a graduate of the Dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, having previously graduated from the Mifflin High School and was also a member of the class of '90 of the Pennsylvania State College during the Freshman year. His patent is said to be a good one. Mr. McKee accompanies him to do the work on the electrical appliances. As he is a graduate of the Electrical Engineering department of the Pennsylvania State College it is likely his experience will prove of great value in operating the engine which Dr. Rhone hopes to make a fortune out of. Both are young men and after the exhibit in Pittsburgh the engine will be taken to the World's Fair.

A notable traveler last week was our venerable townsmen and eminent citizen ex-Gov. Andrew G. Curtin, who looks probably as young as he did ten years ago, but his advancing age has rendered his journeys from home far less frequent than they were a decade ago. During the fore part of the week he was in Philadelphia where his presence elicited much interest. He was honored on all sides by friends of the days when he was active in political life and who like himself are fast declining. His visit to Harrisburg was one of unusual interest, for when back at the State capitol, where once his great mind held the course of the Commonwealth during the country's darkest hour, straight in right, a now life seemed to have infused him. All of the State buildings were visited and many of his old friends were met. His appearance on the floor of the House was the signal for pro-

longed cheers and straightway the following resolutions was unanimously passed: "extending to him its patriotic greeting, with a cordial expression of esteem and a hope that he may long live in health and prosperity among the people he so ably and heroically represented and defended in the crisis of the great rebellion."

The finest assortment of clothing you have ever seen now open at Faubles.