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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

The Methodists of Bellefonte are not selfish, they want everyone to go to their social at Dr. J. E. Ward's home next Tuesday night.

The story that the owners of the Adam Forepaugh shows would not send it out this season is a canard. It will exhibit in Altoona on June 2nd.

Barnum's show did not exhibit in Sunbury on Tuesday as advertised. It could not get away from Reading, its last stand, on account of the flood.

The chart for the opera "Paul Jones" is filling up fast. If you intend going you had better secure your seats soon. They are on sale at Parrish's.

John H. Schromb, of this place, has been appointed a cadet on the school ship Saratoga. He left last Friday morning to begin his new life as a sailor.

Lots of Centre county real estate floated past the WATCHMAN office on Sunday. We dumped three or four fair sized farms out of our press rooms on Monday and Tuesday.

A dozen sheep owned by Isaac Haupt, of this place, were killed by dogs last Thursday night. They had been pasturing on his mountain farm in Benner township.

Editor Murphy, of the Montoursville Echo, with his family, came near dying last week from eating cheese. An editor who is reduced to a cheese diet ought to welcome death.

Clearfield county commissioners have purchased the John F. Weaver farm of 120 acres within one mile and a half of the county seat. They will erect buildings on it and maintain it as a poor farm.

Next Friday night Planquett's beautiful opera Paul Jones will be sung here. Are you going to miss it. You will sure, if you don't get seats soon. They are on sale now at Parrish's drug store.

A Methodist church social will be held at the home of Dr. J. E. Ward, corner of Bishop and Spring streets, Bellefonte, next Tuesday evening. Ice-cream, cake and strawberries will be served and everyone, irrespective of denomination, is invited to attend.

The cadet corps of The Pennsylvania State College made a fine appearance on our streets last evening. They were in attendance at the public reception given General Hastings on his arrival home from Harrisburg.

Mrs. James S. Brisbin, widow of the late General Brisbin, died at Minneapolis, Minn., last Saturday and was buried Tuesday. Mrs. Brisbin was a woman of rare good sense and excellent judgement and her death is peculiarly sad as it leaves the General's young children, by his first wife, alone and homeless.

If all of our readers would carefully study the editorial columns of the WATCHMAN they would find themselves conversant on the more important questions of public interest. We try to keep our paper up to the top notch of excellence and feel that we do more for our patrons in keeping them posted on matters of political interest than any other weekly paper in the State, a fact that we have every reason to believe is appreciated.

James M. Speers, owner of a small lumber mill near DuBoise had his head sawed in two on a shingle cutter. He had been operating the machine, when it became clogged and he took a short stick to clear it out. The saw catching him drew his head under also and it was ripped open from the nape of his neck to the left eye-brow. He lived three quarters of an hour after the accident.

All members of Gregg post are requested to meet in the post rooms in Harris' block, at 1:15 p. m. on Decoration day to form line for the parade. All comrades are requested to meet in the post rooms at 9:45 Sunday morning, also, for the purpose of attending divine services at the Reformed church. The post will be present in a body to hear Rev. Miles O. Noll deliver the annual memorial sermon.

The corner of the Reynold's bank building next to the excavations on the site of the old Conrad house, on Allegheny street, has been causing considerable alarm lately. When workmen dug the ground out for the foundation of the new building they went deeper than that of the Reynold's building, and the heavy rains wetting the clay it gave way, causing the walls of the Reynold's building to crack and sink. Several large cracks from pavement to the roof are to be seen now but the building has been braced and it is thought it will stand until the other wall is finished. The wall of the new building will secure it.

A LOST CHILD DIES FROM EXPOSURE.—The people of Nittany valley have hardly yet recovered from the shock they received during the latter days of last week while hunting for a child, scarcely past three years old, that had wandered from home and was found about noon Sunday, more dead than alive.

The story of the lost child, as told us by Mr. H. T. McDowell, who was one of the searching party, is substantially as follows:

About nine o'clock last Friday morning, little Patsy Delaney, who lived with his father Daniel Delaney at Washington mine bank, about four miles east of Jacksonsville, started off with his cousin Mike, a four year old son of John Delaney, of the same place, presumably to follow some of their older brothers who had gone over to Peck's store at Nittany. The absence of the children was not noticed until about noon Will Leathers turned up, bringing Mike home.

The Leathers boy had been plowing on his father's farm at least a mile and a half west of Washington bank, when little Delaney came up to him in the field. Thinking at once the child was either lost or had run off, Leathers tried to find out what had taken him so far from home. The little fellow responded that his brothers were near by, but this story was not believed and the runaway was gathered into the arms of the strong young farmer and carried back. He kicked and fought the whole way, and when Leathers had reached Delaney's home his face had been badly scratched by the rebellious youngster.

Upon Mike's return under such peculiar circumstances inquiry was naturally aroused as to the whereabouts of Patsy. All that could be gleaned from the boy was that he had started off together, but had parted at what is known as the furnace road. Search was made immediately for the child, but no trace of him could be found. As evening came on and the rain continued to pour down in torrents the people of that vicinity became more and more alarmed on account of the life of the little runaway. There being so much wooded land in that locality it was feared he would get into the woods and perish.

All through the weary hours of that long, rainy night willing and brave hearted men beat through field and brush in search of Patsy. Saturday morning came, and with it no signs of the storm's abating. Then courage almost left the searchers, for they could hardly hope to find the boy alive, if ever their labors would prove successful. The whole valley awakened to a realization that a human being was possibly dying within sight of some one, yet they were not able to rescue. Parties from Howard, Hubersburg, Nittany, Snyderstown, Jacksonsville, and even from down in Clinton county, joined the band of hunters. Relays were arranged for, and big hearted John Holmes, was the marshal. Under his direction the entire valley was scoured.

The ridge that separates Jacksonsville from Hubersburg was covered by a line of men, only a rod apart, who walked from one end of it to the other, but no traces of the child were found. Every hour some wild, unreliable rumor reached the party to the effect that Patsy had been seen at one place or another, but the men persevered in their systematic work and went on heedless of nothing but their marshal's commands. Some of them became so exhausted at times that they had to be hauled home, but there were always others to take their place.

The ground west of the Delaney home having been thoroughly scoured it was decided to send the searchers farther down the valley. Accordingly they started eastward in their hunt and all Saturday night the weird shadows, that flashed or hill and vale, told of the eager men who, nothing daunted by the pouring rain, went on in their hope that a life might be saved. Dawa broke on Sunday, the Sabbath of rest, but the men toiled on. There could be no rest for them until their search was done. Through wet grain, fields they tramped, all Sunday morning until about noon, when three boys, who had left the main party and struck off across the fields toward their homes, saw the child lying in the furrow at the edge of a wheat field a few rods from the road. As if sleeping, the little fellow was curled up with his straw hat tucked under his head for a pillow. There was life in the body when it was found and two brothers, who were with the searchers a mile in the rear, got there in time to see him alive, but within a few minutes life had gone and the little one had entered a life of eternal rest where such exposure and sufferings as he must have experienced are not known.

It is singular that a child, who would not have been four years old until July, could travel so far and that too without being found. He was gone fifty-two hours without a bite to eat, with only a thin cotton shirt, pants and a straw hat to keep him warm, and exposed to the worst rain storm we have known for years. Think of the agonies, that child must have suffered from fear, hunger and cold. Doubtless our wildest fancies

will not picture his misery during those two long days and nights, and oh, what a sweet, sweet rest that sleep of death must have been to the weary little soul.

Funeral services were held in the Catholic church at Howard on Tuesday morning.

It is said that two men who were building fence in a field near where he was found report having seen the child wandering about there on Friday afternoon, but what reason they gave for not looking after it, when there was not a house nearer than a half mile distant, we have not heard.

He was found on Andrew Krape's farm near St. Paul's church, Porter township, Clinton county, at least five miles from home.

HAIL STONES AS LARGE AS CHICKEN EGGS.—About two weeks ago we read, in the accounts of a great western storm, that hail stones eight inches in length had fallen. Of course we concluded it was imagination, but to remove our doubt a storm traveled this way last Friday and pelted down hail so fast one could not see a distance of more than a few feet.

It was severest up along the Buffalo Run valley and at Fillmore hall-stones that measured ten inches around were lying everywhere on the ground. Many of the people took advantage of the ice and made ice-cream. At Kephart's the hailstones were so large that they did not melt until Saturday. The afternoon train on the Bellefonte Central ran into the storm at Fillmore and some of the larger hail-stones were brought on to Bellefonte. The people who saw their enormous size, even after the six mile journey in a warm car, were loath to believe the passengers and train crew, but when Calo Kephart came to town and said it was all right the doubt was removed at once for he never (?) told even a "fib."

The remarkable feature to us is that the storm did not do more damage than it did. Vegetation was not perceptibly hurt and very slight destruction to property, by broken windows etc., has been reported.

BELLEFONTE'S DECORATION DAY.—The program for the memorial day exercises here next Wednesday has been published as follows:

"Parade will form on the Diamond in front of the Court House, at 2 o'clock p. m., right resting on north side of High street, in the following order: Orators and others in carriages; school children music; Co. B; Gregg Post; visiting comrades; camps 639 and 444, P. O. S. of A.; K. of G. E. and citizens.

Parade will move at 2:30 o'clock promptly by wheeling into platoons and marching over the following route: Counter march to High street, down High to Spring street; Spring to 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.

Dirge by the band; 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; decoration of all soldiers' and sailors' graves; re-assembling of comrades by bugle call; memorial address by Rev. Charles M. Stock, Chaplain 5th Regiment, N. G. P.; benediction. After which the column will reform and return by Howard to Allegheny street, and counter march south on Allegheny street; form, right resting on north side of High street, and dismiss.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.—At the regular semi monthly meeting of council on Monday the members were not in shape to do much as they were all so much agitated over the flood. Notwithstanding the excitement they managed to consider some business and among it they appointed J. Kyle McFarlane water assessor for the coming year. Privilege was granted Allegheny street property owners, from Howard to Curtin streets, to sod the street to a distance of 20 ft. from the inside of the pavement line. A claim was heard from Beaver & Dale, lawyers, for damages sustained by A. G. Curtin for the loss of a horse that had died from the effects of stepping in a hole on Pine Street. The burgess was authorized to buy new uniforms for the police and reported having collected \$20 license from Kerstetter & Gettig who want to peddle meat in the borough. The awarding of the contract to H. A. McKee & Bro. for furnishing the pipe and fixtures for the new water main out east High street was reported at \$191.78. The Lamb street bridge over Spring creek was reported unsafe and final action on the grade of the street at the intersection of Lamb and Spring streets was postponed. The projectors of the new armory building that is to occupy a site there want the grade raised and the Bellefonte Gas Co. objects because it will damage their plant by putting it so much below street level.

A wagon load of provision was sent from this place to the striking miners at Snow Shoe on Wednesday.

THE GREAT FLOOD IN CENTRE COUNTY.—Centre county met with its share of disaster on account of the great flood on Sunday and Monday. The natural water courses being unable to hold them the currents, swollen by three days of steady rain, spread out into veritable rivers and inundated the fertile valleys and wrecked towns lying in their course.

The streams were ugly looking all day Saturday, but not until Sunday morning did they get high enough to cause alarm. Spring creek and Logan's Branch spread to twice their usual size, and in both streams the water rose higher than it was in '89. At Rock Mills part of the dam was carried away and all along the creek to this place small buildings and fences in the course of the flood were swept away.

Bellefonte suffered more than she ever done before. The red bridge at Lamb street was so strained as to be unsafe, the foot bridge at the foot of Curtin street was carried away, the lumber yards of P. B. Crider & Son were robbed of many piles of cut lumber and it was their sweeping against the rail-road trestle at Morris' Mine kilns that carried that structure away. The large iron bridge at the Nail Works was carried intact from its abutments and landed high and dry at the head of McCoy and Linn's dam. Boardwalks, the Standard Oil Co's. tanks, fences, cellars and streets here all suffered and it was only after the hardest kind of work that Ray's restaurant, on Water street, was kept from floating off. It had to be anchored to a telephone pole.

The Republican press room got its share of the filth and the press rooms of this office were under water from 6 o'clock, Sunday morning until Tuesday, when the water subsided enough to admit of our starting to clean out the four inches of filth that had been deposited over bright machinery and previously clean floors. It was a great task, but here we are bright and fresh as usual.

ALONG THE BALD EAGLE.

From one end of the valley to the other reports of ruin come in. Indeed the whole valley was submerged and the damage to farm lands is incalculable. Trains could not run for two days because of washouts and in the vicinity of Lock Haven and Mill Hall the water was higher than the tops of the cars.

From Milesburg to Curtin the damage has been very great to the farms in that section, chiefly in the washing out of the growing crops especially in places where powerful currents were formed in conformity to the lay of land; but many fields of wheat are now standing up as though they had not been submerged for three days. The oats and cornfields now bear the most disheartening aspects, and much fencing has disappeared along portions of the stream.

In one particular instance the R. R. company has saved itself from the disastrous effects of the spreading waters by raising the track running through the farm on which John S. Zimmerman now resides, property of Mrs. Judge Hoy. This had been done three years ago when the new bridge was put in. The road bed was required to be raised about four feet and the improvement no doubt has saved the track this time and probably will again.

The lower corner of an abutment to a small bridge crossing a gut of the Bald Eagle on the farm above mentioned was the only damage done by the E. V. rail-road in this section. The heavy masonry was dislodged by the force of compressed waters passing between the two walls forming the abutments of the short iron bridge and expending themselves with a powerful force over the bottom lands below.

The effect along the stream from Milesburg down to Curtin though very considerable is not so disastrous in appearance as one might suppose from the height of the waters and their continuance at the highest level for two days. Height at Curtin about 7 inches below the highest mark of the flood of '89 ("Johnstown.")

DOWN THROUGH NITTANY VALLEY.

The trains on the Central R. R. of Pa. will only commence running to-day, for it has taken all this time to repair the washouts on the road. Most of the damage was done along Fishing creek, between Salona and Clintondale, though not a foot of masonry or a bridge was destroyed. The lake, that suddenly appears on the Gantzell farm a short distance east of town, whenever there is a very wet season, came up on Sunday and covered over 100 acres of land. The valley was completely drenched, though no fatalities are recorded.

PENNS VALLEY SOAKED.

Down through Penns valley the flood was awful, reaching at many places a greater depth than ever before. The Sinking creek bridge on the railroad near Spring Mills was carried away and traffic via Lewisburg was suspended for days. At Millheim and Coburn many people had to flee for their lives the water raised so rapidly and became so violent. Dams were broken and many bridges rode away on the flood.

A. W. Dale, of Oak Hall, had a herd of 12 fine cattle in a meadow on his farm. The dam of the mill at that place gave way and the large flood of

water covered the meadow at a great depth drowning all the cattle there. They were extra fine cattle and the loss is considerable.

ALONG THE BUFFALO RUN.

The Bellefonte Central did not run a train out of here until Wednesday. The usually peaceful little Buffalo Run creek had become riled in great shape and in its efforts to act like a river dumped fences, trees, rocks and hundreds of tons of earth on the tracks. The station at Morris' being carried clear over the road bed.

The most serious part of the flood is the great damage the pouring rain did to farm lands, in carrying off the fertile soil and leaving nothing but rocks and clay. Many bridges are total losses to the townships or county and miles upon miles of fencing will be to rebuild. In the filthy slime, that is deposited over every place covered by the devastating waters, will lurk disease germs and we would advise prompt cleaning up and the use of plenty of lime or other disinfectants.

In Centre county the flood was undoubtedly the greatest ever known, for it continued for the unprecedented time of forty eight hours.

THE SPORTS AT STATE COLLEGE.—The ninth annual contest of the Pennsylvania Inter-collegiate Athletic Association was held on Beaver field, at The Pennsylvania State College, last Saturday afternoon, notwithstanding a steady downpour of rain from the time the referee called the first event up until the last man had landed in the mud puddle, to which the jumping bed had become converted long before the final trial for points on the program.

Contrary to expectation there was a fair sized crowd on Beaver field to witness the sports, being at least five hundred in number. The pretty grand stand was crowded and it was indeed a barometer marking the rise or fall of certain favorites. The Western University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg, Lehigh University, Lafayette, Swarthmore and State all had entries, the two latter schools largely out numbering the others in representatives.

Before the events came off it was thought the fight for supremacy between the home athletes and the Quakers would be interesting, but the maroon of Swarthmore soon displayed its superiority and outside of a few closely contested events the whole affair was decidedly one sided.

It had been feared that the wet weather would spoil the track, but notwithstanding the rain good records were made in all the track events. The field events were poor owing to the mud. The prettiest race of the day was the half-mile run in which Swarthmore was beaten within two feet of the tape by Russell of Lehigh. The Swarthmore man had been leading strong when Russell overhauled him and won by a remarkable spurt.

The poor showing made by State was frequently commented on by the visitors, as the home college had been expected to make a strong bid for first place. The selection of State College as the place for holding the sports was generally conceded to have been a good one and had it not been for the rain the affair would have been largely attended. The colleges contesting scored points as follows:

Table with 2 columns: College Name and Points. Swarthmore, 66; State, 29; Western University, 11; Lehigh, 5; Lafayette, 0.

SHOT AN EAGLE.—A young man named Wm. Gordon shot a large bald eagle at the chain works, just north of this place, yesterday afternoon.

It was a fine looking bird, entirely brown in color except the legs head and the feathers at the base of the tail, which were white, and measured 6 ft. 8 in from tip to tip. He said there were two of them together, but he was only able to get one. The capture of an eagle is a very rare occurrence here and the bird attracted much attention.

A. A. Dale, Esq., will be memorial day orator at Pleasant Gap and Unionville.

The exercises will be held in the morning at the former place and during the afternoon at the latter. Other Bellefonte orators are advertised for the following places: D. F. Fortney Esq., at Eagleville; Hon. A. O. Forst, at the evening meeting in Unionville; John G. Love Esq., at Millheim; C. M. Bower, at Sprucetown at 2 P. M. and Centre Hall at 6 P. M.; Gen. Beaver, at Phillipsburg & Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., at Hannah and Martha Furnaco; Wm. C. Heinle Esq., at Pine Grove Mills and Ira C. Mitchell Esq. at Stormstown.

On and after Monday May 28th, 1894, there will be important changes in the time of trains on the Bellefonte Central R. R. The train now leaving Bellefonte at 4:40 p. m. will leave at 5:15 p. m. train connecting with 5:12 train from Lock Haven, returning will leave State College at 6 p. m. arriving at Bellefonte 6:50 p. m.

An inoffensive drunk and an impudent colored fellow were the cause of considerable disturbance at the Pennsylvania station Monday evening.

MEYERS TRIED TO BREAK JAIL.—

Tom Meyers, the Phillipsburg thief, who is in jail awaiting trial for breaking into Ashcroft's beer warehouse in that place and who, if convicted, will undoubtedly receive the suspended sentence on the various other charges of burglary to which he plead guilty at the last term of court, tried to break jail early Wednesday morning.

He was a wary fellow during his last incarceration and sheriff Condo was continually on the watch lest his bird would slip away from him, but he banded him over to the April court and was doubtless as much surprised as many others when sentence was suspended after he had confessed being implicated in a number of daring robberies. Scarcely ten days after his release on parole of good behavior this man was again behind the bars, charged with breaking into and robbing a beer warehouse.

Since he has been in jail this second time the sheriff has kept a close watch over him, but on Tuesday afternoon he was called down near Jacksonsville to take charge of a demented man who had been annoying the people of that locality. It was about one o'clock Wednesday morning when he returned with the man and taking him straight into the prison corridor he noticed, on opening the first door, a figure glide stealthily into the bath room, which is located on the first tier of cells. He called to deputy Weaver to get a revolver, and the deputy promptly responding demanded the prisoner to come out. On hearing the revolver click Meyers walked out and threw up his hands. He was quickly hand-cuffed and hustled back to his cell, where the cause of his access to the corridors was discovered.

It is customary for the sheriff, or one of his deputies, to visit each cell before retiring and see that the inmates are properly locked up. Mr. Weaver did this, but was floored when he reached Meyers cell for while the bed appeared to have an occupant it was only a dummy. Meyers was hiding outside somewhere and as soon as the rounds had gone home he set to work to saw a hole in the floor. He had accomplished his task all but the removing of one board when he was interrupted and caught. Had the sheriff been a few minutes later he would have been gone, for once in the cellar a speedy escape could have been made.

Two car-loads of admirers followed Hastings to Harrisburg on Tuesday morning. Most of them were Bellefonters, but we noticed a number of country politicians in the crowd. The idea of the car were draped with streamers on which, "Bellefonte, Our Dan," was painted in bold letters and each fellow wore a pale blue badge with "Our Dan" printed on it. We don't know what the blue color was selected for, because from the condition some of them were in when they returned we're sure it wasn't because of its temperance significance. At Tyrone the party was joined by the Phillipsburg delegation, in all the glory of white hats and canes.

Do you know, there are no tailoring establishments that come anywhere near us in the price, quality and fit of our made to order suits at \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00. We can prove this to you—without a shadow of misrepresentation, in a very satisfactory way. We can cut a very small number of tailors—in Pennsylvania—who advertise any—all wool—new goods—below \$20.00. We begin these suits at \$15.00 up to \$20.00. Our stock of ready made clothing is on the top notch of perfection in price and fit. See our "all wool" suits for men at \$7.50. MONTGOMERY & Co. Clothing & Hats.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co. The following are the quotations up to 10 o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co. Potatoes per bushel, 50; Eggs, per dozen, 12; Lard, per pound, 8 to 10; Country shoulders, 8 to 10; Sides, 8 to 10; Hams, 14; Fallow, per pound, 4; Butter, per pound, 15.

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