

Democratic Watchman

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

—Madisonburg has a newly organized brass band.

—Mrs. Charles Eckenroth, of east Howard street, is dangerously ill again.

—Wilse Reitmyer, of Lewisburg, has been instructing the Zion band recently.

—Yesterday was G. W. Rees' last day in the Bellefonte post-office. He leaves with a record any one might envy.

—Messrs. Howe & Smith, Phillipsburg ice dealers, have disposed of their business to Gurney Freeman, of Houtzdale.

—“Paul Jones” at the opera house to-night. There will be room for you. Better stand than miss hearing the tuneful opera.

—It is said that in 1816 ice was half an inch thick in May, while both frost and ice were common in June, July and even August.

—The turnpike between this place and Centre Hall is being repaired. It was badly washed out by the flood and two bridges were carried off.

—It is an undenied fact that W. L. Malin, Esq. would like to be private secretary to Gen. Hastings, should he be elected Governor next Fall.

—It is to be hoped that the ladies will remove their hats at the opera this evening so that those who occupy back seats can get a glimpse of the stage.

—D. W. Woodring and family are very grateful to the many friends who were so kind to them during the recent bereavement of their son and brother.

—Bellefonte, unlike other towns, is always brighter and cleaner after a heavy rain. Our hard limestone streets wash off as clean as a new pin when a hard rain falls.

—The State College base ball club defeated Lock Haven's brig team on Saturday, was that of Hiram Woods. Deceased was a member of the Central Messiah church and burial was made by Rev. J. Zeigler on Monday.

—The Pennsylvania State College chapter of the Sophomore fraternity, Theta Nu Epsilon, held its seventh annual banquet at the Fallon house, in Lock Haven, last Friday night.

—Council has compromised with the Bellefonte Gas Co. and will raise the grade of the street at the intersection of Lamb and Spring streets only two feet instead of four, as originally intended.

—Trains are running as usual over all roads coming into Bellefonte. The flood damaged everyone of them, but repairs have been made so that the regular schedules are once more operative.

—Luckily a rain set in on Tuesday night or the little vegetation remaining in this country would have been frozen. It would hardly have been able to stand two such freezes as that of Monday night.

—Sheriff Condo has been notified by coal operators at Powelson, that in the event of any outbreak on the part of the miners he will be expected to protect their property. S. S. Blair has mines there he wants protected.

—A very heavy white frost covered the ground Tuesday morning. We have not heard of its having done any material injury to farm products though young plants in gardens were blackened in all parts of the county.

—Gov. and Mrs. A. G. Curtin reached the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday evening. Owing to recent bereavements no formal celebration of the event was observed, though a number of friends dropped in during the day to wish them continued health and enjoyment.

—Ex-deputy sheriff Geo. B. Crawford is moving his pool and billiard tables to Altoona where he intends setting them up for business. Since being burned out by the Conrad house fire he has been unable to find a desirable location here for his business, and we hope he will meet with success in the Mountain city.

—The coal strike is beginning to tell on Bellefonte industries. The Central railroad has been reduced to the extremity of using coke, wood and oil in its locomotives; the water works has been running on the same kind of fuel for some days; the steam heat works is short on coal and don't know where to replenish, and several other consumers are getting near the bottom of their pile.

—Encampment No. 159 U. V. L. of Centre Co. held memorial services in Gregg post rooms here last Friday night. The deceased comrades are John Odendirk, of Old Fort, a member of the 148th Regt. Pa. Vol.; Cyrus Goss, a member of the 14th Pa. Cav., who died on February 22nd in Altoona; and Jeremiah A. Blair, of Fleming, a member of the 7th Pa. Cav.

MANY DEATHS IN A WEEK.—The great number of fatalities in this county, that seems to have no sign of decreasing, has been the source of much speculation of late. Well known people are dropping off continually, but the world keeps on. There is always some one to take their place in everything except the hearts of their families.

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. Jonathan Riggelman, of Martha Furnace, was called from her earthly tenement to an eternal haven in the skies. She was fifty-three years old and leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn her death. Deceased had been a sufferer with inflammatory rheumatism for years and her death was a release from almost a quarter of a century of suffering.

The death of Thomas Jackson occurred at his home on south Allegheny street, this place, at an early hour last Friday morning. He had been ill for some time as the result of a stroke of paralysis received last summer and from which he never recovered. Deceased was a cutter and fitter by trade and was head of the tailoring department of the Bee Hive stores when they flourished under the management of J. R. Newmann, Jos. Bauland and the Goldsmiths. When the latter firm moved to Scranton Mr. Jackson assumed charge of the custom department of Lewin's clothing store and has been attached thereto ever since. He was a man of fine appearance, pleasant disposition, and sought the comforts of a happy home more than the associations of men.

Deceased was about 67 years old and leaves a widow with two grown children to mourn his death. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Rev. Wright, of St. John's Episcopal church, officiating.

Heart failure caused the death of Isaac Gingher, of Milesburg, last Saturday morning. He was in his 75th year and leaves a widow with seven sons and three daughters. His interment was made on Tuesday morning, Rev. Geo. Zehner, officiating.

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Joseph B. Kunes a highly respect resident of Eagleville, died last Friday morning with consumption. Deceased was about fifty-eight years old and leaves a widow to mourn his death.

John Hayes Esq. of Mifflinburg, died suddenly of pneumonia at Freeport, Ill., on Wednesday. He left the home of his son, Dr. R. G. H. Hayes in this place, just a week previous, to make a short western tour, apparently in the best of health and his sudden death is a great shock to friends here. The remains will be brought here this morning and taken to Mifflinburg for burial in the afternoon.

The stroke of paralysis suffered by Mr. John Potter Moore, of Lemont, last Saturday terminated, on Tuesday morning, in his death. Deceased was 63 years of age and previous to this spring had lived on his farm near Centre Furnace. He had been a life long member of the Presbyterian church and enjoyed the confidence of a wide circle of friends who will be grieved to hear of his death. Seven grown children, with the mother, survive. Mrs. Jas. D. McKee, of this place, and Mrs. Geo. R. Mock, of Philipsburg, are daughters. Interment was made at the Branch cemetery yesterday afternoon.

SUMMER ALA REV. HICKS.—Rev. Irl Hicks, the weather prophet, makes the following predictions for the coming summer, in his paper, *Word and Works*: We believe that May and June will be propitious for agricultural interests, to all who will make good use of their opportunities. Let crops be planted with all the haste consistent with thorough preparation, and let the early stages of cultivation be as rapid and perfect as possible. With a clean, pulverous condition of the soil, as a general thing there will be ample moisture in June to start and even mature crops, especially the early crops in all the southern parts of our country. The Venus equinox in July is favorable for rains of more or less frequency, even in that month, so that all crops that can be brought to maturity by August may, we think, be counted on with much assurance. We fear that the “hot winds” and much lack of general rains will work greatly against farmers who are caught with crops whose success depends upon good seasonal conditions after the middle of July. Crops that cannot be matured so early should, by all means, be given unceasing cultivation. A perfectly clean thoroughly pulverized soil is almost absolute proof against the inroads of drought, for even weeks and months. Prepare for the worst then you will not only be ready should it come, but if the worst does not, you will be prepared for the benefits of the best. The care and preparation we insist upon are on the side of common sense and the most trustworthy experience.”

—Lock Haven's Y. M. C. A. is fifty years old.

—West Clearfield has seven cases of scarlet fever.

—Forepaugh's circus will exhibit in Lock Haven on June 18th.

—The flood last week was three feet higher at Beech Creek than it was in 1889.

—There are still a few seats left for the opera to-night. You can get them at Parrish's.

—Frank Naginey is a competent funeral director. His equipment is modern and prices reasonable.

—Some goods seats for the opera “Paul Jones” are still to be had at Parrish's. Get them soon for they are going fast.

—During the week ending May 12th the tonnage of the Tyrone and Clearfield division of the P. R. R. amounted to only 512 tons.

—Work has begun on the construction of the electric street rail-way that is to connect Lock Haven with Mill Hall and the terminus of the Central rail-road of Penna.

—P. B. Crider & Son's saw mill, Lamar, was burned to the ground Tuesday night. The fire was of unknown origin and entailed a loss of \$5,000 on which there was \$2,500 insurance.

—The Board of Pardons has recommended the discharge of Wm. B. Hamilton, the Houtzdale bank clerk, now serving a five years sentence in the western penitentiary for embezzlement.

—Naginey's furniture store is attracting attention just now. The large building in which it is located cracked and it was thought would fall down, but it didn't. The only thing that fell was the prices on all kinds of furniture.

—Early Monday morning Tyrone had a fire that destroyed \$11,000 worth of property. A three story brick building owned by Geo. W. Port, Berlin's store, and the furniture of Mrs. E. L. Miller and Clyde Lever, who lived above the store, were consumed. The fire was of incendiary origin. All were insured except Lever.

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—A peculiar occurrence interested the residents of Spring Mills and vicinity during the recent big rains. It was the remarkable performance of an old well on the Woods property, one mile west of that town. The well is about 6 ft. in diameter and 54 ft. deep, and Saturday night, May 19th, it began spouting. From that time until the following Monday a volume of water as large as the opening of the well belched forth to a height of four feet. It was a veritable geyser. The overflow was possibly caused by the swollen condition of the subterranean channels that feed the well, though half the water was clear and the other half was muddy, indicating that it was being fed from two different sources.

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