

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

—To-day is the first day of summer and the longest of the whole year.

—Cherries will soon be in the market. They are ripening fast, but the crop will be light.

—An ordinary hay crop is reported from lower Penns valley. Sorrel is said to cover whole fields.

—The relic committee of the Centennial realized between \$175 and \$200 out of the antiquity exhibit they conducted.

—The abutments for the Lamb street bridge being completed work on the hanging of the superstructure has been begun.

—A new son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller, of east Linn street, has been the cause of much rejoicing out there.

—On Monday grand marshal H. K. Hoy and all his aids in the late Centennial parade had their pictures taken, mounted as they were in parade.

—The Granger's picnic at Hecla park, on Saturday, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were there, but the crowd was not as large as was anticipated.

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COUNCIL'S REGULAR MEETING.—It was pretty warm around in the council chamber, on Howard street, on Monday night and the members present hurried through what business there was to be done with a vengeance.

A request of Mrs. Bradley for exoneration of taxes, or a rebate of the 5 per cent additional, was referred to the street committee with the understanding that her tenants be given work on the streets to help pay the taxes. This was done at her solicitation.

Samuel Gault appeared and asked for a crossing over Curtin street, also a board walk along Armor street between Curtin and Linn. Both requests were referred to the Street committee with power to act on the former and instructions to investigate the need for the latter. At the solicitation of J. A. Woodcock and many petitioners this committee was authorized to move the arc light, on Linn street, from immediately in front of the Methodist parsonage to the intersection of Linn and Ridge streets. This action aroused president Miller and he asked for an incandescent light to take the place of the removed arc light. Council granted discretionary power to the committee.

The Street committee then reported the laying of a crossing on Linn street from the Methodist parsonage to the north side; the settlement of all claims of R. McCafferty & Sons for the Lamb street bridge abutments and the purchase of sand stone for their completion from Thomas McCafferty.

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—Farmer's Mills wants a base ball club.

—Forest fires are raging in Potter county and incalculable damage is being done.

—Wittenberg college, of Ohio, has conferred the degree of D.D. on Rev. T. F. Dornblazer, formerly of Nittany valley.

—Samuel Delong, of Poe Mills, caught eleven trout, one night last week, all of which measured between 10 and 14 inches in length.

—Huntingdon county farmers, in the vicinity of Warriors-mark, are complaining of petty thievery of poultry and farm products.

—Irv. Gray, of Stormstown, recently traded a fine standard bred gelding to George Leister, of the Potter house at Philipsburg, for a team of ponies.

—The fifth annual reunion of the society of honorably discharged union soldiers and sailors of Clearfield county will be held in Houtzdale, on June 19th.

—The festival held last Friday and Saturday evenings at Milesburg for the benefit of the hook and ladder company of that place, resulted in the raising of about \$125.

—J. B. Beatty, treasurer Co. A. 5th Reg. N. G. P. located at Huntingdon, skipped off last week with \$250 belonging to the company. He left a wife and family.

—An effort will be made to establish a camp of the P. O. S. of A. at Scotia, on Monday evening. An open meeting will be held there by organizers to-morrow night.

—Rev. Lewis Robb, of Altoona, will fill Rev. A. A. Black's pulpit in St. John's Reformed church at Boalsburg at both morning and evening services next Sunday, June 23rd.

—James Mann, a resident of the vicinity of Howard, on Marsh Creek, died rather suddenly on Tuesday of last week. Deceased was 53 years old and leaves a widow with six children. The funeral took place on Friday.

—Ex-post master William T. Crispin, of Mill Hall, has just received a post office draft for 1 cent, the balance due him from the government in the settlement of his official relations with it. He will have the draft framed.

—One of the engineering class divisions of The Pennsylvania State College measured the volume and motive power of the water in Bald Eagle creek, at Milesburg, last Saturday. They made estimates on twenty-four hours by means of a small turbine wheel and various electrical appliances.

—It is said that grass is so short in many parts of the county that hay-makers have difficulty in keeping it from falling through the forks with which they handle it. The unusually dry spring stunted the grass and has made the wheat very low in stalk so that there will be a scarcity of straw.

—Robbers entered the store of Thomas Gilmour, at Victor mines, near Snow Shoe, on Saturday night and carried off between \$350 and \$400 worth of goods, as well as \$18 in cash. A great many people were on the lookout for the robbers on Sunday, but aside from a lot of cost marks and chewing gum, that was found in Nuttall's woods, there was no trace of them left.

—The remodeled Baptist church at Philipsburg was opened for service last Sunday morning. The interior improvement of the church was made at a cost of \$685, all of which has already been subscribed except \$240. Rev. F. C. Davis, of New Britain, delivered the sermon on the occasion of the re-opening and the church was crowded with people, all anxious to view the artistic changes that had been made.

—Earnest Stine, a nineteen year old Pleasant Gap youth, is a sadder but wiser boy than he was a few days ago. He was boring a hole in an empty whiskey barrel, with a hot iron, and when he had just punctured one of the staves there was a terrific explosion, rending the barrel in pieces and knocking Stine senseless. He didn't regain consciousness for some time and his face is badly scarred by burns. It is supposed that the explosion was caused by the ignition of the pent up gas in the barrel.

—It won't be long until J. Malcolm Laurie has his Bellefonte steam laundry located in a building erected expressly for it. Since being burned out of the old foundry building at the rear of this office, he has decided to find better quarters and will build a laundry on Water street, near the lock up. The building will be frame, 55ftx28ft, one story high, with engine room attached. It will be divided into a wash room, ironing room, dry room and a sorting room. It will be painted white and is to be completed by July 1st.

THE DEATH OF F. C. RICHARDS.—The entire community was startled to learn of the sudden death of Mr. F. C. Richards, which occurred at his home, on east Linn street, in this place, on Sunday afternoon. Very few of his friends had heard of his being ill. In truth there hadn't been anything serious troubling him aside from a need of rest and a change. It had been his custom for years to spend a week or so at the sea shore every summer, and his family, thinking that that was what was needed advised him to go down last week. He got as far as New York where he was taken ill with heart trouble and the proprietor of the hotel at which he stopped, an old friend, telegraphed here of his condition. Edward went on immediately and found his father much recovered, but very anxious to get back home. Upon returning here he felt fairly well until Sunday, when he complained about an uneasiness about his heart. He had been smoking most of the day and being unable to lie down went to his own room, where a few moments later the boys heard him gasping and ran to his side. He was unconscious then and died in five minutes, before a physician could be summoned.

Frederic Constant Richards was born at Locle, Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland, on October 26th, 1826. He came to America in 1848 after having completed his trade as a watchmaker and opened a store here in 1871. When the war broke out he enlisted and served honorably throughout its entire duration and was a member of Gregg post, G. A. R. No. 95, as well as of the free masons.

As a watchmaker Mr. Richards knew few, if any, more skillful mechanics. He was entirely absorbed in his work and had little enjoyment in anything else.

Deceased was 68 years old and leaves a widow, one daughter and two sons: The former, Constance, wife of Thomas Hill, of Philadelphia; the latter: Charles and Edward, both at home. Funeral services were held at his late residence Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock Gregg post and the Masons having attended in a body, the burial being made under the rites of the latter organization.

CHILDREN'S DAY.—Last Sunday children's day was [appropriately observed in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Reformed churches. They were all beautifully and elaborately decorated with potted plants, roses and laurel. The exercises in the Presbyterian and Reformed churches were held in the morning and consisted of recitations and songs by the little people and short addresses by the pastors, Dr. Laurie and Rev. Gearhart.

In the Methodist church, after the introductory address by Lulu Rine, in the afternoon, the service prepared by Dr. C. H. Payne, of the educational society was rendered by Jennie Kooztz, Edith Otto, Katharine Schreffler, Josie Willard, Grace Blackford and Elizabeth Rue, with Miss Lillie Smith as guardian of the Golden Gate.

The members of the primary department, one hundred and twenty in number, did themselves and their teacher, Mrs. J. A. Woodcock, much credit. Alice Lowry, Arthur Ward, Helen Irvin, Mary Hicklen and Helen Rue, all tiny little tots, delighted the audience with their bows and appearances on the platform, even if their voices were wanting, but Mary Crider, Helen Shaffer, Frank Smith, Jennie Hafer, Rebecca Hughes, Fanny Mulbarger and others in the class did admirably in their recitations, motion songs and commandment and catechism drill. The evening exercises were a continuation of the afternoon's and from the modest man's essay on "the kind of a girl he would like to marry," to Elizabeth Rue's collection address, all were pleasing and good.

H. Y. STITZER RETIRES FROM BUSINESS.—On Tuesday H. Y. Stitzer sold his stationery and book store in the Reynolds' bank building, on Allegheny street, to Mr. C. J. G. Kurtz, of Reading, who will conduct the business in the future. He took charge the evening of the day on which he made the purchase. Mr. Stitzer will go back to the practice of law and devote his time to the management of his other business interests hereabouts. It is possible that R. M. Magee of Philadelphia, will return to Bellefonte to live and in such an event the former partnership existing between him and Mr. Stitzer will be renewed and they will once more be listed among the legal firms of Bellefonte.

AN EIGHT LEAFED CLOVER.—If there is any luck in four leafed clover, then the Robert Pearson is doubly sure to have the best fortune beam upon him, for while walking across a field, in the vicinity of the reservoir, a few days ago, he was attracted by what he thought to be a clover stalk with four leaves. He picked it up to be amazed at finding, instead of four, eight perfectly developed leaves. We saw the specimen and know it to be genuine and if there is anything in the old fable of luck in a four leafed clover then we envy Mr. Pearson the fortune that must surely be in store for him.

—Mr. Henry Brown, an esteemed resident of Hubersburg, is said to be in a precarious condition.

—W. W. Rugh, secretary of the Lock Haven Y. M. C. A., has resigned and will be married soon to an Indianapolis girl.

—C. C. Cooke's saw mill on Marsh Creek was entirely destroyed by fire Wednesday night of last week. He had no insurance.

—George Spangler and Jacob Aikey, the two men who stole a steer from Solomon Haagen, at Beech Creek, last fall and killed it in the woods near that town, have been sent to jail at Lock Haven. Neither one of them could procure bail.

—S. Peck Esq., is building a large coal shed and grain elevator at Huston, on the line of the C. R. R. of Pa. He is determined to boom the new town and is setting about it in a substantial way. The elevator will have capacity for 7,000 bushels of grain.

—Hand hay rakes, hay forks, mowing scythes and grain cradles for sale by McCalmont & Co.

—Many Lock Haven tax payers have petitioned the court for an injunction restraining the council from paving the streets in that place. They set forth as reasons: that the city is already in debt beyond the constitutional limit and that water funds are being used, unlawfully, to pay other department expenses.

—The farmers will have to do without institutes this year. The funds in the state treasury being so low no appropriation was made for the purpose of holding institutes. This will leave Hon. John A. Woodward, of Howard; Joel Herr, of Cedar Springs and A. C. Sisson, of LaPlume, with a good bit of time on their hands this fall.

—A fellow who was going to sell Tyrone people magic yeast cakes, on Saturday, started to walk across the railroad bridge that spans the Juniata river in that place. When he was about midway on the structure a shifting engine bore down upon him and with rare presence of mind he let himself down through the trestle, hanging by his hands to a tie. He saved himself from being knocked off, but had not strength enough to draw himself up again, after the engine crossed, and would have dropped to the water, 25 feet below, had not some other railroad men seen his plight and rescued him.

—The South Bend chilled plow, the farmers favorite plow at reduced prices McCalmont & Co.

News Purely Personal.

—Mrs. James Schofield, of South Thomas street, is visiting Philipsburg friends.

—Miss Annie Shortidge and Miss Ella Levy spent Sunday in Westport with Mrs. James Robbins.

—H. Elmer Yergler, a son of Mr. H. D. Yergler of this place, is employed at Kittanning Point, Blair county.

—George Hayes was one of the graduates, last week, at the commencement of the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

—Miss Martha McKnight, youngest daughter of Robert McKnight Esq., of Buffalo Run, is visiting at 1814 Barker street, Philadelphia.

—Bert Bayard is going to Boston to attend the great gathering of Christian Endeavorers, which convenes in that city the second week in July.

—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Sourbeck were at West Chester yesterday seeing their daughter, Miss Mame, graduate from the convent Villa Maria.

—Frank Shugert and Charles E. Dorworth drove to Philipsburg, on Wednesday, to attend the band tournament and races in that place yesterday and to-day.

—General James A. Beaver was at Canonsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, when the old log College building that Rev. John McMillin built at McMillin 115 years ago, was moved to the campus of Washington and Jefferson College at Washington.

—Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Beaver came down from State College yesterday to do some shopping. Ben is about over the rush that commenced all brings for him at the college and feels that this year they had a finer turn out than ever.

—Robert E. Urell Esq., of Tioga, Pa., was a guest at the Bush House last week, during his first visit to Bellefonte. Mr. Urell is quite well known in political circles in the northern part of the State and was a recent Democratic candidate for Senator in the Potter, Tioga and McKean district. The district is Republican, however, and he was not elected.

—Dr. S. E. Noll, a son of the late Henry Noll, of Pleasant Gap, left for Philadelphia last Friday morning. He had been telegraphed for on Thursday and went to the Quaker city to accept an appointment as resident physician in the Medico-Chirurgical hospital there. We congratulate the doctor on his good fortune. He was graduated in medicine only about a month ago.

—Bright and early Monday morning Gottleb and Mrs. Haag, of south Penn street, hid themselves off to the P. R. R. station to start for an extended visit to friends in New York state. Mrs. Haag has a brother living in the Empire state, and it is their intention to visit him as well as friends in Philadelphia before they return. Since retiring from the hotel business they have made up their minds to enjoy a retired life and expect to spend no little time in just such travel.

—Mr. Glenn Meek, of Altoona, who is traveling for the Johns Asbestos Co., of New York, was in town a few days this week placing an agency here for a novel invention that his brother, Emory, has lately patented and gotten on the market. It is called an electrotherm and is simply an electrical heater to take the place of hot water bags and can be used for electric street car heating as well as for buildings and hospital use. It is a wonderful invention and is destined to make its patentee very rich.

HOW "PANTHER RUN" DERIVED ITS NAME.—One of the stations on the Beech Creek railroad is named "Panther Run," and it is located in a most picturesque part of the route traversed by the railroad. "John of Lancaster," in an article written for the "Williamsport News," tells why "Panther Run" is so named, in the following words:

"Captain Sam Brady and Peter Grove once pursued a band of murdering Indians up this little stream, and coming upon their camp in the night killed a big Indian named 'Panther,' who had scalped a number of white settlers in Buffalo valley. The Indian path leading over the mountains to the river and Sinnemahoning, came up Beech Creek to this run, and then ascended it. It was a favorite route for 'sneaky' Indians. Sam Brady knew this, and it was here that he came to lie in wait for them. And he got that particularly bad one known to the white settlers as the 'Panther.' So it will be seen that the little stream perpetuates more than the name of an animal.—Ez.

—The Keystone side delivery hay rakes and the Keystone hay loader are now being sold at reduced prices. They are the best in the field. McCalmont & Co.

THE RESULT OF GOOD SCHOOLING.—It must be very gratifying to the principal of the Bellefonte Academy and his associate instructors to note the good work recently done by boys who have been trained at that institution. James Marshall, who was prepared at the Academy, was one of the first honor men in the class of '95, graduated from The Pennsylvania State College last week. Charles Kirk and Charles DeLong, two later students at the Academy, were among the three highest of those who took the teacher's examination recently held in this place, for public school certificates; while Fred Blanchard and Jay Woodcock, who were prepared especially at the Academy, recently passed satisfactory examinations for entrance to Princeton. There is considerable significance in this latter instance in that the Bellefonte Academy is the only school of its kind which has been granted the privilege of holding preparatory examinations for Princeton.

A HAPPY EVENT. At the residence of Mr. Wm. Kerstetter, at Pleasant Gap, on Tuesday evening, June 18th, at 6 o'clock Mr. E. E. White and Miss Minnie Steele, both of Axe Mann, were united in holy matrimony, by Rev. J. C. Young. The bride and groom are young and we hope a long, happy voyage is before them over the sea of life to the haven of rest and peace beyond life's transient dream.

—Buggies, carriages and phaetons, a new stock just received and of the best quality, call and see them. McCalmont & Co.

—Business has been brisk with us this season—the cause is easily explained, the right styles at the right prices. We have already made some heavy purchases of clothing for the coming season, before any advance takes place, all of which will be given to our customers at the unusually low prices that have prevailed this last spring. Closing out time has come with all our summer stock. Belts and white trousers a specialty. MONTGOMERY & Co.

WHERE YOU CAN BUY THE CHEAPEST.—It is a question of dollars and cents after all. No matter what people say it is as natural to save a penny in buying as it is to eat dinner at the dinner hour. Opportunities to make great savings are not often to be had, but Lyon & Co's., big advertisement in this issue affords just such a chance. Read it and profit by the bargains it holds out. A dollar saved is a dollar earned.

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:

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Ground Plaster, Buckwheat, Cloverseed.

Bellefonte Produce Market. Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co. Potatoes per bushel, Eggs per dozen, Lard per pound, Country Shoulders, Sides, Ham, Fallow per pound, Butter per pound.

The Democratic Watchman.

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Table with 4 columns: Space Occupied, 3m, 6m, 1y. Includes rates for One inch, Two inches, Three inches, Quarter Column, Half Column, One Column.