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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

Residents of east Howard street are still annoyed by flooded cellars.

The Methodists of Milesburg contemplate the building of a new church.

W. H. Alexander Esq., is recovering from a very serious illness at his Millheim home.

Sheriff Condo has taken charge of the Continental hotel in Philipsburg. Only in an official capacity.

John Garner, of near State College, is said to be a very happy man since the arrival of that new daughter at his house.

F. B. Stover, of High street, was called to Bucyrus, Ohio, on Monday, on account of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Crider.

A special train from State College brought a large party of the music loving people of that place down to the opera, on Tuesday night.

Misses Minnie Broenell and Mary Dobbins, of Milesburg, have gone to Philadelphia where they have established a shopping agency.

The Undine fire company is making elaborate preparations for its Easter ball that will be given in the Arcade, Monday evening, April 6th.

Walter L. Mattern, who learned the trade with F. P. Blair & Co., of this place, has opened a jewelry store in the Odd Fellow's building in Milesburg.

A lighted lamp was upset about mid-night, Tuesday, in the Magnet office, in this place, and for awhile that establishment was threatened with destruction.

The blue-bird that was heard in this place, on Monday morning has not been heard since. 6° below zero dissipated the poor birdie as to its being spring time.

Among the spring stirrings from Bellefonte will be that of Mrs. Goodfellow with her two daughters and son Evan. They will move to the vicinity of Unionville.

If the village improvement society ever intends to plant trees on the walk to the spring, or agitate the improving of the ground about it, now is the time to do it.

Miss M. R. Graham is now in New York city purchasing her spring and summer millinery. She will return about April 1st, and invites the public to call and inspect her goods.

Tobias Greene, an old soldier whose home ought to be at Milesburg, was arrested in Tyrone, yesterday morning, and brought to jail in this place. He is charged with having deserted his wife.

There will be a festival in the Evangelical church, on Willowbank street, tonight and tomorrow night, to which all persons are cordially invited. Oysters, ice cream and other good things will be served.

"Pedro" a pet dog about Musser's hotel, in Millheim, showed signs of having the rabies, last Saturday morning, and was promptly knocked on the head before he was able to prove it conclusively by biting any one.

Bertha Harris, a 16 year old Philipsburg girl, was brought to this place, Tuesday morning, and lodged in jail, charged by her father with being in corrigible. She is rather pretty and has been on a debauch for nine months.

Constable Leitzel, of Coburn, arrested John C. Mullen, an 18 year old youth of that place, and brought him to jail on Friday. He is charged with having threatened to shoot a Mr. Lingle who charged him with being on too easy terms with Mrs. Lingle.

Mr. Austin L. Brown and Miss Elmira Mess were married, Tuesday evening, March 24th, 1896, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John Sager, Bush's addition, in the presence of the immediate friends of the bride and groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. C. Miller, pastor of the U. B. church.

Co. B. is contemplating the production of "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh," a spectacular war time drama that has had nearly seven thousand productions since it was written. Col. Wiggle, an experienced promoter, is in town now talking with the officials of the company relative to the play. It has been given with marked success in many neighboring towns.

Henry Harris, of Georgetown, Pa. has been in town for several days trying to negotiate a lease of the old nail works plant. He is said to have a valuable patent carriage axle that he intends manufacturing by the employment of 150 men. Nothing definite is known about it just now, but when anything right can be had the WATCHMAN will inform its readers of it. The plant is now under lease to Jas. B. Bailey and that lease will not expire until some time about July.

DEATH OF WILLIAM HAMILTON.

On Tuesday morning early, William Hamilton, who has been in very feeble health for years, died at his rooms, in Crider's building, in the 72nd year of his age.

Mr. Hamilton was a son of Hugh Hamilton, a prominent and distinguished citizen of Harrisburg, where the son was born and educated. He studied law and was admitted to the bar but on the breaking out of the war he enlisted in Co. D. 2nd Penn's Reserves, where he served until the time of the discharge of the Reserves on the 31st of May, 1864. He was then transferred to 191st regiment Penn's Volunteers in which he served until the close of the war, most of the time as clerk in the adjutant's office at headquarters.

When the war was over he came to Bellefonte and entered the law office of his brother-in-law, Hon. H. N. McAllister, whose second wife was a Miss Hamilton, where he continued until Gen. Beaver was elected Governor. Then he laid aside the work which he had done efficiently and acceptably for so many years and went with the Governor's family to Harrisburg. For some years he has been so feeble with creeping paralysis that a nurse was with him constantly but until this winter he had been able to be out for exercise.

Mr. Hamilton was a kind, affable man always interested in people and events. He was especially well posted on local and general history and for years had kept a record of the weather.

He was unmarried and of his family only one brother, A. Boyd Hamilton, of Harrisburg, is living. Dr. Laurie conducted the funeral services at his rooms, Thursday morning, after which his body was taken to Harrisburg, on the 10:00 train, for burial.

A squad from Co. B. 5th Reg. N. G. P., in command of 1st Lieut. Geo. L. Jackson and 2nd Lieut. H. S. Taylor, had a special train over the Central rail-road, on Sunday afternoon, by which to attend the funeral of an old member of the company. It was that of Charles McLanahan who died at the home of his parents, in Mill Hall, on Thursday afternoon. He was just 33 years of age and was an ax maker by trade. It was while working at Axe Mann that he became connected with Co. B., and during the time of his enlistment he was one of the brag "five sets of fours," the large men who won so much distinction for the company when Capt. Mullen was at its head.

Consumption was the cause of his death. The burial was made at Cedar Springs, the train having been run from Mill Hall to that place and return for the purpose of hauling many of the friends.

During the absence of her husband at conference Mrs. B. B. Hamlin suddenly expired at her home, in Harrisburg, on Sunday afternoon. Her death was caused by heart trouble superinduced by long illness with bronchitis. Rev. Dr. B. B. Hamlin was recently presiding elder of this district of the Methodist church and moved his family from Tyrone to Harrisburg after his appointment to the Ridge avenue church in that city. His wife had been ill for years, but her death during his absence has been a sad blow to him. She was 64 years old. Private funeral services were held at her late home, on Tuesday, after which the remains were taken to Huntingdon for burial.

John Wingard died at his home, in Penn township, last Monday morning after a short illness with paralysis. He was 70 years old and was a plasterer by trade. Four sons survive him.

Pneumonia and heart trouble caused the death of Mrs. Edward Royer, at her home in North Millheim, last Saturday morning. Deceased was 28 years old and leaves a husband with one child to mourn her early death. Funeral services were conducted, Monday morning, by Rev. Lohr.

About five years ago William Klingor moved from this place to Big Run, Jefferson county, where he died last Friday. He was a son of the late Jesse Klingor, of Bellefonte, and leaves a widow with eight children. Deceased was about 50 years old. His funeral was held on Saturday.

THE PROBLEM EXCITEMENT.—The problems that have been appearing in this paper for the last few weeks have caused so much interest that we have concluded to conduct a regular department devoted to puzzles, catch questions, etc.

So many answers have been received for the last one that we have been unable to compile them for this issue, but the correct solution will be given in the next issue, with the names of those who mastered it. At the same time a new question will be submitted to our readers and prizes will be offered, under conditions that will lend much to the interest in its solution.

Watch for the new problem and the prize proposition on page 8 of the next issue.

There were 608 inmates in the Huntingdon reformatory last week.

The P. O. S. of A., of Salona, held its first annual banquet last night.

Adaline Camp, a seven year old daughter of John Camp of Milroy, broke through the ice on a pond on which she was skating, with two other girls, on Saturday evening, and was drowned. The fortunate arrival of a man saved her companions, one of whom was her sister. The little girl was a niece of W. R. Camp, a former furniture dealer of this place.

Timothy J. Lane, the tramp who confessed to officer Snyder, of Tyrone, that he was a fugitive from justice from Peabody, Mass., about two weeks ago, has been positively identified by officers from that place who came on to examine him. His pal, who was arrested at the time Lane fled, was brought to Tyrone and recognized him at once. Officer Snyder will get \$250 reward offered for Lane's apprehension.

Among those who have moved or are going to, between this and next Wednesday, are: Mrs. Margaret Alexander, from the Zeller's home, on Howard, to one of the Harris houses further east on the same street. J. W. Gephart, from Andrew Curtin's house on Curtin street to McFarland's house on Linn. Dr. J. E. Ward, from the Lieb property on Bishop into his own new house on Curtin. Mrs. Hogue, from Crider's Exchange to the Lieb house. Mrs. Darr, into one of McQuiston's houses on west High street. Robert Hunter, from McFarland's on Linn street to Zeller's on Howard. Will Singer, from Gray's on Curtin to one of J. L. Kurtz's across the street. J. C. Meyer leaves the Joseph house on Curtin for his own new home on the same street, while F. H. Thomas goes into the one he leaves; Harry Brew, from the Reynolds house on Allegheny to the Brew home on Spring street.

The regular spring inspection of Co. B. 5th, Reg. N. G. P. was made in the armory, on Monday night, by Maj. John P. Penny, of Pittsburgh. The company showed up remarkably well in every line except that of battalion drill and though not quite up to the standard of former years it passed a very creditable inspection, when the many draw-backs it has suffered lately are considered. Accompanying the inspecting officer were Major J. P. Kennedy, Capt. W. C. McKee and Lieut. E. W. Smith, of Blairsville; and Lieut. Col. Austin Curtin, of Roland. During the day the military men were entertained at dinner at the University Inn, State College, by Adj. P. D. Foster. U. S. A., commandant of the cadet corps at the college, gave an exhibition drill in honor of the visitors. Later, with adjutants Foster and J. M. Wolfe, he accompanied them to the inspection here. All the visitors were entertained at the Bush House, later, by the officers of Co. B.

The commissioner's sale of unseated lands was held in the arbitration room, in the court house, on Tuesday. A fair number of purchasers were there and Dave Sweetwood, the auctioneer, found little trouble in disposing of nearly all the tracts that had been advertised. These sales of unseated lands have worried the city papers very much lately because of their being an imaginary source of large revenue to the county. The most effective answer to these charges of a questionable income to the county is seen in the fact that from the sale of over hundred tracts only \$600 were realized. This does not look much as if Centre county has a mint in her unseated lands. The land is so much in dispute that it commands very little and in many cases is not worth that. Its purchase is very like that of a pig in a poke, for often times it is plastered, knee deep, with claims and is either so high in the air or so deep in the ground that no one can get at it after he has purchased.

THE OPERA.—The company that sang Willard Spenser's dainty opera at Garman's, Monday night, gave entire satisfaction to a good house. Though Miss Clark was suffering with a severe cold she sang her role of Bonnie in a very charming way and convinced her hearers that she was lending quite as much art to the opera as her predecessor Miss Mayo. Coquettish Jennie Goldthwait, as "Kittie Clover," simply took a mortgage on another town. She already owns nearly every place she has ever appeared in and Bellefonte is no exception, for her conception of the light hearted summer girl is simply captivating. Armstrong's singing of the role of Roy Stirling was clearly the best work of the evening, the rendition of his love song in the first act having called forth a number of encores. Richard Quilter, as "Shrimps," and Miss Fairbairne's "Auntie Crab" were both good.

The costuming and stage settings lent much to the success of the opera and had there been an orchestra to accompany it the performance would have equaled, in every respect, its initial production in Philadelphia three years ago

METHODIST CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

The annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference in session at Williamsport, for 1896, adjourned, on Tuesday, after making the appointments for the ensuing year.

This was the first meeting of the conference as an incorporated body; having obtained a charter for the purpose last year, it organized itself into an incorporated body and adopted the name of "the Central Pennsylvania annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church." The constitution and by laws, as adopted, show that the object and purpose for which the corporation is formed is the support of public worship, the support of superannuated preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the widows and orphaned children of deceased preachers of the conference, and the support of any benevolent, charitable or missionary undertaking in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church, within the limits of the Central Pennsylvania annual conference as established by the general conference of said church. For which purpose the said corporation shall be able to take, receive and hold to them and their successors forever, by gift, grant, purchase or devise, all and all manner of lands, tenements, annuities, franchises and hereditaments and any sum or sums of money and any manner or portion of goods and chattels which may be given, granted or bequeathed to them, to be used, employed, sold, conveyed, appropriated or disposed of agreeably to the intentions of the donors respectively, and according to the objects and conditions of this instrument.

The business of the corporation is to be conducted in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the principal office being in the city of Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin, in the same State. The said corporation is to exist perpetually. The members of this corporation shall be the members of the Central Pennsylvania annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

It would require far more space than we have to devote to it to follow the work of the week. Bishop Vincent presided and that is sufficient assurance of its interest. There are, however, many bits of statistical information that were dropped during the conference sessions that tend to show the development and aim of the Methodist church, which we have compiled and publish with the appointments for this district.

The report of the board of stewards showed that there had been received from the Altoona district, \$1,622; Danville district, \$1,730; Harrisburg district, \$1,762; Juniata district, \$909; Williamsport district, \$1,511; from the chartered fund, \$25; book concern, \$2,066; book room, Harrisburg, \$255; Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, of Berwick, \$100. The apportionments for this year are as follows: Altoona district, \$2,100; Harrisburg district, \$2,100; Danville district, \$2,100; Juniata district, \$1,600; Williamsport district, \$2,100. The receipts fell \$1,600 below those of last year.

The following candidates were elected to the ministry on probation: D. F. Kapp, E. H. McKelvey, G. D. Woner, W. C. Charlton, E. Colwell, D. M. Grover, S. S. Carnill, M. N. Walker, A. S. Williams, H. L. Flanagan, J. C. Grimes.

The following were ordained as deacons: C. G. Koop, D. D. Kauffman, W. M. Hartman, J. C. Bickle, F. C. Buyers and G. F. Boggs.

H. W. Baker was transferred to the California conference. The trustees of the new corporation were elected as follows: Clerical, W. M. Fryinger, Richard Hinkle, J. C. Dimmick, A. N. Barnitz; lay, J. C. McAlarney, J. M. Sayford, J. W. Barker, all of Harrisburg.

The statistics show there was an increase in membership of the Epworth League the past year of 8,000, raising the total to 25,000 members, not including the junior league enrollment of between 7,000 and 8,000.

ALTOONA DISTRICT. David S. Monroe, Presiding Elder. Altoona Allegheny, George W. McClain, (supply). Altoona: Asbury.....W. H. Clousen (supply). Chestnut Avenue.....G. Tarring Gray. Eighth Avenue.....J. Ellis Bell. Epworth Mission.....W. H. Reed (supply). Fifth Avenue.....William McK. Reiley. First Church.....Martin L. Ganoe. North.....Crawford L. Benceter. Simpson Church.....George M. Hoke. Altoonaville.....Job Traux, (supply). Bellefonte.....John W. Rue. Bellwood.....David F. Kapp. Birmingham.....Samuel D. Wilson. Center.....to be supplied. Clearfield.....William A. Stephens. Coalport and Irvons.....Richard H. Wharton. Curwensville.....J. A. Wood, Jr. Duncansville.....John H. Friece. Glen Hope.....Emanuel W. Woner. Half Moon.....George A. Singer. Hastings.....John Vrooman. Hollidaysburg.....Charles V. Hartsell. Houtsville.....Benjamin B. Hamlin. Howard.....John W. Forrest. Karlsruhe.....Lemuel Logan (supply). Lumber City.....Wilbert W. Cadle (supply). Mahanoy.....Hugh Strain. Martinsburg and Woodbury.....Joshua K. Lloyd. Milesburg and Unionville.....George E. King. Morrisdale.....Samuel Blair. New Washington.....William J. Sheaffer. Osceola.....William R. Picken.

A COOLER.—Tuesday morning was one that sets a new mark in the weather record for March.

Though it was the 24th, three days after the advent of Spring and two weeks after the limit of the ground-hog's influence over the elements, the mercury dropped to 6° below zero and stood at 4° below at seven o'clock Tuesday morning.

While it was one of the coldest mornings we have had in a year it was mournful withal. The intense cold had crystallized the moisture that made the heavy, blinding fog that hung over the town, on Monday night, and when morning came every tree and bush glistened in the sun-light as if nature had lavished showers of diamond dust on them. The telephone and telegraph wires looked like great cotton ropes, there seemed to be a continual shower of miniature prisms, the whole making a veritable winter scene in fair land.

Mrs. FURST.—After a long illness Mrs. Mary Ann Furst, widow of William R. Furst, died of softening of the brain at her home in Halfmoon, on Tuesday morning, the 24th. She was a grand-daughter of Peter Gray, one of the first settlers of Halfmoon Valley, and the eldest daughter of Peter B. and Elizabeth Perdue Gray. Her brothers and sisters living are Will, of Stormstown; Green and Wesley, of Buffalo Run; Dr. E. J. Gray, of Williamsport; Mrs. Sarah Wilson, of Newberry; and Mrs. Rebecca Beck, of Miles City; Mon., who only returned to her western home a few weeks ago, after being with her sister two months. She was 74 years old and since her husband's death, some years ago, lived alone with her daughter in their home, which adjoins the place where she was born and raised. She is survived by her three children, Will G., Elizabeth and Mrs. John B. Way, who know that she has gained immortality. She was buried, Thursday afternoon, in Gray's burial ground.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week: Henry M. Hettinger, of Altoona, and Annie C. Breon, of Spring Mills. Austin L. Brown, and Elmira Mess, both of Spring township. William Dyke, of Milesburg, and Carrie Atwood, Bellefonte.

REDUCED RATES TO PHILIPSBURG.—The Central R. R. of Pennsylvania has reduced the mileage ticket rate from Bellefonte to Philipsburg to \$1.52. A corresponding reduction has been made in fares to Clearfield and intermediate points. These mileage tickets are not restricted to the use of holders but will be accepted for passage of members of his or her family or, if issued to a firm, for any member or members thereof.

THE TRAIN STRUCK HIM.—While walking up the rail-road track, near the station at Milesburg, last evening, G. E. Andrews, a traveling salesman, from Sharon, Pa., was struck by the Snow Shoe train and received a bad bruise on the right shoulder and had his head cut. He was brought to this place and is now at the Bush House. His injuries are not serious.

News Purely Personal. Wilbur F. Harris, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday with his parents in this place. The Misses Sechler, of Linn street, are entertaining Miss Fickthorn, of Millburg. Herbert D. Meek is home from Washington for a short stay with his parents at Wadley.

Mrs. J. Furey Larimer, of Omaha, Neb., is visiting her father, Mr. John Curtin, on Linn street. Mrs. Emil Mignot, of Frenchville, was in town, on Monday, assisting her brother, Cornelius Martin, settle up the estate of their mother, the late Mrs. Thomas Martin.

On Wednesday afternoon Cyrus Brungart, of Millheim, dropped in to shake hands and sympathize a little with us over our attack of grip. He says he has just recovered from a siege of it.

Miss Sue Collins, of Philadelphia, who had been the guest of Miss Coador for some time, returned to her home in the city, on Monday morning. She is a daughter of Peter Collins, who is well-known here. Simon Harper, Centre Hall's merchant banker, was in town, Wednesday, looking a little different from what he did when a clerk in Harper Bros. store in this place many years ago. Simon is so thoroughly contented now that he forgets to grow old.

Rev. C. T. Aiken, of Pine Grove Mills, and M. D. Snyder, at one time the John Wana maker of State College, were not afraid of the unreasonable cold of Tuesday morning and were in town considerably before many of our business men had thawed out sufficiently to get to work.

Mr. F. D. Fogleman, as good a Democrat as there is in the county and we might as well say as good a farmer, for it would be just as true, was in town the other day making preparations for his fitting. He is going to move from Millville to Lemont, where he will occupy the Thompson farm.

Hon. B. K. Foelt, of Lewisburg, was in town, Wednesday, with his attorney, Mr. Strawbridge. They were looking up his defense in the pending libel suit he has on with Fred Kurtz, of Centre Hall, and while here a civil suit was also instituted against him in addition to the criminal suit already brought.

Rev. Morris Swartz, who is now a full fledged member of the Methodist ministry, is in town this week visiting friends with headquarters at Mr. Gerberich's. Success and prosperity have attended his work so far, and we predict that they will always, for he has intelligence and persistence, and is wonderfully in earnest.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Hayes left, yesterday afternoon, for a stay of some weeks in Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Last summer Mrs. Hayes had an operation performed for appendicitis from which she has never entirely recovered. The doctor has been in poor health for some weeks and the trip is made for benefit and rest, which we hope they will get.

W. A. Stuart, of State College, was in town, Wednesday afternoon, on his way to Williamsport. During the summer he will manage and captain the Toronto club of the Eastern league. Five of the reserved Philipsburg players will be farmed to Toronto and "Billy" among the number. Sam Moran, the left handed pitcher and outfielder who has played here, is one of the five also.

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 4 columns: Grain, Price, and other details. Includes items like Red wheat, Corn, Oats, and Flour.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co. Potatoes per bushel, 50. Onions, 12 1/2. Eggs, per dozen, 8. Lard, per pound, 8. Country shoulders, 8. Sides, 8. Hams, 12. Fallow, per pound, 3. Butter, per pound, 20.

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