

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

—James Young is an ideal "Hamlet," are you going to see him to-morrow night?

—Mrs. Mary Singer, of Eagleville, has been granted a pension of \$12 per month. She will get \$200 back pay.

—Hoyt's sparkling comedy, "a trip to China-town," comes to Garman's, Thursday night, December 17th.

—Harry Broom, of Milesburg, is ill with diphtheria. His little sister died with the same disease a few days ago.

—Millheim post, G. A. R. No. 298, will meet, on Saturday night, December 26th, to transact important business.

—James Young, the young tragedian, is favorably known here. He will play Hamlet, at Garman's, to-morrow evening.

—Mr. Wash Loneberger, who lives on the top of Nittany mountain, south of Pleasant Gap, is not recovering from the paralytic stroke he suffered last summer.

—Earnest Godfrey, a former resident of Philipsburg, was drowned at Celina, Ohio, last Thursday. His family had only left Philipsburg three weeks ago to join him.

—A highly interesting and ably written story of travel begins on the 2nd page of this issue. It is from the pen of Maj. William H. Hastings, now traveling in foreign lands.

—The damaged shoe stock of Louis Dell's sons is being removed from the Bishop street room into the room, on Allegheny street, formerly occupied by H. A. McKee's hardware store.

—The Milesburg band will hold an oyster supper in the O. U. A. M. hall, in that place, on Saturday night, December 26th. Those of you who are on the lookout for good things to eat will bear this in mind.

—Prices are so low that there is very little prospect of there being much work in the lumber woods this winter. There is very little good timber left in Pennsylvania, but indications are that even that will not be in demand.

—It is altogether probable that "the Drummer Boy of Shiloh," the war play that was put on by home talent in this place last spring, will be repeated during the latter part of January.

—Last Saturday evening the fifteen months old child of Miles Homer, of Philipsburg, was playing about its mother's skirts while she was scalding some chickens. The child fell into the scalding bucket and was seriously burned.

—They have been making a very superior quality of glass at the Bellefonte glass works during the past two weeks. Everything seems to be going along smoothly down there and the venture seems to be on a fair way to success.

—The Bellefonte Academy will close for the holiday vacation, on Friday, December 14th. Final examinations will begin on Tuesday with mathematics; Wednesday, primary department; Thursday, classics and Friday, English.

—At the next regular meeting of Gregg post, Dec. 12th, 1896, the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held and also the regular yearly inspection will take place. It is important that all members of the post be present and as far as possible in uniform.

—Buy your Christmas articles from merchants who advertise in the WATCHMAN. A merchant who advertises is not afraid to let the public know what business he is in and in doing this he proclaims to the world that he is doing business fairly and honestly with everyone.

—Miss Linnie Bechdel, a daughter of William H. Bechdel, of Liberty township, died very suddenly last week. She had been teaching the Hunters' run school until two weeks ago, when sickness compelled her to give it up and her death followed soon after. She was 21 years old.

—Everybody will receive a cordial welcome at the gospel temperance meeting, next Sunday afternoon, at the W. C. T. U. rooms. The attendance was larger than usual last week, and next Sunday the music will be an especial feature. Miss Twitmire will sing a solo and the quartette have agreed to sing. These meetings have proved very helpful to many persons, and they may help you. Subject for next Sunday "Moral Enthusiasm."

—At this time last year Mr. R. A. Beck was head over heels in his great popular fireman contest. He was in it from the word go and the great run he made culminated in the presentation of the medal he sports now. The presentation was made at the Logan's annual ball and a great crowd was there to hear Mr. Beck talk. He is not one jot less popular now than he was then, and the same might be said of the Logan dances. Are you going?

—Miss Kate D. Osmer, aged 57 years, died at the home of Nathaniel Krape, on Saturday morning, and was buried at Meyer's cemetery, Buffalo Run, on Monday afternoon. Rev. Jones, of the Presbyterian church, officiated. Deceased was a sister of Edward Osmer, of Spring township, and had made her home at Krape's for years. She was a good christian woman and her death has been the cause of much sorrow among her friends.

SIMON LOEB IS DEAD.—The announcement of the sudden death of one of our former residents was received with sorrow, on Sunday morning. It was that of Simon Loeb Esq., known all over Centre county as one of Bellefonte's pioneer merchants and a man whose many friends were sincerely sorry to learn of his death.

He left Bellefonte, in June, 1892, and located in Philadelphia, where he was connected with various clothing enterprises until he became city representative for a large trimming and supply house. He and Mrs. Loeb had apartments at 935 north 5th street and it was there that he died. Although he had been suffering with Bright's disease of the kidneys for several years, and had been dangerously near death's door several times, his health had been unusually good of late. On Saturday he attended to his usual business and after an evening at his club returned home about 12 o'clock. He spoke to Mrs. Loeb when he entered the room and continued on to the bath room. When he did not return within an hour she went to see if any harm had befallen and was almost prostrated to find him dead.

Burial was made at Mt. Sinai cemetery at Tuesday afternoon.

Simon Loeb was born at Bechtelheim, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1843. He was a son of Isaac Loeb and came to America when only 9 years old. He had three sisters, all of whom are living: Mrs. M. Fauble and Mrs. Mollie Newman, of this place, and Mrs. Frederica, Bloom of Huntingdon. His father ran a meat market here for a number of years. When Simon arrived he was taken to raise by Isaac May, then a Bellefonte merchant, and went to work in his store. When Marks B. Loeb retired from the firm of May and Loeb, Simon was taken in and continued in the business after his benefactor's retirement. Meanwhile his cousin, the late Adolph Loeb, had entered the firm, which then became S. and A. Loeb. They did business here until 1891, when it was discontinued and then Simon opened a clothing store in the room now occupied by Faubles.

Deceased was a veteran of the '60 war and was well advanced in Masonic circles.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.—Bellefonte will find her New Year's eve made bright and joyous and it will not be the Logans fault if the New Year's not started in a happy frame of mind at least.

The annual dance of the firemen will be held in the Armory where all be decorous and entertaining. There will be the best of music, good refreshments and everybody having a glorious time.

People who buy tickets and don't go to these dances make a mistake, but those who don't even buy tickets are almost unpardonably short-sighted. The obligation every community owes its fire organizations is incalculable. Just think of the last fire on Bishop street.

It was bitter cold and while you stood dancing from one foot to another trying to keep warm, while seeing the sight, there were valiant firemen—unpaid men—who were risking life and limb, ruining clothes, all for the mere satisfaction of keeping up the reputation of the companies to which they belong.

It is a matter of pride with these men to keep their buildings and apparatus in good condition. There is nothing substantial in it for them. Very few of them own property, so that they really have nothing to protect themselves, yet when they are honest and anxious in the effort to do what can be done for others we should reciprocate.

Bellefonte has a good fire department. It should be liberally supported and those who begin to tell tales the minute the name of a fire company is mentioned should be left to understand that Bellefonte intends to stand by her firemen.

WELL KNOWN BAND MAN DEAD.—One of the best known musicians in Central Pennsylvania and one who has had much to do with various Centre county bands is dead. Prof. Wilson Reitmeyer, died at his home, on North 7th street, Lewisburg, Pa. Sunday morning, Nov. 25, at 7:30 o'clock, the immediate cause of his death being dropsy. Deceased was 49 years of age, and survived by his wife and four children. His last spell of illness continued nine weeks and all of that time he was confined to his room. His last words were his wife's and "good bye."

He was born in Lewisburg, on Nov. 12, 1848. When but a small boy he began life by taking up the art of music and studied under some of the best teachers known at that time. After a few years of hard study he began teaching bands in different localities.

At the age of 18 he played the violin in Col. Wood's Museum, in Philadelphia.

Mr. Reitmeyer organized the Zion band, in this country, in 1876, twenty years ago. He also taught the Pleasant Gap band and State College bands for a number of years.

ACCIDENT AT THE GLASS WORKS.—Clarence Longacre, the fifteen year old son of Isaac Longacre, fireman at the glass works, fell through one of the swing holes down there, about six o'clock, Saturday evening, and broke his left leg below the knee. He was stooping over one of the cap boxes, when a bright flash of light blinded him and he stumbled into the swing hole before he realized where he was.

The unfortunate lad was picked up and taken to his home, where he is now getting along as well as can be expected.

About noon last Friday Warren Wiskens' house, at Poe's Mills, caught fire from a defective flue and was burned to the ground, together with some of the furniture.

James Young in Hamlet to-morrow night.

The next reunion of the Mattern family will be held at Warriorsmark, on June 10th, 1897.

There is a sensation in railroad circles over the report that the Vanderbilts are after the Fall Brook rail-way.

An Altoona man got so full of hard cider, the other day, that the only way he could be sobered up was by putting a stomach pump into him and drawing the stuff out.

The new Presbyterian church, at Milesburg, will be dedicated next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. McIntosh, of Philadelphia, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

James Young's favorite role is "Hamlet." Mr. Young has been called the "ideal Hamlet," since he is young, handsome, of the Byronic type, gentle in manner, and somewhat inclined to melancholy.

A stable on the grounds of the Philipsburg driving park was burned to the ground about midnight, Monday. It had been unused for a long time and is supposed to have been set on fire or else accidentally burned by some night prowlers.

Curwenville has a mutual cow insurance association that has been doing business since 1892. The people over there say that it is wonderfully cheap. All cows are insured for the same amount, \$30, and it costs an average of about 1 cent a day.

C. W. Gray, of Tyrone, narrowly escaped serious injury from a trolley car, in DuBois, on Saturday. Had it not been for his alacrity he would have been run over. He was knocked down by the car, but rolled out of its way before it passed the spot he fell on.

William H. Wike, a former resident of Philipsburg and well known in that place, died in Altoona last Saturday evening, with a complication of diseases. Deceased was 49 years old and leaves a widow and two sons. He was a member of the Lutheran church and was buried Tuesday afternoon.

A party of men recently found a dead deer on top of Nittany mountain, near Look Haven. It is supposed to have been shot by John Shaeffer, who had discharged his gun at a deer that unexpectedly sprang up in front of him a few days before. As the deer gave no sign of being wounded at the time Shaeffer did not follow it.

The many friends of Robert E. Speer, the well known young minister who is now traveling in Persia, will be glad to know that he is not so ill, as first reported. A cablegram from his wife, last week, said that he was very ill with typhoid fever, but one received, on Tuesday of this week, stated that it was only a mild attack and that he was beyond the danger point.

The celebrated evangelists, Weaver and Weedon, will conduct union services every night next week at 7:45 o'clock in the Westminster Presbyterian church, Broad and Fitzwater streets, Rev. Charles M. Alford, pastor. These men have been drawing crowds to their meetings and there will be a great audience to greet their coming to Westminster.—The Philadelphia Times.

The friends of Berny Jennings, of Coleville, will be pleased to learn that after a serious operation in the Mercy hospital, he is convalescing and indications point to his early recovery. He went there six months ago with a throat strained so badly by glass blowing that he could not swallow. An operation was performed, whereby he was nourished through a tube inserted in the neck. His throat recovered and he is now nearly well.

At a meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery, held in Tyrone, on Tuesday afternoon, it was decided that Rev. A. J. Weisley, the new pastor of the Tyrone church, should be admitted to the Presbytery on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16th. Rev. D. W. Woods, of Lewistown, was dismissed to the Carlisle Presbytery. He goes to Gettysburg. Rev. Weisley comes from Avoca, Pa., a charge which Rev. John R. Davies, a former Tyrone pastor, served before going to Tyrone. Dr. William Laurie is to preach the installation ceremony.

The production of the spectacular extravaganza "Miss Philadelphia," at Garman's, last Monday night gave Bellefonte theatre goers a glimpse of what standard of attractions could be brought here if they were patronized. That was a thoroughly entertaining show, one that could play any house in the United States without fear of the result, yet Bellefonte was only mediocre in supporting it. It is safe to say that nothing nearly so fine has ever been produced in this place and we are sorry that they did not play to better business.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans' court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week.

James O. Noll, of Milesburg, and Mary E. Borman, of Tyrone.

Samuel G. Kinney, of Newton, Kan., and Florence Longacre, of Bellefonte.

Henry Anderson and Annie Hampton, both of Boggs Twp.

Wm. C. Hillibish, of Freeburg, Pa., and Sallie Harter, of Rebersburg.

Robert W. Markle, of Bellefonte, and Susan Noll, of Spring Twp.

Irvine Dorman and Katie E. Fisher, both of Walker Twp.

C. L. Grimm, of Madisonburg, and Minnie J. Coates, of Tyrone.

WHAT THEY DID AT THE MEETING OF COUNCIL.—The borough council met in regular session, on Monday night.

Benj. Williams, colored, was appointed a special policeman for night duty about the home of Col. W. Fred Reynolds, the latter having agreed to bear all the expenses of maintaining the officer. Upon a request of J. L. Knisely, council exonerated the Bellefonte co-operative glass company for all taxes during 1896. A petition presented in behalf of better drainage in front of Jared Harper's Thomas street house was referred to the Street committee. Rev. J. P. Hughes petitioned for an arc light on the west end of Bishop street. The Street committee was instructed to put Armor street in a condition in accordance with the report on improvement made a week or so ago. A numerously signed petition was presented to have a new brick crossing laid over Water street, on the north side of High.

The Street committee reported the work already done on High and Spring streets. It is a matter of public gratification that the work has been done so well and it will be a short time until the result of doing things right will be apparent to all.

The Water committee reported the lowering of the pipe in several streets where a change of grade had brought them too near to the surface; the pumps running full time, and everything in good shape.

The Finance committee reported a balance of \$7,516.64 due the treasurer, which was \$600 less than was due at the same time last year, though it was no sign of a more economically administered government, for the tax collector had paid more than \$1,000 more into the treasury this year than he did last. This was the result of the increased interest millage.

The Fire and Police committee reported that both fire companies are in need of new hose and that a tower for drying purposes would be an advantage in both houses. The present need is for some place that the hose can be drained out, after a fire. As it is much water cannot be gotten out and as a result the fabric is rotted.

Bills to the amount of \$894.59 were ordered to be paid and the meeting adjourned.

IT WILL CURE HOG CHOLERA.—The farmers of Centre county will hail with delight the announcement that a cure for hog cholera has been discovered. Though many hundreds have died in this county during the fall, a remedy might yet prove the saving of some.

Dr. I. M. Bush, of this place, has been successful in compounding a remedy that will cure. The best proof of this assertion lies in the fact that his remedy effected a remarkable cure in the case of a hog owned by L. C. Bullock, at Milesburg. Two of Mr. Bullock's hogs had already died with cholera when Dr. Bush appeared with his new remedy to practice on the third one, which was already so nearly dead that it couldn't get up and was getting blue. It was actually only an hour after the first dose of medicine had been administered that the hog was on its feet and trying to eat. It got well right along and now we would like all of our readers to know just where a remedy can be secured.

Hog cholera is a terrible disease and seems to attack the animals just about the time owners have spent all that is possible in fattening them.

JAMES YOUNG, TRAGEDIAN.—Our theatregoers will have the opportunity of seeing James Young, the noted young tragedian, on Saturday evening next, when he will appear at Garman's, in his great scenic production of Hamlet. This is not Mr. Young's first appearance here and he is by no means unknown to histrionic fame, and in the East and South for the past three years he has been winning renown. In personal appearance he is tall and rather slender, with a face and head of considerable physical beauty, of a delicate type and singularly sympathetic. He has a pleasing voice, and his actions are easy and graceful, combining in his work the subtlety of Booth with the eloquence of Barrett and the passion of Salvini. He brings with him a good company, including Miss Rida Louise Johnson, a talented young Baltimore lady, who holds a high social position in her native city.

MIGHT HAVE HAD HIS FEET TORN OFF.—Mr. James Harris, senior member of the hardware firm of James Harris & Co., narrowly escaped serious injury last Saturday and had not a portion of the floor in their High street building given way he would be minus some toes to-day.

He was riding the freight elevator from one floor to another, and was standing with his feet projecting over the edge of the elevator platform. Not noticing his approach to the floor above, his feet were caught between the ceiling and the elevator before he had time to remove them. Fortunately the boards broke and he escaped with painful bruises. Otherwise he would undoubtedly have lost parts of his feet, at least.

Miss Elizabeth G. Muffy returned from Philadelphia yesterday morning to pack her furniture for moving.

Mrs. Susan Wecht and son Allison are over from Huntingdon county visiting at the home of Recorder G. W. Morrison, on east Bishop street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Fauble, returned from Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Fauble's brother, the late Simon Loeb.

The Misses Anne and Elizabeth Schofield, daughters of Assembly-elect Hon. James Schofield, have been entertaining Miss Jessie Metz, of Altoona, for several weeks.

Harry T. McDowell, of Abberda, was in town, on Wednesday, doing a little Christmas buying. He had in his possession a newspaper cartoon that was intensely amusing and pictured far more truth than poetry.

Mrs. Sallie Shaffer, of Hawkeye, Iowa, who will be remembered by Bellefonte friend as Miss Sallie Weaver, a daughter of the late George Weaver, of this place, will be back to her old home to-day to make a short visit. Mr. Shaffer will be with her and together they will be guests at the home of Mr. S. A. McQuiston, on West High street.

During the stay of the James Young company in this place, Miss Rida Louise Johnson, the leading lady, will be the guest of Miss Margaret Seehler, of Linn street. She and Miss Seehler were schoolmates at Wilson college. Miss Johnson is a young woman who is making a success of her art and is one of the coming comedienne.