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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

The Labor day celebration in this part of the country will be the great Logan picnic at Hunter's park.

A Michigan man wants to open a business college in Bellefonte and has written Burgess Nagney for information about the town.

William Harkin, of Poe Mills, this county, is in jail here charged with having stolen a number of articles from the house of John Auman, of that place.

Miss Bessie Sommerville, of Winburne, formerly of this place, has been seriously ill with typhoid fever for some time. Her recovery is assured.

Coleville is experiencing a building boom. James Noll is building a new brick house and Clarence Tate is the owner of a neat frame house that will soon be completed.

John D. Sourbeck, the High street green grocer, has contracted for the entire crop from Andrew Hunt's peach orchard near Lamar. It is estimated that it will yield five hundred bushels.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has arranged for a special excursion to Ocean Grove, Asbury Park, Wednesday, August 25th, during the camp meeting. The trip will no doubt be an enjoyable one.

Mrs. Ellen Cunningham, of Bishop street, Bellefonte's oldest resident, was taken ill, on Friday, and her condition was quite alarming for a short time, but she soon recovered. She is ninety-seven years old.

Hicklen Kellerman, a son of James Kellerman, of east Bishop street, this place, and formerly an employee of this office, is ill with typhoid fever. He was taken sick at State College, shortly after arriving at that place on a bicycle one day last week.

'Chauncey' Bill Stuart, of State College, is now captain of the Richmond, Va., base ball team of the Atlantic league. He is playing great ball, too, and seems to have found his right position at second base. He is a son of the new post master at State College.

The second of the series of dances in the armory of Co. B, will be given this evening. Chappell's Williamsport orchestra will furnish the music and the same patronesses who received for the last party will receive again. The last of the series will be given on Thursday evening, September 2nd.

J. E. Hall, a son of Mr. Daniel Hall, of Unionville, and a graduate of The Pennsylvania State College, is chemist for the N. Y. & P. paper company at Johnsonburg. The mills are among the largest in this State. That he is one of that sturdy family of Halls proclaims his usefulness to the firm he is employed by.

Among the new names recently added to the list of government pensioners are the following from this county: John Cronemiller, Pine Grove; Joseph Hettinger, Boalsburg, and W. H. Adams, Port Matilda. Among those lucky enough to secure an increase is Mrs. Sarah E. Bennet, of Port Matilda.

Hugh Crider, youngest son of F. W. Crider, of Linn street, was taken ill while visiting at the residence of his grandfather, Hugh North Esq., at Mifflin, with a slight attack of appendicitis. It was not a very serious case, however, and he returned home yesterday.

The marriage of David M. Packer, of Romola, to Miss Margaret May Gardner, of Beech Creek, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Samuel Gardner, at noon last Thursday, was one of the most notable society functions that has taken place in that community for years. The prominence of the young people made their marriage the occasion of considerable festivity.

Dr. R. G. H. Hayes, of this place, assisted Dr. Deaver, of Philadelphia, and her two New York physicians, to perform an operation for appendicitis on Mrs. Gilbert White, at Milroy, last Friday. Inasmuch as she has been an invalid for years it was an extremely dangerous operation, but she is thought to be recovering nicely from it. Mrs. White is a daughter-in-law of Rev. Dr. White, of Milroy.

Phillipsburg home talent is preparing to sing 'the Mikado' for the benefit of the Village Improvement society of that place. The opera will be sung under the direction of Mr. George F. Knowles who directed the Lewistown and Huntingdon productions. With the paving of Presqueville street, in Phillipsburg, Centre park square is being beautified and it is hoped that the receipts from the opera will be large enough to purchase a fountain for it.

Doctors Musser, of Aaronsburg; Russell, of Unionville; and R. G. H. Hayes, of Bellefonte, have been appointed pension examiners for this county. They will take charge on September 1st and thenceforth will tend to the examining business for pension applicants. It is a very competent board and should be successful in its operations. The present examiners are doctors J. D. Seibert, and M. A. Kirk, of this place; and P. P. Fisher, of Zion.

THE UNDINE BAND TOOK THE PRIZE.—The central district firemen's convention attracted a great crowd of people to Houtzdale, on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Undine engine company, of this place, with its hand and engine, were on hand. Our firemen left via the Central, on Tuesday evening and returned late Wednesday night. They report having had a fine time though would have been far better satisfied had the steamer contest come off. A dispute as to the rules governing the contest arose and as a satisfactory arrangement could not be made it was declared off.

The Undines won it at Clearfield, last year, without half trying and their old LaFrance engine would undoubtedly have landed them victors this year had the opportunity presented itself.

As it was their hand carried off first honors for being the finest in the big parade and Mr. Reed, of the Journal, informed the WATCHMAN, last evening, that the Undine band created quite a sensation by its dashy music. The prize was \$10.

Next year the convention will be held at Curwensville.

The various contests were won as follows:

Hose Race—Open.—1st, Hope, Phillipsburg; 2nd, Citizen's, DuBois.

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Tub Race.—1st, Hope, Phillipsburg; 2nd, Citizen's, DuBois.

Prize Drill.—1st, 4th Ward Hose, DuBois; 2nd, Rescue, Curwensville.

100 Yds Dash.—1st, Deacon Litz, DuBois; 2nd, Hugh Jeffries, DuBois.

Coupling Contest.—1st, S. Davis, Hope, Phillipsburg; 2nd, J. B. Logan, DuBois.

The Undine band was declared the best in the parade.

The Hope Co., of Phillipsburg, won the prize for being the best uniformed.

The best appearing company was the Rescue, of Curwensville.

The finest looking engine was that of the Citizen's Co. of Tyrone.

The finest looking hose carriage was that of the Elk hose, of Clearfield.

The following officers were elected: president, C. E. Patton, Curwensville; vice president, Wm. McClusky, DuBois; second vice president, Frank Haines, Phillipsburg; secretary, James P. Logan, DuBois; treasurer, James Means, DuBois; Wm. C. Langsdorf, Houtzdale, was chosen delegate to the State convention.

SHE HAD APPENDICITIS.—For nearly a year Mrs. Bert Taylor, of north Allegheny street, has been troubled with pains that were thought to be of a rheumatic nature, but lately they developed so that there could be no mistaking the symptoms to be other than those of appendicitis. At first it was thought that possibly she could be nursed through the trouble without an operation, but on Sunday evening her condition became so serious that Dr. Deaver, of Philadelphia, was telegraphed for. He was sick and could not come, but his associate, Dr. Brinkman, arrived Monday morning, and, assisted by doctors Hayes and Hibler, performed the operation.

It was highly successful. The appendix had been perforated by two abscesses. Mrs. Taylor is recovering fast and unless some unlooked for misfortune befalls will soon be entirely well again.

THE GOVERNOR SPRAINED HIS ANKLE.—While a guest at the home of superior court judge Geo. B. Orady, in Huntingdon, on Wednesday, Governor Hastings accidentally sprained one of his ankles. The injury is not serious.

THE VALENTINE FURNACE TO CONTINUE.—It will certainly be a very welcome bit of information to the people of this community to know that the great Valentine iron works in this place will more than likely continue in operation indefinitely. Though it is not exactly certain that such will be the case all indications point to the conclusion that unless some unforeseen hitch occurs the works will run right along as if nothing had happened.

At a meeting of the creditors of the company, on Wednesday, it was practically decided to grant an extension until about the first of January. All who were there acquiesced and the representatives of large creditors, who were not authorized to act in such matters, gave it as their opinion that the matter of their signing only depended on a mere statement of the case to their employers.

A meeting of the stock-holders was held yesterday and we understand that a plan has been formulated to keep the works going, with the possibility of entirely recouping its financial condition.

If it only proves true it will be great, good fortune for Bellefonte and let us hope that the same great, good fortune will reward the renewed efforts of the Valentine iron company.

TO RESUME WITH AN INCREASED FORCE.—Workmen are busy at the co-operative glass company's plant getting the factory in shape for resumption next month. The blowing will probably be begun about the 10th or 15th, with double the capacity of last season.

The furnace is being rebuilt for eight pots which will require doubling of the force in all departments except the cutters. Though the last fire proved very encouraging for the men they hope to do better with the larger capacity, as the expenses of operation will not increase nearly in proportion to the increase in production.

The average daily output of Wighton's shaft operation at Morrisdale, Clearfield county, for five days in June, was 1,692.8 gross tons of coal.

E. B. McMullen's mill, in Millheim, is being fitted up with the roller process for making flour.

The interior of Lyon & Co's store is being beautifully painted and decorated, preparatory to their receiving their fall and winter goods.

The tower on the Clinton county court house caught fire, on Tuesday morning, and before the flames could be put out a space six feet square had been burned. The fire was caused by painters' lamps in use burning off old paint.

For those desiring to visit Ocean Grove, Asbury Park, during camp meeting no better opportunity offers than to go on the Pennsylvania railroad excursion, Wednesday, August 25th. Rates are low and accommodations first class.

Mill Hall is worked up over the gold hunting fad. While the citizens of that place are unable to get off to the Klondyke some of them are digging away in the Culby gap, with the hope of uncovering some veins of the yellow metal.

A FINE WAGON.—If you were to eat a bushel of dried apples and drink a barrel of water on top of it you wouldn't be half as big as John Anderson feels, as he rolls around town in that nobby new wagon. The Oster brewing company, of Columbus, Ohio, sent it to him, as he is their agent, and it is about the trimmest looking delivery wagon in town.

Last Sunday the storm was unusually severe up the Buffalo Run valley. At Scotia the large derrick was blown over and the steam pipe line destroyed. At Robert Reed's the wind played havoc with his fruit trees, crops and fences were flattened and scarcely an orchard in that community escaped unharmed.

LIGHTNING STRUCK THE STABLE.—A violent thunder storm passed over this place about noon, on Sunday, and the blackened ruins of an east Bishop street stable tell the story of its fury.

An unusually severe bolt of lightning knocked the end of the frame stable on the rear end of Joel Johnson's lot clear out. As it contained a small quantity of hay it was quickly ignited and flames burst from all portions of it notwithstanding the rain that was falling at the time. It was quite a large stable, but contained only a little hay, chop and corn, with nothing else of value. An insurance of \$150 was carried.

A freak of the lightning was its striking the stable, then jumping off onto the clothes line and running toward the post at the house. There it was grounded, but not before it had torn up a pair of board steps, knocking one high into the air and another far out into the street.

The Undine engine company had just gotten their engine cleaned up and in parade dress for the firemen's tournament, at Houtzdale, on Wednesday, but the work at the fire and the muddy streets made it necessary to do the work all over again.

SEVEN FINE CATTLE KILLED BY ONE BOLT OF LIGHTNING.—The thunder storm that passed over this section of the county, at noon, on Sunday, had a particularly disastrous effect up Buffalo run.

In the vicinity of Waddle's the wind was so strong that trees and fences were leveled and futher up the valley it proved the most destructive storm they have had in years.

A few miles further down the valley, near Fillmore, seven fine cattle owned by Frank Blair were killed by the same stroke of lightning. The cattle were at pasture in a field that runs up to the foot of Muncy mountain and it is evident that when the storm came up they sought shelter under the trees at the edge of the field. All of the animals must have been standing with their heads together when the tree, under which they were standing, was struck and every one of them were killed.

When the man went to the field in the evening he found all but one of the herd lying on a pile under the tree. Only one cow out of his herd of eight escaped and it was most singular that not a mark was found on the tree or any of the cattle. It was an unfortunate stroke for Mr. Blair, as the cattle were not insured and having just purchased the Sellers' farm he was not in a position to suffer it conveniently.

COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING.—Council met in regular semi-monthly session, Monday evening, and transacted the following business:

Supervising architect Robert Cole recommended laying the floor in the new public building of Mill Hall brick instead of concrete. The brick would cost \$125, the concrete \$137.

A petition signed by twenty-six residents of that community was presented to council urging it to take some action toward the abatement of a very unhealthful nuisance caused by the condition of Geo. W. Jackson and Co's. mill dam.

The dam has gradually filled up with deposits of one sort or another and now a large crop of weeds have sprung up from the mud, everywhere but in the channel. On Sundays the water is drawn off and a most offensive vapor arises from the place.

Council voted that Col. W. F. Reynolds, owner of the property, be instructed to do away with the nuisance.

The failure of the high constable to do his duty in locking up cows was reported and that officer was warned against becoming a delinquent. The floor in the pound was ordered repaired.

Fire marshal James Seibert read his report for the year and everything was shown to be in good running order. Jos. Wise of the Undines has been elected marshal for the ensuing year, with Frank Taylor and M. Shields assistants.

PASSED TO HIS REWARD.—Henry J. Tressler, a quiet, christian gentleman, for many years a resident of this county, died at his late residence, near Rock Mills, on Friday, August 13th.

Mr. Tressler was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., Aug. 20th, 1836, but removed to this county about 40 years ago, and for a number of years lived at the place of his death. On June 4th, 1892, he was married to Miss Sarah Mulberger, of this county, to which union eleven children were born, all of whom, with their mother, survive. They are as follows: Isaac, David, Jefferson, Henry, Johnson, Mrs. Arthur Norris, Mrs. Sarah Wands, all of whom are married and live in this county; Mrs. Catharine Wands, of Berwick; and Virgie, Darwin, and Edward yet at home.

About 14 years ago the subject of this article gave his heart to God, and his name to the Methodist Episcopal church. He frequently expressed his regret that he had wasted so much of his vigor in the services of sin.

For several years he had been a great sufferer, and was confined to his bed more than nineteen months. Through his illness he was patient and resigned, awaiting the end, which came, full of peace.

The funeral services were conducted at his late residence, Aug. 14th, at 1 o'clock, by his pastor, Rev. G. W. Mellany. Interment in the Myers cemetery, near Buffalo Run.

GONE TO HER LONG REST.—Thursday evening, August 12th, the spirit of Mrs. Sara Jane Irwin, of Spring street, Bellefonte, was carried away by the winged messenger of death. Deceased was 73 years old and was the widow of the late Samuel M. Irwin. She was born in this county, January 20th, 1824, her maiden name having been Holmes and is survived by one sister, three brothers and two sons.

The latter are Robert H. Irwin, at whose home she died, and John J. Irwin, of Altoona.

Short funeral services were held here, on Saturday morning, after which the body was taken to Jacksonville, where services were held in the Presbyterian church, and interment was made in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Irwin lived a long and useful life. Her womanly character and true christian manner of living endeared her to all who knew her.

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A PROMINENT HALF MOON TOWNSHIP RESIDENT DEAD.—Simon Sellers died in Stormstown, on Monday morning, about 11 o'clock. His death was caused by heart disease and was very sudden. He had been sitting on a stool in Burket's store, when Mr. Burket noticed that his head had dropped forward onto his breast and went to see what was wrong. Mr. Sellers was already unconscious and died in a few minutes.

Deceased was prominent in politics in the upper end of the valley and had enjoyed offices of trust at the disposition of his party, the Republican. He was born in Lancaster county and was a little over 71 years old. When only two years old his parents moved to this county. Mr. Sellers was a tailor by trade and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He was a member of the First post, No. 419, of Stormstown, and was buried with the honors of war on Wednesday morning at Gray's cemetery.

He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. The children are John Sellers, of Tyrone; William H. Sellers, of Philadelphia; and Mrs. Wilson Way, of State College.

William Weaver, an old and respected resident of Farmer's Mills, died very suddenly, last Thursday evening, from heart failure. Deceased was 67 years old and is survived by three sons and two daughters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Reardon, of the Centre Hall Lutheran church, on Sunday afternoon.

John W. Mattern Esq., Huntingdon's second oldest lawyer, died at his home in that place, on Monday morning. His death had been expected for some time. Mr. Mattern is a distant relative of the Centre county family of that name.

Mrs. Susanna Richards, relict of Dr. J. C. Richards, of Phillipsburg, died last Monday morning at the home of her daughter, at Wallacetown, Clearfield county. Deceased was one of Phillipsburg's pioneer residents.

Ether, the six year old daughter of William Meyers, of Coleville, died last Saturday morning, after an illness of about a week with membranous croup.

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Misses Edith and Nellie Geary, daughters of Mr. John Geary, of Harrisburg, have returned home after visiting friends and relatives at Unionville. The young ladies enjoyed a delightful time, and were warmly welcome by their many friends in that vicinity.

Ralph Rose, of Pittsburg, who was associated with his father in his experimenting with fuel gas down at the mill works five years ago, was in town, Wednesday, seeing friends. He and his sister Nellie are visiting in Clearfield and he came over just for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Custard, of Pittsburg, were in town on Tuesday on their way to visit friends at Mackeyville, Clinton county. While here they were entertained at luncheon at the home of W. T. Speer, on west High street. Mr. Custard is associated with Will Speer in the great Home & Co. store in the Smoky city.

Manager James Conroy of the Bellefonte co-operative glass company, is off on a visit to his sister at Ates, N. J. Though he will be gone only a week or ten days it will prove a much needed rest for him, as he has been busy ever since the fires went out in the factory, looking after the work of enlargement and improvement down there.

Amos Wakelin, of Philadelphia, was in town yesterday looking over this territory with Robt. F. Hunter, agent of the New England mutual life association. Mr. Wakelin is from the Philadelphia office and while it was his first visit to Bellefonte we are sure he could not but have been pleased with the place and their agent here.

Foreman Michael Hayes, of A. G. Morris' Coleville operations, dropped in to call for a few moments on Wednesday evening. Mr. Hayes is one of those matter of fact, not easily worried men who never seem to grow a day older. He is a fine master-quarman and few can get better results from men without overworking them.

Among the visitors from a distance who are here enjoying our good roads and delightful weather is Harvey Yarrington, of Richmond, Va., who arrived, on Tuesday, to see his wife and family and accompany them home. Mrs. Yarrington and the children have been here the entire summer with Mrs. Alexander, who has not yet entirely recovered from her long illness, and they had arranged to return home this week but Mr. Yarrington had existed without them as long as he would.

George L. Potter, Mrs. Potter, their two children and servants left, Thursday, in their private car for Fort Wayne, Ind., their home and Mr. Potter's headquarters as superintendent of motive power of the Fort Wayne division of the P. R. R. They have been here for six weeks, summering in the Orvis house, on Linn street, and with their horses, two so speedily and fine looking roadsters as were ever driven in the town and a slow old pony, they had a happy time. Miss Lucy Potter and her niece Daisy went West with them for an extended visit.

Frank Lingle, one of Bellefonte's old printers who has grown so 'rusty' that he 'couldn't' tell a proof from a crazy quilt, 'arrived in town, on Tuesday evening, and has been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. F. Gorman. Frank is in the coal business at Patton and gets here very rarely, but every time he comes he falls more desperately in love with his old home. It is not often that men with the promise of as much life before them as he has think about such things, but he says he wants to be brought back here to be buried.

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