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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

This is ground hog day. On Wednesday, Feb. 13th, Centre county will be one hundred years old. Mrs. C. F. Montgomery entertained the ladies' card club at her home, on east Linn street, last evening. Rev. Bruce Hughes, whose illness at his home in Philipsburg was noted in last week's paper, is able to be out. They have eight inch ice at Hecla park again and shipping will be begun at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bell, of Howard street, will entertain a few of their friends at dinner this evening. Geo. P. Thomas, of Pleasant Gap, has received an increase of pension. He will get \$17 per month in the future. W. S. Houser, the patentee of the Houser springless lock, has been granted patents on some improvements to his original lock.

Stewart Matthews has resigned as messenger of the Adams Express Co. in this place and Edward Rine has been brought here from Puzantown to take his place. Rev. and Mrs. George I. Brown, of St. John's Episcopal rectory, are receiving the congratulations of their friends over the advent of a baby girl at their home Saturday morning.

The ladies aid society of the Evangelical church, of Linden Hall, will hold a chicken and waffle supper on Saturday evening, Feb. 10th, at the Wayside Inn. Everybody is invited. Herbert Sheffer has retired from the grocery firm of Sheffer & Son, the business of which will be continued by Samuel Sheffer and his son Paul. Herbert has nothing definite in view. An alarm of fire was rung in from McCalmont & Co.'s lime kilns, Friday night, at 9:30. The blaze was only a slight one and had been caused by the cribbing about the top of one of the kilns being over heated. The fire was out before the arrival of the department.

The Franklin and Marshall college glee and mandolin clubs, numbering eighteen or twenty men, will be here on Feb. 21st. Their last appearance here, several years ago, was highly successful and their coming is looked forward to with considerable pleasure by lovers of music.

A letter from Jim Connelly carries the information that he is in right good health and has just enough work for exercise. He says that Bill Hanna has been in the prison hospital for three months. He has wasted away until he is only a shadow of his former rotund self. On Saturday evening, Feb. 10th, the Theatians from The Pennsylvania State College, will present Goldsmith's comedy "She Stoops to Conquer," at Garman's. It is a play in three acts with some of the lines of which many are familiar and the work of the College boys in it is reported as being very clever.

Thad Longwell, who has been a clerk in the P. R. R. freight office here for some time, has been made assistant to train dispatcher John Walsh, of the C. R. R. of Pa. He will have charge of the car accounting; leaving Mr. Clark to do the stenographic work formerly looked after by Claire B. Williams.

Chas. Wetzel, the Bellefonte carpenter who has made such an enviable reputation as a hard wood worker and especially in laying ornamental flooring, has just taken the agency for Stauffer's patent window lowering and locking device. It is one of cleverest little patents imaginable and just the handiest kind to relieve you of the trouble you nearly always have with your shutters.

S. B. Finnegan, superintendent of the Morris quarries and kilns along Buffalo Run, said that Wednesday was the coldest day of the winter on that work. The actual record of the thermometer was not so low, but a piercing wind blew all day, penetrating to the very marrow of one's bones. Mr. Finnegan expects to move from his present home on Howard street to the Grauer house, on Spring street.

Philipsburg is getting ready for free mail delivery. Post-office inspector Duryea has been there and assured the people that as soon as the houses are properly numbered the free delivery system will be inaugurated. That town is about to reap the benefits of former post master Walton's efforts to bring the post-office business up to the point insuring free delivery. He was made to suffer for it, but Philipsburg has been the gainer.

The last week's shot at the indoor rifle range was the most exciting one yet. There were three ties for the first and two for the second place. James Noon, Jos. Rightour and William Kline each made a score of 28, while Maurice Jackson and a Curtin's works marksman had 27. Of course they had to shoot off and there is where the county detective's dead eye carried away the first prize rifle. He made 25, Noon made 23 and Kline made 22. For the second prize the old turkey shooter from down Bald Eagle carried the gun home on his shoulder. This week a double barreled shot gun and a target rifle are the prizes.

THE BOROUGH NOMINEES.—The Democratic and Republican primaries have been held and now each party has nominees in the field for the offices to be filled on February 20th. In the borough offices the nominations are exactly as predicted in last week's WATCHMAN.

Both primaries were without much interest, as there was scant prospect of a fight. The Republican class, however, let their feelings work out in the North ward, where the Hastings people turned out en masse to defeat W. H. Musser for justice, merely because he was Governor Stone's appointee. As between Mr. Musser and Mr. Harshberger, the successful opponent, probably not ten Republicans in the North ward have any personal preference. Both are very good men, but Mr. Musser happened to be appointed by Governor Stone to fill the unexpired term of justice Schaeffer, who resigned, and that made him a mark for the Hastings people and they didn't do a thing but fall on it.

Just how Stuart Brouse happened to hypnotize them all over town no one will be able to explain. He has long been recognized as an adept at political manipulation, but of late years he has been with the Quay people so staunchly that he is said to have declined a thousand from the other side during the fight last summer, so it would seem that he has either gotten them all hypnotized or has accomplished a deal with the Hastings faction; for by no other means could he have taken the South ward away from Jim Houser and the North ward from Sam'l Gault. Those candidates for overseer were, at least, entitled to instructions from their own wards, even if Brouse delegates were to be chosen. The West warder carried every precinct in town in a walk and this is certainly another straw in proof of the WATCHMAN's assertion that the Hastings and Quay clans are getting together in Centre county on some issues at least.

The nominations of the two parties are as follows: DEMOCRATIC OFFICE REPUBLICAN W. H. Walker, Burgess; Edmund Blanchard, H. S. Taylor, Tax collector; G. W. Rees, Daniel Eberhart, Overseer poor; R. S. Brouse, W. G. Rankle, Treasurer; C. F. Cook, Ed. I. Gillen, Auditor; J. Thos. Mitchell, NORTH WARD Henry Tibbens, Judge of election; S. B. Miller, John S. Lane, Inspector; Roger T. Bayard, Dr. J. L. Seibert, Council; Geo. L. Potter, Frank Adams, Justice of Peace; H. Harshberger, School Director; John P. Harris, SOUTH WARD Jos. McMahon, Judge of election; J. S. McCarger, Henry Walker, Inspector; A. E. Young, Patrick Gherrierty, Council; W. L. Steele, John Keichline, Justice of Peace; Edw. T. Tutun, A. C. Mingle, School Director; Jas. I. McGuire, WEST WARD L. C. Wetzel, Judge of election; John M. Strayer, D. C. Stine, Inspector; David H. Bartley, Wm. H. Parks, Council; John L. Kinsely, John Keichline, Justice of Peace; Edw. T. Tutun, Wm. Rider, School Director; W. H. Crissman

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At the regular meeting of Gregg post G. A. R. No. 95, Saturday evening, it was decided to try to increase the appropriation for the soldier's monument fund from the amount of \$200, for which the Post had pledged itself some time ago, to \$400. With this end in view the proceeds of the annual all day restaurant on Washington's birthday will be devoted to that purpose. The Post was inspected, Saturday evening, by Dept. Com. James F. Morrison, of Philadelphia, and Post Dept. Com. Thomas G. Sample, of Allegheny, who is now a member of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools Commission.

George B. Hamer, a Sinking-valley farmer, met death in a frightful way about a mile east of Tyrone some time last Saturday night. He had been to Tyrone to make a payment on a sewing machine and left that place toward evening, driving his horse and buggy. Hamer had been drinking some, but when last seen apparently was in a condition to take care of himself but the result proved that such was not the case. When driving along the Juniata bank he got off the road and tumbled down into the river. The horse took loose from the buggy which rolled clear into and there he was pinned. The buggy was on top of him and he could not move. Next morning people passing that way to church saw the broken vehicle in the river below and were horrified to see a man's arm protruding through the thin ice that had formed during the night. An investigation proved that it was George B. Hamer and the surroundings told the story of his tragic end.

George Horner, of Oak Hall, has bought the Bradford property south of that place for \$800. It was 4 1/2 below zero about here yesterday morning, which was the coldest record of the season. The Linden Hall Lumber Co. has leased some additional property from the Wieland farm on which to locate the new mill they intend building soon. The nomination of Sam Weiser for the office of burgess of Millheim by the Democrats is tantamount to an election and insures to the people that place an official who will be a credit to them. Rev. Wagner preached a trial sermon in the Lutheran church at Rebersburg on Sunday evening and pleased the congregation very much. Action will be taken to fill the vacancy next Sunday. Irvin Burris lost a purse containing \$37 over near Linden Hall last week and it was afterward picked up by Harry Lonebarger and returned to its owner. The latter's honesty will find its reward some day. T. G. Hosterman is moving his mill building near Pine Creek Mills. He sold it to Edward Smith, of Woodward, and will buy a larger one upon which he can handle the timber he has contracted for. Carrie, the five year old daughter of Samuel Rash, foreman of this office, is ill with scarlet rash and their home on east Bishop street is quarantined for thirty days. Sam is staying with his wife's parents, the Otts, on east High street. George Good, one of the alleged burglars who was killed in a fight with officers at Quincey, Ill., a few days ago, is said to be a son of Abram Good, a wealthy Williamsport Miller. The young man ran away from home when 16 years of age.

"Old Si Stebbins" is the name of a rural comedy that will come to Garman's Monday night, February 5th. It has never before been presented in Bellefonte and comes heralding a threshing machine, trained pig, concert band and orchestra. About thirty neighbors made last Thursday night a memorable one for F. A. McClintick, of Linden Hall. It was the twenty-eighth anniversary of his birth and the pleasant evening the visitors made for him at his home was enough to make him wish for many recurrences of the event.

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A TEACHERS LOCAL INSTITUTE.—The teachers of the public schools of Miles, Penn. Millheim, Haines and Gregg precincts, comprising local institute district No. 1, will have sessions in the Reformed church at Aaronsburg on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9th and 10th. There will be sessions Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon. Among those who have places on the program are Rev. F. M. Brown, Col. D. F. Fortney, Bellefonte, Miss Cordelia Acker, Supt. C. L. Gramley, Rev. E. H. Gerhard, R. U. Bittner, W. T. Williams, E. W. Braucht, Edna M. Krumrine, J. Rearick, Miss Helen Bartholomew, H. W. Morris, F. A. Auman, B. W. Ripka, H. H. Musser, C. E. Royer, M. E. Keen, H. A. Detwiler, H. F. Yearick, W. T. Winkleblecht, M. R. Wirt, H. C. Rothrock, M. A. Brown, J. F. Garthoff, J. G. Eby, Miss Mabel S. Sankey, M. H. Lambert and F. H. Slaterbook.

THE MAD DOG SCARE IN SUGAR AND BRUSH VALLEYS.—For some time the residents of Sugar and Brush valleys have been terrorized by a mad dog scare. At first it was thought to be only a scare, but later numerous dogs in that locality showed unmistakable signs of the rabies and even live stock became affected and acted in a mysterious way. The trouble did not abate, as promptly as the few scoffers predicted it would, but seemed to be spreading and this led to a prompt investigation. It was learned that a mad dog had gotten into Sugar-valley from the vicinity of Watsontown. The dog ran amok among other canines, cattle, sheep and hogs and was finally killed by Jos. Meyers at Spring Bank. It had shown the rabies broad-cast, however, and it was not long until hydrophobic symptoms were cropping out everywhere. Many farmers killed their dogs, but when horned cattle began to froth at the mouth and tear madly about, until they had battered their horns off and were bruised and bleeding there was a demand for the State Live Stock Sanitary Board to act.

Dr. John Ritter, the veterinarian of Centre Hall, went into the affected valleys and reported that it was genuine hydrophobia. He was then directed to kill all the dangerous animals and quarantine others. Accordingly he went down there last Saturday again and found that 23 dogs had been killed in all. Then he quarantined a number of barns; among them being those of John Royer, Peter Breon and Elias Breon, near Rebersburg. The cards were put up on Monday. Peter Breon had to kill two heifers, a sheep and a dog; Newton Brungart has killed two hogs and a dog and Elias Breon has killed a cow. Dr. Ritter says there need be no further fear of a spread of the malady if people are very careful. The principal restriction imposed by quarantining is that cattle dare not be taken from an affected stable without being led.

On Wednesday a mad dog was discovered at Loganton. The dog bit and killed a number of chickens on Squire Beck's farm and bit the dog on the head farm. It then escaped without being killed.

PROBABLY THE OLDEST TWINS IN THE STATE.—The celebration of the eighty-ninth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Sarah Rhone and Mrs. Lydia Young at the old Rhone homestead, in Penns-valley, on Sunday, was an event of more than passing interest. The old ladies are twin sisters and spring from one of the oldest and most influential families in the lower end of the county and their remarkable longevity is emphasized by their unusual activity.

Mrs. Sarah Rhone is the widow of Jacob Rhone, and mother of Leonard Rhone, the prominent Granger of this county, and Mrs. Lydia Young is the widow of John Young. They are probably the oldest living twin sisters in the State, and the celebration of their birth on Sunday brought together many of the members of this large family.

Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Young were born at Coburn, this county, January 28th, 1811. They are daughters of Leonard Kerstetter, a German, who was one of the pioneers of that section. Sarah and Lydia were members of a family of eleven children, all of whom are dead with the exception of the twins, and Daniel and Samuel, two younger brothers.

The twin sisters were married within a year of each other, when they were about 20 years of age, Sarah to Jacob Rhone and Lydia to John Young, both sturdy young Centre county farmers. In 1846 Jacob Rhone purchased the Rhone homestead, near Centre Hall, from his father's heirs, a tract which had been in possession of the Rhone family continuously since 1794, but in 1853 he died suddenly, leaving a family of eight small children to the care of his wife. Mrs. Rhone took up the management of the estate and managed it with remarkable sagacity and executive ability, erecting new buildings, at a cost of several thousand dollars, until in 1860, when the homestead was purchased by Leonard Rhone, who has occupied it ever since.

Since his residence at the homestead Grandmother Rhone has made her home with her son, Leonard, and his family. Mrs. Young, since the death of her husband, a dozen or so years ago, has made her home with her only child, Mrs. Adam Weaver, of Woodward.