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No Paper Next Week.

According to our usual custom there will be no paper issued from the WATCHMAN office on the week of July 4th.

The Climax of Political Recreancy.

The confirmation of REEDER, DURHAM, EYRE, HAMILTON and others who comprise Governor STONE's recess appointments was a fitting climax in the odious records of the present Senate.

Senator GRADY attempted to answer the accusations of his colleague. The HENRY family didn't go to the war, he said and therefore the appointment of REEDER ought to be confirmed.

Thus the complete demoralization of the Democratic party in the Legislature stands revealed. J. HENRY COCHRAN, of Lycoming and JOHN A. WENTZ, of Montgomery, stand alone in the body as the exemplars of genuine and incorruptible Democracy.

Senator KEMERER, of Northampton, who has been absent from his seat on account of sickness since January was brought forward to plead for REEDER. Feeble in body and infirm in mind he probably didn't know what he was doing.

Closing Legislation of Importance to Centre County.

At the closing session of the Legislature yesterday the following bills in which Centre county is directly interested were passed and sent to the Governor:

Restoring the \$1,000,000 out from public school appropriations by Gov. Stone in 1899.

Appropriating \$86,000 to the general maintenance of State College, \$10,000 to complete the equipment of the engineering building and \$50,000 to build a dairy building.

Appropriating \$10,000 for the Curtin memorial to be erected at Bellefonte.

Placing Centre county in a congressional district with McKean, Cameron and Clearfield. Elk, Congressman HALL's county, is placed with Mercer, Forest and Venango.

The district Centre is now in gave a majority of 5,583 for McKinley.

Our judicial, legislative and senatorial districts remain unchanged.

On Monday an effort was made in the Senate to amend the general appropriation bill, so as to secure to the school districts of the State, the \$1,000,000 out of which they were kept by the veto of Gov. STONE in 1899.

Those voting for the amendment were Cochran, Herbst, Kemmerer, Lee, Miller and Wentz, Democrats; Drury, Edmiston, Henry, McKee, Martin, Rice, Stewart, Weiss and Weller, Insurgents, and Snyder, Stalwart Republican. Total, 16.

Those voting against the amendment were Berkelbaach, Burke, Cummings, Emery, Fisher, Focht, Fox, Grady, Gransback, Kayser, Matson, Muehlbrunner, Scott, Sleson, Stinemann, Stober, Vare, Woods, Quail, Washburn, Williams and Woods, Republicans, and Boyd, Heinle, Stiles, Neely, Democrats. Total, 26.

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Ballot Reform Postponed.

The false pretense of a purpose to enact ballot reform legislation was kept up by the majority in the present Legislature until the last. Only last week the emasculated GUFFEY bill was defeated in the Senate and on Monday evening the VAN DYKE primary election bill was reported from the Senate committee of which Mr. FOCHT is the chairman with amendments which took out of it all the merit it possessed.

Last fall, during the campaign in which Senator QUAY realized that his political life was in the balance, he made sacred pledges that he would support ballot reform legislation. But though he was able to command the obedience of his party in every scheme to plunder the State he was unable to keep faith with the public on the vital question of the campaign.

The result of this miscarriage should admonish the people, however, that pledges made by the QUAY machine or by QUAY are worthless. If ballot reform is ever to be secured it must be by defeating the Republican party. It will be a difficult undertaking, with the present facility for committing fraud, but it is possible, nevertheless, and if all who believe in honest government will unite in electing members to the Legislature who can neither be deceived nor cajoled, the result will be achieved.

If Mr. JNO. K. THOMPSON did fail in his expectations of being made prominent and important by his sell out to QUAY; if he didn't get the appropriations he was promised and expected; if he wasn't accommodated with senatorial and congressional apportionments to suit his aspiring friends, and if he does come home a discredited and despised Representative, he will, at least, bring back with him a certificate of membership of the committee to count and make official announcement of the vote for State Treasurer at the coming election.

The new congressional apportionment that the Legislature has left in the hands of the Governor, places Centre county in a district with Clearfield, Cameron and McKean—a district that gave McKinley 5,583 majority. While it is a district that may be considered almost hopeless for the Democracy, it is one in which the independent Republicans, if they are so inclined, can give the other fellows more fun and fewer successes than they will find in any other district within the Commonwealth.

Scores Drowned.

Cloud Burst Devastates Part of West Virginia—Several Towns Destroyed.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 23.—This entire section has just been visited by a flood, the extent of which in all probability will equal or exceed that of Johnstown in 1889, so far as the loss of property is concerned. Early yesterday morning, shortly after midnight, a heavy downpour of rain began, accompanied by a severe electric storm and steadily increased violence until 10 o'clock a. m., then ceasing for several hours and beginning with renewed violence. This continued throughout the entire day and night.

The Pocahontas coal field is located in a basin with high mountain ranges on either side, with Elkhorn creek flowing through the centre of the basin, which ranges from one-fourth to one mile in width. From Enis, W. Va., to Vivian Yard, W. Va., a distance of ten miles, miners' cabins, coal company commissaries and coke plants lined this basin.

While visiting at Spring Mills last week, W. L. Collins, of Hollidaysburg, was stung on the arm by a wasp. It swelled up to twice its size and gave him considerable annoyance for several days.

estimate places the number of bridges washed away between Bluefield and Vivian yard, a distance of twenty-eight miles, at from fifteen to twenty, and from present indications it will be impossible to get trains through to Vivian and points west of there under a week or ten days. This will render it impossible to get relief into the stricken district, and with those who escaped with their lives, homeless and without food, indescribable suffering is inevitable.

Not So Many Drowned as First Reported.

Though Horrible in Its Effects the West Virginia Flood Was Not as Destructive in Loss of Life as at First Supposed.

By way of Roanoke, Va., under date of June 14th we have received the following telegraphic account of the catastrophe that shows nearer the true state of affairs. ROANOKE, June 24.—There has been very little news received from the West Virginia flood. One train came in this afternoon but not much information could be gained from the passengers. The trains are running from Bluefield and Ennis, which places are just outside the territory visited by the cloudburst on last Saturday morning.

The railroad people are rushing material and supplies to the Elkhorn. One hundred and fifty laborers came in over the Norfolk and Southern to-day on an extra train and went west, and nearly all the work trains on the road have been to the Elkhorn vicinity.

J. W. Crotty, a fireman on the Norfolk and Western road, who resides in this city, received a message yesterday from Bluefield that his father, mother, one sister, two brothers and sister-in-law, with her two children were lost in the floods on Saturday at Keystone. Mr. Crotty's people lived in the centre of the town.

The Western Union Telegraph officials in this city says that the situation so far as getting news from the territory west of Bluefield is unchanged, and that they have nothing new to give out. E. H. Stewart, a well known furniture dealer of this city, who in the midst of all the storm and travel on foot nearly the whole of the route devastated. Mr. Stewart had been away on business and was returning home on a train. When his train reached Vivian, W. Va., about nine o'clock Saturday morning, the water covered a huge portion of the yard, and the trainmen made. The train was placed at the highest point on the yard. Rain was coming down in torrents, and while in the train Mr. Stewart saw about thirty cars washed from the yard and carried away by the rushing torrents, large trees uprooted nearby, while houses, bridges and furniture went whirling by in the water.

As the flood increased the water cut a channel on the other side of the train, leaving it between two streams. It was decided to take out those passengers who wished to leave the train and a rope was attached to the platform of one of the cars and to a tree on the bank. Among the passengers was a lady who, with the assistance of several men, was gotten safely to the bank. A number of men had narrow capes from drowning in making the trip. There was a lot up in the rain and the flood subsided about noon and at 1 o'clock Mr. Stewart and another passenger left the train and started to the next station, Keystone, five miles distant. Much of the track and several bridges had been washed away and the trip was made with great difficulty, a portion of the way on the track and the balance on the bluffs along the route.

Mr. Stewart says he saw a number of corpses along the route, but does not think more than forty people were drowned.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

—Isaac Thomas, of this place, has been granted an increase of pension. He will now draw \$10 per month.

—Several of our correspondents will please bear in mind that their contributions should be on by Wednesday morning. We were compelled to leave several out of this issue, because they were not received until yesterday morning.

—Seventy-two of his friends surprised Jacob Harter, of Woodward, on the 12th, by appearing at his house during his absence and remaining until he returned home to celebrate his birthday anniversary with them.

—The rains of the past season were hardly in it with the circus tent on Tuesday when it came to making thousands of people wet. Why the wonder is that some of the audience didn't melt clean away, it was so hot.

McCULLOUGH—LARIMER.—A pretty home wedding was celebrated at Jersey Shore Wednesday, which was of interest to many of our readers, for the groom, Lee R. Larimer, is one of our popular young men who is succeeding and winning for himself a place in the business world.

The marriage took place at 11:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCullough, and was solemnized by the Rev. Charles A. Bruce. About fifty guests were present and a Williamsport orchestra played the wedding march and during the festivities. The bride, Miss Catharine Bortle McCullough, wore a beautiful gown of white crepe de chene over white taffeta and trimmed with real point lace. Her bouquet was of bride's roses.

The groom, who is one of the firm of the Gheen, Spigelmyer and Larimer store in Jersey Shore, is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Larimer, of this place, and his bride is said to be a very charming young girl.

MARRIED AT PHILIPSBURG.—David A. Foreman, well known in this place, as deputy prothonotary under L. A. Schaeffer, and one of the most prominent young men of Potter township, was married in Philippsburg on Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. The Journal of that place published the following account of the auspicious event.

The pretty home of Mrs. Beulah Smith, on Cold Stream reservoir, was alive with wedding festivity at an early hour Wednesday morning, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Alta, the only daughter, to David A. Foreman, of Centre Hill. The rooms were beautifully decorated and at seven o'clock the bride attired in virgin white, was led by the groom into a floral alcove in the parlor, where with the solemn ring service of the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. T. L. Tomkinson spoke the words uniting them in holy matrimony. The ushers were the brothers of the bride, Frank and Willard Smith.

An elegant breakfast was served under the direction of the latter. Many beautiful and useful presents were received from friends as mementos of the occasion. Mrs. Foreman has long been one of our most highly esteemed public school teachers, and the presence of a number of her intimates among the "school marm's" added to the zest of the occasion. The starting placards on the bridal baggage bearing legends—"Put us off at Buffalo!"—"Our wedding trip," etc., may be traced to the nimble pens of some of them.

Amid a shower of rice and well wishes they started on their journey from the station at 9:40, intending to take in the Pan-American exposition and other points, after which they will settle at Tusseyville, where Mr. Foreman is superintendent of schools.

The bride will be greatly missed in Philippsburg, among her circle of friends, in the schools and in the M. E. Sunday school, where her work was much appreciated.

WEDDED AT SPANGLER.—An auspicious, though small, wedding was celebrated Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClain, formerly of this place but now of Spangler, when their daughter Mary Brown, was united in marriage to Harvey S. Lingle. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Croxler O. S. V. and only a few guests were present. The wedding march was played by Miss Mary Ceadar, the bride's intimate friend of this place. The bride, who is a bright attractive young girl, wore a stylishly made gown of mouslin de soie, trimmed with lace, over white taffeta. Her veil of Brussels net was fastened with a spray of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The ceremony was followed by a reception and supper, after which the entire party accompanied the bride and groom on their special train to Cresson, whence they departed on a two weeks' journey to the Thousand Isles.

The bride and groom are both well known here, where the former had lived all her life until the last few years. Mr. Lingle is a son of the Hon. W. C. Lingle, of Patton, and a nephew of Mrs. W. W. Montgomery, Mrs. Edward Garman and Howard Lingle, of this place.

SHROM—AUCHMUTY.—Miss Clara B. Shrom and Mr. David L. Auchmuty, of South Williamsport, were married at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Margaret Hoffer, on Pine street, at half-after eleven on Tuesday morning. Rev. W. P. Shriner of the Methodist church officiated and only a few of the immediate friends and relatives were present.

An informal reception followed the ceremony, then a wedding breakfast was served and the bride and groom departed on the 1:20 train for a trip to the Pan-American. Mr. Auchmuty is a machinist and has a home for his bride at McKeesport.

—James Lowry, a son of contractor Henry Lowry of this place, was married to Miss Elizabeth Weidensaul at Milesburg, on Wednesday evening at half-after eight. Rev. Wharton of the Methodist church performed the ceremony in the presence of several of the most intimate friends of the young people who drove down with them.

—County commissioner J. L. Boone, of Clinton county, was stricken with congestion of the brain while visiting one of his farms on Tuesday. His condition is precarious.

FOR THE HOME COMING OF THE 47TH.—It is expected that the transport Thomas, carrying the 47th U. S. Vol. Inf. will reach San Francisco this week and as soon thereafter as possible that regiment of fighters will be mustered out of the service and sent to their homes.

The regiment is made up largely of Central Pennsylvania boys and as a number of them are from Bellefonte and vicinity it is proposed to make their home coming an event in the history of the town.

The preliminary work of organization has been gone through with and is as follows: Chairman—Gen. James A. Beaver. Secretary—Chas. R. Kurtz.

Parade—Col. Austin Curtin, Ch.; Gen. John I. Curtin, chief marshal; Henry Taylor, chief of staff; Col. Amos Miller, aid; and others will be appointed later. Assistants to parade committee were appointed as follows: Dr. Locke, John Knisely, Bellefonte; Dr. Christ, Dr. Harter, State College; A. S. Smith, James McMullen, Milesburg; Capt. Quigley, Eagleville; Joshua Pheasant, Howard; Geo. E. Parker, John Gowland, Philadelphia; To secure horsemen—Fred Blanchard, Geo. Valentine, Maj. W. J. Singer, and Serg. E. F. Hunter, of Bellefonte; Jas. Gregg, Oscar Miles, Milesburg; Wm. and Norris Bogle, Howard; J. Harris Hoy, Bannockburn Twp.; Capt. S. H. Bannison, Marion Twp.; Laird Curtin, Boggs Twp.; A. V. Miller, Pleasant Gap and others.

Reception—Burgess Edmund Blanchard, chairman; James P. Coburn, Hon. John G. Love, Col. George A. Bayard, Hon. D. H. Hastings, George L. Potter, J. K. Johnston, John Ardel, C. M. Bower, John Knisely, John M. Shugart, Patrick Gurry, F. W. Crider, J. W. Gephart, Hard P. Harris.

Escort—G. W. Reese, Ch.; Capt. H. S. Taylor, Col. W. F. Reeder, Col. W. F. Reynolds, Geo. F. Harris, John P. Harris, Charles Smith, Ellis L. Orvis, W. E. Gray, J. C. Meyer.

Fire Works—S. B. Miller, Ch.; J. D. Sourbeck, Samuel P. Smith, H. B. Pontius, Chas. Eckenroth.

Speakers—Col. D. F. Fortney, Ch.; Col. W. F. Reeder, W. Harrison Walker.

Music—Capt. S. H. Williams, Ch.; Bellefonte, Frank Clemson, Scotia; Henry Kille, Zion; P. F. Garbrick, Coleville; William Bilger, Pleasant Gap; Harry R. Curtin, Roland; John F. Harter, State College; Jacob DeHass, Howard.

Finance—James Harris, Ch.; Jos. L. Montgomery, Col. Geo. A. Bayard, J. Will Conley.

It is proposed to have a grand parade, speeches and a banquet for the boys. The reception committee will go to Tyrone and escort them home in triumph. Of course the date is unsettled, because it is not known just how their health will be when landing and how long they will have to remain in camp before being mustered out.

The boys from this county who enlisted in the 47th are Milton Reed, Samuel Solt, George W. Sunday, Jesse Underwood, James Vallance, William Runkle and Edw. R. Taylor, of Bellefonte; Clyde Z. Long and Frederick Tebbis, of Howard; and Milton Robb and Samuel Switzer, of Coleville.

Their enlistment dates from July 1st, 1899, and all of them were taken to Camp Meade by the late Lieut. Geo. L. Jackson, who was on recruiting service here. So far as is known all of the boys are well.

—There has been so much inquiry as to the corps of instructors at the Bellefonte Academy for the next academic year that Prof. James R. Hughes, associate principal, has furnished us with the following list of those who will be found on the staff when the Academy opens next fall. The principals, Rev. J. P. Hughes and J. R. Hughes, will continue to do the same work they have done for years in mathematics and classics, respectively. Mr. Arthur H. Killen, a graduate of Yale, an honor man in his class, a member of his class crew and an athlete generally—in short, a leader among Yale men, will assist in taking charge of the higher mathematics and the sciences and will superintend the athletic life of the school. Miss Elizabeth Hill, of Connecticut, a graduate of a leading Academy and Normal school of her State and also of Wesleyan University, a woman of seven years most successful experience in teaching and disciplining, will assume charge of the young ladies room; teaching the English branches belonging to all departments from the intermediate through the college preparatory year. The modern languages and history will be in charge of Miss Kate Davis, a Pennsylvanian by birth, who traveled and studied in France and Germany and has taught with remarkable success since in preparing for Bryn Mawr and other prominent colleges. The primary department will be under the charge of Miss Helen E. Overton, who has during the past five years held its work up to the highest possible standard of interest and proficiency. She will again be ably assisted by Miss Margaret Thomas.

—Please bear in mind the fact that the Union county soldiers and sailors monument will be dedicated or unveiled on July 4th, 1901. All who contemplate going (which it is hoped will be many) take the 6:40 a. m., train that day for Lewisburg. An arrangement will be made for a special to return all who wish to return that night.

Pine Grove Mention.

Walter Woods is home from Lafayette for his summer vacation.

Wm. H. Roush who is carpentering in Altoona, spent Sunday at his home here.

Walter Thomas, son of Hon. L. C. Thomas, of Latrobe, is here for a two weeks' outing.

James Roush, of Penn Hall, and his wife visited his brother-in-law, Amos Koch, Saturday.

Rev. W. C. Noble, though on crutches, filled his regular appointment at Fairbrook on Sunday.

Hannah Miller, wife of Charles D. Miller, of Rock Springs, has been seriously ill at her home for weeks.

Stewart Kaufman, an optician of Sunbury, and his wife are visiting at the Howard Goss home on the Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. McCracken were in Bellefonte the beginning of the week, though of course they did not go down for the show.

Bella Piper, the 13 year old daughter of J. B. Piper has been promoted into the A grade of the Grammar school at Alexandria.

Samuel Elder lost a valuable young mare on Monday from the effects of brain fever and tetanus which resulted from a sunstroke.

Professor George C. Butz, of State College, has been rusticated here for several days, enjoying the hospitality of the Lutheran parsonage.

William H. Sausserman and his son Edward rode down from Altoona recently on their bicycles and had a jolly good time here at their old home.

Katharine and Ella Dale came up from Oak Hall a few days ago to visit their aunt, Mrs. George A. Keichline, who is really much better than they expected to find her.

W. E. Meek has so far recovered from his recent illness that he was in town Tuesday for the entire day. His daughter Miss Bertie spent the day in Bellefonte at the show.

S. R. Palmer, who has been John P. Lyon's right hand man on the farm at Pennsylvania Furnace for several years, has moved to Millroy where he expects the dollars to roll in rapidly.

Our new burial place is being improved with some necessary buildings. A pavilion is being erected in the centre which will be furnished with comfortable seats and water from the spring is being piped to it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kachir, of Erie, were the guests of Rev. Illingworth at the Snyder home last week. They were down trying to induce him to return to his former charge at an increased salary.

Alfred Musser and his wife, who have been visiting friends here and at Spring Mills, returned home Thursday. Alfred is a stenographer and book keeper for a large coal firm in Clearfield.

Dog cur was held at Squire J. H. Miller's last Saturday at which Ross Ellenberger was awarded \$13 for sheep killed. The canines were from Huntingdon county to which they were followed and killed.

Dr. Frank Bailey, of Milton, has been up here rusticated for a few days with his many friends, and while here he improved the shining hours by taking a dozen impressions. The grinders, of course, are to come on later.

A. M. Brown is adding an addition to his already big barn. He recently moved one of his saw mills to Reedsville where he is operating on a tract bought of the Reed estate and which will take him several years to clear off.

H. C. Rehrock, of Millheim, in company with Jess Fredricks, of Boolsburg, was in town last week looking up a farm, which indicates that he means to change his occupation from teaching to farming. There are several good farms about here for sale and this surely is the garden spot of Centre county.

Jeremiah Ewing, happy and alert as ever, with his diminutive wife drove over the mountains Saturday to enjoy a few days with his Centre county friends. Jerry is an old battle scarred veteran, having been wounded six times, and he says he cannot get along without the WATCHMAN.

The Tyrone authorities were scurrying around here on Tuesday evening in quest of a horse and buggy which had been traced to Stormstown and from thence here. It was in charge of a man purporting to be from Philadelphia who was about 35 years of age. All traces of the turn out, which was a small black mare hitched to a black buggy with Bailey hangers were lost here.

On Wednesday of last week while Samuel Elder and family were at dinner in their summer kitchen they smelt smoke and became alarmed. Upon opening the door to the main house they discovered a couch almost burnt up and the wood work of the room on fire. Only the combined efforts saved the house which had just been erected and on which there was only a small insurance.

Jos. B. Erb, of Elkins, W. V., formerly one of the best known men in this section spent last week here in the interest of his brother, Wm. who has a suit pending in an Illinois court for alimony to his first wife, Mary Harper, now of Philippsburg. Mr. Erb is quite brisk for one almost four score years and in that time has had many adventures. He is now an extensive lumberman as well as an oil magnate. He left for home Monday morning and as the saying goes is well healed.

ROMOLA.

As our little place has not been heard from through the columns of the WATCHMAN for a long time, we will endeavor to let the many readers of this paper, and especially those who formerly lived here but who are now among strangers, know what happens in our little country village. We will try to report everything that happens around here, and although we may digress once in a while, and write something that seems foolish, please think of this little stanza before you condemn us too harshly.

"My son, these maxims make a rule, And lump them ay together; The right righteous is a fool, The right wise anither; The cleanest corn that ever was dight May have some pries o' chaff in; So ne'er a fellow creature slight For random fits o' daffin,

Mrs. Hall carries and children, of Summerville, are visiting Mrs. Hannah Brickley, of this place.

Miss Mamie DeLong, who had been visiting her friend, Miss Grace Vallimont, of Pine Glenn, returned home on Monday.

Miss Maude L. Brickley, who graduated from the Lock Haven Normal at the recent commencement, is expected home on Thursday.

Miss Alta Robb and Miss Ella Brickley, both of this place, departed on Tuesday to attend the graduating exercises at the Lock Haven Normal.

Lewis Boone raised his new barn last Friday. There were quite a number of people there to help, and all report a good time, as well as a good dinner.

Harry Young arrived home on Saturday from Glen Union. He left on Sunday for the upper end of Marsh Creek to shake hands with his many friends up there.

Conrad Miller, of Bellefonte, who has the contract for building the stone bridge below Howard, is busily engaged in getting stone above Mr. Harvey Young's.