

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., May 15, 1903.

## May Weather.

Rev. Hicks Predicts Many Electrical Storms During the Month.

The Venus storm period begins about the 10th, thus combining with Mercury and the regular storm period covering the 10th to 15th. This is one of the May periods we will venture to put down as dangerous. By this time the foms of the sun's magnetic and electrical energy will lie along the parallels covering the central States, or the sections most subject to violent tornado storms. As we enter this period, say about the 10th, the barometer will begin falling in the west, a decided change to summer temperature will begin in the same section, vast cloud areas will begin to move eastward across the country, and from the 11th to about the 14th storms of rain, hail and thunder—some of them furious and tornadoic—will visit many states in their sweep to the Atlantic seaboard. Storms at this and the remaining periods in May are apt to repeat themselves in daily cycles, or at about the same time of day for several successive days. A decided rise of the barometer, change of wind to the west and cooler, will mark the end of the series of storms, and be followed by nights cold enough for frost in northern to central states.

The center of the Mercury period falls on the 18th and the reactionary storm period is central 17th to 18th. About these days storm conditions will reach another maximum, even if the daily cycle which set in at the preceding period should not subside up to this time—a thing very probable in a combined Venus and Mercury disturbance. After storms about the 17th and 18th look for change to very much cooler for two or three days.

The last regular storm period for May reaches from the 22nd to 28th, merging really with the reactionary disturbances due on the last three days of the month. This is another period in which heavy and dangerous storms are entirely probable. Monday, the 25th, to Thursday, 28th, will be the time of greatest violence and probable danger, although general daily disturbances may continue to the end of the month.

The moon is at new on the 29th, at greatest declination north on the 27th, and in perigee on the 28th. These facts, added to other existing causes, lead us to say that storms of wide and dangerous proportions are very probable on and touching the 26th, 27th and 28th. Phenomenally high temperature, high humidity and very low barometer will precede these storms, serving effectually as premonitions and warnings of coming storms. Many parts of the country will get heavy Venus downpours of rain and hail at this and other May periods. Narrow outlets and channels should be kept free of all obstructions, so as not to retard the outflow of sudden floods. Builders and contractors might save themselves and others much loss and embarrassment by heeding these suggestions, and by

bracing and securing unfinished structures against other phases of elemental perturbation.

## Children's Party.

A children's party which was greatly enjoyed by little folks not long ago was planned by two young kindergarten teachers who were given carte blanche by the mother of the birthday boy, who was just 6 years old. When the children arrived, each was given a tiny toy animal (these cost from 1 to 5 cents apiece.) They all gathered in a ring and the kindergarten told a little story in which each child represented the animal he had in his hand, and was given some little trick to do. Then a sheet was hung between the doors, the room darkened and different children were placed behind the sheet, their shadows thrown upon it. The others guessed the child by his shadow.

This was much fun, and then followed a funny poem illustrated by shadow pictures. The pictures were a great success. The supper was served on long kindergarten tables, the guests sitting in tiny chairs. The table was in green and white, with fern leaves and white carnations. The birthday cake, with green and white candles, was in the centre with a wreath around it.

The supper was very simple, assorted sandwiches and ice cream and sponge cake. The ice cream was brought in on a silver platter and was a big white hen with tiny yellow chickens nesting around her. Each child received a chicken. No beverages were served out to all, but there was water and milk for the children who called for them. The disastrous results to party clothes by upsetting chocolate, etc., was a warning to the hostess to avoid serving beverages.

## Three People Dead.

Two Passenger Trains Go Together on the New York Central.

Three people are dead and eight others are seriously injured, as the result of a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Mohawk division of the New York Central and Hudson river railroad, at Nelson Lake, in the Adirondacks, between McKeever and Fulton Chain, which occurred Sunday.

The dead are: Frank H. Foulkes, conductor. William Yerdon, fireman. John Glynn, newsboy, all from Utica. Conductor Foulkes was standing on the platform between the passenger and baggage coaches and was crushed to death. His body was pinioned between the coaches, and it was not extricated until the debris had been removed.

Fireman Yerdon was scalded to death. Glynn was standing on a platform and was buried beneath the cars. The eight injured persons are at hospitals. The condition of Engineer Plato, of this city, is precarious, and it is feared that he will die.

The wreck occurred near the siding at Nelson Lake, one of the sharp curves on the road. Both trains had several extra coaches because of heavy traffic during the last few days, and it seems almost miraculous that more lives were not lost.

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Agents at principal stations of the railroads named above will have these tickets on sale and give all further information regarding them that may be required.

## Captor of John Brown Is Dead.

James Tonge, a native of England, who came to Parkersburg from Shenandoah Valley, died Friday. He was 78 years old. He was the last survivor of the Virginia militia company, which surrounded the scaffold when John Brown was executed at Harpers Ferry, was one of the men who captured John Brown and was in the front during the attack on the Harpers Ferry engine house when Brown was barricaded there.

## Up Against It.

"Is your employer out?" inquired the caller. "Yes, sir," replied the office boy. "How do you know without looking into his private office?" "Because I just heard him growl about the cards he was gettin', and call for another stack of blues."

## The Lubber's Luck.

"I hear Jones, the sea captain, is in hard luck. He married a girl and she ran away from him." "Yes; he took her for his mate; but she was a skipper."—*Princeton Tiger.*

## Gets Her Children.

Mrs. Burdick, Widow of Murdered Buffalo Man, is Given Custody of Her Daughters.

Mrs. Alice Hull Burdick, widow of Edwin L. Burdick, the wealthy clubman whose mysterious murder startled the whole country, gets the custody of the three Burdick children. Burdick, in his will, executed a short time before his murder, made provision that the custody of his three daughters, Alice, Marion and Carol, should go to Charles Parke, his partner in business, and Riselay Tucker.

Attorney George C. Miller, who represented Burdick in the divorce proceedings that had been started before his death, appeared before Surrogate Macos last week and withdrew the claim of the executors to the guardianship of the children. The fourth paragraph in the will was held to be invalid, as Mrs. Burdick was the legal wife of Burdick at the time of his death.

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