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The Appointment of Hughes.

We would advise against going into ecstasies over the appointment of Governor HUGHES of New York to a seat on the bench of the Supreme court of the United States. Governor HUGHES is personally honest and entirely capable of administering the office. As Governor he has gained the reputation of being a reformer. He has openly fought the corrupt Republican machine and insisted upon an investigation of some of its looting operations. He has also demanded reform legislation along some lines and in other respects paid tribute to civic righteousness.

But he is an avowed and servile corporation man. He vetoed a bill passed by the New York Legislature limiting passenger rates on railroads in New York State to two cents a mile on the ground that such a law would be confiscatory, though in much more sparsely populated sections in the west that rate has proved ample. He opposed the constitutional amendment authorizing Congress to levy an income tax, though Senator ROOT and others, certainly his equal in legal erudition, have expressed the opposite opinion. In every possible way he has served the interests of the predatory corporations.

As a jurist Governor HUGHES may be as honest as he is able. But the corporations contributed generously to his campaign fund when he was a candidate for his present office and while he was demanding investigations of other things his friends prevented an investigation of the source of his campaign fund and the manner of its disbursement. Besides he is an intimate friend and enthusiastic admirer of JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER and one of his first official acts will be to review the Standard Oil case. For these reasons it will be safe to wait.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

—Yesterday Sol Schmidt, of Philipsburg, was seventy-one years old and as the Magnolia Lodge of Odd Fellows celebrated the ninety-first anniversary of the institution of the order the same day he had as good a time as if the whole demonstration was in celebration of his birthday. And the reason is that he has been a member of the Philipsburg Lodge for forty-three years and is one of the most enthusiastic members of the order in the State.

—On account of the rain Saturday the Bellefonte Academy and State College Independents were able to play only four innings of ball when game was called, the score being 2 to 1 in favor of the College boys. Tomorrow the Academy will play the Clearfield High school team on Hughes field. The Clearfield team has been playing good ball this season and it will likely put up a good game. At least it will be worth your while to go out and see it and work up a good baseball enthusiasm.

—On Wednesday afternoon Dr. Joseph M. Brockerhoff was driving down to his farms on the Jacksonville road and was accompanied by his little dog Gyp. Going out Howard street two large dogs ran out into the road and both pounced upon Gyp at one time and before the doctor had time to interfere they killed the little canine. While Gyp was only a dog he was quite a pet and harmless as a two week's old kitten and the doctor is very much worked up over his death, and especially the way it occurred.

—The census enumerators are on the home stretch in Bellefonte and the work is well advanced all over the county, so that there is every likelihood that it will take but little over fifteen days to complete the job. In case it is impossible to do the work in fifteen days enumerators have one month to complete task, but they are positively limited to that time. So far as can be learned none of the Centre county enumerators experienced any unusual degree of trouble in getting answers to their questions, where it was possible for the persons interviewed to give an answer.

—Centre county farmers have no cause of complaint now on account of dry weather or lack of rain. The rainfall during the past week has been the greatest of any like period in years, and while all the streams in the county have been raised considerably the water was not high enough to do any damage. The weather during the past ten days has been quite chilly but not quite cold enough in this section to freeze or do any damage to fruit or other crops. Both grain and grass have shown remarkable growth the past week, and fields of wheat which ten days ago looked quite spotted now look quite thrifty and promise a fair crop. In some parts of the county the oats that were sown early are up and look almost as green as a grass field. A few farmers in the county had some of their corn planted before the rain and with a few days of nice weather the ground will be in condition for general planting.

MILLER.—William Miller, for many years a resident of Taylor township, this county, died at his home in Houtzdale on Tuesday night. For several years past he has been a great though patient sufferer with a cancerous growth on his face and that is what finally caused his death.

He was a son of Charles and Anna Miller and was born in Blair county in 1831. When only a child his parents moved to Taylor township and there he grew to manhood and lived practically all his life. He was a farmer by occupation and a man who stood high in the estimation of his neighbors and everybody in that community, as is evidenced by the fact that during his life he was elected and filled many township offices and it was only advancing age that compelled him to refuse any further local political honors. Less than a year ago he moved to Houtzdale to spend his last days, and they proved only too few, in the quiet of a retired life.

In 1851 he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Carrier who survives with the following children: George W., of Indiana; Daniel, Harry E. and Mrs. Copenhaver, of Ramey; Mrs. Sheets, of Cambria county; Mrs. Anna Fleming, of Lewistown, and Mrs. Philip Sebring at home; he also leaves one brother, John W. Miller, of Ramey, and two sisters, Misses Sarah N. and Jane C. Miller, of this place. The two latter left yesterday to attend the funeral which will be held this afternoon.

DALE.—Captain William P. Dale died at his home on Camp Hill, Harrisburg, on Thursday evening of last week, after being confined to his room two months with heart trouble. He was born at Howard, this county, and was 72 years and 11 months old. When a young man he taught school in Ferguson township and at the breaking out of the Civil war enlisted in Company I, 136th regiment, Penna. Vols. He served until the fall of 1864 and for bravery on the field of battle had been promoted from time to time until he reached the rank of captain.

Upon his return from the war he was married to Miss Harriet Gray and the young couple went to housekeeping at State College where Mr. Dale opened a general store. Two years later he engaged in farming in College township and about 1874 he went to Millifinburg and engaged in the manufacture of cultivators. In 1891 he sold out his interests there and moved to Harrisburg where he had lived ever since. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Mary Emerick, of State College, and one son, Durbin C., at home. The funeral was held on Monday, burial being made in Camp Hill cemetery.

BOALICH.—On Tuesday morning of last week Mrs. A. S. Boalich died at her home in Osceola Mills after an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases. Her maiden name was Miss Mary Young and she was born in Spring township, this county, seventy years ago on January 12th. On March 10th, 1848, she was married to A. S. Boalich at Centre Hall, and they lived in this county until 1860 when they moved to Osceola Mills where they have since resided.

Surviving her are her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Emma McClellan, of Moorehead, Ky., and Miss Carrie, at home. She also leaves a number of brothers and sisters among them being Mrs. John Klingler, of this place. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, burial being made in the Osceola Mills cemetery.

REISH.—After a lingering illness of more than a year Mrs. Susan Reish died at her home at Sugar Run, Clinton county, on Monday afternoon. She was born in Marion township, this county, sixty-two years ago on the 18th of last September, being a daughter of the late James F. and Julia Hare. She was married to Joel A. Reish on December 29th, 1868, who survives with two sons and one daughter, namely: James B., of Sugar Run; John F., of Steubenville, Ohio, and Miss Daisy, at home; She also leaves one brother, J. T. L. Hare, Rev. H. I. Crow, of Hublersburg, officiated at the funeral services which were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Highland cemetery, Lock Haven.

McAVOY.—Mrs. Patrick McAvoy, who before her marriage was Miss Mary McGowan, of this place, died at her home in Kansas City this week as the result of burns. While burning brush her clothing caught fire and before assistance arrived she was burned so badly that her death ensued. She will be quite well remembered by many people in Bellefonte, as during her residence here she made her home with the family of Edward Brown Sr. She is survived by a husband and four children; also a brother and sister, John McGowan and Mrs. Turbidity, both of Moshannon, this county.

WATSON.—James Watson died at the home of his son Harry, in Snow Shoe, on Monday morning of last week, of paralysis, with which he was stricken about two weeks previous. He was seventy-five years of age and is survived by three sons, Frank, Harry and Charles, of Snow Shoe; and two sisters, Mrs. William Jacobs, of Clarence, and Mrs. Robert Haynes, of Philadelphia. The funeral was held from the Advent church last Thursday morning, burial being made in the Askey cemetery.

IRWIN.—On Friday of last week Miss Gussie Irwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Irwin, of Snow Shoe, died of Bright's disease. She had been a sufferer for more than six months during which time she spent some time in McGirk's sanatorium at Philipsburg and later underwent an operation in a Philadelphia hospital.

She was born in Snow Shoe and was less than nineteen years of age. Her parents formerly lived in Bellefonte and their friends here deeply sympathize with them in their affliction. In addition to her parents the following brothers and sisters survive: Edgar, of West Virginia; Paul, of Watsonstown; Helen, Claude and Fay at home. Funeral services were held at her late home early Sunday morning after which the remains were brought to this place and buried in the Union cemetery.

LYON.—William Lyon, probably one of the oldest and best known residents of Howard, died at the home of his daughter in that place last Thursday afternoon as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was 89 years, 11 months and 19 days old and had lived in Howard and vicinity many years. He was a veteran of the Civil war and a member of the G. A. R. Surviving him are four sons and two daughters, as follows: Samuel and William, of Lock Haven; John, Harry and Mrs. John Schenck, of Howard, and Mrs. Emanuel Bows, of Marsh Creek; he also leaves one brother and two sisters, namely: Isaac and Mrs. Susan Rishel, of Du Bois, and Mrs. Wheeler, of Marsh Creek. The funeral was held from his late home at 10:30 on Sunday morning. Rev. W. W. Rhoads had charge of the services and burial was made in the Schenck cemetery.

MCDONALD.—Mrs. Tamazine McDonald, widow of the late Jackson McDonald died on Sunday morning at the home of her son, William E. Green, on Penn street, after suffering for two weeks or more with heart trouble. She was born in Bellefonte sixty-nine years ago and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, a very respectable colored family. She was twice married, her first husband being Alexander Green and of her ten children only her son William survives. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Maria Williams, of Humboldt, Neb.; Mrs. Julia Henderson, Chicago; Mrs. Mary Harding and Isaac Williams, of Bellefonte. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

HARTMAN.—Samuel C. Hartman, of Clearfield, died in the hospital at that place on Friday evening, April 15th, after undergoing an operation for cancerous tumors. He was born at Spring Mills June 1st, 1865, hence was aged at the time of his death 44 years, 9 months and 14 days. Surviving him are his wife, of Clearfield; his mother, Mrs. William Reanser, of Bellefonte; one sister, Miss Lillie, also of this place, and one brother, George, of Pittsburg. He was a member of the Methodist church and Rev. Morris Swartz officiated at the funeral which was held on the Sunday succeeding his death, burial being made in the Clearfield cemetery.

RIDER.—Mr. and Mrs. William Rider, of Bush Addition, are mourning the death of their two-year-old daughter, Lenora, who died on Saturday evening after a brief illness with inflammation of the brain. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

Col. W. Fred Reynolds is now driving around in his new Chadwick roadster, an exceptionally fine machine.

Clyde A. Smith, who for several years past has been head lineman for the American Union Telephone company in this place, has been made division manager for the same company with headquarters at Indiana, Pa. As evidence of the responsibility of his new position is the fact that he will have supervision over a territory in which there are thirty-eight hundred phones in use.

Have you been to the Scenic lately? If not you are missing some of the newest and best pictures put on the market. Manager Brown not only secures the very latest and best on the circuit but is always looking for something unusually new and extra and that is the reason he has booked the pictures of Roosevelt in Africa which he will have on exhibition for one night only on May 5th. These pictures have just been released and they are said to be unusually fine, especially in their exhibition of the wild animals of the jungle in their native state. Don't fail to see them and don't fail to attend the Scenic every night. Its worth your while.

The old-fashioned singing school conducted by Prof. Philip Meyer in the Presbyterian chapel continues with as great, if not greater, interest as when first started; and it is surprising to observe how many people there are in Bellefonte who have really fair voices and yet up until this occasion did not know even a note of music. The result of this school will undoubtedly be noticeable in a greater interest in choir work and better singing in church and Sunday schools. The musical course will close with a big concert for which extra preparation will be made and then the people of Bellefonte will have an opportunity of hearing how much those who have attended the school have improved.

The Bellefonte Chapter of the D. A. R. will be entertained by Mrs. Frank McFarlane at her home near Boalsburg, on Saturday, the seventh of May. The members who do not go over in machines will leave here on the early train spending the entire day in the country.

The Leathers Brothers, of Howard, who made such a success of their real estate deal at State College and disposed of several hundred building lots there, are now at Northumberland where they purchased a track of several hundred acres of land, have had the same laid out in building lots and are disposing of them at good prices. The large classification yards being built there by the Pennsylvania railroad company will undoubtedly result in the building up of a new town, and seeing the opportunity for a good speculation in real estate the Leathers Brothers took advantage of it.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Elmer C. Musser is nursing a broken arm. Little Ruth, daughter of J. H. Meyers, is ill. John Belzer is shy a good horse that died last week of lockjaw. Wm. Leech is sporting a new horse he bought of John Reed, Friday. Wm. Dale and E. C. Musser spent Tuesday with friends at Shiloh. Ed. Riley is building a new house. Fox and Poorman have the job. D. H. Krebs and wife spent Sunday at the J. C. Cori home, at White Hall. Hiram Fry is lying at death's door and his family has been called home. Mrs. L. H. Miller, who was at death's door last week, is some better now. Frank Weiland, of Linden Hall, transacted business here on Wednesday. Mrs. Annie Miller spent Monday in Bellefonte, viewing the spring fashions. George Burchfield, of the Mountain city, was a Pennsylvania visitor last week.

Report comes from New York that Mrs. Sadie Felding, see Keichline, is some better. The Reed sisters are building an addition to their barn. The Wards have the job. A. E. Zeigler and wife visited friends down Nittany valley in the early part of the week. Lumberman B. F. Davis is cutting the timber on the J. J. Goben tract at Rock Springs. Mrs. Emily and Mrs. Hamill Holmes are visiting Dr. E. C. Holmes, at Harrisburg, this week. Samuel Kaup and family are here from Renovo for a week's outing among Pennsylvania friends. D. W. Meyers is beautifying the interior of the John Klingler residence with new paper and paint. Leslie Gates is enrolled as a student at the Spring Mills school, with professor W. A. Moyer as instructor. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stamm, of Altoona, were greeting friends of long ago in and about Boalsburg, last week. David Rossman, a battle-scarred veteran of the war, whose home is at Pleasant Gap, is visiting friends hereabouts.

A little girl baby arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Patter on Tuesday, making the third child in the family. Mrs. Emily Hess, of Bellefonte, spent part of last week among friends on the Branch, the home of her younger days. Mrs. Earle Smith and little daughter Eliza came over from Huntingdon for a week's stay at grandpa Ports, on Main street. The genial and obliging miller, Ed. Woomer, spent last week in the western part of the State selling flour, feed and hay. Farmer Frank Gates attended a big horse sale at Wilkesbarre last week and purchased a mated team of greys at the \$500.00 mark.

The venerable James Kimpport passed his seventy-seventh milestone on Saturday and celebrated it down Nittany valley buying cattle. The Scotia band boys will hold a festival in their hall, tomorrow (Saturday) evening. Come and bring your friends and your pocketbooks. Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, who went to Philadelphia last week and underwent a surgical operation, will soon be able to come home quite well. W. H. Roush, carriage maker in H. M. Krebs' shop, went to Philipsburg last week to assist his son-in-law, E. C. Johnson, in the furniture business. Mrs. Ella Smiley, of Altoona, and Mrs. Jacob Goss, of Brookville, are visiting friends in this section with headquarters at the J. W. Kepler home. The venerable David Reed spent a day at Scotia recently, and was much delighted as well as surprised at the extensive works and the output of iron ore.

Mrs. Oliver Gibbonney, of Sauberg, did shopping in town last Friday and visited the St. Elmo, where she once presided as chief in the culinary department.

Tuesday evening a jolly lot of neighbors flocked to the J. H. Strouse home laden with presents and refreshments as a reminder of Mrs. Strouse's fortieth birthday. Miss Lizzie Tyson is visiting friends down at Howard, before going to her new home at Greensburg, where she will be in closer touch with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Knarr. Mrs. G. W. McWilliams, of Fairbrook, is with her brother, G. W. Keichline, at his home on Main street, while Miss Gertie is with her sick sister, Sadie, in New York. Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Adair, of Indiana, Pa., are visiting at the home of H. W. McCracken. Mrs. Adair was born and raised in Ferguson township, her maiden name being Miss Campbell. Postmaster David Barr and his sister Sallie will leave next Monday for a six week's visit in the Sunflower State. During their absence Harry N. Walker will handle the mail matter. Miss Margaret Moore, who for seven years has been connected with the Commercial exchange at State College, is taking a short rest and enjoying the comforts of the Dannelly home on Main street.

SPRING MILLS.

Have heard of no catches of trout worth reporting. In addition to Miss Eleanor Long Miss Rose Smith is also engaged with Miss Anna Cummings and under instructions in dress making. To judge from the blossoms on the trees apples will be very plentiful this year in the valley; provided, of course, that Jack Frost does not veto it. The new department store of the C. P. Long company is quite an institution; all activity. There is not a dull spot in the entire establishment. J. B. Elliot, of Tyrone, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Strong, of Bloomsburg, were here last week visiting friends in the valley, guests at the Spring Mills hotel. Mrs. A. G. Lieb and her mother, Mrs. Smith, who have been visiting in Bethlehem for a month or more, their former home, returned here on Wednesday last. Our farmers were compelled to take a rest dur-

ing the recent rainy spell, longer than they cared about. Penns and Sinking creeks are over bank full and a trifle wild.

W. O. Gramley is planting in the passage way from the road to his barn the California privet for a hedge fence, and intends running it along the field east of his residence on the main road, and when well started will remove the wire fencing. Mrs. Sue Burrell has been on the sick list for the past week or ten days. Mrs. Sue Hering, who has been ill for several weeks, does not appear to improve very rapidly. Mrs. Jane Nofsker still continues quite poorly. Mrs. Lucinda Runkle, who fell and broke her hip bone a month or two since, is on the mend.

PORT MATILDA PICKUPS.

Our town has taken on quite a building boom and town lots are in big demand at advanced prices. Our supervisors are awake to the importance of good roads and have been doing good work to improve them. Port Matilda and surrounding community has been a very healthy location of late and doctors complain because they have so little to do. Our schools have all closed and a Normal school for teachers was opened in the High school room on the twelfth instant, with a very good attendance. The old-time Democrats slyly grin over the results of the late elections while the regular Republicans wear their heads and look wise. They, too, see the handwriting on the wall.

We had a fine, old-fashioned winter which was succeeded by six weeks of warm weather, from March 1st to April 15th, since which time we have had rain, sleet, snow and frost; but with all that, everything looks very promising. Fruit trees of all kinds are covered with blossoms and so far not injured by frost or cold. Grain and grass are growing fine and bid fair to be big crops.

LEMONT.

The swallows are here; look for warm weather now. Charles Thompson spent Sunday at the home of his father. John K. Williams transacted business at the county seat Monday. C. D. Houtz and son Clarence, made a business trip to Penn Hall, Friday. Mrs. Belle Moke came up from Howard to visit among friends over Sunday. John W. Getz is busy putting an iron roof on George Williams' stable this week. Mrs. George Grimes entertained her sister and little niece, from Bellefonte, Saturday. The wheat fields that had been looking spotted before the rains are looking better and the crop may be fair to good. The rains that fell the past week were welcome, for vegetation was almost at a standstill, but now everything has started to grow. One evening last week while George R. Roan was gathering the day's crop of eggs he found one that measured 8 inches in circumference and 6 1/2 inches in length and weighed 6 ounces.

Explosion Kills Forty-one Miners. Not one of the forty-one miners imprisoned in the Mulga, Ala., mine of the Birmingham Iron and Coal company by an explosion of gas is alive. This became certain when, unconscious from the deadly fumes of the shaft, Superintendent Johns of the mine and a man named Bonds, who risked their lives for those who had already perished, were drawn up to fresh air. Long before the rescuers were revive their condition told the fate of the miners. Following the explosion, flames shot up the shaft of the mine for a distance of about 100 feet and the ground is covered with charred timbers around the mouth of the shaft. They were blown up from the bottom of a 350-foot shaft. Every window in the village was broken by the explosion. Around the entrance to the mine, in addition to the families of the entombed men, hundreds from the surrounding mining districts swelled the crowds, until it was with great difficulty that the work of rescue could be carried on.

Hughes Named Supreme Court Justice. Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York, has accepted the offer of the appointment to the supreme court of the United States to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Associate Justice David J. Brewer.

This announcement was made authoritatively at the White House. The following statement was given out at the White House: "The president by letter of April 22 tendered the appointment to the supreme bench to succeed Justice Brewer to Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York. By letter of April 24 Governor Hughes accepted. In the president's letter to Governor Hughes he told him that as the supreme court would adjourn its hearings this week the person appointed would not be called upon to discharge any judicial functions until the opening of the October term on the second Monday in October, and that therefore if Governor Hughes could accept he might continue to discharge his duties as governor until his qualification on the day of the opening of the court in October.

"This was a material factor in Governor Hughes' acceptance. Accordingly if there is every reason to believe it will be, Governor Hughes' qualification will not take place until October."

Man 50 Weds Girl 14. Eluding practically the entire force of state authorities and hundreds of Delaware residents, who had united to catch the pair, John H. Hall, fifty years old, and Alda May Horseman, fourteen years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Horseman, eloped from the Horseman home, near Laurel, Del., secured an automobile and speeded to Denton, Md., where they were married.

They returned to Laurel later and were taken into custody immediately. Hall was locked up in the town prison, who was soon surrounded by a mob who threatened to do violence to the man. The girl is confined at the residence of Chief of Police Davis. The parents of the girl say they will prosecute Hall and have already taken action to have the wedding annulled.

Walters Guilty of Murder. Albert W. Walters, who has been on trial in New York city for the murder of Ruth Amos Wheeler, the girl who went to his rooms to get employment as a stenographer, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in Judge Foster's part of general sessions. Walters gave no sign of the slightest emotion. His face was void of expression as he answered the questions that make up the formal court record of a person convicted, and his voice was low and even.

\$50,000,000 LOSS IN BLIZZARD.

Eight States Are Covered With Snow and Millions of Trees in Blossom Suffered—Storm Sweeps the Great Lakes.

The most disastrous April blizzard in a decade in the central, northwestern and Mississippi valley states has caused a monetary loss to fruit, vegetable and grain crops, estimated at \$50,000,000, has wrought havoc to shipping on the Great Lakes, has caused death and untold suffering among the unprepared and has impeded railroad traffic. The snow and windstorm, which started Thursday night, still continues and snow varying in depth from two to eight inches, covers the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri, while temperatures are below freezing.

Coming as it did with millions of acres of fruit trees in blossom and with spring wheat and vegetables all sprouting, the storm is nothing less than a calamity. In Minnesota, north through Dakota and Wisconsin, much of the grain will have to be reseeded. The entire fruit crop of the central lakes region, excepting westward to the foothills of the Rocky mountains and southward into Kentucky and Tennessee, is almost certainly wiped out for the season.

The losses in the principal fruit-growing states are told in the following dispatches received in Chicago: Illinois—Greatest damage was caused by the blizzard that covered the entire state. Early vegetables on the truck gardens in the northern districts and berry patches, where buds had reached an advanced stage, are reported as total losses. Damage, \$6,000,000.

Iowa—Storms in Iowa have continued with greater or less vigor for nearly a week, but the frigid atmosphere and snows of the last two days have done the greatest damage. Not only fruits and vegetables, but even the oats crop is threatened. Entire damage, \$10,000,000.

Indiana—Apple orchards and truck gardens were the greatest sufferers. The damage, which was confined to the northern and central districts, amounts to \$5,000,000.

Michigan—Fruit belt almost entirely gone for the season. All that remains, according to expert growers, is the grape crop, which has been damaged to a great extent, \$4,000,000.

Wisconsin—It is estimated that 50 per cent of the fruit crop and all of the early vegetable and green stuffs have been killed. Damage, \$2,000,000.

Kansas—Snow and low temperatures have killed the buds, and in many instances even the leaves on the trees. The corn crop, however, is safe. Damage, \$1,000,000.

Kentucky—All the fruits and vegetables, as well as budding plants and flowers, have been damaged by the cold weather and surges of snow largely because of the fact that they had reached an abnormally early development. Loss, \$2,000,000.

Missouri—Clouds and favorable conditions saved much of the fruit Friday night, but the clear weather and continued cold completed the damage. Estimated loss, \$2,000,000.

Ohio—Early fruit, particularly watermelon and other vines, have been killed by the snows and freezing weather. Grain has not been hurt. Loss, \$500,000.

Nebraska—Small gardeners and the truck farmers were the heaviest losers in the storm that, it is believed now, has not damaged the early wheat. Loss, \$3,000,000.

In the northwest—Minnesota, the Dakotas and eastern Montana—farm crops and garden truck have shriveled up and died. The total damage so far reached is over \$15,000,000, with the wheat crop still in doubt.

Fished Baby Out of River.

Walter Powers, an Ithaca, N. Y., angler, thought that he would try his luck in the Six Mile creek at the Meadow street bridge, where he got a most unusual bite. His line drifted inshore, when suddenly he felt a heavy load on the end of it. Thinking that he had made a haul, he yanked it in. On the end of his line was a heavy bundle of underclothing, and inside was the body of a seven-months-old baby. The body was bruised and marked and dirty, but in a good state of preservation. Powers was somewhat alarmed and called the sheriff. The sheriff is looking for the mother.

Two Killed in Explosion.

Just to see if gasoline on water would burn, George Meekin, of Sharps, applied a match to it while in a gasoline launch at Warsaw, Va. As a result Meekin and his companion, J. L. Brann, of Ivondale, are both dead.

The men were in a launch towing a lighter and a barge loaded with excelsior wood, and had been engaged in filling the gasoline tank from a larger tank on the lighter, when a quantity of the fluid spilled on the creek. Immediately upon the match being lighted the explosion occurred. Meekins body was blown to pieces. Brann's body was blown high into the air and landed in a skiff.

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