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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

THE ACADEMY DANCE.—The annual football dance given in the Armory last Thursday night by the members of the Academy champion football eleven of 1910 was quite a social function.

Through the joint efforts of the Academy and charity ball committees the armory had been transformed into a veritable dreamland by the decorations of greens and pennants and the dainty colors of gold and white, and by nine o'clock when the sixty odd couples from far and near had become engaged in their merry enjoyment of the dance, the scene became a beautiful one.

Guests were present from New York City, Dunn, N. C., Harrisburg, Pottsville, Danville, Lewisburg, Pittsburg, Uniontown, Franklin, Butler, Punxsutawney, Mill Hill, State College and Milesburg. It is unnecessary to state that the musical success of the evening was due to Christy Smith's orchestra.

THAT CHARITY BALL.—When a Bellefonte woman undertakes to do a thing she generally does it, and when a whole lot of them embark in such an undertaking as holding a charity ball they leave nothing undone to make it a success, and that is the reason that all who attended the charity ball on Tuesday evening, held under the auspices of the members of the Woman's Civic club, are still talking about what a good time they had, because it was the success of the New Year.

Never before has the armory presented such a beautiful picture with its exceptionally elaborate decorations. In keeping with St. Valentine day hearts both large and small were used in the decorating and the effect was as dazzling as it was enchanting. About two hundred people were in attendance and each and every one averred that it was one of the most pleasant social functions they had ever attended.

WINDOW BLOWN OUT.—Friday night one of the large windows on the second floor of the new high school building was blown out, or to be more exact into the room, frame and all fell with a crash on the desks shattering the glass.

HUNTER.—Robert W. Hunter, a former resident of Philipsburg, died at his home at Gearhartville on Saturday evening of a complication of diseases. He was born in Scotland and would have been sixty-eight years old in April. He came to this country in 1872 and settled in Tioga county. In 1876 he moved to Morrisdale and a year or so later to Philipsburg where he lived until a few years ago when he moved to Gearhartville.

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BRANDON.—While it was not unexpected the death of George Nevin Brandon, at the mountain resort of Waverley, near Scranton, last Thursday evening, was a most deplorable event in the fact that it means the passing away of one who in his brief life had a brilliant career in his chosen work. He was a natural musician and his love for the piano and organ was fully appreciated by his father, who gave him the advantage of instruction from able masters so that he himself became a master and loved his profession better than his life.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Brandon and was born in Jersey City thirty-seven years ago. When he was but a boy his parents moved to Easton and it was while living there that his mother died. In 1888 Mr. Brandon came to Bellefonte as landlord of the Brockerhoff house and the subject of this sketch, then only fifteen years of age began the friendship with the people of Bellefonte which grew stronger and stronger with each passing year.

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ODENKIRK.—Mrs. Robert Porter Odenkirk, of Burnham, died in the Lewistown hospital last Saturday. She had been ill for some time and on Wednesday of last week was taken to the hospital and underwent an operation on Thursday. Her case was more serious than anticipated and her death followed on Saturday.

Deceased's maiden name was Catharine Neff Sankey and she was a daughter of John and Sarah Sankey, of Georges valley, this county, where she was born August 23rd, 1864. On December 21st, 1891, she was united in marriage to Robert Porter Odenkirk, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Odenkirk, of Old Fort.

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YOCUM.—Irma Fay Yocum, the nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Yocum, of near Hublersburg, died on Thursday of last week after only a few days' illness. The funeral was held on Saturday morning, burial being made at Hublersburg.

PARKER.—George E. Parker, one of the best known and most prominent residents of Philipsburg, died on Sunday afternoon of Bright's disease and other complications, after an illness of over two years.

Deceased was born in Philipsburg on September 26th, 1843, hence at his death was 67 years, 4 months and 17 days old. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, pioneer residents of that place. With the exception of two years spent in Virginia and four year's service during the Civil war Mr. Parker lived his entire life in Philipsburg. After he grew to manhood he started out as a painter but later accepted a position as book-keeper and then embarked in the mercantile business and later gave it up to go on the road as a commercial traveler.

In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Dianisha A. Perks, who survives with no children. The funeral was held on Wednesday, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

BARNITZ.—Mrs. Sarah Gray Barnitz, relict of the saintly Alexander McClain Barnitz, who was translated Sunday, January 18th, 1903, in York, Pa., fell asleep on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1911, at her home. She is survived by eight children. Interment at York.

The above we get from the Christian Advocate of February 9th. Mrs. Barnitz, who was well known to many of the older readers of the WATCHMAN, especially in the upper end of the county, was close to, if not fully eighty years of age. She was a daughter of Jacob Gray, during his life one of the most influential and respected citizens of the county, and was the third of a family of eight daughters. Five of these marrie Methodist ministers, all of whom with their wives preceded her to eternal rest. Her sisters still living are Mrs. Mary Pottsgrove, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Lucy Herlicher, of Stormstown; and Mrs. Esther Sellers, of Buffalo Run.

DEHAAS.—Mrs. Susan Jane DeHaas, widow of the late Joseph M. DeHaas, of Liberty township, died at her home about a mile and a-half north of Blanchard at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening of last week, after an illness of one day as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained the Monday previous. Mrs. DeHaas' maiden name was Susan Jane Shirk and she was born near Lauretta, Union county, in June, 1844, therefore being in her sixty-seventh year.

SHUTT.—Mrs. Morris Shutt died at the Bellefonte hospital on Wednesday evening. On Thursday of last week she was taken to the hospital and later underwent a very serious operation for gallstones. Her condition was such that she grew steadily worse and died Wednesday evening. Her maiden name was Miss Mary Petzer and she was married to Mr. Shutt less than two years ago. He with a six month's old child survives. The funeral will be held from her late home at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

ZIMMERMAN.—James A. Zimmerman died at his home in Tyrone last Thursday afternoon of sorosis of the liver, the result of an accident sustained on the railroad over six years ago, when he was caught under a car and rolled for some distance, injuring him internally. He was born at Port Royal, Juniata county, in 1851, hence was sixty years old. When twenty years of age he went to Tyrone and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad company as a track laborer.

HEATON.—Malin Heaton, the fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heaton, died in Johnstown last Friday after a brief illness with pneumonia. He was born in this place where his parents formerly lived. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Monday morning and taken to the United Brethren church where funeral services were held by Rev. C. W. Winey, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

CASSADY.—Miss Mary E. Cassidy died at the home of W. S. Hiller in Tyrone, on Thursday of last week, aged eighty-one years. She was born near Bellefonte and when a girl her parents moved to Bald Eagle where Miss Cassidy spent half her life, going to Tyrone forty years ago. She was a woman who was widely known and greatly respected by all. Burial was made at Warriorsburg on Sunday afternoon.

ALLEN.—Thomas Allen, a well known resident of Boalsburg, was found dead in bed at his home in that place on Monday morning. While he had been in poor health the past nine months he was able to walk out and around and when he went to bed on Sunday evening he made no complaint about feeling worse than usual. When found on Monday morning the body was cold so that death must have occurred shortly after midnight.

He was a son of William and Rebecca Allen, early settlers on Cedar Creek, where the subject of this notice was born seventy-three years ago. When a young man he located in Harris township and engaged in farming, later embarking in the butchering business. For a number years past he had lived a retired life. Fifty years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Maude Ellen Koch who died six years ago. Surviving him are two sons, John, of Boalsburg, and Albert, of Philadelphia. He also leaves one brother, George, of Washington, D. C. The funeral was held at ten o'clock yesterday morning. Rev. J. I. Stoneypher officiated and burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

RUSHNOCK.—Andrew Rushnock, a resident of Poorman Side, Snow Shoe, died of a complication of diseases in the hospital at Lock Haven, on February 8th. Mr. Rushnock was born some fifty-six years ago, in Podrack, Hungary, and came to this country when yet a young man, and has resided in this county ever since. The funeral took place from St. Michael's church, Saturday, February 11th. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated with Rev. Joseph H. Faran, rector of the church, celebrant; Rev. Louis P. Kumerant, of Philipsburg, deacon; Rev. Joseph Mateicka, of Maltby, subdeacon, and Rev. Simon Miskovick, of Winburn, master of ceremonies. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Joseph Mateicka. All the societies of which the deceased was a member attended the funeral and marched from the residence to the church. Interment was made in St. Michael's cemetery.

STREAMER.—Mrs. Sarah L. Streamer, of Philipsburg, died at her home on February 8th, after an illness of several weeks, at the age of 73 years. She was the widow of Rev. Chas. L. Streamer, a widely known Lutheran minister who died two years ago. Mrs. Streamer was a lady of refinement and generous nature and was greatly beloved in the various charges where her husband was located, and in the community in which they lived after his retirement.

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RAYMOND.—After an illness of some weeks with Bright's disease Leonard Raymond died at his home in Drifting on Sunday morning. He will be better remembered by Bellefonte people as the husband of Miss Catharine Rosenhoover whom he married about five years ago. His wife with two small children survive. The remains were buried in the cemetery at Drifting on Wednesday.

—A charter has been granted by the State Department to the Bald Eagle Orchard Co., of Altoona, an account of the plans of which corporation was published exclusively in the WATCHMAN several weeks ago.

BURDINE BUTLER AND F. B. SWARTS, of Howard, had another case in Henry Brown's court on Tuesday in which the former brought an action against the latter on the charge of forgery and false pretense. After hearing the evidence, however, the justice dismissed the case and put the costs on the county.

—The Centre county friends of Rev. R. W. Illingworth will be interested in learning that he is being wonderfully successful in his pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Marietta. During the latter part of last year his church was entirely remodeled and was re-dedicated on New Year's day with very impressive services.

—Yesterday Thad Hamilton was seventy-five years old and he celebrated the event by inviting all his older friends in town to spend the evening at his home, which they did and passed the time in recounting old-time reminiscences. Mr. Hamilton has been a resident of Bellefonte for many years and is not only one of the best preserved and active men for his years but is one of the town's most esteemed citizens.

PEARCE—COOK.—A wedding that was very much of a surprise to the people of Bellefonte was that last Thursday evening of Harry Ash Pearce and Miss Hazel Elizabeth Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Cooke. Pearce is a graduate of State College in the civil engineering class of 1910. Some time after his graduation he received an appointment to a government position on the Panama canal and was down there the past six months. He was home on a furlough and, though his engagement to Miss Cooke had not been announced it was known among their friends and the wedding was not to have taken place until some time next Summer.

Last Thursday, however, Pearce got a telegram to report in New York the next day to sail for Panama and it was then that the two young people decided to get married at once. It was after seven o'clock in the evening when they hunted up register Earle C. Tutten for the purpose of securing a marriage license and in this they were delayed owing to the fact that the bride was under age and her mother's consent had to be secured. When the license was finally gotten no minister could be found and as a final resort the young couple were driven to the home of Hon. and Mrs. J. C. Meyer, on Curtin street, where the reception following the marriage of Miss Edna E. Meyer and Walter Hodge MacIntire was being held, and sought the good offices of Rev. J. Allison Platts, who, in one of the rooms of the Meyer home, performed the ceremony which made them man and wife. By that time it was after eight o'clock and they had just time to catch the evening train to begin their journey to New York and Panama as well as the longer journey of life together. Pearce was one of the players on the State College base ball team two years ago and for a few weeks played on the Bellefonte team.

BARTLEY—HENNEY.—Frank Bartley and Mrs. Wilbur Henney drove to Howard on Wednesday evening where they were united in marriage by Rev. W. W. Rhoads. A number of Mr. Bartley's friends being in the secret followed them to Howard and drove off with the latter's team. When the couple discovered the fact and also found out that the bunch were there with the Undine hose wagon to haul them home they would not emerge from the preacher's residence but spent the entire night there. Yesterday morning Mr. Bartley hired a team and drove across to Jacksonville and up Nittany valley but to save capture took refuge in a farm house and remained there until late in the day when they had to undergo the ordeal and were brought home as planned.

MAGNIFICENT SWEET PEAS.—Sweet peas will unquestionably be the popular flower with people of good taste and refinement the coming season. Why? Because no other flower yields such satisfactory returns in a wealth of beautiful and fragrant blooms for so long a period. But high grade seed of the choicest kinds is absolutely necessary for the best results. And just such seed, the very finest in cultivation, compose the collection offered below. Listen.

For 25 cents I will send postpaid any address eight half ounce packets of the loveliest named varieties in the world and with all orders I will include a packet each of the famous orchid-flowered Sweet Peas. Countess Spencer, the White Spencer, and the charming new Lavender Spencer, "Asta Ohn," so much admired by experts throughout the world, and a packet of the early aster, "Queen of the Market" and one of gorgeous double poppies. And I always do better than I advertise. Coin remittance preferred. Address EDGAR A. HIGGINS, Sweet Pea Specialist, Avoca, N. Y. 56-3.

BURNED OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME.—Rev. Harry E. McKelvey and family, of Port Matilda, had the great misfortune to be burned out of house and home on Sunday morning. Rev. McKelvey is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKelvey, of this place, and is pastor of the United Brethren church at Port Matilda. Just last week the members of his church gave him and his family a liberal donation consisting of groceries and produce, vegetables, etc., and all these with all their furniture and clothing were destroyed. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. Rev. McKelvey had five hundred dollars insurance on his furniture and the church had one thousand dollars insurance on the parsonage, neither of which will cover the loss.

—Miss Lulu Saxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Saxon, of Spring Creek, underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Bellefonte hospital yesterday. Other operations during the week were Mrs. Celia Strunk and Miss Mary Eckley. Four patients were discharged and the condition of Jacob Marks and Mrs. Geo. Darr is improved.

—Mrs. John Wagner, of Milesburg, fell down a flight of stairs on Wednesday and sustained bad injuries, though it is hoped not very serious. Considering the fact, however, that she is eighty-two years of age her friends are naturally much concerned regarding her.

—Rev. W. H. Ellis, of Port Matilda, is interesting and enlightening the members of his congregation by preaching a series of eight sermons on the life of Jacob.

—Do not let the brood sows that are to farrow in the spring become too fat.

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

STATE COLLEGE.

At a congregational meeting of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church held on Monday of this week the following trustees were elected: Dr. W. S. Glenn, D. E. Kapp and J. A. Fries to serve for three years; Frank P. Knoll, H. A. Sowers, and P. Rudy for two years; H. D. Meek, Benj. Gill and W. D. Custard for one year.

The chapter of the Methodist Brotherhood connected with the St. Paul's church was reorganized on Monday evening and the following officers were chosen to serve for one year: President, Harry W. Sauer; vice presidents, D. E. Kapp, J. B. Pillsbury, R. D. Gilliland and John Cort; secretary, G. M. Hood; treasurer, W. S. Mease; chaplain, Milton E. Shuey. The Brotherhood has a vigorous membership and will make itself felt in church and community.

SNOW SHOE.

The last of a series of eueches held for the benefit of St. Mary's church, was held Wednesday evening 15th, by Messrs. J. J. Morgan and Michael McLaughlin. There was a large attendance.

Two suppers will be given for the benefit of St. Mary's church, one the 24th, and the other the 25th, of February. The oyster supper on the 24th will be in charge of Mrs. Kate Langton, assisted by Mrs. H. P. Kelley, Mrs. William Sickel, Mrs. James Sullivan, Mrs. Henry Keck, Mrs. Thomas Hayes, Miss Mame Kelley, Miss Annie Keck, and Miss Catherine Hayes.

The chicken and waffle supper will be in charge of Mrs. John P. Kelley, assisted by Mrs. L. Redding, Mrs. Mary McCarty, Mrs. H. P. Kelley, Miss May Kelley, Miss Annie Redding, Miss Mary Redding, Miss Elizabeth Glenn, and Miss Esther Farran. The fancy booth will be in charge of Misses Sue McGroarty and Sue McGowan. The candy booth will be in charge of Misses Helen McGowan, Grace Langton, and Grace Greenlach.

RE-OPENING SERVICES.—After being repaired and remodeled the United Evangelical church at Zion will be re-opened with appropriate services on Sunday, February 19th, when Rev. A. E. Gobbie, D. D., of Albright College, Meyerstown, will preach both morning and evening. The interior of the church has been so improved that it is hard to recognize it as the same house of worship. The walls have been frescoed, the woodwork repainted, a choir platform erected, new carpet put down and memorial windows put in place. The improvement is most marked and will certainly be appreciated by the entire congregation. The public in general is invited to attend the re-opening services on Sunday. Rev. Gobbie, by the way, will preach at Hublersburg on Saturday evening.

METHODIST BISHOP'S TO BE HERE.—Bishop Joseph F. Berry will spend next Sunday, the 19th, with the Bellefonte Methodists. He is announced to preach at 10:30 in the morning, address the Sunday school in the afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, and make the address at the Young People Mass meeting in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. Bishop John W. Hamilton will spend Sunday, the 26th, with this congregation. A special service of prayer will be held in the church, Friday & Saturday, (17th and 18.) from 3 to 4 o'clock, afternoon. The male members of the church will dine at the church, Tuesday, the 21st, 6:30 o'clock p. m. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Isaac Taylor Headland, of China, and W. H. L. Batstone, M. D.

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED.—Last Thursday evening Rev. George A. Stauffer was installed pastor of the Rebersburg charge of the Reformed church by a committee of the West Susquehanna Classis consisting of Revs. W. D. Donat, of Aaronsburg; S. S. Kohler, of Mifflinburg, and H. I. Crow, of Hublersburg. The services were held in St. Peter's Reformed church at Rebersburg and were witnessed by a large congregation. Rev. Kohler preaching the sermon. Rev. Stauffer will begin his work as minister on the Rebersburg charge under very favorable conditions. His various congregations are rallying to his support, and there is little doubt but that he will prove a popular leader in that community.

SPRING MILLS.

W. C. Campbell, railroad agent at Coburn, formerly our popular agent, made us a flying trip last week.

We had a surprise birthday party here on Wednesday evening last, which promised to be a very enjoyable occasion, but the scandalous conduct of an out-of-town character marred the pleasure of the evening.

Sleighing and sledding is almost over in this neighborhood. But then we are to have a month or more of winter weather, so sledding and the jolly sleigh ride isn't over yet. Remember the ground hog—nonsense.

The first few days of pleasant weather, don't forget to trim your grape vines. By the way, last year the grape crop here was a failure. Early in the season they seemed to thrive quite lively and looked promising, but later, when about the size of peas, decayed and dropped off.

W. C. Meyers is now one of our merchants, having recently purchased the old Duncan store property. He has fitted up the store room quite handsomely, added quite a number of modern improvements and is stocking it with a large line of general merchandise. His present display of dry goods is decidedly smart and attractive. Mr. Meyers is quite popular, active and energetic and no doubt will do an excellent business.

Mrs. George N. Wolfe says that the millinery business continues quite lively, although between seasons she has about all she can attend to. She expects to have the spring styles of hats in a short time, and then will order a few of the extreme creations for a display previous to her visit to the city to purchase her usual stock. Mrs. Wolfe is the only milliner we have and her taste in selections is so exquisite that her patrons are not only from here, but come from neighboring towns.

On Friday evening last the pupils of the gram mar school tendered their teacher, S. G. Walker, a birthday surprise party, of course much to that gentleman's astonishment, as he never thought of such a thing. The occasion was a very delightful one. Music, songs and lively games consumed the evening. Refreshments of a choice and dainty character were duly served to which all did ample justice. The professor was the recipient of quite a number of remembrances, etc. After wishing Mr. Walker many returns of the day, at a reasonable hour, all the guests returned to their respective homes.