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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

COLBURN.—Mrs. Helen Colburn, wife of Rev. R. H. Colburn, pastor of the Methodist church at Munson, died on Monday morning. About fourteen weeks ago she developed catarrhal pneumonia and other complications following resulting in her death.

Deceased was a daughter of Joseph and Rebeca Hoover and was born at Plum Grove, in Union township, about seventy years ago. Forty-four years ago she was married to Rev. Richard H. Colburn, a member of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, and in the latter's ministerial work they have been located at Williamsport, Harrisburg, Altoona, Chambersburg, Lewisburg, Munson, and other places. In addition to her husband she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Davidson, of Union township, and Mrs. Stover, of Arlington, N. J. Rev. Silas C. Swallow had charge of the funeral services which were held Wednesday and yesterday the remains were taken to Unionville for burial.

VIEHDORFER.—Boston Viehdorfer, for many years a resident of Burnside township, died at his home in Lewistown on Tuesday of last week, of Bright's disease, after an illness of some months.

Deceased was sixty-eight years old and was born in Germany. When but seven years of age he came to this country with his parents and located in Burnside township where he lived until a few years ago, following farming the greater part of his life. He was a veteran of the Civil war. Surviving him are his wife and the following children: Mrs. Harry Newman, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Martin Hughes, of Bigler; Mrs. Harvey Lawhead, of Clearfield; Mrs. John Moyer, of Lewistown; Miss Hazel, at home, and Raymond, of Bottonville, Ohio. He also leaves two brothers and four sisters, most of whom reside in Burnside township. The remains were taken to Gillentown, this county, where funeral services were held and burial made on Friday of last week.

FISHER.—Mrs. Ellen L. Fisher, wife of Ephriam Fisher, died at her home in Milesburg on Sunday, after an illness of three weeks which started with a stroke of paralysis. She was a daughter of John and Amelia Weaver and was born and raised in Ferguson township. Had she lived until July she would have been seventy-one years old. She was united in marriage to Mr. Fisher about twenty-seven years ago, and since then they have lived in Ferguson township, near Roopsburg and at Milesburg. In addition to her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mabel, who is married and lives in Bellwood. Funeral services were held at her late home in Milesburg on Wednesday morning by the Baptist minister, after which the remains were taken to Pine Grove Mills for interment, where Rev. Samuel Martin, of the Presbyterian church, had charge of the final services.

DAVIS.—After an illness of only one day Andrew Brant Davis died at his home in Tyrone on Sunday evening, of catarrh of the stomach. He was forty years old and was born at Curwensville. When sixteen years of age he went to work for the Pennsylvania railroad on the work train on the Tyrone and Clearfield division with headquarters at Osceola Mills. Three years ago he was made conductor of the No. 2 work train on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, a position he held until his death. He is survived by his wife and five children. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, the remains being taken to Osceola Mills for burial.

POWERS.—James E. Powers died on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the Miami hospital, Dayton, Ohio, after an illness dating from last November. He was seventy years of age and was formerly a resident of Bellefonte, being a brother of the late John Powers. He was a veteran of the Civil war and was quite prominent in G. A. R. circles and was a member of the Ohio State soldiers' relief commission. He is survived by three children, Mrs. G. R. Niswonger, Miss Catharine Powers and James E. Powers Jr., all of Dayton, Ohio. Deceased is quite well remembered by many people in Bellefonte.

TATE.—Mrs. George Tate died at her home in Duquesne at eight o'clock last Saturday evening, of a complication of ailments. She was about forty years of age and was a native of Sweden, her maiden name being Miss Teckla Kermaner. In addition to her husband she is survived by a ten year old daughter and a five weeks old baby boy. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on the 1.23 p.m. train, Wednesday and taken to Shiloh where burial was made the same afternoon. Mr. Tate formerly lived in College township and has many relatives in that section.

What a Democratic Board of Commissioners Has Done in One Year.

The WATCHMAN gave a guarantee to the voters of Centre county in the fall of 1911. When the present Board of County Commissioners were candidates for office it was this paper that analyzed the business methods of their predecessors and published broadcast the guarantee that if NOLL and GROVE would be elected the business of the county would be more economically conducted. They were elected and have served you one year only. What has been the result? The answer is almost unbelievable. They have reduced the county debt \$58,806.62.

The WATCHMAN congratulates the County Commissioners, it congratulates the taxpayers of Centre county and it points with pride to the fulfillment of its own guarantee made in 1911.

Never by word or intuendo, in that campaign, did this paper charge any sort of dishonesty in the court house, because we did not then and do not now believe that the old Board of Commissioners would be a party to anything that even savored of wrong. But we did charge that they were the victims of bad advisers and were therefore unable to manage the county's business economically.

The guarantee this paper gave to the tax payers was in no way an intimation that it expected to have a finger in the management of the Commissioner's office should Messrs. NOLL and GROVE be elected. It was a candid expression of the fullest confidence in the ability of the two gentlemen to make good; because they are incorruptible and very capable business men and have conducted the office just as they would have handled their own business, without the interference or favorite playing suggestions of outsiders.

When NOLL and GROVE went into office there was a balance of only \$27,880.10 in the treasury. Now there is \$15,284.74.

When they went into office there were bonds and notes outstanding and unpaid to the amount of \$160,867.00. Now they amount to \$142,445.90.

When they went into office the total indebtedness of the county was \$139,506.85. Now it is only \$80,699.22; which means that in one year they have saved for you \$58,806.62

It is true that your tax millage has raised, but that you knew to be inevitable because the old levy was insufficient to run the county after it had been plunged so far into debt. And the increased levy doesn't account for the great saving to you. By referring to the statement of the auditors, published in this issue, you can pick out, item after item, where expenses have been cut down without lessening the efficiency of the county service or working injury to any one. For instance the assessor's expenses were cut down \$546.47, stationery and supplies \$856.99, the jail \$2071.57; election expenses \$1625.94; printing expenses \$1166.40 or a total saving of \$6,367.37 in only five items of county expenditure.

Through every department the statement reveals the prudent management of your Commissioners and, best of all, it carries the assurance that beginning with 1914 taxes will begin to fall. For now that the Board has fully acquainted itself with the business greater things may be expected in 1913 than are recorded for 1912. And with a corresponding reduction in the debt this year the levy will certainly be reduced in 1914 and then every tax payer will begin to reap the kind of benefits that pay, the kind that saves money for us all.

Manifestly it is unfair to refrain from giving full credit for this splendid achievement to everyone who contributed to it. Therefor we heartily congratulate all of the other county officials for had their offices been expensively conducted the Commissioners could not have made the showing presented. Especially noteworthy is the expense account of Sheriff LEE which shows that his management of the jail saved the county \$2071.57 in the first year of his tenure. The other county officers have a similar desire to lessen the county expenditures and the strictest economy has been practiced in each, although the opportunity has not been given them to show as large a saving to the people as that of Sheriff LEE.

JOHNSTON.—Harry H. Johnston, a brother of J. Kennedy Johnston, died at his home in Fresno, California, on Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of two weeks. He was a son of George D. and Martha M. Johnston and was born at Mt. Eagle on October 30th, 1866, hence was 46 years, 4 months and 6 days old. In 1891 he was married to Miss Annie Michaels, of Clearfield county, and for a number of years thereafter they lived at Juniata, where Mr. Johnston was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company. Six years ago he went to California and accepted the position of foreman of inspection work for the Santa Fe railroad. He is survived by his wife and nine children. He also leaves his father, residing at Howard, one brother and four sisters, namely: J. Kennedy Johnston and Mrs. C. D. Tanner, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Ella Foresman and Miss Lulu Johnston, of Howard, and Mrs. Bessie Brooks, of Waterville, Pa.

Mrs. Johnston is critically ill in a hospital at Fresno, and it is just possible that she does not know of her husband's death. J. Kennedy Johnston left at noon yesterday for California to attend the funeral.

GRAMLEY.—Benjamin F. Gramley died at his home at Kaneville, Ill., on Wednesday of last week. He was a son of Joseph and Esther Gramley and was born at Rebersburg, being 76 years, 4 months and 21 days old. He was married in 1857 to Miss Margaret Spangler, of Rebersburg. Nine children were the result of this union, of whom six survive. His first wife died nineteen years ago and five years later he married an Illinois lady who survives. He also leaves five brothers, namely: James J. Gramley, a former treasurer of Centre county, now residing at Freeport, Ill.; Rev. Charles Gramley, of Emporia, Kan.; Andrew J. of Mansfield, Ohio; George S., of Rote, and Austin J., of Mifflinburg. Mr. Gramley and family went to Illinois thirty-eight years ago and engaged in farming. He prospered to that extent that he was the owner of four fine farms. Burial was made at Kaneville, Ill., on Monday afternoon.

FRIEL.—Mrs. Ellen Friel died at her home at Runville last Saturday morning after being a patient sufferer for weeks with a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sennett, and was born at Runville on September 10th, 1837, hence was 75 years, 5 months and 28 days old. She was married to Michael Friel who died a number of years ago. Surviving her are the following children: Corney D., Mrs. Hannah Kunes, Mrs. Mattie Walker, Mrs. Fleming Shope and Mrs. Myrtle Watson, all of Runville, and Lida Flick, of Bellwood. Burial was made in the Advent cemetery on Tuesday morning.

JACOB BASINGER, of DuBois, was granted a license for the hotel at Beech Creek, at the license court at Lock Haven, arrived in that town the latter part of last week with a car load of furniture and fixings and is now at work putting the hotel in proper shape to open up for the accommodation of the traveling public on April first. Mr. Basinger goes to Beech Creek highly recommended by the people of DuBois as a thorough and up-to-date hotel man and his management of the Beech Creek hostelry will be watched with considerable interest, owing to the fact that it has been years since a license has been held at that place.

CLAYTON WOLFE, of Coleville, was arrested on Saturday by policeman Duke-man and on Monday was turned over to the authorities of Williamsport where he is charged with obtaining clothing under false pretense. He was taken to that city where he is being held for trial. This is the second time Wolfe has been in the same kind of trouble.

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—William H. Garman has resigned his position in Ming's shoe store and accepted a clerkship with the Joseph Co.

—Lewis Wallace was awarded the contract a few days ago for the erection of eleven new brick houses in Renovo at a cost of \$22,000. The work is to be started as soon as the weather permits.

—There was a small strike out at the Pennsylvanian match works yesterday morning when between twenty-five and thirty machine boys walked out. They were getting thirteen cents an hour and wanted fifteen, according to the strikers. The strike of the boys of course shut down the machines and about thirty girls were thrown out of work as packers. The boys were still out last evening.

—The venerable Dr. Roland G. Curtin is critically ill at his home in Philadelphia and there is little hope of his recovery. He was born in Bellefonte in 1839, hence is seventy-three years old. After his graduation from college he took up his residence in Philadelphia and that city has been his home since, although he always retained a warm feeling for the home of his birth. For many years he has been president of the Centre county association of Philadelphia.

—The will of the late Hamilton B. Humes, of Jersey Shore, has been probated in the office of the register of wills at Williamsport, and it revealed the fact that he left an estate of about one million dollars. The entire text of the will has not been made public but one of the provisions is for the payment of a four thousand dollar annuity to his widow, while his children and grandchildren have also been provided for. Two codicils attached to the will alter the body of it very materially, it is alleged, but in no way interferes with his family's interest.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. W. S. Ward is on the sick list.

Robt. Reed was a Franklinville visitor last week.

A. F. Louck last week visited to the C. M. Johnson farm.

Harry N. Koch transacted business at Watson-ton last week.

Ed. Irvin, of Altoona, spent last week with friends hereabouts.

Miss Edith Sparre, of Williamsburg, is visiting friends in the valley.

W. E. McWilliams, our genial R. F. D. man, is laid up with lumbago.

Before medical aid could be had N. C. Dreibus before the last horse Thursday night.

Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Pittinger are attending the M. E. conference at Altoona this week.

Newman Dale, of State College, spent Sunday with his friend, A. F. Fry, at Fairbrook.

Mrs. J. L. Burwell and daughter Viola, and Miss Edna Ward Sundayed with friends at Tyrone.

Mrs. William Smith, of Tyrone, is visiting friends in this section, the first time in ten years.

J. B. Mayes, the popular marble dealer at Lemont, spent last week at Milton and Lewisburg.

Mrs. George Kustaborder, of Warriorsmark, spent last week at the Harry Houck home out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hess took a spin in his new auto car and Sundayed at the G. W. McWilliams home.

Mrs. Myra Miller, of Altoona, spent last week with her parents at Baileyville, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Miller.

Frank Smith has been awarded the Star mail route from this place to State College, to begin July next.

Mr. Dennis Hite was a passenger west Tues day evening to Altoona to see his sister, who is at death's door.

C. J. Houser, a student at Franklin and Marshall College, was here last week at Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Houser's.

Wm. R. Dale, who was under the knife two weeks ago in the Bellefonte hospital, is now on a fair way to recovery.

Mrs. Susan Adair, of Indiana, is visiting the home of her youth in the Glades, spending most of her time at the McCracken home.

Dr. Sebring, of Bellefonte, accompanied by his friend, W. S. Smith, of State College, took a spin through the valley to Baileyville Monday.

D. M. Clemson, of Pittsburgh, has noticed the trustees of the Lutheran church at Gatesburg that will give \$1,000 towards a new edifice.

Mrs. J. H. Bailey, who went to the Bellfonte hospital and underwent an operation for a tumorous growth last Tuesday, is getting along nicely.

Among our teachers who will be enrolled at Rock Haven Normal are Miss Edith Dunlap, Edna Ward, Viola Burwell, Grace Elder, and Wilbur Dunlap.

Mrs. John Shank, of Warriorsmark, spent several days at Rock Springs recently and lent a helping hand to her uncle, C. D. Miller, in his last illness and death.

All who can be present on that sacredly important occasion will receive a cordial welcome with free seats if they come in time to occupy them.

Fraser McArdle will provide palms for all the scholars. Collection will be taken to provide better seating accommodation, chairs, etc.

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In the book of the Acts of the Apostles 14:23, it is written "And when they had prayed with fasting, they commanded them to the Lord."

Bellefonte, March 10, 1913. MISSIONER.

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Our railroad agent, J. C. Lee, is very fortunate in having two such able and accommodating assistants as Homer Snook and Ray Rossman.

Nothing seems to be too much trouble for either of them. Quick, affable and always pleasant, any business you have at the office is attended to at once. There is never any delay in receiving or delivering freight, and everything else is prompt and businesslike manner. These two assistants will evidently be at the very distant day, though railroad men.

The farmers institutes in Centre county promise to be highly interesting and instructive.

The institute will be held here on the 14th and 15th inst., in the morning, afternoon and evening.

The different subjects will be discussed by able speakers. No doubt the attendance will be large, as the program is quite lengthy.

Prof. U. A. Meyer will commence a session

of High school in our Academy building on April 1th, for those desirous of becoming teachers and others.

The curriculum embraces all the higher branches of learning, and the general instructions are on a plane almost equal to a college.

Mr. Meyer is widely known as a finished scholar, and ranks high as a teacher and instructor.

Our short hand class will meet at the High school building for the present.

The boys outing Saturday morning will start from the Y. M. C. A. at nine o'clock.

PALM SUNDAY IN OLIVE BRANCH CHAPEL.

If the weather is not too unfavorable

on Palm Sunday, March 16th, the Bible school in the Olive Branch chapel, observing its 6th anniversary, will be favorably received by the presence and services of Rector John Hewitt and some of his choir singers at 2:30 p. m.

All who can be present on that sacredly important occasion will receive a cordial welcome with free seats if they come in time to occupy them.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

Confirmation services will be held in St. John's Reformed church next Sunday at 11 a. m. Music and sermon will be in harmony with the day—