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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING.—On March 21st, 1865, George S. Kaup, of Aaronsburg, a gallant soldier just returned from service in the Civil war, and Miss Joanna Stover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stover, of Rock Springs, were united in marriage at Oak Hall by Rev. Sechrist. Inasmuch as their fiftieth wedding anniversary fell on Sunday they decided to celebrate the event last Saturday and a general invitation was extended to their neighbors and friends in Boalsburg and vicinity to join with them in the festivities. The comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Kaup in Boalsburg was very tastefully decorated throughout for the joyous occasion and upwards of one hundred guests were present during the day.

A nine course dinner was served to all present and one of the features of this elaborate spread was an immense wedding cake, embellished with fifty tiny American flags, which occupied the place of honor in the center of the table. The dinner was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Kaup's daughters while John Fisher, Mrs. James Fry and Samuel Kaup assisted in serving it. A number of after dinner speeches were made, congratulating this estimable couple on their long and successful life together. Mr. and Mrs. Kaup received a large number of beautiful and costly remembrances on their golden anniversary.

Mr. Kaup was born at Aaronsburg and when quite young went to Stephenson county, Ill., where he lived until the outbreak of the Civil war when he enlisted and served through most of the four years' struggle, taking part in many hard fought battles. Returning from the war he located at his old home at Aaronsburg but shortly after his marriage to Miss Stover they moved to Lewistown. Twelve years were spent in that place, when they returned and located in Boalsburg, their present home. Mr. and Mrs. Kaup were the parents of six children, four of whom survive as follows: Mrs. John Fisher, of Bellefonte; Mrs. James Fry, of Philadelphia; Samuel, of Altoona, and Miss Hattie, at home.

Among the guests present were Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Stoney, Prof. H. and Mrs. R. B. Harrison, Prof. P. H. Meyer and son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarlane, Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Kidder, Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs, Mrs. C. A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. William Smeltzer, Miss Madie Gingerich, Mr. and Mrs. James Fry, Samuel Kaup and daughter, Jacob Fisher and Mrs. W. H. Fry.

AND THE GROUNDHOG CAME OUT.—Readers of the WATCHMAN will recall an item in this paper, in the issue of February 5th, regarding the pet groundhog of Mr. Charles Grubb, of Coleville. Said groundhog went into hibernation last fall when the first snow fell on Thanksgiving day and Mr. Grubb and his family decided to keep a close watch on February 2nd—Candlemas day—to find out positively if the groundhog did come out to view the weather conditions. But this groundhog did not. In fact Mr. Grubb and family were inclined to believe that the animal was dead. Ever since February 2nd a close watch has been kept to see just when the groundhog would come out and the vigilance of the Grubb family was rewarded on Sunday when Mr. Woodchuck crawled out of the hole in the ground as unconcerned as if he was just waking up from a noonday nap. Thus for four months, or about seventeen weeks, this little animal hibernated underground, and so far as known without a thing to eat or a thing to drink. And it came out looking little the worse for its long sleep. While it is now naturally a little timid about renewing intimate association with the Grubb family, it is not very wild and the Grubbs have hopes of it becoming the same kind of a pet this summer that it was last.

RUMBERGER—STINE.—A pretty but quiet wedding was celebrated at the parsonage of the United Brethren church on Tuesday afternoon when Wilbur B. Rumberger and Miss Jessie M. Stine, both of Halfmoon township, were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Sprague. The young couple spent the night in Bellefonte at the Breckerhoff house, and on Wednesday returned to Stormstown to receive the congratulations of their many friends. They will reside at Stormstown.

RUTHERFORD—AMMERMAN.—Emerson E. Rutherford, of Altoona, and Miss Lera Ammerman, of Unionville, this county, were married in Cumberland, Md., on Monday morning by a Methodist minister. They returned to Altoona the same evening and were given a reception by friends of both. The bridegroom is employed in the steel car plant of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona and it is in that city the young couple will make their home.

Our Weekly Summary of Legislative Activities.

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stitute the PALMER control. The facts are that when that subject was a live issue Senator Crow intervened in behalf of UMBEL and prevented his impeachment during the legislative session of 1913.

The railroad trainmen presented their reasons for opposing the repeal of the Full Crew law before the Railroad Committees of both Houses yesterday afternoon and the incident was an epoch in legislative history. The local railroad employees to the number of nearly a thousand formed a procession and marched to the place of meeting behind a brass band composed of railroad workers. The House chamber was packed and JAMES SCARLET, the Danville lawyer, who prosecuted the capitol grafters and the former Attorney General, JOHN C. BELL, of Philadelphia, made the arguments and it is needless to say they were forceful. Referring to the expense of the law Mr. SCARLET said "it would be far better to have that money go for clothes, shoes and food for the trainmen's families than into the already bulging treasuries of the railroads." At the close of the hearing a petition containing 68,000 names, protesting against the repeal of the law was presented to the committee. The bill will be reported out next week but the present indications are that it will fail to pass. The politicians in control of legislation would like to oblige the railroad corporations but they have a wholesome, if not exactly a holy, fear of the consequences.

The Legislature has been very busy this week and has disposed of a good deal of important business. Some of the work is wasted, of course, for many of the bills introduced are too bad to get through any Legislature and others too good to get through this Legislature. For example a bill was introduced into the Senate yesterday authorizing banks or other money lenders to collect five dollars from each borrower to cover the expense of investigating the financial standing of the borrower. The banks of the State are doing fairly well now, much better than the borrowers, and no Legislature would add such a burden to the poor man. On the other hand a State civil service bill was also introduced yesterday which may get as far as a first reading in the committee but is not likely to go further. Both Houses sat on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the House of Representatives will be in session tomorrow, and under the spur of necessity a big grist can be ground out while the mill is running at that rate.

The story that escaped from this city the other day to the effect that Governor BRUMBAUGH has organized a force of detectives to shadow office seekers caused more amusement in the corridors of the capitol than anxiety. Yet the Governor might do just such a thing. He has schoolmaster habits firmly fixed in his system and the idea of such an espionage might occur to him. But it won't amount to much for the moment he gets too gay the Senate will come down upon him "like a thousand of bricks." The Governor's power of appointment is qualified in a measure and if he gets too particular the Senate will refuse to confirm his selections. Those already in are satisfactory to the machine and they will stay in until their successors are qualified. But I have no idea that the quarrel will go to such lengths. The Governor is still experimenting, or more accurately speaking, feeling his way, and before his term is half over the Legislators will be eating out of his hand while he is smoothing their hair like an old maid soothes a pet cat.

The legislative Bible class is still doing business at the old stand but there is no great rush to hit the trail. Still it may do a lot of good as its organization revealed a lot of courage.

DALE.—Mrs. Olive Keturah Dale, wife of Martin Dale, died at her home on east Bishop street at 7:30 o'clock last Thursday evening. On the 28th of October, 1914, she underwent an operation for cancer at the Bellefonte hospital and while the operation probably prolonged her life it did not long delay the fatal inroads of this insidious disease, which finally caused her death.

Deceased was a daughter of Jerome and Nancy Robinson and was born at Woodland, Clearfield county, on September 11th, 1861, making her age at death 53 years, 6 months and 14 days. Her girlhood was spent at the home of her birth and on December 27th, 1883, she was united in marriage to Martin Dale. Practically all her married life has been spent in Centre county, the last twenty years of which was in Bellefonte. She was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, a true Christian woman, a loving wife and mother and one who had many friends who sincerely mourn her death. Throughout her months of illness she bore her suffering with meek and patient resignation and her death was calm and peaceful.

Surviving her are her husband and four children: Miss Beulah, Guy and Bonna Dale, of Bellefonte, and Jerome, of Renovo. She also leaves one sister and a brother, Mrs. Harvey C. Shuey, of Tyrone, and Lucian Robinson, of Clearfield. The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon and owing to the family just recently getting out of quarantine the only service was at the grave in the Union cemetery, and it was in charge of Rev. W. M. B. Glanding. Memorial services will be held at some future date.

Among the friends from a distance who were here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dale and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dale, of DuBois; Lucian Robinson, of Clearfield; Clyde Hooper, of Huntingdon; Mrs. Edward DeHaas and Lucian Dale, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shuey and Mr. and Mrs. Furman Ross, of Tyrone.

KURTZ.—Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz, of Reading, died quite suddenly of heart disease, on Friday night of last week, at Jacksonville, Fla., where he was spending the winter with his wife and daughter. Rev. Kurtz was a retired minister of the Reformed church and will be remembered by Bellefonte people through his residence here about twenty years ago when he conducted the stationery store, now the Index. During the past four or five years Rev. Kurtz has visited Bellefonte on motoring trips. A surviving son is Charles Kurtz, of Clearfield, also well known in Bellefonte. The remains were buried at Reading on Tuesday.

GRAFFMYER.—Joseph Graffmyer, a native of Boggs township, died at the Lock Haven hospital on Wednesday night of last week, after a brief illness, aged seventy-two years. He was a carpenter and had lived in Lock Haven many years. Surviving him are four sisters, Mrs. Farley and Mrs. Faust, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Dora Thomas and Mrs. C. W. Wertz, of Altoona. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the Flemington cemetery. Thomas and Elizabeth Farley, of this place, nephew and niece of the deceased, attended the funeral.

GEORGE W. MCGAFFEY.—The announcement of the death of George W. McGaffey Esq., which occurred suddenly at his home in Philipsburg yesterday morning, fairly startled his friends in Bellefonte. Mr. McGaffey had been in his usual health on Wednesday and, we understand, there was no premonition whatever of the heart failure that brought the end.

He was born at Lyndonville, Vt., eighty-two years ago, and came to Powellton, Clearfield county, shortly before the war. There he became interested in business, mining, lumbering and mercantile, with the elder Nuttall and remained until 1867, when he moved to Philipsburg where he afterwards permanently resided. His widow, who was Elizabeth Alice Nuttall, and one child, Mrs. John E. Fryberger, survives.

In many respects George McGaffey was Philipsburg's foremost man. He was an eminently successful financier, being president of the First National bank of Philipsburg; extensively interested in mining and other business activities of the Clearfield region, and before age sapped too much of his vitality dabbled a little in politics. The latter, of course, was only "for the fun there was in it" for Mr. McGaffey's only ambition seems to have been to be a true friend to those who were worthy of his friendship. A man of unimpeachable character he was so modest, so unassuming, so unpretentious that it is little wonder that we found no recorded data of his life in "Who is Who" in Centre county when we were called upon to publish this notice of his passing. He was not the kind who spoke much or wrote of his own achievements, rather was it his pleasure and habit to do things in the most unostentatious way, and knowing of some of the great things he did, with as little ado as if they were mere trifles, the WATCHMAN pays this tribute to the memory of a man for whom it has always entertained the highest regard and lays it at the altar about which thousands are mourning in Philipsburg today.

BLAIR.—S. S. Blair, for thirty years division superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad at Tyrone died at his home in that place last Saturday afternoon. Having enjoyed good health for months he recently suffered an attack of the grip and a few days before his death a carbuncle developed on his neck. He was up and around his room ten hours before his death and at that time none of his family anticipated such a sudden and serious ending.

Samuel Smoyer Blair was a native of Dauphin county and was eighty-one years old last October. When a youth he left the farm to work on the old Pennsylvania canal. Later he went to work as a clerk in a Pittsburgh store and in 1853 he went to work for the Pennsylvania railroad company and three months later became Adams express company messenger between Harrisburg and Baltimore. He returned to the service of the Pennsylvania railroad company the next spring and filled positions from freight conductor to superintendent of the Baltimore division until 1873, when he was made superintendent of the Tyrone division. He held that position for thirty years, retiring November 1st, 1903.

He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and four sons by his first marriage, namely: Charles F., Horace C., Louis B. and S. Howard, all of Tyrone. Mr. Blair was a leading elder in the Presbyterian church, a Republican in politics and a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. Rev. H. W. Bieber had charge of the funeral services which were held at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from his late residence. Burial was made in the Grandview cemetery, Tyrone.

STEINKIRCHNER.—Word was received in Bellefonte yesterday of the death of Mrs. Anna Catharine Steinkirchner, wife of Joseph Steinkirchner, which occurred at her home in Newton, Kan., on Wednesday night. She had been an invalid for several years and her death was not unexpected.

Deceased was a daughter of James and Margaret Loughrey Crotty and was born at Axe Mann about sixty-two years ago. When a young woman she was united in marriage to Joseph Steinkirchner and the first five years of their married life were spent up Spring creek and in Bellefonte, Mr. Steinkirchner conducting a butcher shop in the Bush house block. Thirty-seven years ago they went west to Newton, Kan., and that has been her home ever since. Surviving the deceased are her husband and three children, namely: James who is married and lives in Newton; Gertrude and Clarence at home. Of her father's family of five daughters and three sons only three remain, Mrs. Robert Gilmore, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Joseph Ceader and Mrs. Martin Cooney, of Bellefonte. Particulars regarding the funeral have not been received but burial will be made in Newton, Kan.

CARNER.—Following a brief illness with pneumonia John Courtney Carner died at his home at Hubersburg on Sunday morning, aged 67 years, 10 months and 11 days. His wife and five children preceded him to the grave so that his only survivors are a brother and sister, Wm. G. Carner, of Hubersburg, and Mrs. W. H. Decker, of Jacksonville. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Hubersburg cemetery.

BURKETT.—Porter W. Burkett, one of the most prominent citizens of Stormstown, died on Saturday morning of general infirmities, aged 79 years and 19 days. He was a son of John and Lydia Burkett and all his life was spent in Stormstown. When a young man he embarked in the tinning business and later branched out as an undertaker, carrying on both lines until compelled to retire on account of his health.

He was married to Henrietta Glenn who died in 1902, but surviving him are the following children: Ira G. Burkett, of Stormstown, and Dr. S. S. and John L. Burkett, of Cleveland, Ohio. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Lever, of Stormstown, and Miss Burkett, of Tyrone. Mr. Burkett was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and Rev. F. A. Lawson conducted the funeral services which were held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Stormstown cemetery.

LESH.—Mrs. Lydia Lesh, widow of Daniel Lesh, died at her home in Zion on Sunday evening of diseases incident to her advanced age. She was born in 1822, hence was in her ninety-third year. Her husband died twenty-three years ago but surviving her are three sons and three daughters. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Zion cemetery.

PROPERTY CHANGES AND MOVINGS.—Paul McGarvey has leased the Shoemaker property on Spring street, lately occupied by Dr. R. G. H. Hayes and will have charge of same during the coming year. Mr. Shoemaker will convert the property into an apartment and rooming house, to be ready for occupancy by April 10th. There will be a number of apartments and rooms furnished and unfurnished. All will be equipped with electric light, steam heat and hot and cold running water.

Miss Mary McGarvey has moved her photographic studio from the second floor of the Lyon & Co. building on Allegheny street to the Garman building on the corner of High and Spring streets. She will occupy the rooms over Dr. Coburn Rogers' offices with a work room on the third floor. In addition to photography she will install a picture framing department, and have associated with her in her work her sister, Miss Blanche McGarvey, and her brother, Cameron McGarvey.

Cyril Moerschbacher has leased the McQuiston house on the corner of High and Thomas streets, lately occupied by Mrs. Shreffler, in anticipation of his marriage next month to Miss Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. William Evey and family moved this week from the Amanda Houser property on Pine street to Valley View. John Krebs and family moved from Milesburg into the McGinley house on east Lamb street. Herbert Auman from the Eckenroth property on east High street to the Ray property on east Howard. Miss Belle Hoover from her old home on Spring street to a room in the Garman building, and the Casebeers from the Brockerhoff house to rooms in the Garman building. Edward Brown Jr., moved into his old home on Logan street and Mrs. Dunkle from Bush's Addition into the Amanda Houser property.

EASTER DINNER AT THE BUSH HOUSE.—A big Easter dinner at the Bush house on Sunday for 75 cts. Kindly make your reservation. Following is the menu:

- Blue Points
Queen Olives
Radiishes
Consomme in Cup
Saltines
Broiled Delaware Shad and Roe, Maitre de'hotel
Sliced Hot-house Cucumbers
Pommes Paysflower
Chicken Patties a la Reine
Punch de Violette
Roast Spring Lamb, Mint Sauce
Prime Ribs au jus
New Potatoes in Cream
New Buttered Beets
Fresh Asparagus on Toast, Drawn Butter
Green Peas
Lettuce and orange Salad
Cheese Biscuits
Fresh Strawberry Short Cake, Whipped Cream
Cherry Pie
Pineapple Ice Cream
Sponge Cake
Mixed Nuts
Cluster Raisins
Rouquet Cheese
Toasted Wafers
Cafe Noir

The Centre county Commissioners have decided to go ahead this spring with laying out and establishing a park on the ground lying between the court house and jail. J. Linn Harris, member of the State Forestry Commission, is also interested in having that plot of ground made as beautiful as possible and he has secured a promise from Mr. Cowl, professor of landscape gardening at State College, to come to Bellefonte on Saturday, April 10th, and look over the ground for the purpose of making suggestions as to the best way to lay it out, and also the most suitable kind of trees and shrubbery to plant thereon. During his stay in Bellefonte Mr. Cowl will also go over the Union cemetery and make any suggestions desired by the officers of the association in their work of grading and laying out the new addition thereto.

It was impossible to arrange a peace meeting for April 6th, as stated in the program of the Study Course. But Mr. Jonas E. Wagner very kindly has prepared his paper for that night. His subject will be, "The Story of Poland." The meeting will open at eight o'clock as usual in the High school building. On the last evening of the Study Course Dr. O. S. Boucke, professor of Economics of State College, will speak. Subject, "Pledges for Permanent Peace."

PROMINENT MINISTER DIES UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.—Rev. Dr. Charles M. Aurand, one of the best known and most prominent ministers of the Lutheran church in Central Pennsylvania, died at his home at Selingsgrove on Friday night under rather suspicious circumstances. After thirty-two years of service in the pulpit, during which he filled important appointments in this State and New Jersey, Rev. Aurand retired from the active ministry two years ago and located in Selingsgrove where he erected a handsome home. During the past two years he filled appointments upon request, engaged in the mercantile business and prosecuted research studies at Susquehanna University.

Rev. Aurand, it developed last week, had been a rather large borrower of money from the first National bank of Selingsgrove and the Farmers' National bank. Some of the notes had been carried for some time and on Thursday of last week cashier Roscoe C. North, of the First National bank, called Rev. Thomas C. Houtz and told him that Rev. Aurand's note for \$450, on which he was endorser, must be met when due. Rev. Houtz at once repudiated being any of Rev. Aurand's paper. An investigation was at once started and it was found that Rev. Aurand had notes in the First National bank and the Farmers' National bank aggregating about ten thousand dollars, on which were the names of Rev. Houtz, Dr. Charles T. Aikens, president of Susquehanna University, and other equally prominent men as endorsers, most of which were claimed to be forgeries.

When confronted with the statements of the alleged endorsers Rev. Aurand maintained that the signatures were genuine, but Thursday night he took violently ill and after lingering in a critical condition for twenty-four hours died Friday night. Suicide by poison was at once suspected but an autopsy failed to reveal any traces of poison and a coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from some unknown cause.

Since the reverend's death it has also developed that only recently he purchased the store of Charles I. Mattern, at Beaver-town, giving him in payment notes for \$6,000 on which the endorsements are also alleged to have been forged. As soon as he got possession of the store Rev. Aurand put on a cut price sale and got rid of a large part of the stock for cash.

Worthless stocks found among the reverend's papers, aggregating eight thousand dollars, shows him to have been a heavy investor in various get-rich-quick schemes, while he also put upon the market a proprietary cure-all called Elixir Vitae, operating under the name of the Keystone State Pharmaceutical company. Rev. Aurand had a store in Martinsburg, Blair county, and it, as well as his home and everything available has been seized for the benefit of his creditors.

Rev. Aurand was well known by Lutherans throughout Centre county and two of his alleged dupes are also well known here, Dr. Charles T. Aikens, who for a number of years was pastor of the Lutheran church at Pine Grove Mills, and Rev. Thomas C. Houtz, who was born and raised at Lemont, and has frequently preached in Centre county churches.

On Tuesday prothonotary David R. Foreman received the six one thousand dollar notes given by Rev. Aurand to Charles I. Mattern & Son, in payment for the purchase of their store at Beaver-town, with a request that they be entered as a lien against any property owned by Dr. C. T. Aikens in Centre county. The notes all bore the endorsement of Dr. Aikens, were dated March 15th, 1915, and were drawn to mature at different times. Dr. Aikens has repudiated the endorsements as forgeries and protested against the notes being entered up against him, but that did not avail. The only recourse the doctor has will be to go into court, prove the endorsements on the notes to be forgeries and request that the entries be stricken off the docket. Dr. Aikens has been appointed administrator of Rev. Aurand's estate.

TO THE PUBLIC.—Friday, April 9, 1915, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia by General Lee to General U. S. Grant. Gregg Post, G. A. R., has arranged to have exercises in connection with the Bellefonte High school and the Spanish War Veterans on the afternoon of that day, beginning at 2:30. The public is invited to join with them.

S. B. MILLER, Commander. Bishop Rudolph Dubbs, of the United Evangelical church, widely known throughout Pennsylvania and adjoining States, died at his home in Harrisburg on Wednesday. He was seventy-eight years old and gained nation-wide prominence when the split was made in the old Evangelical church a number of years ago which resulted in the establishment of the United Evangelical church.

In an article in last week's WATCHMAN telling of the arrest and fining of illegal train riders we inadvertently stated that Harvey Tressler spent one day in jail when it should have been William McGovern. Tressler paid his fine and costs promptly and was discharged. This correction is made in justice to the young man.

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