

Democratic Watchman

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

Oats harvesting is now in full swing among the farmers of Centre county.

Trout fishing for this year is now a thing of the past for all law-abiding citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kline have leased one of the Aiken flats and will take possession on the first of August.

A meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in their room Friday, August 1st, at 3 p. m. All the members are urged to be present.

Up to this writing no trace has been found of the big colored prisoner who escaped from the western penitentiary almost two weeks ago.

The Logan fire company will positively dispose of its big Pierce Arrow car in the Diamond tomorrow (Saturday) evening, and it will be a bargain to whoever gets it.

Don't overlook the fact that Mrs. H. W. Irvin will sell her household goods at the J. C. Jordon store on South Water street tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The condition of Miss Rebecca Valentine, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, at the Bellefonte hospital, is very much improved and she will be able to leave the hospital in the near future.

The big Grange fair and encampment at Grange park, Centre Hall, will this year be held the week of September 6th to 12th inclusive, announcement of the program for which will be made in due time.

There will be a Patriotic League meeting in the High school building this Friday, August 1st, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present to hear Miss Gates' report on her trip to the conference at Silver Bay.

J. M. McGarvey and Dorsey Reed, two returned soldiers, have rented the old Mart Garmen stable near the gas works and have opened an establishment for the painting, lettering and varnishing of automobiles. If you have any work in this line give these young men a trial and their charges will be reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.

At the luncheon given by Mrs. G. Ross Parker Friday of last week in honor of her daughter, Miss Eleanor Schofield Parker, announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Parker and Henry Keller Jr. No time has been set for the wedding as Mr. Keller will return to Penn State to finish his college work, which was interrupted by his entering the service.

Mrs. Harriet Flack, of Logan street, entertained with a child's party Monday of last week, in honor of her grand-daughter, Nancy Jane Scheckler, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scheckler, of east High street. Thirty-two little friends of the child were guests of Mrs. Flack, and everything in the way of entertainment and goodies for the little ones was provided by the hostess.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday school of Milesburg will hold a mid-summer lawn festival on the grounds at the corner of Pike and Water streets, Milesburg, Saturday evening, August 2nd. Prof. Frank Wetzler's Girls band will furnish the music. The refreshments will include ice cream, cake and candy. Surprise packages will be on sale. Everybody is invited and a good time is assured all who attend.

Frank R. Smith, who last week returned home from overseas, has leased the room in the Reynolds building formerly occupied by his brother, A. Clyde Smith, and will at once open up a cleaning and pressing establishment. In this connection it might be said that Frank did the tailoring of a soldier unit at Is-surtile in France, where he was stationed while abroad, and cleaned up a nice bunch of money in addition to his regular pay.

The Americanization class which holds for two evenings each week at the Bellefonte high school has dwindled down to from four to six members during the summer months, but this is accounted for by the fact that most of the foreigners who started in with the class in the spring when it numbered from twenty to twenty-five, have been devoting their evenings to gardening and have not the time to spare to go to the classes, but later in the summer the number is expected to increase.

The annual reunion of the Centre county veteran club will be held this year at Martha on Saturday, August 23rd, in connection with the big Williams family reunion. This will be the first time that the veterans have met in that section of the county and they will undoubtedly prove an added attraction to what has for years been one of the biggest gatherings in Centre county. The citizens of Howard have planned to hold a big welcome home gathering on the same day, and unless the date is changed the two meetings will conflict.

Last Friday evening Ellis Hines made a trip up the back road past the Reuben Valentine farm in a truck of the Beatty Motor company. Just as he turned onto the new bridge at the Phoenix mill on his homeward trip the steering apparatus broke and the car ran into the truss, breaking the lights, windshield and badly damaging the radiator. The accident happened about nine o'clock and occasioned considerable excitement in that neighborhood. Fortunately driver Hines was uninjured and the bridge took the bump with only a quiver.

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And it was plainly evident that he has no love for Germany or anything German. Having lived among them so long, he spoke with an authority that carried conviction. Mr. Wile was in Germany through all of Ambassador Gerard's term of service there and was in personal contact with the American foreign office almost every day, and was outspoken in his contempt for the German rulers and the German people.

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Much ado was made in the city papers last week about what was characterized as the first strike of the pilots who drove the machines on the airmail routes between New York and Washington and New York and Chicago, with the result that all airmail was tied up on Friday. But on Friday evening an agreement was made by Charles I. Stanton, superintendent of the Eastern division aerial mail service with the pilots at the aviation fields in New York, Washington, Bellefonte, Cleveland and Chicago whereby they were to take out their planes as usual, pending a settlement of the trouble in Washington.

The characterized strike of the pilots was over the discharge of E. Hamilton Lee and Leon Smith, who refused to fly from Belmont field, New York, on the morning of July 22nd, when the field was covered by a dense fog and the visibility was less than one hundred feet. Charles H. Anglin was chosen as the pilot's representative to the Washington conference and James C. Furst, Esq., of Bellefonte, was selected by the pilots to look after their interest.

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