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THUNDER AND LIGHTNING,

And Lots of It Promised for the Month of June

BY REV. IRL HICKS OF ST. LOUIS.

Very Changeable Temperatures Will Be Experienced Ranging From Very High to Unseasonably Cool.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks, the St. Louis weather prognosticator, promises some "spells" of unsettled weather in June.

The first storm period is central on the 4th, extending from the 2d to the 6th. On the 2d and 3rd it will grow much warmer.—During the 4th to 6th marked electrical storms will move eastward across the country. Intense lightning and thunder, with hail and heavy rain in many parts may be counted on. There will be a change to much cooler, with rising barometer, westerly winds and clearing skies after the storm.

In the second storm period—reactionary—from about the 8th to 12th, there will be sultry winds from east to south, attended by low and fluctuating barometer.—General rain and thunder storms with abnormal displays of lightning and heavy hail, may be expected, reaching a crisis about the 9th to the 12th. For several days thereafter there may be protracted storms and thunder squalls. Very changeable temperatures will be experienced, ranging from phenomenally high to unseasonably cool.

The third storm period—regular—is central on the 16th. There may be expected a very warm wave, low barometer and high humidity, causing many very active and violent electrical storms, with downpours of rain and hail. Change to high barometer and surprisingly cool, almost to frost northward, will come in from the northwest behind these storms.

The fourth storm period—reactionary—central on the 21st to 22nd, should bring rising temperature and falling barometer, with much lightning in the heavens during the nights and afternoon thunder squalls and showers, to the great annoyance of haymakers.

The last storm period—regular—may bring a prolonged period of threatening, stormy culminations, one centering about 25th and the other about the 30th. A very warm wave will appear in western parts about the 24th and rapid storms of wind, rain and thunder need not surprise on and touching the 25th. There may be a daily cycle of afternoon thunder storms, up to the end of the month. Possibly a rising barometer, west winds and cooler may intervene, bringing fair weather from about the 27th to 29th. But returning warmth, low barometer and electrical storms are almost certain to develop about the 30th.

WELLS TANNERY.

Raney Guillard has been suffering with a sprained ankle.

Walter Smith and sister of Crystal Springs, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sipe of Hustontown, spent last Sunday with their niece, Mrs. Stella Horton.

Mrs. Blanche McGlathery of Altoona, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meridith.

W. H. Baumgardner with a force of men, is working on the Wells and Everett Telephone line, putting the old part of it in good condition and adding a lot of new 'phones.

While cleaning the windows of her house last week, Mrs. Samuel Berkheimer of Bedford county, fell from the second story to the ground a distance of ten feet and was painfully injured. She had been cautioned not to lean so far out, but in her anxiety to push housecleaning along she forgot her own safety.

RECORD HARD TO BEAT.

The Tribulations of the Office-Seeker not Without Gleams of Sunshine.

The canvass made by the several candidates, and which was terminated as far as nominations go, by the convention yesterday, was conducted with more than ordinary energy and the farmers, as well as the candidates, are now heaving sighs of various size indicative of the relief they experience, now that it is all over.

With all the fuss and feathers attending such a fight, there is much of a humorous character mingled with it.

The following yarn is told of two candidates who were working a certain township, making the final roundup, and, as one of them drove in sight of a house, he saw his rival just leaving. Congratulating himself that he would have the last word, he drove up to the gate, hitched his horse, went to the house "to get a drink." To the little girl who answered his knock at the door, he said, when she had given him the water and he had offered her some candy, "Did the man ahead of me give you anything?"

"Oh, yes, sir," replied the bright girl; "he gave me candy." "Ah!" exclaimed the candidate, "Here's 5 cents for you. I don't suppose that he gave you any money?"

The youngster laughed merrily, "Yes, he did, too! He gave me 10 cents!"

Not to be outdone, the candidate gave the little one another nicker, and picking her up in his arms, kissed her.

"Did he kiss you, too?" he asked generally.

"Indeed he did, sir!" responded the little girl. And he kissed her, too!

William Randolph Clevenger.

William Randolph Clevenger, a native of this county, died at his home 3210 R. St., N. W., Washington, D. C., at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, May 22, 1904, aged about 43 years. Funeral services were held at the family residence Monday evening at 7:30. Interment at Riverview cemetery, Wilmington, Del., Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Clevenger had been in very poor health since last June; but for the past few months, he had been suffering intensely of Bright's disease, which was the immediate cause of his death.

He was the only son of Robert Wesley Clevenger and his wife Mary Martha Palmer, both of whom died when their two children—son and daughter—were quite small. The daughter Jennie, (Mrs. O. S. Palmer), died in August 1899.

Mr. Clevenger left this county when quite a young man, living at different times in various towns in eastern Pennsylvania and in Delaware and finally located in Washington, D. C., as manager of the Washington and Virginia branch of the B. F. Babbitt business. That he was a careful and capable business man is proven by his having held this responsible and lucrative position for a number of years.

About fifteen years ago he married Miss Florence Allison of Wilmington, Del., who survives. He leaves also a family of three bright and interesting children, Anna Bretta, Grace Allison and George Tanner.

He had been for many years a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

He was a nephew of W. Randolph Palmer of Belfast township.

Our friend W. A. Culler formerly of this county, but during the past several years doing splendid service as a teacher in the public schools of Franklin county, a few days ago successfully passed the examination for a permanent certificate and will henceforth be independent of examining committees.

TROLLEY TO HAUL FREIGHT

Fight Likely to Repeal Act Secured by Steam Roads.

QUESTION FOR NEXT LEGISLATURE.

The Interests of the Country People Demand Its Repeal and We Look to Our Country Members to do It.

While there is a reasonable probability that a railroad will be built from Hancock through the western part of this county to Mt. Dallas, and on, to connect with the B. & O. west of the Alleghenies, the fact that the greater part including the most populous and productive portion of the county will be without any better facilities for transportation than they now possess.

The very fact of the B. & O. building through the western part of the county dismises the prospect of the eastern side getting a steam road in the near future. Hence, it becomes necessary, if we desire anything better than we now possess, to cooperate in a scheme to get an electric railway from McConnellsburg to Mercersburg.

The C. G. & W. people own the right of way across the mountain; they have built a road from Penmar as far west as Greencastle, which is doing a very satisfactory business, and twenty miles of additional road would bring them to McConnellsburg.

Now, there is but one thing in the way; that is the matter of hauling freight. The act prohibiting electric roads from carrying freight was secured by the Pennsylvania railroad company when electric lines were still in their earliest infancy, and at a time when the country members of the legislature looked upon the street railway as a serpent, and hated it accordingly, but it is a law that must come off the statute books of this state, and it is believed that one of the first things done in the next legislature will be to open the ball for its repeal.

Within the past few years a great change of heart has come over the country members.—There is scarcely a county in the State now which is not honeycombed by trolley lines. Formerly the farmer hated the trolley, but now he sees in the street rail ways advantages which outweigh all obstacles.

This change of heart among the farmers has brought a corresponding change in the house of representatives. Members can now vote to support the trolley without antagonizing their constituents and jeopardizing a future election. With the local capitalists in a score of counties banded together and bending their influence against the steam railroad, the electric railway will have some chance to win.

With this vicious law cast off the books, the way would be open for a road to McConnellsburg, for no stretch of line in the State would bring in more profitable returns for the capital invested. When once across the mountain, it would be a small matter to have a cross line between Fort Littleton and Big Cove Tannery.

KNOBVILLE.

Daniel E. Fore and family last Sunday entertained the following guests: Mr. Wilber Sipes, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Skipper of Harrisonville, and Mrs. Dr. Mosser and son of McConnellsburg.

Miss Mabel Fore spent Sunday with Miss Emma Kelso.

Miss Kavie Campbell of Fort Littleton, spent Saturday with Miss Lola Wilson.

Mrs. Amos Clouser and her mother, Mrs. Grissinger, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fore.

Mrs. Emery Hessler and daughter Marion spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Katie Fors.

Dr. D. F. Unger and Carl Stover of Mercersburg, spent Friday in this place on business.

MEMORIAL DAY.

General Observance of the Holiday Throughout the County.

McCONNELLSBURG.

Whether or not the clouds sweep in sympathy with the tears that flow in living remembrance of our soldier dead, it is a coincidence that it nearly always rains on Memorial day.

Notwithstanding the frequent showers, a well filled Court House greeted those to whom had been assigned the duty of delivering the Memorial addresses, and at two o'clock an organization was effected by electing Rev. Dr. West chairman, and Mrs. W. L. McKibbin secretary. The order of exercises followed was, Prayer by Rev. Adams; Reading of Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg, by L. H. Wible, Esq.; Recitation by Miss May Sheets; Address by Hon. W. Rush Gillan of Chambersburg; Address by Mrs. S. M. Cook; Benediction by Rev. Dr. West.

The exercises were interspersed by excellent vocal selections by singers from the several choirs of town, with Mrs. C. B. Stevens at the organ.

Committees of course had previously visited the several graveyards of town, and strewn flowers on the graves of deceased soldiers.

WELLS VALLEY.

After the committees had visited the several burying grounds, a large congregation assembled at the Valley M. E. church, where M. R. Shaffner, Esq., of McConnellsburg, the orator of the occasion, delivered an excellent address.

Local talent furnished excellent music, and short addresses were made by several others.

SIDELING HILL.

As was announced last week, a carefully prepared program was carried out at the Sideling Hill Baptist church. Co. Supt. Dell of Huntingdon county, and Prof. B. N. Palmer of Needmore, delivered addresses that were received with marked attention and appreciation. A large crowd was in attendance.

HUSTONTOWN.

Mrs. Dr. A. K. Davis left last Thursday for a month's visit with relatives in Williamsport, Pa.—She was accompanied as far as Tyrone by the Doctor.

Miss Lena Laidig, secretary and treasurer of the Acme Dept. store at Huntingdon, is spending a week with her parents near this place.

Joseph Ranck has vacated his town residence and moved into his new house in the outskirts of town. He will repair his town house this summer.

Among those from a distance who were visiting with friends and relatives in town last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kirk and Miss Maggie Golden of Wells Valley; Mrs. James Lyons and children of West Dublin; Miss Nina Kirk, Drew Laidig, Clarence Bergstresser of Hiram; Mrs. Frank Wible and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greer of Knobsville.

T. S. Shoemaker returned to his home in this place last Saturday after having spent several weeks in building a telephone line in Blair county.

Superintendent of schools, J. D. Dell of Huntingdon, Pa., spent Saturday night in town and was a very welcome visitor in Camp 554 P. O. S. of A. Come again, Prof. Dell.

H. W. Wink wears a pleasant smile. It is a girl.

Rev. B. A. Salter preached an excellent sermon to a large audience last Sunday morning.

Ex-Com. A. M. Corbin and wife of Gracey, were welcome visitors in town last Sunday.

Wil Strait of Altoona, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strait of this place.

Mrs. W. H. Ranck and children of Broadtop City, is visiting her mother Mrs. Maria Laidig this week.

APPROPRIATION \$11,376.78.

That May be Used in Running Our Schools Next Winter.

WHAT EACH DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE.

Fulton's Share of the State School Appropriation Almost a Thousand Dollars Less Than Last Year.

We are indebted to County Superintendent Barton for information, that Fulton county's share of the State school appropriation will amount to \$11,376.78, which is \$918.65 less than was received last year—all the districts receiving less; in fact, the majority of the school districts in the State will receive less money for the support of their common schools for the year beginning June 6th, than they received in 1903. This is because the amount appropriated by the last Legislature to these schools is not quite as large as the appropriation made by the previous legislature.

The following table shows what each district received last year and what it will receive this year:

	Last yr.	This yr.
Ayr...	\$1,519.75	\$1,424.18
Belfast...	1,215.91	1,148.98
Bethel...	972.28	922.33
Brush Creek...	872.68	804.94
Dublin...	1,119.30	1,049.93
Licking Creek...	1,278.29	1,145.17
McConnellsburg...	631.63	579.29
Taylor...	1,229.65	1,113.69
Thompson...	1,042.13	947.48
Todd...	811.76	698.87
Union...	898.01	839.29
Wells...	759.74	702.90
Totals...	\$12,295.43	\$11,376.78

The department of public instruction has completed the calculations for the next year, and will begin the issuing of the warrants to the districts as soon as State Treasurer Mathews is ready to pay them. The regular annual appropriation made by the last legislature is \$5,500,000. From this amount the legislature deducted \$237,500 for the state normal schools and \$50,000 for the township high schools, leaving a balance of \$5,212,500 for the common schools.

The amounts received by the several districts next year will vary somewhat from those received for the year about closing, owing to the fact that appropriation next year is based on new returns of teachers, resident taxables and children between six and sixteen years of age.

BRUSH CREEK.

Misses Laura Lodge and Flora Smith spent last Sunday with relatives and friends in Whips Cove.

Watson Plessinger, who is working on the sawmill for T. R. Starr, had the misfortune to get his hand cut very badly by catching it in the saw. He was taken to his home in Whips Cove. We hope he may soon recover.

Walter Smith and sister Miss Grace, spent a couple of days last week in the home of ex-judge Morton, near McConnellsburg.

Henry Lodge spent a couple of days last week with his father, Josabed Lodge near Emmaville.

Ross Jackson returned home this week after a week's visit with relatives and friends in Altoona.

Mrs. Lizzie McKibbin and son, Alex of Crystal Springs, were visiting relatives in Buck Valley a few days last week.

Seibert Barton and George McKibbin were visiting friends at Aidersville last Sunday.

Children's service will be observed at the McKendree M. E. church Sunday, June 5, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Aquilla Lodge, who is employed at Altoona, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lodge of Emmaville.

Rumor says there will be a wedding in our valley soon.

Miss Irvie Hull, a former compositor on the Fulton County News, but now a lightning stenographer in New York City, is spending a few weeks resting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hull of this place.

Life Uncertain.

The people of Wells Valley were greatly shocked last Thursday morning to hear of the death of Mrs. William E. Bivens, for it was not known but what she was in the enjoyment of usual health.

It seems that she was busy about her home in the performance of her usual household duties, when, without a moment's warning, she dropped to the floor and almost instantly expired.

Mrs. Bivens was aged about 61 years, a model wife and mother, and was beloved by a wide circle of friends. She had been a faithful member of the Methodist church since she was 13 years old, and death did not find her unprepared for the change.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Harry K. Ash. She is survived by her husband and eight children—Morris, Hayes, Mrs. Bert Horton, Mrs. J. W. Gibson—all of the Valley; Mrs. Hester Baumgardner, of Pittsburg; Clyde and Ambrose, of Allegheny, and J. W., of Nebraska.

Sudden Death.

On the 23d inst. Mrs. Al. Hessel and Mrs. Daniel Warsing, of Wells Valley, received the sad intelligence over the phone that their father, David Ford, was dead at his home in Sherman's Valley.

Mr. Ford was a highly respected citizen, and was going about his work that morning in the enjoyment of usual health and spirit, when he suddenly called to a daughter to come to his assistance, that he felt so badly. The daughter hastened to his side, but in a few minutes the vital spark had fled. Mr. Ford was aged about 70 years.

BUCK VALLEY.

Mrs. Sabina Lape, wife of John Lape deceased, died at her home one mile south of here, Saturday, May 28th. Funeral Tuesday, May 31st, at the Lutheran church.

Mrs. John Hebner, who has been sick for some time, is improving very slowly.

The Democratic primary last Saturday was well attended and endorsed Sipes, Edwards and Garland, sending Mr. Shank and Samuel Hendershot delegates.

Mr. Martin Sipes from near Saratoga, Indiana, spent a few days with friends and relatives in the Valley, and returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Rebecca Sipe, wife of Frank Sipe, deceased, died at the home of her son Martin L. Sipe, near Saratoga, Indiana. She was buried near Siloam, Fulton county, Pa. Mrs. Sipe was one of the Valleys oldest persons and resided here until March, 1904, when she went with her son Martin to Indiana for a short visit.

The few soldiers now remaining in the Valley of the Civil War, will celebrate Memorial day as usual by decorating the graves of the deceased, and by holding a quiet picnic in the grove near Lashley's store. Their forces are getting very light, there having been three deaths in their ranks since last Memorial day.

Mr. Frank Steckman had the misfortune to lose one of his horses by death last week—which leaves him in bad way.

The Methodist church at this place is being greatly improved. Our constable, Nathan Wigfield has purchased a very fine mule, with which he expects to convey prisoners safely to McConnellsburg.

Rev. J. V. Adams of this place, occupied the M. E. pulpit at Chambersburg last Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Mary Dimick, who is employed at the S. O. school at Junonville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Shimer of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hays and Master Horace Myers—all of Hancock, were guests of Mr. Geo. W. Hays and family Sunday and Monday.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED.

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure, You'll Find It Right Here.

Miss Minnie Dickson spent a day in Chambersburg last week.

Mrs. Sarah Cooper, of Todd township, moved into her property on E. Water St., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Metzler, of Harrisonville, spent Saturday the guests of friends in town.

There will be preaching services in the Presbyterian church in this place next Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. John F. Kendall and daughter Martha, spent a day last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Washabaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rotz, of this place, left Friday morning, for Williamson and Waynesboro, where they are visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. S. S. Newman of Saluvia, was an early caller at this office Monday morning. Mr. Newman expects to take a trip west in the near future.

Mrs. Wilmer Roupe, of Birmingham, Pa., who had been visiting at the home of her father, Joseph Sipe, of Saluvia, returned to her home last week.

David R. Strait, who had been spending the past month in Franklin county, spent Thursday night in this place enroute to his home near Saluvia.

Misses Bess and Nell Trout of this place, drove over to Mercersburg Monday and attended the Commencement exercises at that place Monday evening.

Raymond Litton and Scott Deneen, two popular young men of the lower part of this county, were calling on friends at this place Saturday evening.

In taking a walk last Saturday afternoon, Mr. Michael Lehman, an aged veteran of this place, stepped on a loose stone, fell, and hurt himself pretty badly.

A party of Chambersburg folks composed of J. G. Shaft, H. S. Sierer, Jr., Miss Hull and Miss Hubert, drove over to this place last Sunday morning, and stayed at the Fulton House until Monday afternoon.

Miss Katharine Cook and Wells H. Greathed, of this place, spent from Saturday until Thursday, at Gettysburg, where they had the pleasure of attending Memorial services on that historical battlefield.

Hon. D. H. Patterson of Webster Mills, Wm. B. Ranck of Warfordsburg, and Samuel R. Cromer of Fort Littleton, were the congressional conferees in the Republican conference of the Seventeenth district at Harrisburg last week.

Mr. F. A. Greathed, who had been spending a year among his old time associates in this place, left on Monday morning to return to Mount Vernon, Mo. His many friends here regret very much to see him go away, and hope he may soon return again.

Miss Carrie Greathed, who taught during the past school year in the public schools of Johnstown, Pa., and her sister, Miss Fannie, who taught in Jeannette, Pa.,—both returned to the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Greathed in this place last Saturday for their summer vacation.

Mr. Denton Hendershot of Bethel, spent a few days in town this week, the guest of the family of Frank P. Lynch, Esq. Mr. Hendershot has under contemplation a visit among friends in Franklin county, in Harrisburg, and will, in all probability, go from there to the Eastern Shore, Md.; by that time he feels in pretty good trim, he may go on to St. Louis and take in the World's Fair.