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## IRL HICKS ON JANUARY.

Heavy Storms of Snow, Sleet and Wind May be Looked Forward To. Much Bad Weather.

### BLIZZARDS ARE ALSO PREDICTED.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks makes these predictions for the month of January:

First Storm Period, Reactionary, is central on the 4th and 5th. The indications are that the storm period reacting into January from December 1904, will cause unsettled weather up to this reactionary period. The causes at this period will be at a minimum, the secondary Vulcan influence and the Moon in conjunction with Sun being the main factors.

By the 4th changes to warmer will be the order in western parts a corresponding fall of the barometer will attend the rising temperatures, and rain and snow will visit wide extremes, reaching north and south, as the general storm conditions advance eastwardly to the Atlantic about the 4th to 6th. A prompt change to rising barometer, northwesterly winds and much colder will set in behind the storm area to the west and north and push the west side of storms to the Atlantic.

The Second Storm Period, Regular, includes the 8th to 13th, being central on the 11th. The regular Vulcan period, with Moon on the equator, in apogee and at first quarter, are the causes at this time.

Decided change to warmer, winds shifting to southerly and falling barometer, will appear to the westward about the 10th. During the 11th, 12th and 13th rains will visit southern and central states, turning to snow in the north and as storms reach sections east of the Mississippi river. On the 11th, winter lightning and thunder are likely toward the south. Blizzards conditions and very cold will appear with the rising barometer out of the northwest progressively behind these storms. If barometer is low in the south at this time, severe cold will be induced possibly to the gulf. Watch barometer and indications.

Third Storm period, Reactionary, is central on the 16th, 17th and 18th, and is almost sure to bring in a spell of threatening stormy weather that will run into the storm period following.—Hence, we shall consider it in connection with, and as a part of.

The Fourth Storm Period, Regular, is central on the 22nd, extending from the 20th to the 25th. The causes disturbing this period are the regular Vulcan influence, the Mercury equinox central on the same day with the Vulcan period, with full Moon on the 21st, in perigee on the 23rd, and on the equator on the 25th.

In all reasonable probability this period will bring the worst storms and weather of the month. It will come in with rising temperature, falling barometer, quickly causing general cloudiness and rains. The barometer will fall phenomenally low, generally, the rains will turn to destructive sleet over vast regions, and the culmination of the period will bring dangerous blizzards out of the northwest, attended by rising barometer and extreme cold wave. Let nothing divert your attention from the possibilities of this period, and the very great cold to follow. This is one of the times when the extreme cold will penetrate far into the south and east.

The Fifth Storm Period, Reactionary, is central on the 28th and 29th. The Mercury perturbation continues into this period, there being only one other cause of disturbance—the Vulcan reactionary.

Cloudy, stormy, blizzards conditions will lead up to this period; about the 28th and 29th, the general cold will relax, the barometer fall and renewed storms of rain and snow return to most parts. The month promises to go out with high barometer and clearing, cold weather in most parts.

## UP AGAINST "OLD" NICK.

Fulton County Boy Wins in Spelling Contest at Bedford County Institute.

Dr. Pattengill, an ex-State Superintendent of Michigan, a practical educator, was one of the instructors at the Bedford county Teachers' Institute last week. In one of his talks he expressed the regret that spelling did not receive the attention in the public schools of to-day that its importance demands, and to enforce his position, pronounced a list of twenty words. Only twelve teachers of the 335 present, handed in papers, showing the entire twenty words spelled correctly.

Being desirous of following the test still farther he invited the twelve successful teachers to an adjacent class room, and when they were thus alone, he pronounced to them four lists of twenty words each. When the smoke of the contest had cleared away it was found that nineteen of the twenty had fallen and that N. E. M. Hoover, of West Dublin, this county, at present teaching in Bedford county, was the only one who had not missed a word. Hurrah for Fulton—She's all right!

## TALE OF THE CAPTURED MAIDEN.

Kidnapped and Taken to a Place Where She Never Could be Found.

Bound and gagged, the maiden was thrust into a gunny sack and unable to move or scream, felt herself carried up a flight of stairs from the dungeon, and then was put into a buggy, and then driven down the street at a rapid rate. Ineffectually she struggled to release herself from the gag. Alas! she was bound too securely.

Finally the conveyance stopped. She was again carried into a building and fainting, gasping for breath, the sack was taken from her head. The villain took the gag from her mouth, his eyes gleaming like coals of fire through his black mask, released her and hissed through his tightly clenched teeth, "There, my pretty bird, scream and yell as long as you like, no human ears will ever reach you. You are in my power. Do you hear? Totally within my power."

"Where am I?" she gasped. "In a store that never advertises," was the cruel response. "Alas! Alas!" she moaned. "No power on earth can save me; no one will look for me here," and the poor girl fainted.—Ex.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sigel Celebrate on the 19th Inst.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sigel, of Buck Valley, Pa., celebrated their fiftieth marriage anniversary on Monday, December 19, 1904, at the ages of seventy-four and sixty-nine respectively.

A host of relatives and friends gathered to congratulate and honor the aged couple. There were sixty in attendance. A bounteous dinner had been prepared of the most delicious festivities of the season.

Mr. Sigel is one of the early settlers of Buck Valley, and was born at Wurtemberg, Germany. He immigrated to the United States in 1851, and settled in Buck Valley. He was married in 1854 to Susan Hendershot, bought an improved farm, and has since improved it to a good degree of cultivation. He has been one of the most aggressive and prosperous citizens of the Valley. Being a blacksmith by trade, he has followed this occupation since boyhood and is still active at his trade in spite of his years.

They raised a family of eight children—six boys and two girls. Among the guests at the party were some of the most aged citizens of the Valley and it is needless to say everybody enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Miss Stella Sipes, a senior at the West Chester State Normal is home for the holidays.

## FROM MISS ALICE WISHART.

Extract from Letter to Her Mother, Mrs. S. P. Wishart.

Allahabad, India, November 23.—Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day by my calendar, and we will celebrate with a special pudding, and will start the first fire in our drawing room grate in the evening. I have a grate in my room, but don't use it. Ellen and I buy the fuel ourselves as we do a good many other extras for the house. Monday, I started our compound school with twenty-six young hopefuls, which you would simply hurt yourself laughing at, could you see them. None of them are particular about the kind or quantity of clothes; some of them are sharp as tacks—far too sharp indeed. They all sit on the floor, and study aloud, as is the custom here. At the close of the three hours' session, we have roll call, a bible lesson with catechism, hymn and prayer which every child enjoys. All stand with closed eyes and folded hands during prayer, then all whoop. "Miss Sahib, salam!" "Salam, Miss Sahib!" and scatter like so many sparrows. We shall have a busy, busy time Xmas with all our big family of children, teachers and servants to remember, besides taking a good time to an orphanage. This will reach you just about Xmas time, so you can think of me as handing out sweets and toys to a crowd of dusky daisies. After all have had their treat and gifts, we will have ours in the drawing room. I am going to get up something Japanese for us, and we will have loads of cransanthenums with which to decorate lanterns, etc.

I hope the little things I sent you and father, Maude and Bebe will reach you safely. Wouldn't I love to peep in on you at Xmas time! Oh, I shall some day! I wish I could send all the clan Xmas remembrance, and the neighbors too. My purse will be pretty well drained, as we feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to give everybody something at this time, if it is ever so little, for their lives are so bare, and it means much to keep Christmas before our people.

You know, I suppose, that Miss May cannot return for some time on account of ill health. I don't wonder that she is broken down, either. The other missionaries are coming later than we expected, so we cannot have our annual meeting until January, perhaps. First it was to be here—then at Caupore—and now we are not sure where it will be. I am on the Conference committee to arrange the meetings, subjects for discussion, and persons to take the Bible readings for our Devotional services. On account of having to visit and examine our other schools, I have had to give our Compound school to one of our teachers, but she is ill, and so it falls to my lot to keep in order and teach twenty-seven of the naughtiest, dirty little heathen you ever saw, for three hours.

My study has to come in at night, or whenever it can. Have a mush (under teacher) from 7 to 8. 8:30 to 9:30 give a lesson to one of our rescue girls in Roman, Urdu, catechism, arithmetic, writing and Bible. Breakfast from 10 to 11 a. m. School from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. Tiffin at 3 p. m. Then if there are no meetings, am free to study until 6 p. m. But there are always interruptions.

Tuesday a big, fine, looking, old heathen doctor, a friend of Dr. Bertha called to see me. He called in March and brought a man along to interpret for him; but this time the other man staid out side in the car and we understood each other's "boli" finely with out any help. It tickled him greatly that I could not only understand him, but talk to him. His name is Shiva Rain Panda Vaidh, and a very nice old gentleman. He thinks a great deal of Dr.

## IN THE CHURCHES.

Special Christmas Services by the Sunday Schools.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the special services drew fairly large audiences and were much enjoyed by those present.

At the close of the Sunday school at the Reformed church in the morning, the annual Christmas treat was given to the scholars. A gift that was wholly unexpected but much appreciated was a pair of gold spectacles by the school to John S. Harris whose services in that school during the past year have been very valuable. Sunday evening the Reformed school gave a very pleasing entertainment.

At the session of Sunday school held at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian church the annual custom of treating the primary and junior classes was observed.

A "treat" was given at the Lutheran Sunday school in the morning, and in the evening the Christian Endeavor society had a very interesting program of Christmas exercises.

The Methodist people had their special service in the evening. The music was, especially good and the entire program well rendered.

Rev. Mr. Grove preached appropriate sermons in the U. P. church morning and evening.

## Holiday Weddings.

HAMMERS—LAMBERSON.

On Wednesday of last week, Rev. J. L. Grove, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of this place, united in marriage Mr. Charles L. Hammers, of Gettysburg, and Miss Flora V. Lamberston, daughter of A. J. Lamberston, of Ayr township.

PITTMAN—FOISE.

Mr. Samuel Maurice Pittman and Miss Mary Elizabeth Fore, both of Knobsville, were married at Methodist Episcopal parsonage in this place on Wednesday of last week by Rev. J. V. Adams. The bridal couple will likely begin housekeeping in Altoona.

HILEMAN—BAKER.

Mr. Philip A. Hileman, of Altoona, and Miss Rachel Baker, of Clear Ridge, were married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage at Reedville, Pa., on Thursday, December 22, 1904, by the pastor Rev. W. J. Sheaffer.

MELLOTT—HOOPER.

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1904, Justice L. H. Wible at the Prothonotary's office, in this place united in marriage Brown Mellott of this county, and Margaret A. Hooper of Bedford county.

MOCK—KEITH.

At 7:30 o'clock last evening, Mr. Oliver K. Mock, of this city, and Miss Clara Pearl Keith, of McConnellsburg, Fulton county, were married at the parsonage of the United Presbyterian church, by Rev. R. A. Hutchison. The groom is a blacksmith and is employed in the Juniata shops. The bride is amiable and accomplished. After a wedding trip east, Mr. and Mrs. Mock will make Altoona their home.—Altoona Mirror, Dec. 23d.

Rev. John J. Duncan will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening.

Caldwell, who very much desires his conversion.

I had thought of calling at the Lieut. Governor's this calling season, but have about given it up, its such a formal piece of business, and nothing in particular to be gained, except that one becomes known and is on Lady La Fouches calling list and is invited to a garden party. Society people, and the English in particular, do not care whether the missionaries call on them or not and I'm not surprised for there isn't surely much in common, and we have no time for functions whatever. Be sure and tell me when you have the first snow, and how old Broadtop looks.

## STRENUOUSNESS.

Fulton County Boy Astonishes Natives by Long Walk.

Prof. Ernest Gress, formerly principal of the High School at McConnellsburg, is now serving on his second year as principal of the schools at Nicholson, Pa. A few days ago when his teachers went up to the County Seat to attend the county institute, they were greatly surprised that their wiry little principal had the endurance to hold out in a 14-mile stretch. Here is what the 'Nicholson Times' says of it.

"When the teachers of our schools made arrangements for transportation to Tunkhannock, where they are now enjoying their intellectual holiday, a place was reserved for Prof. E. M. Gress. On last Saturday morning, however, he said to Mr. Leonard Knapp: 'You need not stop for me. I am used to an early morning walk and you will overtake me on the way down.' So the load started without him expecting to pick the Principal up between here and East Lemon. But when this place had been passed without a sign of him some uneasiness was expressed lest he should have missed his way. But on arriving at the County Seat who should be the first to extend the glad hand but the Professor, having walked the fourteen miles."

## FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mrs. Susan Unger, of this Place, Retires as Usual, and Found Next Morning a Corpse.

The gaiety of the holiday season was somewhat checked last Saturday morning, when it was rumored on the street that Mrs. Susan Unger, one of our aged and most highly respected residents had been found dead in her bed that morning.

Mrs. Unger was the widow of Samuel Unger, who died about fourteen years ago, and since that time had lived in her home on East Water street. During the past two years, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gress, the latter being a daughter of J. Milton Unger and a niece of the deceased, have lived in the house with Mrs. Unger.

Last Friday evening, some of the neighbors spent the evening at Mrs. Unger's home, and she seemed well and cheerful, with the exception of having a cold, which is so common now as not to excite alarm ordinarily.

Next morning, Mrs. Gress arose and went about her morning work as usual, and when she called her aunt to get ready for breakfast, there was no response. She called again, and then went to her aunt's bedroom, and was greatly shocked to find her lying in bed as naturally and peacefully as though enjoying a refreshing nap—but cold in death which was probably the result of heart failure.

Mrs. Unger was aged 74 years and 13 days, had been a consistent member of the Lutheran church since her girlhood, and was greatly esteemed by her friends and neighbors. Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. A. G. Wolf, and by the ladies of the Relief Corps, of which she was a faithful member, and her body was laid to rest beside that of her husband in the Lutheran graveyard.

## ANOTHER OCTOGENARIAN GONE.

Jacob M. Deshong, of Licking Creek Township, Dies at the Age of 85.

Jacob M. Deshong, one of Licking Creek township's oldest citizens, died on Saturday, the 3d inst., aged 85 years, 5 months and 25 days.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Garland, and interment was made at the Siding Hill Christian church.

Mr. Deshong is survived by his widow, two daughters and one brother; the last named, Uriah Deshong, is also one of the township's oldest citizens.

## DAVID R. GREEN.

A Veteran of the Civil War, Died in Wells Valley on Christmas Day.

David R. Green, a well known citizen of Wells Valley, and a veteran of the Civil War, died on Christmas day, aged 65 years, 2 months and 3 days. Funeral services at the United Brethren church on Friday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. S. Wolf, and interment made in the cemetery at the church.

Mr. Green had been a sufferer with cancer of the stomach for a long time; and, for years had had his home in the family of Mr. E. A. Horton. A few weeks ago, he walked up to Mr. Schenk's, where he grew worse, and was not able to return to Mr. Horton's.

David Green was a member of Company F, Seventy-seventh Regiment, P. V. and served a period of forty months in the army during the Civil War. He was twice married—both of his wives preceding him to the grave many years. His first wife was Miss Jennie Harnish, of Rays Cove; and the second was Miss Susan Lockard, of Wells Valley. The only near relatives surviving are his sisters, Mrs. Joseph Markey, of Loysburg; Mrs. Jos. Wilson, of Mapleton; Christina Schenck, of Enid, and his brother Timothy, of Seward, Nebraska. Mr. Green was a good, inoffensive citizen, a consistent member of the U. B. church, and one of the trustees of the same.

## Needmore.

Capt. C. T. Dixon and grandson, Chester Palmer, were guests of the family of T. R. Palmer last Sunday.

Isaac B. Layton and wife spent last Friday night at the home of Rev. Powers.

C. M. Dixon and family, of Chambersburg, are home to spend the holidays. Mack expects to return on Tuesday. Mrs. Dixon and the girls will stay a few days longer.

Some very good ice was harvested here last week. Many did not get in a hurry about it, thinking, I suppose, that it is a long time till spring.

D. Garland and family spent Christmas with, his father H. L. Garland.

P. N. Runyan and T. R. Palmer were both nursing very bad colds last week, but it is hoped they will soon be able to be out again.

The annual home gathering for Christmas greetings of the family of T. R. Palmer last Sunday was, notwithstanding the inclement weather, once more enjoyed by all an unbroken circle.

Geo. B. Evans and wife spent one day last week with the family of Rev. Powers.

Aaron Hess, the efficient clerk in Carl Mellott's store, got a fall while at his work one day last week, which laid him up for repairs a few days.

Eld. Arlie Garland, who has been away about three weeks on a preaching tour in Maryland, came home last Monday.

It is seldom we have had as good sleighing as that of last week. It lasted until Friday, when it was taken away as quickly as it came.

A number of people were caught away from home last Friday in their sleds and sleighs, and would have been glad to have had wheels instead of runners. Among them was T. R. Downes, who was all day until dark on the road from his home to McConnellsburg, pulling in there after dark. So, rather than be seen sledding home on bare ground the next day, he thought best to return the same night. He turned his back on the City about 10 o'clock and made his way down the Cove as best he could; but when he came to the mountain the sled became very burdensome, and first the sled, and then the shafts, were abandoned and thrown to the side of the road. Climbing on his horse he landed in our village just in good time for breakfast with one of our earliest risers.

## 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.

Harry E. Huston of Clear Ridge, spent Monday at McConnellsburg.

Dr. Clarence N. Trout, of Red Lion, Pa., spent Christmas in the home of his mother, Mrs. M. B. Trout.

Miss Nell Daniels, who had been visiting relatives at Saluvia, returned to her home at this place last week.

Mrs. Mae Bair and sister, Ella Mann, of Saluvia, were among the Christmas shoppers in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Vandyke, of Harboro, Pa., are visiting the latter's mother and sisters at the Fulton House.

Miss Ada Rexroth, teacher at Newtown, Bucks county, came home last Saturday for her holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nace and baby Helen Caldwell, of Carlisle, are spending the holidays with friends in this place.

Harvey Nelson, son of Johnston Nelson, of Huntsville, Ohio, is visiting among his relatives and friends in the Cove.

Mr. F. E. W. Scott, one of Scranton's popular hotel men, spent Christmas with his parents, H. W. Scott and wife.

Miss May Sheets, who is teaching at Gapsville this winter, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets.

Nathan Everts, of Gettysburg, is another of our town boys who could not resist the temptation to come home for Christmas.

Mrs. Effie St. Clair, of Washington, D. C., is spending two weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer.

Miss Myrtle Sipes of New Castle, Pa., came last Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, ex-Sheriff and Mrs. D. V. Sipes.

Elmer Suders, who has been a resident of the western part of the State several years, is making his annual visit among his relatives here.

Harry Dawney, the efficient assessor in Taylor township, was one of those who called last Thursday to push their subscription ahead close to 1906.

Dr. George M. Robinson, of Washington, and Miss Dix of Baltimore, are enjoying the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson.

Hal Trout came down from Buffalo, N. Y., last Saturday that he might help to devour a Christmas turkey with his sister Bess and brother Dan in their old home.

The Misses Carrie and Fannie Greathed, teachers in the schools at Johnstown, Pa., are spending this week at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Greathed.

Horace N. Sipes a graduate of Dickinson College, and at present a student in the Law Department of that institution, is spending his holiday vacation with his parents in this place.

Mr. Moses Hill, agent for the American Lumber Company, called at the "News" office a few minutes Monday. Mr. Hill's company is in the market for Fulton county timber land.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reinsner was made bright Christmas by the presence of their daughter Minnie, a Bedford county teacher, and son Ed, a student at Ursinus college.

Miss Gertrude Hoke, one of the teachers at Riddlesburg, came down from the Bedford county Teachers' Institute, that she might spend Christmas with her father, G. N. Hoke, who has been in poor health for several days.