

LOCAL LAONICS.

Hear Mills Tuesday evening. The Keystone band was on the streets last evening. Miss Maggie Schultze is assisting in the postoffice this week. The Clarion Assembly at Strattanville is now in full blast. Lodging at the World's Fair for sale at the STAR office cheap. Use "Physicians and Surgeon Toilet soap and Complexion Cream." Rev. Johnson will preach in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, July 30th. Mrs. Fred Weber, of Sykesville, was in town last Saturday and lost her pocket book. A number of ladies of the Rebecca lodge of this place attended a picnic at DuBois last Thursday. The ladies of the M. E. church took in thirty dollars at the festival in G. A. R. hall Saturday night. Bangert, of the Herald, claims that Columbus, the discoverer of America, was a native of Falls Creek. The A. V. R'y Co. has ordered 100 feet more of hose for use at the plugs around the company property. Mrs. A. K. Price, of this place, purchased a lot in DuBois last week and will build a house on it soon. The Baptist Sunday school picnicked near Soldier Run mine last Thursday. They went on the R. & F. C. R'y. In place of the regular preaching services in the M. E. church last Sunday evening a song and responsive reading service was introduced. A dwelling house at Rathmel, owned by Lewis Wagner and occupied by Mrs. Clawson, was very nearly destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. The Lecture Association will meet at the gas office at 8.30 this Wednesday, evening. All members of the Association are requested to be present. The "hat social," which was to have been given in G. A. R. hall Monday evening by the Presbyterian Endeavor Society, has been postponed indefinitely. One of John Corbett's houses on Beech street, Cold Spring Hollow, occupied by Mr. Hill, was on fire Monday, but the fire was discovered in time to save the house. Rev. Herbert R. Johnson, of Natrona, Pa., preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday. He is a candidate for pastor of the Reynoldsville Presbyterian church. E. W. Mills, an eloquent talker, will deliver a free lecture in Centennial hall Tuesday evening, August 1st, and at Rathmel the following evening. Don't fail to hear him. Bertha A. Blanch, youngest daughter of C. H. Young, and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Armagost, died last Tuesday morning and was buried at New Bethlehem Wednesday morning, the 19th. The rumor that a wild animal had been seen near town last week, supposed to have escaped from Main's circus, was a hallucination. The small boys were afraid to venture far from town for a few days. A responsive service and a report of the meeting held at Indianapolis by the representatives of all the young people's societies of the Baptist churches, took place of the regular preaching service in the Reynoldsville Baptist church Sunday evening. The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church will picnic at Sandy Valley on Thursday, July 27th. All members are urgently requested to be present. A special train will leave the Company store at nine o'clock A. M. Stopping at the bridge. Robt. S. Williams lost the use of his right side Saturday soon after the noon hour while at work on a house in West Reynoldsville. He had to be helped home. The doctors thought the helplessness was caused by overwork in the hot sun. Mr. Williams is regaining the use of his leg and arm. George Lorenz, who was badly injured in Big Soldier mine June 5th, was carried to the A. V. station on a cot Saturday afternoon and taken to his home near Petrolia. There was little hope of his recovery when first hurt. Excellent care and medical skill is all that saved him from leaving these mundane shores. The Sons of Veterans' encampment at Punxsutawney since our last issue was a grand success, the weather being as fine as the boys could ask for. Curwensville and Brookville wanted the encampment next year, but the first named place won the victory. These encampments are becoming more interesting each year. Dame Rumor says that an old man of this place has been out begging for the proprietors of the woolen mill burned last week. The scheme is for his own personal gain, as the gentlemen have not sent any one out to beg for them. If the report be true the old man is likely to get into trouble, which he would most richly deserve. Any one who is contemptible enough to work on the sympathies of the people for their own personal gain through the misfortune of others, is mean enough to do most anything else for the almighty dollar.

The Epworth League is making arrangements to run an excursion to Clearfield over the C. & M. R'y next Wednesday, August 2nd. Round trip tickets for adults will be \$1.00. The R. & F. C. R'y track will be raised seven inches at Main street crossing. This will necessitate raising three hundred feet above the crossing and six hundred feet below, or nine hundred feet altogether. Robt. Logan, of DuBois, Alexander Logan and wife, and Mrs. Robt. Logan sr., of Tioga county, and Dr. E. W. Hunter, of New York, were visitors in Reynoldsville on Monday. The first named gentleman was formerly a business man of this place. He thinks Reynoldsville is making some very substantial improvements. Five bicyclists of this place, Frank Sutter, Jas. Mitchell, Will F. Wilson, Reid Wilson and Glenn Milliron, rode their wheels to Troutville Sunday. They made the return trip, ten miles, in one hour. Will Wilson took "a header" going into Troutville and sprained his right wrist so badly that he has been unable to do anything with his right hand since. The Utopia Circle of this place gave a lawn fete at Dr. W. B. Alexander's last evening to the Whittier Circle of Brookville. Twenty gentlemen and ladies of the county seat attended the fete, which was a pleasant success. Including the Utopia ladies and their husbands the party numbered over fifty. One of the Brookville gentlemen gave away the pass word of the Whittier Circle which is Re-ri-ro-ri-ro-arick-arack-arick-arick-arick-arick-abungo. Andrew Thompson Bing, the dry goods merchant, has a new dog which is part shepherd and part spaniel. A tin cup is kept in the pump house for the dog to drink out of. Sunday evening the family was sitting in the parlor and "Don" entered the room with the cup in his mouth and dropped it at Mrs. Bing's feet and then looked up at her. The lady took the tin cup to the pump house, filled it with water and gave it to the dog. After slaking his thirst the canine curled down for a sleep. Miss Lulu E. Foust, the assistant in the postoffice is at Chautauqua this week. A re-union of the students who have attended the Chamberlin Institute at Randolph, N. Y., since it was first opened, will be held at Chautauqua to-morrow, Thursday, and will be known at the assembly as Chamberlin Institute Day. Miss Foust is a graduate of that school, and will not only enjoy the pleasure of a visit to that beautiful summer resort—Chautauqua—but will meet many of her old school mates. Mrs. U. A. Thompson, relict of John Thompson, died at her home near Tenth street, at seven o'clock Saturday morning, July 22nd, having passed the three score and ten mark in life's rugged journey. Her remains were buried beside her husband in Deulah Monday forenoon. Rev. E. T. Berr, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Thompson came to Reynoldsville with her husband twenty years ago. Three or four of her children preceded her to the untied beyond. There is only one member of the family now living, Chas. Thompson, of Williamsport, Pa. Miss Emma Garrett, daughter of Henry Garrett, of this place, committed suicide by jumping from a fifth floor window of the Briggs House at Chicago Monday evening of last week. Nervous prostration from overwork unbalanced her mind. Her sister and a Philadelphia lady were in the room with her when she leaped to death. She had been sick for sometime and only weighed 60 pounds. Miss Emma was about 40 years old and had been engaged in teaching the blind in an institution in Philadelphia nearly all her life. She and her sister had charge of the Pennsylvania blind exhibition at the World's Fair. Her remains were buried at Philadelphia. Hon. S. B. Elliott is quite an astronomer and he takes great delight in stargazing. He has used a seventy-five dollar telescope until recently, but that became too small for him and now he looks at the moon, saturn, etc., through a six hundred dollar telescope. Friday evening Mr. Elliott invited a number of ladies and gentlemen up to his home to look through his telescope, and we were fortunate enough to be among the number. Ever since our boyhood days we have looked at the moon and imagined we saw a man, a dog, &c., there, but we never saw the rocks, hills and valleys of that planet until Friday night. If Mr. Elliott invites you up to look through his telescope, don't miss the opportunity. Yesterday morning Lewis Ludwick, of near this place, took his brother, Levi, to Greensburg, Westmoreland county, with hand-cuffs on him. Up until a year ago Levi was considerable of a worldling and drank freely of the intoxicating cup, but he became a Christian and gave up intoxicants. His doctors advised him sometime ago to keep out of the hot sun, but two or three weeks ago he came here on a visit and was out in the sun much of the time. He returned to his home and last week he came to Reynoldsville again demented. Religion and politics is his incessant subjects. He seems to be harmless only when he does not get his own way and then he shows signs of being dangerous if given his liberty. Yesterday morning Frank Adelsperger had to hand-cuff him because he thought they will all be of the best and that fifty cents will be the price of admission to hear any of the lectures or concert.

Mine Accident. Thomas Hobson, a lad fourteen years old, was injured in Big Soldier mine Saturday afternoon by a fall of coal. He received a scalp wound an inch and a half long and his left ear was badly hurt. His injuries are not dangerous. Mine Accident. Roy, six-year old son of E. Foster, fell off an apple tree Saturday and got a gash cut on his head and was badly stunned, but was not discouraged, for on Sunday he was climbing apple trees again. Little green apples will entice a boy to risk his neck climbing the tree and then, in many cases, they double him up and make him howl. Tannery Shut Down. The tannery at this place will shut down for a few weeks for a two-fold purpose, either one of which is sufficient reason for the idleness. First the business at present demands it and second there are needed repairs to be made. Two furnaces to be overhauled, new leaches to be put in, and to give the tannery a general repairing. This is the first stop in eight years. A hundred men are employed and about half of them will be thrown out of work at the tannery during the shut down. Jumped on a Spike. Last Friday evening Henry A. Reed, the shoe dealer, met with a mishap which will cripple him for a few days at least. A number of planks with spikes in them were carelessly thrown on the street in front of the Arnold block while the new stone pavement was being made. Henry was at the postoffice and started to run across the street and jumped onto a plank with a large rusty spike sticking up in it. The spike went through the sole of his shoe and entered his foot. Henry fell down and a man passing by had to pull his foot off the spike. Dr. Neale was called and dressed the wound. The shoe merchant has been using a pair of crutches since. Monday morning Henry started down stairs on his crutches and not being accustomed to that way of descending he tumbled down nine steps, but escaped injury. More Pay. The engineers, conductors, firemen and brakemen of freight trains on the Low Grade Div. of the A. V. R'y have received an increase in pay on some of their runs, and pay for extra hours. This is giving the Low Grade men the same pay as the main line men have been getting. The new schedule of wages went into effect June 1st but the men received no official notice of it until last Saturday. We are unable to quote the increase per day or trip on all, but a few are as follows: Local freight men get extra pay for any time over 12 hours; through freight engineers 75 cts., firemen 55 cts., conductors 60 cts.; on what is called a DuBois day, from East Brady to DuBois and return, engineers get an increase of 95 cents. This increase was but an act of justice from the railroad company to their employees. A man who follows railroading deserves all the pay he gets, for it is an uncertain life. Neck Knocked Out. Harry Harrison, a young man who lives near Summerville, spent Sunday at M.C. Coleman's. About four weeks ago Harry was at a festival in Summerville and he and another boy got to wrestling. Harry was thrown onto the ground in such a way that his neck was dislocated. Drs. Brown and Haven were also at the festival and they soon got the neck back into its place. The young man was unconscious for three hours. Had much time been lost in getting doctors the young man would not now be treading this mundane sphere. The head was still a little to one side, and his friends were afraid it would remain so, and they took him to the Adrian hospital for treatment. The young man's head was geared up and on Saturday, after being in the hospital one week, he was released with his neck and head as straight as before the accident. He returned to his home at Summerville Monday afternoon. It is not likely he will soon wrestle with any person. Lecture Association. The Reynoldsville Lecture Association met in the gas office last Friday evening and elected the following officers for the coming season: President, J. Van Reed; vice-president, L. M. Simmons; secretary, C. A. Stephenson; treasurer, Dr. B. E. Hoover. In all probability the following talent will be engaged, Chaplain McCabe, Major Dane, Will Cumback, E. E. Elliott, and the Temple Quartette and Concert Co. This would give our town as good course as will be given in this section of the state. The season tickets will be \$1.75, and the number sold will decide the talent to be engaged. Two hundred season tickets should be sold before the Association can promise the above course. Cheaper men can be engaged, but Reynoldsville people should have the best men on the platform to day. A meeting will be held to-night and committees will be appointed to canvass the town to see how many will take season tickets. It is to be hoped that enough tickets will be guaranteed that a sixth lecture can be given to the season ticket holders. It is expected that the talent will all be of the best and that fifty cents will be the price of admission to hear any of the lectures or concert.

Three Fires Saturday. Two small fires Saturday caused great excitement. Just before ten o'clock a fire was discovered in a bed room on the third floor of the Moore House. The alarm was given and Al. Schultze drove his delivery team and wagon to the hose room where the firemen were ready for duty. The hose cart was fastened onto the wagon and quick time was made to West Reynoldsville. The fire company had little to do at the Moore House. A bed and bedding and a small hole in the floor was all the damage done by the fire. The origin of the fire is a mystery. No one had been sleeping in the room for two weeks. The indications were that the fire started on the floor at the foot of the bed. Wm. Schultze, the proprietor, ran into the room, which was full of smoke, to open the window and throw out the bed and he was nearly overcome by the heat and smoke. The Bell & Lewis Hose Co. were hauled down on an R. & F. C. R'y engine, but their services were not needed. The firemen had washed the hose and had it stretched in sections on the street in front of Hotel McConnell and about eleven o'clock the fire alarm was given again and the firemen were a little detained in getting the hose on the cart, but they made good time in getting on the hill at the extreme west end of Hill street, where the roof of Mrs. Mary Ann Wray's house was on fire. Men with buckets fought the fire until the firemen arrived. The roof of the house was badly destroyed, otherwise there was very little damage done. The house is owned by Mrs. Wray, who is a widow. She gets a pension of eight dollars per month and it was with pension money she fixed up the home for herself. No insurance. When the first alarm was given Lawyer Mitchell drove up town for the hose company, but they did not get farther than the opera house when the excitement was over at the Moore House. When the second alarm was given the Hotel Belnap greys made a fast trip after hose company No. 2, but they were too late to do any work at the second fire. It was wise to go after them both times. A few minutes more of a start and the fire company would have been called out Saturday afternoon. Mrs. M. Thomas smelled smoke and on entering her kitchen found it filled with smoke, which was issuing from a closet back of the cook stove. She opened the closet door and found a pile of rags on fire, which would soon have made a blaze. How it caught is a mystery. They are Indispensable. The experience of the past week has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that one of the indispensable things of Reynoldsville is our fire companies. The members of these companies have volunteered to do their best to save the property of town from being destroyed by fire without expecting to get any remuneration for their services, and it is hard, hot work. This being a fact are they not deserving of some consideration by the town council and praise instead of censure by the lookers on at fires. True there seems to be no one to issue orders at a fire, and more firemen than necessary take it on themselves during the excitement to give instructions, yet it must be remembered that there are always a number of outsiders who use their lungs entirely too much, while their hands are idle. The fire companies can easily settle the "too much to say business" within themselves by electing one or two to give orders and fine all others who break the rule. All boys and men outside the companies should be arrested for yelling. Our borough dads should, by all means, do something for the men who are willing to respond at any time to save the town from being destroyed by fire. The borough bought the hose carts and that is about all the expense the town council has had for the fire companies. The members of Hose Co. No. 1 bought the hook and ladder truck themselves. All the firemen who have gum coats and boots bought them without any expense to the borough. They paid for the gas to light the hose room inside and for a torch outside for a long time, and when the borough was asked to pay for the gas, after the firemen thought they had paid the bill long enough and refused to pay it, the gas was shut off and the firemen were expected to get their apparatus out in the dark if a fire occurred at night. To their credit, be it said, the town council have ordered the gas turned on again. The tower which was talked of for drying the hose, has not been put up yet. Anything the firemen want they can get—if they furnish their own money. It is high time the town council commence to expend a little money for the worthy lads. Every fireman should be furnished with a regulation fireman hat, gum coat and boots. A room should be fitted up for them to hold meetings in and everything done to encourage them to stick together. Don't be "penny wise and pound foolish." Other towns appreciate their fire companies and show it in a substantial way. Broken Leg. Arthur, little two year and six month old son of Fin. C. Roll, was running Sunday and fell off a step about one foot high and fractured his left leg above the knee.

\$55,000 CONFLAGRATION! REYNOLDSVILLE WOOLEN MILL TOTALLY DESTROYED. The Fire Companies and Citizens Done Quick and Effective Work. It has been many years since as large and destructive fire visited Reynoldsville as the one last Thursday morning. A few minutes after eight o'clock the large woolen mill of Sykes, Allis & Moorhouse was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given and the fire companies were not long in getting to where the fire fiend was devouring valuable property. All attempts to save the factory or any of the machinery was fruitless. Everything about the building was good material for the fire to feed on. There was more or less oil over all the floors and machinery on the cellar to third floor. The firemen saw they could do nothing with the factory and they tried to save the store, but as it was close to the mill and the heat was intense their efforts to save the store, the building for storing wool—which was filled with \$7,000 worth of wool—and two wagon sheds, was also a failure. The firemen gained the victory and stayed the flames after the sides, next to the mill, of two dwelling houses were burned out. Amidst the heat and smoke the men fought bravely to save the balance of the property nearby. At one time the flames were climbing so high and the sparks were falling so fast that the Ross House, A. V. R'y Co.'s freight house, superintendent's office and passenger station, and a number of dwelling houses were in imminent danger of going up in smoke. The Moore House, which stands across the railroad, about one thousand feet from the fire, had a little blaze started on the roof from a burning ember falling upon it. The two fire companies, the Bell & Lewis Hose Co., the A. V. R'y Hose Co., and the employees of the tannery and a number of citizens were doing good work, but Supt. Rumsey wanted to be on the safe side and he wired to DuBois for assistance. The gravel train engine, 48, with Martin Gleason engineer and Daniel Nolan conductor, which was at Falls Creek, was sent up to DuBois to bring the Union Co. and engine, John E. DuBois Co. and Volunteer Hose Co. to Reynoldsville. The train was given a clear track and Gleason pulled the throttle out two or three inches farther than he gets an opportunity to do on the gravel train and he and Mr. Nolan enjoyed a "fly ride" to Reynoldsville. The fire company men were badly frightened and some of them laid down on the flat cars and clung to anything they could get hold of to keep the train from running out from under them. The fire was under control by the time the DuBois fire companies arrived and their paraphernalias were not unloaded from the cars. The fire originated in the picking room by a spark from a nail in the wool. Once before there was a small blaze in this room from a match in the wool, but the fire was quickly extinguished that time. There was a hose attached ready for use at a moments notice in the picking room. Blaine Grubbs, a lad not far in his teens, was the only person in the room when the oily wool caught fire. The boy says he had the hose in his hand but could not turn the valve and he ran down stairs to give the alarm but the flames spread so rapidly that all that could be done by the employees was to escape from the fast burning building with their lives. D. H. Leach jumped from a second story window only a second before the floor he had been on fell with a crash. Mr. Moorhouse, one of the proprietors, was badly burned about the arms and head in attempting to turn on the water in the picking room. The woolen mill plant was valued at \$55,000 with only \$8,000 insurance. They had \$8,000 worth of wool stored away, \$3,000 of which was put in only a few days before the fire. A thousand pounds of soap was put in Wednesday. Nearly \$1,000 worth of dyes was burned up. There was nearly \$8,000 worth of flannels, &c., in the store room, \$3,000 of which was destroyed because a number of men stood around with their hands in their pockets looking on. With more help all the goods in the store could have been saved. A healthy man who will stand and look on when another's property is being destroyed and he could assist in saving it, is deserving of no sympathy or aid when in like trouble, and yet such men would expect others to work if their property was burning up. The property destroyed was the four-story factory with its fine machinery, such as spinners, pickers and dusters, carders, looms, warp machines, yarn twisting frames, spoolers &c., nappers, winders, scourers, knitting machines, closers and bobbins, and everything found in a first-class woolen mill; store room, wool storage building, John Richards' dwelling and a house owned by Wm. Burke, occupied by Tom McEnteer. The two houses were not entirely burned down, but were almost destroyed. The household goods of both families were saved, although roughly handled. Tom McEnteer moved his family into a house which he had bought and was having repaired and (Continued on fourth page.)

PERSONALS. Mrs. P. J. Slattery went to Parker, Pa., Monday. C. F. Hoffman and wife spent Sunday in Brookville. Miss Lulu Creighton is visiting friends at Weedville. Chas. Watson returned home Monday from Johnsonburg. Mrs. John Stiver visited relatives at Summerville last week. F. K. Arnold made a business trip to the county seat Friday. J. A. Welsh and wife are visiting relatives in Clarion county. Mrs. W. S. Ross and Mrs. A. P. Utter were in Pittsburgh last week. Miss Hettie Beer visited in Punxsutawney during the past week. Thos. Lord, of DuBois, visited his parents at this place last week. Pat. Bolger made a business trip to New Bethlehem last Saturday. Mrs. Belle Gump, of Everett, Pa., is visiting Miss Lucile Mitchell. Harry Gourley, of DuBois, visited his cousin, L. L. Gourley, last week. Miss Belle McCullen went to Jamestown, N. Y., yesterday morning. Mrs. D. W. Stiles and children are at the Clarion Assembly this week. Mrs. Ab. Weaver, of DuBois, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. B. Weed. Henry B. Vaughan, of New York, was in town on business last week. Winifred Wilson, of Punxsutawney, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. G. F. Cant. Mrs. Martha Smith, of Luthersburg, visited Reynoldsville friends last week. George Burton Repsher, of Punxsutawney, was in town several days last week. J. L. Jones, of Falls Creek, an erst while citizen of this place was in town Friday. William H. Lucas, an engineer on the R. & F. C. R'y, visited the county seat Monday. Miss Martha Cooper, of the Beechwoods, visited Ninian Cooper's family this week. Mrs. E. C. Hughes, of Allegheny City, is visiting Martha McCracken at this place. Annie Mitchell visited Frank Mitchell's family at Driфтwood during the past week. John R. Hillis has gone to McGees Mills, Clearfield county, to remain a few months. A. P. Utter will go to Ithaca, N. Y., to-day for a short visit before returning to Kentucky. Bertha Copping and Cora Lowther are visiting friends at Osceola Mills, Clearfield county. Miss Britta Truby, of Gazzam, Pa., visited Misses Britta and Maggie Butler during the past week. Jas. S. Abernathy and wife and A. M. Wadding and wife Sunday with friends in Brookville. Daniel Gourley, of Frostburg, visited his brother, S. M. Gourley, at this place during the past week. Dennis Driscoll, of Ridgway, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Windle, at this place. Mrs. J. Van Reed went to DuBois Saturday to visit her brother, Dr. R. M. Boyles, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Rachel M. Alexander was called to Jamestown, N. Y., last week on account of the illness of her mother. Mrs. C. F. Bowen, of Nichols, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cad Maston, at the Commercial Hotel. J. C. Rumsey, of Philadelphia, Supt. S. B. Rumsey's youngest brother, was a visitor in Reynoldsville the past week. Dawson and Miss Nettie Knox, of Covode, Ind. Co., spent Sunday with their brother, Hood Knox, at this place. Mrs. Margaret Williams, of Greenville, Clarion county, visited her son, J. B. Williams, at this place last week. Chas. Thompson, of Williamsport, was called to Reynoldsville Saturday by the death of his mother, Mrs. U. A. Thompson. Mrs. Ralph Abernathy, of Morris Run, Pa., returned home last week after a visit at Jas. S. Abernathy's in this place. William Herpel and wife, of San Antonio, Texas, are visiting the former's brothers, Chas. and Henry Herpel, at this place. L. S. McClelland, an employee at Bell & Lewis' store, is enjoying his ten days' vacation. He is at Buffalo, N. Y., and other places. William Copping, Lizzie Harries, Charity Spears, Mollie McKee and Mrs. James Campbell will drive to the Clarion Assembly this evening. Misses Kate and Sue McGrainor, of Rathmel, who have been attending school in Ohio for a few months, returned home several days ago. The A. V. R'y Co. have had notices put up forbidding people from walking on the railroad between the tannery and the superintendent's office. A. P. King, the postmaster and leading merchant of Hopkins, Pa., also salesman for Hopkins big mill, visited old friends at Lock Haven last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gray and daughter, Miss Maude, Mrs. E. K. Bowman and Geo. L. McCullough, of DuBois, drove to Reynoldsville Sunday evening and attended the services at the M. E. church. Mrs. Geo. F. Cant was at Punxsutawney last week attending the wedding of Miss Ollie Campbell, who was married to Jos. Banhart. Mr. Cant drove to Punxsutawney Saturday and brought his wife home Sunday.