

BREVITIES.

James Gillespie, of Washington street, was attacked Monday night with a severe hemorrhage and for some time his condition was critical. At present he is resting easily and is improving. His physicians have ordered him to have perfect rest for a few weeks.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gerber, of Hazleton, was buried yesterday in Freeland cemetery.

David Harris and Miss Bridget Burke, both of Eckley, will be married on August 1.

The quarterly meeting of the representatives of the Catholic temperance societies of the region will be held at the Grand opera house on July 29.

The Chester Base Ball Club is finding a ready sale for its trolley excursion tickets to Hazle park on Saturday evening.

Martin Broderick and Miss Kate Mulhearn, of town, and Edward Duffy and Miss Kate O'Donnell, of Philadelphia, are picnicking today at Bear Creek.

A marriage license has been issued at Wilkesbarre to William R. Jones, of Slatington, and Jane Hughes, of Jeddo.

The property of Dr. F. Schlicher was placed in the hands of the painters this morning.

Mrs. John Hartranft and son, Paul, Peter Weightman, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Hocklander, and Mrs. E. W. Rutter and son, Warren, enjoyed a cherry expedition to Butler valley yesterday.

Anthony Lowe, of West Chestnut street, has been sick for some time with miners' asthma.

The friends of Prothonotary Paul Dasch will bring his name before the Democratic county convention for re-nomination and it is believed that he will have no opposition.—Wilkesbarre Record.

Trout fishing season will end on Saturday and the anglers are doing their utmost to roll up their score before the season is out.

Frank Liedlecks and Anna Wolczek, both of Freeland, and Stephen Ravine and Katherine Carlolini, both of Drifton, have been granted licenses to wed.

Leslo Wannu was taken to Laurytown almshouse from Stockton yesterday and died fifteen minutes after reaching the institution.

The twelfth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Butterwick was celebrated last evening at their home, corner of Centre and Front streets.

M. A. Jacobs has resigned his position on the Progress, and is succeeded by Eugene Dobman.

PERSONAL.

Miss Bertha Neuburger, a sister of the late Joseph Neuburger, departed this morning for New York city, from which place she will leave tomorrow for Frankfurt, Germany, where she will spend the remainder of her life. Miss Neuburger was accompanied to New York by Sime and Miss Nettie Neuburger.

Miss Mabel Croll has returned to her home in South Heberton from her studies at Wellesley college, Wellesley, Mass.

James J. Sweeney, of Scranton, called on Freeland friends this week.

August Burkhardt has returned from a trip to Germany.

Miss Sarah Sol, of North Washington street, will leave tomorrow for Atlantic City where she will enjoy the ocean breeze for a few days.

Mrs. William Crawford, of Newport News, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Liewellyn.

Misses Bid and Kate Timony and Miss Bid McLaughlin are at Atlantic City.

Borough Auditor J. A. Alden is rustating in Dorrance township.

Rev. E. A. O'Reilly, of Wilkesbarre, visited Rev. M. J. Fallis this week.

Miss Minnie Sol is visiting her grandparents at Audefried.

John McDonald returned to New York last evening to resume his duties at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Marriage Announced.

It became known this morning that Edward M. Breslin, the clerk in Prothonotary Paetzels office, was married last April to Miss Hattie Johnson, of Beaver Meadow. The couple were united by Father Dever at Beaver Meadow on April 28. The bride's brother had died recently and consequently the wedding was kept quiet.—Mauch Chunk News.

Mrs. Breslin is a daughter of John J. Johnson, who has resided here for several years.

Labor Leader Dying.

George Chance, a labor leader of national reputation, whose voice has been heard in Freeland, is dying at his home in Philadelphia. He has cancer of the stomach and no hopes are entertained of his recovery.

He was connected with the Philadelphia Record for eleven years and later with the American Press Association. He had a wide acquaintance with politicians and laboring men.

Smoke the John Smith. At Kelper's.

UPPER LEHIGH.

The company now has a boy at the station to attend to the needs of all who call there.

Isaac Waldron is on the sick list.

Foster teachers will be relieved from their suspense in a fortnight or so.

Little Anna Murrin is undoubtedly one of the prettiest and best liked girls in town.

For a joker, Dr. Neale heads the list.

M. S. Kemmerer, of Mauch Chunk, has taken up his residence with us for the summer.

Little Henry Williams, who died a few days ago of cholera infantum, was buried on Monday afternoon.

H. C. Bredbenner, who has been working in Jersey City the past year, is in town staying with his father.

Ezra Klingler is erecting a new porch in front of Thomas G. Argust's house.

James Burns, a boss in the dock yards of Jersey City, came to town yesterday.

John McDonald, of Freeland, who is now home from New York on his vacation, spent Tuesday evening with Dr. H. M. Neale and family.

A party from St. Ann's convent enjoyed a drive to the poor house on Monday.

Upper Lehigh mountains abound with huckleberries and they are sold for 5 cents a quart.

The people who attended the funeral of Baby Williams on Monday were caught in the rain. It also chased many berry-pickers to their homes.

Mrs. T. Campbell, of Freeland, enjoyed a delightful drive through Upper Lehigh and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Crocker spent Sunday visiting White Haven friends.

Some young ladies of Upper Lehigh seem to take great delight in having their hair done up and trying to appear old. Stop it, girls, you will be old soon enough.

ROUND THE REGION.

An explosion of fire damp occurred in the ill-fated Pittston Twin shaft last evening, and William Scranton, Joseph Lasvitch, Michael Ullis and John Parnovitch were badly roasted. The men were all removed to the hospital, where two, it is said, cannot recover.

Joseph Klein, of Minersville, has received word of the death of his son, Jacob Klein, a soldier in the Philippines, on June 19. He was but little more than 18 years old at the time of his death.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has discharged 500 men employed in its shops at Packerton and Sayre. The men are all car repairers, and since the new steel cars have been introduced there has been little need of them.

On Monday afternoon at the Maxwell No. 20 shaft, at Ashley, there was an explosion of mine gas. George Wanio, John H. Jones, John Ford, Hugh R. Jones, and Thomas Boylan sustained burns.

Furniture of the Republican League, of Wilkesbarre, will be sold to satisfy a rent claim.

The Weatherly electric light plant, which has been improved at an expense of \$8,000, was started Monday.

Ex-Poor Director Thomas Clemens, of Lansford, has lost the sight of one of his eyes. He has just returned from the Wills' Eye hospital, Philadelphia, where an effort was made to save it, but without avail.

Paul Platt, a Hazleton boy, thinking he was swimming, dived on Monday night from his bed-room window to the ground twenty-eight feet below. He sustained a fractured arm and several severe bruises.

Try Kelper's ice cream soda.

Died in Hazleton.

George Kuech, well known in Freeland, died in Hazleton on Monday of diabetes, aged 38 years. He was born in Tamaqua and went to Hazleton in 1888, becoming proprietor of the Amann house and later of the Brislin house. He then became agent for a couple of brewing companies.

Besides his mother, the deceased is survived by one brother and six sisters. They are: Councilman Nicholas Kuech, Susan, Martha, Annie, Sophia and Kate, of Hazleton; Mrs. John Rippel, of Freeland; and Mrs. Frank Honsberger, of Tamaqua. His wife died eleven years ago.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning. Interment at Tamaqua.

A Good Newspaper.

The Freeland Tribune is now issued thrice a week. The Tribune is a good newspaper and merits a full measure of success.—Tamaqua Register.

\$5.00 to Niagara Falls and Return
Via the Lehigh Valley Railroad, July 14, 1900. Tickets will be on sale July 14, limited for return passage to July 16 inclusive, and will be honored on any train, except the Black Diamond express. For further particulars consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents.

Read - the - Tribune.

COLOMBIAN REBELS.

They Take Possession of San Antero, Lorica and Other Places.

Kingston, Jamaica, July 11.—According to Colombian advices received here from Colon by the royal mail steamship Para, the small steamship Hanaberg, plying between Cartagena and the Atro to and Sinu rivers, was recently taken possession of and towed to Rio Hacha by two other small armed steam vessels of the revolutionary party. The Hanaberg is owned by a citizen of the United States and was under charter to the government when taken.

The rebels afterward proceeded to the bay of Zispata and up the Sinu river in armed craft and took possession of San Antero, Lorica and other towns and villages.

Cartagena has increased her defenses by placing guns in the old Spanish forts in Boca Chica, a deep but narrow entrance to the port of Cartagena and 25 miles southwest of the town, as well as in the forts at the top of the Cerro hill and in other places.

The guerrillas who have been doing so much mischief in the provinces of Cartagena and Barranquilla have united and now form a body about 600 strong, commanded by General Ruiz and the staff of officers whom the two small rebel vessels landed between Cartagena and Savanilla on their way to the bay of Zispata. The force is being pursued by a larger force of government troops.

DEMOCRATS RATIFY.

A Big Meeting Held in Lincoln—Mr. Bryan Speaks.

Lincoln, Neb., July 11.—Three thousand Populists and Silver Republicans of Nebraska ratified the nomination of Bryan and Stevenson yesterday afternoon. They came from all sections of the state. Ten thousand Democrats held another ratification meeting last night. Anti-imperialism was the keynote of the speeches. Mr. Bryan addressed both meetings.

Mr. Bryan held a conference with Senator Allen, General J. B. Weaver, J. H. Edmiston and "Cyclone" Davis, and they assured him the party would support Bryan and Stevenson.

Mr. Bryan circulated among the delegates to the Nebraska Fusion convention to be held today and was told he could not be handicapped heavily enough to lose.

Charles A. Towne will do most of the talking on silver. Towne opened the campaign in yesterday's speech. Stevenson was indispensed and remained in Mr. Bryan's house most of the day.

Webster Davis was cheered for ten minutes after finishing his speech. "The Star Spangled Banner" was played 3,000 men and women stood up and sang the words.

Arrested After Five Years.

New York, July 11.—Deputy Sheriff Philip Kuss of Yonkers has taken into custody a man who is charged with having demanded \$10,000 reward for valuable documents stolen five years ago from Count A. B. Steinich of White Plains. The prisoner is W. A. Benjamin, who, with his wife and three children, lives in New York. A medical man who was a student of genealogy five years ago visited White Plains. He became interested in Count Steinich and persuaded the aged nobleman to lend him the family record. Some time later, when the count asked him to return the cherished documents, they were not to be found. The count and his medical friend used every effort to trace the missing property, but were unable to secure any clue to its whereabouts until three weeks ago. The count refused to divulge the name of the medical man, feeling sure that his friend was in nowise responsible for the disappearance of the documents. A letter received three weeks ago signed W. A. Benjamin was the first intimation the count received of the whereabouts of the stolen property. This letter contained the demand for \$10,000 reward, the writer stating that he knew the whereabouts of the man who possessed the documents, and by the payment of that sum of money only they would be returned. Investigation was begun, and Benjamin's arrest followed.

Philippine Imports Must Pay Duty.

Chicago, July 11.—Judge Kohlsaat has made a ruling in the United States district court, declaring that a duty must be paid on goods brought to this country from our new possessions. The ruling was made in the case of Emil J. Pepke, a member of the First South Dakota volunteers, who was arrested last May and 14 diamonds found in his possession which he had brought from the Philippines without paying duty were seized and turned over to the collector of the port. Judge Kohlsaat gave his decision without hearing the arguments of either side, basing it on a decision rendered by Judge Townsend of the New York district court in a similar case. An appeal will be taken to the United States supreme court.

Allen Reports to Root.

Washington, July 11.—Governor Allen of Porto Rico visited the war department yesterday and made a verbal report on the conditions in the island. During a part of the conference Postmaster General Smith was present. Mr. Allen says that the people of Porto Rico are gradually coming to recognize that their present form of government is much superior to that which they formerly lived under. He reports that lawlessness is almost unknown and that only a small number of troops is necessary. He believes that in a few years the people will be qualified for admission to statehood. He refused to discuss the tariff measure passed by the last congress.

Balloon Starts a Big Fire.

Boulder Creek, Cal., July 11.—A fire that was started west of here on July 4 by a fire balloon is still raging. Thousands of acres of timber have been destroyed, and it is not probable that it will be soon got under control. Twenty-five or 30 families who were camping at Brendleton and several more along Bear creek had to abandon their camps after fighting the fire for three days and nights.

Boy Again Wrecked.

Binghamton, N. Y., July 11.—Two boys named Young and Decker, 9 and 12 years old respectively, have been arrested at Owego. They spiked a fish plate on the west bound Erie track, and the Chicago express, just due, would have been derailed if the obstruction had not been discovered just in time. Decker is the son of a New York lawyer.

Weather Forecast.

Increasing cloudiness and possibly showers; light to fresh southwesterly winds.

PLOT TO KILL M'KINLEY.

Exposed by One of the Alleged Conspirators.

MR. ODELL MAKES DISCOVERIES

After Receipt of Startling Letter New York Chairman Hired Detectives—Hanna and Dick Told President—Extra Guards Now.

New York, July 11.—The World this morning says:

"A plot to assassinate President McKinley has been frustrated. It was concocted by a group of Spanish and Cuban conspirators with headquarters in New York. One of the plotters weakened and sent a warning letter to a member of the Republican national committee. That letter was placed in the hands of Secretary Charles Dick, who referred it to Chairman B. B. Odell of the New York state committee for investigation.

"Chairman Odell engaged a detective who speedily verified certain important allegations made in the warning letter. Thereupon Mr. Odell reported to Secretary Dick, who laid all the facts before Chairman Mark Hanna. Mr. Odell's report caused great alarm among the president's close friends and advisers.

"Mr. Odell made it plain that he regarded the plot as a matter of the utmost seriousness and urged that extreme precautions be taken to keep the president out of harm's reach. Messrs. Dick and Hanna laid the whole matter before the president shortly before he departed for Canton. They instructed Mr. Odell to continue his investigation and cautioned him to work with the utmost secrecy.

Odell Admits Trust of Reports.
"To a World reporter last evening Mr. Odell admitted that he and certain members of the national committee had discovered a plot to assassinate the president. He started back in surprise when the subject was broached and seemed greatly agitated over the fact that the news had become public.

"Yes, it is true," he said, "but I regret exceedingly that the matter has become public."

"Beyond admitting the truth of the report he refused to talk. He was extremely anxious that no reference whatsoever should be made to the matter.

"In reply to questions he admitted that the plot was of a specific and very startling character. He refused to say whether or not it was true that a day had been set as the time when the plan was to be carried out.

"Mr. Odell said that if the World printed the name of the man who sent the original warning to the Republican national committee it would result in almost certain death for that man.

"Special detectives are guarding the president during his stay in Canton, O."

Renewal of Boycott in St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 11.—The renewal of the strike on the St. Louis Traction company's lines has been followed by a renewal of the general boycott which proved so effective just prior to the settlement arrived at July 2. On some of the north and south lines patronage, which was quite heavy while the strike was off, dropped very materially yesterday. The lines traversing the central portion of the city showed no diminution in traffic. All the cars are running as usual with their full equipment of men, the company having provided itself with enough men to man its cars before the agreement was signed declaring the strike off. There is a general feeling of displeasure among the people over the renewal of the trouble, and the sentiment is that it was unnecessary and should have been averted.

Reciprocity With Germany.

Washington, July 11.—The long expected reciprocity arrangement between the United States and Germany has been effected. Secretary Hay and the German ambassador have subscribed to the convention, and the president will issue his proclamation putting the new duties in force in the course of a few days. The arrangement is generally similar in terms to the first arrangement made with France and abates duties on still wines, argols, paintings and statuary from Germany entering the United States. It does not require the approval of the senate, being drawn under section 4 of the Dingley act.

Vigilante Killed by Horse Thieves.

Bartlesville, I. T., July 11.—The body of James Pool, president of the Antihorse Thief association of Indian Territory has reached here on the way to Vista. He was killed in a battle with the Barker gang of horse thieves 30 miles southwest of Bartlesville. Barker, leader of the gang, shot Pool through the heart. Pool's companions, after a desperate fight, succeeded in wounding and capturing the gang, three in number.

Leak in Erie Canal.

Albany, July 11.—State Superintendent of Public Works Partridge has received information of a bad leak in the canal just this side of Schenectady and the Mohawk river at Lock 21. The water had got into a quicksand formation and was undermining the masonry work, causing an ugly situation. Division Superintendent Parker caused the water to be withdrawn from the level which will stop all navigation for several days.

Three Trolley Cars Collide.

New York, July 11.—Seven persons five of whom were women, were injured in a collision between three trolley cars of the Third Avenue line at Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, this city. A large number of other persons who were passengers on the wrecked cars were struck by flying pieces of timber and narrowly escaped serious injuries. The cars were wrecked.

The Bell Island Strike.

St. John's, N. F., July 11.—The Bell Island strikers have succeeded in preventing a schooner from unloading coal or any other work being done at the mines. The managers of the mines have applied to the supreme court and the government for protection. The whole available force of the colony will proceed to the scene at daylight to protect the working gangs. A bloody affray is feared.

Hegler Truth Pleads Guilty.

Boston, July 11.—Francis Truth, who advertised himself as a diving healer, appeared in the United States circuit court yesterday, retracted his previous plea of not guilty, pleaded guilty to the charge of using the mails to defraud and was fined \$2,500, which he paid. This action was a surprise.

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