



### Watkins Entertains Buffalo Business Men.

The members of the Wholesale Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Buffalo who made a tour of the state in a special train of nine cars known as the "Million Dollar Special" arrived here a little after 1 p. m. last Wednesday afternoon. They were met at the Pennsylvania station by a large delegation of business and professional men of Watkins.

About forty automobiles were in waiting and lead by a band which the party brought with them, which rode in a large motor bus, a sight seeing trip was taken about town. The trip included a view of the entrance of the Glen, then down Twelfth street and around Decatur street and past the High School. All the scholars including the teachers from the High School to the lowest grade were lined up along the sidewalk and made a fine appearance. Souvenirs, pennants, etc., were thrown to the children by those in the passing automobiles. The cars then proceeded up Steuben street hill and around past the Glen Springs, and thence north to Division street where a beautiful view of the lake and surrounding country could be had. The band in the meantime gave a concert on the upper deck of the Jefferson House porch. A meeting was next held at the opera house.

President Hughey of the local Businessmen's Association welcomed the visitors. He stated that we were proud of our town. Its paved streets, boulevard lights, high school building and especially of our lake and Glen. He introduced the president of the village, Walter S. Smith. Mr. Smith gave the visitors a few words of welcome and introduced Thomas Cumpton, president of the Wholesale Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Buffalo. Mr. Cumpton said that speaking for the association, they were delighted with the reception accorded them and in turn extended an invitation to the people of Watkins to visit Buffalo. He said before closing that he would like to introduce as the next speaker, a gentleman who had married a girl from our midst. He then introduced D. L. Hamil. Mr. Hamil's wife was formerly Miss Minnie Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pike. The meeting lasted in all about six minutes. Headed by the band all then marched to the depot where they left for Elmira.

A great deal of good was derived from the visit of the Buffalo party. It showed the people of this village what can be done by a little use of the "get together spirit" that Watkins needs. We hope that with our newly organized business men's association that a banquet can be had in the not distant future where the men of the village can meet one another and spend a social evening together.

### Rural Carriers Adopt Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Schuyler County Rural Letter Carriers held in the Court House in Watkins on Saturday evening, June 12, the following resolutions were adopted upon the death of Josiah T. Alexander, carrier No. 4, Watkins:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heaven Father to remove from our midst by death our ex-Vice President, highly esteemed and beloved brother, Carrier Josiah T. Alexander, and,

Whereas, In the death of Brother Alexander the Schuyler County Rural Letter Carriers Association has lost a faithful and efficient member, his patrons a kind and obliging carrier, his county and town a good citizen, the members of this association a true friend, his wife a devoted husband and his children a kind and loving father whose good advice will be greatly missed.

Resolved first, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly father believing that our loss is his gain.

Second, That this association reverence his memory by preserving these resolutions in their records by sending a copy to the bereaved family and by publishing copies in the R. F. D. News and the county papers.

M. R. Hetherington,  
W. H. Philp,  
C. J. Hoogkirk.

### Strawberry Festival.

The ladies of the Social Union of the Presbyterian church will serve strawberries, ice cream and cake on the church lawn next Wednesday evening beginning at 7 o'clock. If the weather is inclement the serving will be done in the church parlors. Generous dishes of ice cream, strawberries and cake for the small sum of twenty cents. Everybody will be welcomed.

### Grasshoppers and Means of Control.

The co-operation of the State Department of Agriculture in fighting the grasshopper pest is pledged farmers in the infested district by Commissioner Charles S. Wilson in a statement issued from the Department. While but little money is at the disposal of the Department for the work, Commissioner Wilson believes the situation such as to demand urgent measures and he proposes to do all possible to save farmers such losses as last year were suffered in some sections of the state.

The most effective way of combating the pest, is through use of the so-called Kansas bait. This bait is composed of 20 pounds of bran, 1 pound of paris green, 2 quarts of cheap syrup, 2 oranges or lemons and 3 1/2 gallons of water. The bran and paris green are mixed while dry, and those making the mixture are urged to wear a small sponge over the mouth and nose, to prevent the poison from entering the lungs. The fruit, syrup and water are mixed, the fruit being cut into small pieces or run through a food chopper. The whole is then mixed to form a mealy mash.

This quantity of bait is sufficient to treat five acres of land. Nothing is to be gained by spreading the bait thickly over the ground, but that the aim is to secure fine distribution. The best time of day to spread the bait is early in the morning and farmers are told to sow the bait in much the same manner as grass seed would be sown. Dead grasshoppers will be seen within a few hours after the bait is applied.

Farmers are urged to treat roadsides of their farms first, together with fences along grain fields, new seedling of clover and grass lands. It is here that the most hoppers will be found and if they can be destroyed before moving on the fields losses will be much reduced. Because grasshoppers are small and apparently doing no damage is no reason for neglecting to use the bait as the small hoppers soon become devastating insects.

Commissioner Wilson desires all farmers wishing advice or aid to write the Department. Wherever possible, the services of a Department inspector will be supplied to aid in mixing and distributing the bait. The Commissioner makes it plain, however, that with the limited amount of money at his disposal, it will be impossible to attempt any wholesale supply of labor or bait and that the farmers themselves must do everything in their power to protect their own premises.

### The Hill Climb at Valois.

Owing to the large number of cars to be entered and the wide range in size and horse power the committee has decided to run two events in the Automobile Hill Climb to be held at Valois July 3rd. The closed event will be open only to gasoline gear driven cars, horse power limit 4 inch bore and under. The open event will be for all cars any size or power, gear or friction drive. An entry fee of \$2 will be charged for the closed event and \$3 for the open event. The winners of each event will receive a prize of \$25. All who wish to enter cars should take the matter up with the attraction committee as soon as possible.

Great preparations are being made and it is evident that the 3rd of July will be some day in Valois. There will be a base ball game at 10 a. m. between Lodi and Hector. The Fusileer Parade will be the biggest ever and will consist of most everything from a Ford car to a German submarine. Free attractions and races at different times throughout the day.

Lunches, fruit, ice cream, etc., will be served during entire day. The committee has arranged for a grand display of fireworks to be made especially for this occasion by Chas. Galoupe of Lodi. They will be worth going a good ways to see.

### Mrs. Ella J. West Drake.

Mrs. Ella J. West Drake, wife of Emmett Drake, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Orr, near Dundee, Thursday, June 10th, of apoplexy. She was born at Catherine, November 3, 1850, the daughter of Anson West and Stella Satterly West. Mrs. Drake was a resident of this village for many years and had a wide circle of friends. She had been in ill health for a number of months.

The funeral was held from the Rock Stream Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 1:30, Rev. Mr. White officiating. Burial was in the Rock Stream cemetery. Mrs. Drake is survived by her husband, two children: Anson Drake of Elmira, and Mrs. Walter Orr of Dundee, and one sister: Mrs. Emma King of this village.

### The James P. Hawes Will.

The will of the late James P. Hawes of Valois disposes of a \$50,000 estate principally as follows:

First, that all just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Second, I give to my sister, Bell Hawes, for her life use all interest in the home place where we live, also my five-acre wood lot near Valois.

Third, I direct that the income from \$1,000 invested at five per cent. shall go as follows: one-half shall go to Christ church, Church of the Redeemer, Church of our Savior, no part to go to a denominational church; the other half to be divided equally between an institution for the blind and American Home Missions.

Fourth, that \$500 be given my namesake, James D. Hawes, to be paid within three years, to be used for his education in any profession he may desire to follow.

Fifth, that the income from the \$1,000 above shall be paid during the life time of Penn Hawes and Bell Hawes.

Sixth, I direct that \$100 in cash be paid each of the following persons, Rebecca VanAuken, Aunt Mariah Updike and to the invalid daughter of my uncle, Edward Hawes, and Aunt Elizabeth Hawes.

Seventh, I direct that \$10 be paid any Protestant minister in good standing to preach a sermon under a tree at the lake shore near Valois in June or July in each year.

Eighth, I direct that 25 sacks of flour of 25 pounds each shall be distributed to the poor of Valois and vicinity, should that many be required; the value of the balance remaining from such distribution shall be distributed in the form of shoes and over-shoes. Said distribution shall be made each year during the lifetime of my sister, Belle Hawes, and my brother, Penn Hawes.

Ninth, I direct that \$100 shall be kept in reserve for any poor or sick relative.

Tenth, I give my old watch to Penn Hawes during his lifetime, after which it shall go to Gordon Hawes Bennett.

Eleventh, I direct that \$100 per year shall be used to keep the home place in repair.

Twelfth, I direct that \$200 per year shall go to Carrie May Bennett for expenses.

Thirteenth, after the above legacies are provided for, the remainder shall go to Penn Hawes and Belle Hawes, share and share alike, during their lifetime. In case of the death of either the remaining one shall have the whole. On the death of both, one-half shall go to Carrie May Bennett, one-fourth to Mary Helene Bennett and one-fourth to Gordon Hawes Bennett.

I want my property kept intact so far as possible, principally in bonds and mortgages, during the lifetime of Penn Hawes. The will is made on an estimate of \$50,000 but should the property fall much below that the bequests are to be paid pro rata.

William Penn Hawes and Carrie May Bennett are named executors.

### Proceedings of Board of Trustees.

Adjourned meeting June 3, 1915. In absence of clerk Dr. Overpeck was appointed. President Smith presiding and all members present.

Motion made and carried that a committee of two be appointed to confer with Dr. Fred Fordham in regards to a pit to take care of the nuisance on his premises.

The president named as such committee Frank Millen and Arthur Goltz.

On motion the following resolution was passed, That Ordinance No. 44 will be enforced, and that the street commissioner is hereby authorized to trim all trees in front of the premises to the height of 15 feet on property not complying with the ordinance by June 12th.

Motion made and carried that the police committee be instructed to employ special police and enforce ordinance No. 80 regarding speed of motor driven vehicles upon the streets of the village of Watkins.

Motion made and carried that president appoint a committee of two to make arrangement for the reception of the Chamber of Commerce from Buffalo.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

C. L. Overpeck, Clerk pro tem.

### Notice.

A stated meeting of Glen Springs Chapter, No. 390, O. E. S., will be held in Masonic Temple, Wednesday evening, June 23, at 8 p. m. The degrees will be conferred.

Emma Clawson, Secretary.

### W. R. C. Memorial.

Sunday, June 13 D. W. Washburn W. R. C. No. 223, held the customary service for their dead. G. A. R. Posts was present by invitation. The exercises consisted of responsive reading and the following address by the president:

Our meeting today is an expression of sadness, a tribute to our loyal dead. These vacant chairs are emblematic of the vacant place in our hearts and souls. No more will their genial presence appear among our walks in life. Their words of cheer and encouragement have given place to silence until the end of time. The closing of these commendable, patriotic lives means the long cherishing of blessed memories.

"The sweet remembrance of the Just Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

Hannah Ellis was a member of this corps seventeen years. With a large family and poor health she cheerfully contributed of her time and substance and filled each office elected to acceptably.

Anna Williams was an enthusiastic worker always at her station when health permitted for thirteen years, filling her offices with honor and ability.

In their lives they exemplified our motto, Fraternity, charity and loyalty. The Grand Army of the Republic and the soldiers widow have lost true friends.

We sincerely mourn their loss to our corps but the dismantled, broken homes speak of a far deeper, keener loss, for mother and wife constitute home. Faithful in their life work death found them waiting and in the lap of Mother Earth they are nestled in eternal sleep.

We will leave them there at quiet rest Where the storm cloud ceases to roll Where sorrow never dims the eye And death knells never toll.

Julia Collins, Press Cor.

### Wilson Creates 7,033 New Jobs.

"Deserving Democrats" have been taken care of in the first two years of President Wilson's administration, according to a report of new offices created by Congress which became available June 6. All told, the new places created in the last two years number 7,033, while the jump in Uncle Sam's payroll amounts to \$7,767,595.

This salary increase does not take into account the \$65,416.33 additions made in various offices, which makes a total of \$7,833,011.33.

The biggest increase in government offices came with the first regular session of the sixty-third Congress, which created new jobs for 5,792 "deserving Democrats," with salaries aggregating \$6,977,049. Not only did the Democrats add the new offices, but they increased the salaries of 346 other officials by \$67,031.33. Their efforts to economize they advertised by reducing the salaries of thirty-one offices \$8,890.

During the next session the net payroll increase amounted to \$7,035,190.33. New offices created numbered 14,526 with salaries aggregating \$16,212,132, but with the abolition of 8,734 posts with \$9,235,083 in salaries the net increase was \$5,792 with an expenditure of \$6,977,049.

### Presbyterian Church Notes

Morning worship at ten-thirty with a sermon by the pastor.

Sunday School at eleven-forty. The Men's Class will use the lesson for June 13th. The offering for Sunday School missions on Children's day is being held in order that further offerings may be added to it if there are those who have not contributed.

The Baccalaureate sermon of Watkins High School Class of 1915, will be preached in the church at four p. m. by President Powell of Hobart College, Geneva. There will be no evening service at the church.

At the mid-week service of our church this week we expect to have report of the State Sunday School Association at Auburn from Mrs. A. T. Abbey, Mrs. Arbuckle, Mrs. Button, Mrs. VanDoren and W. C. Conrad who were our delegates. Everyone interested in our Sunday School is especially urged to be present.

The annual strawberry festival given by the Ladies Social Union will be held next week Wednesday evening.

### Ellison Reunion.

The thirtieth annual reunion of the Ellison family will be held Saturday, June 26, 1915 at the home of Walter Ellison of Moreland. Teams will meet the trains at Moreland station. All relatives and friends of the family are cordially invited to attend.

Richard Ellison, president.  
Glady's Ellison, secretary.

### Grapes Injured by Frost.

William N. Wise of Penn Yan, probably the best authority on the conditions of grape vines around Keuka Lake where it is claimed there are 22,000 acres of vineyards has the following to say in regard to the frosts of the past couple of weeks and the damage they have done to the vines:

"It is impossible to tell at this time to what extent the grape crop has been injured by frosts. The best estimate I can make now is to say that in central New York region the yield of grapes will be at least 25 per cent. less than it would have had been the weather remained normal for the season of the year. Our experience of 1913 teaches us that severe cold often weakens the buds or young canes to such an extent that at the blossoming time which is usually around June 15, the fruit will be slough off unless weather conditions are especially favorable. And so it will be as late as say June 25 before we shall be able to make a reasonable estimate of the quantity of grapes we may expect as compared with former years. There has been years when the half of the buds were actually ruined by the frosts in which we had as heavy a yield as in any year, for the reason that the buds which were left uninjured produced clusters of nearly double size and weight. The most of the vineyards men with whom I have talked say there is no evidence that any harm has been done but a few of the best of them say that we shall see bad results at the blossoming time.

Cherries and strawberries are said to be damaged to the extent of 75 per cent.; peaches not damaged much."

### A Good Fish Story.

A Penn Yan dispatch says: The nimrods in this section who enjoyed the fishing in Seneca Lake last year when thousands of pounds of the largest trout ever taken from any of the finger lakes were lauded, feared there would be few taken this spring.

For some reason the trout in Seneca refused to bite until last week when several large catches were reported. Sidney Pettingill of Starkey caught five big ones; Mr. Baird of the town of Torrey caught seven and Clive Jones of Dresden got four while Watkins was reported to be swamped with fish from the other side of the lake. Two strangers from Geneva had an unusual experience near Dresden. They rented a common rowboat and started for the fishing grounds. Both were good sized men and filled the little craft comfortably. After being out about three hours they rowed to shore with 90 pounds of fish all large. When asked why they stopped when their luck as so good one of the men explained that they were getting too many for the boat. With their combined weight and that of the fish it looked as though the boat might sink so they "played safe" and went home.

### Putting Schuyler County on the Map.

Schuyler county is decidedly on the map in Sunday School circles of New York state. According to reports presented at the state convention in Auburn last week only one county in the state has a better all around Sunday School record than Schuyler, and that is Genesee's. Genesee averaged 80 per cent, then came Schuyler with 68 per cent, Madison with 65 per cent, Jefferson with 63 per cent, Schoharie with 62 per cent, Cayuga with 60 per cent, Tompkins and Wayne also with 60 per cent.

Schuyler county is also one of the three counties in the state which report a cradle roll in every Sunday School. The county officers may well be pardonably proud of this record and they will doubtless try to crowd Genesee for first place next year.

Schuyler county front line banner was exhibited at the Children's day exercises in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of this village last Sunday and may be had by any school in the county.

### Methodist Church Notes.

Next Sabbath evening the pastor will preach the Memorial sermon to the local lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekah's. The Havana lodge of Montour Falls has been invited to attend. The service will be made interesting to all. A general invitation is extended to the public.

### Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Helen E. Alexander and family desire to express their thanks and appreciation of the kindness and sympathy extended them by their many friends in their recent bereavement.

### Proceedings of the Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Monday evening, June 7th, 1915 with the following members present: President Moran, Trustees LaDow, Macreery and Stouffer.

The following bills were ordered paid: Teachers salaries, \$1168.34. W. F. Macreery, clerk hire, \$16.66. L. Owen, janitor and truant officer, \$70.

D. Fields, janitor and truant officer, \$17.

A. Knapp, transporting pupils, \$31.50. Watkins Express, printing, \$23.35. Durland, Son & Co., contingent, \$8.53. Watkins Ill. & Power Co., water and gas, \$3.19.

Taylor Instrument Co., school library, \$4. L. Beardsley, contingent, \$2.30. John Conway, contingent, \$4.60. W. F. Macreery, contingent, \$2.02.

On motion, That an order be drawn in favor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., for \$106.75 being an erroneous tax.

On motion, That an order be drawn in favor of Miss F. Whitehead for \$60 being the amount received from the State on account of music.

On motion, That the teachers committee enter into contracts with Miss Iva Hine for the second grade at a salary of \$450, and with Miss Lepha Parker for the seventh grade at a salary of \$550.

Minutes read and approved. On motion adjourned.

W. F. Macreery, Clerk.

### In Memoriam.

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps, held June 11, 1815, the following resolutions were adopted. Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, by death, our beloved sister, Anna L. Williams; be it

Resolved, That by her death this Corps has sustained the loss of a sister and friend, to whom we bear willing testimony of her faithfulness; and be it

Resolved, That we offer to her bereaved family and mourning friends our heartfelt condolence and pray that His Infinite Goodness may bring speedy understanding and relief to their sorrowing hearts; and be it further

Resolved, That in memory of our departed sister the charter of this Corps be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days; a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Corps and a copy be presented to the family of our deceased sister.

Annie Howell,  
Martha Wilson,  
Mary Hurley,  
Committee.

### In Memoriam.

Whereas death has again entered our chapter taking our beloved sister, Anna L. Williams from us and from her husband, Llewellyn Williams, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Glen Springs Chapter No. 379, Order of Eastern Star, extend our deepest sympathy to Brother Williams and their son, praying that our Heavenly Father may comfort and uphold them now in this a parting from wife and mother, and the members of this chapter will ever hold her in loving remembrance for her faithful labors for our order.

Resolved, That our sister be draped for a period of thirty days and esteem be spread upon the minutes of our chapter and sent to the village papers for publication. Be it further

Resolved, That a written copy be sent to her husband and son under the seal of the chapter.

Mrs. Ervena A. Thompson,  
Mrs. Maud L. Klube,  
Mrs. Emma Clawson.

### Watkins Salt Company Wins Big Suit.

The judgment awarded the plaintiff in United States district court at Buffalo last year in the case of Mukey against the Watkins Salt Company, was reversed last week in the United States District Court of Appeals in New York city.

Judge Hazel in Buffalo awarded Mulkey a judgment of \$40,000 in the latter's action brought to recover \$100,000 alleged to be due him from the Watkins Salt Company in connection with the sale of a salt plant in Detroit to the defendants.

The case was appealed by the salt company and was argued in the New York court about one month ago by Attorneys H. C. Mandeville of Elmira and John C. Kilburne of New York.