The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA

Friday Morning, April 23, 1869.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

—On Monday, next, the regular session of court will open in this place.

—The wheat crop in parts of this County is not very promising.

—Some of our farmers have finished their plowing for the Spring crops.

—The mumps, garden-making and Spring fever, are all raging hereabouts.

—There are about forty students at the Agricultural College at this time.

—A company to breed and raise trout has been formed in this place. We'll join a company to eat 'em.

—The Turnpike from the end of the mountain to the Agricultural College will be built this Summer.

—The Velocipede mania has died out in this place. Blisters and bruised shins, are the only marks it has left behind.

Our exchanges tell us that arrangements have been made to establish extensive woolen mills at this place. We know nothing about it.

—Rents in Bellefonte are higher than any town in the State, out-side of Philadelphia. Property owners here will get a knock on the head some day, that will learn them a lesson.

They have a mad dog excitement out at Philipsburg. Reports say that a dog with undoubted symptoms of hydrophobia was killed in that place one day last week.

A servant Constance Cambridge, of Bower town, Pa., was accidentally drowned a few days since, by being run over by a part of a canawy boat, while attempting to cross a farm way.

—The proprietor of the WATCHMAN having returned from the legislature, duties at Harrisburg, with the session closed, resumes his editorial functions, the *ad interim* to the contrary.

—William Harris, familiarly known as "Billy" Plunket, a weak minded person, died suddenly on this place on Friday night or Saturday morning last. He retired to bed in as good health as usual the previous evening, but was found dead in his bed on the morning. He was last seen on Sunday. What was the immediate cause of his death we are not informed. He was, we suppose, about 35 years of age.

Easter-tide in Plunketville generally had a pleasant word for those, though sometimes persons would the worthless plague and tease him. Now that he is gone, they will shortly regret the way they passed the poor, simple minded fellow by, and the thoughtless and, at times, heartless way they treated him. Let us learn a lesson from this, and be more kind to the unfortunate.

Rev. Satan has again manifested his power in soldiery, over powering four Methodist Episcopal ministers, on Fishing post office, and locking and confining them in Orbisonia jail. Last week, around the town, fighting men, Federal and Confederate soldiers, he gets his reward for being removed from an influential position to make room for a Radical Methodist preacher, and a Democratic parson named Russell. This is the way the soldiers are loved by Uncle Sam and his minions, when they don't happen to be of the sort that voted for him.

Mr. Wm. Hall another soldier who lost a leg under Grant, and who has been the postmaster at Hallstoon, has also been removed to make a place for another soldier named Thompson, although Wm. had a petition for the office, signed by everybody in that neighborhood. But in vain. The one-legged veteran was turned out, and the two-legged, rabbit-hearted and shameless-faced "stay-at-home" was put in. Sic transit.

—This community was startled painfully on Tuesday morning last to learn of the death of Rev. William Orbison, just lately returned from India, where he had been stationed as a missionary, for some twelve or thirteen years past. It was only a few weeks ago that we had the pleasure of chronicling the arrival of himself and family in this place, and now it becomes our melancholy duty to record his death. This sad event took place on Monday night, after an illness of only a couple of days, and was caused, as is supposed, by what the doctors call perforation of the bowels. We have been led to believe, from conversations with some gentlemen of the medical fraternity, that the immediate cause of his illness was probably change of climate and diet, acting on a system for so many years accustomed to an Indian climate, and the peculiar diet of that region. His illness and death were both so sudden and unexpected that it has been hard for our people to realize that such is really the case.

Mr. Orbison leaves a wife and four children we believe, to mourn his loss. Our people have great sympathy for her in her sad affliction and deeply condole with her in this mysterious dispensation of providence.

—Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Lutheran Congregation in the room formerly the office of the "Central Press" on Monday and Tuesday evenings next. A dinner on Tuesday from 12 to 2 o'clock. A splendid steel engraving—"American Artisan"—beautifully framed will be voted to the holder of the ticket drawing the highest number. We hope a generous patronage will be extended to the ladies in this enterprise. More especially as the proceeds are to be devoted to the benefit of their Church. We believe this is the first time that the Lutheran Congregation has asked the patronage of our good people, and it will not be surprising to us if the proceeds of the entertainment will far exceed their most sanguine expectations. Such should be the case any way.

—The bill authorizing the Town Council to borrow fifty thousand dollars more, has become a law, and the hundreds who hold borough bonds can step up to the "Captain's office" and get the interest on their papers as soon as the borough officials find some convenient loan them sufficient to pay said interest.

BELLEFONTE AND LEWISBURG RAILROAD.—We learn that the Railroad meeting which had previously been announced, convened at Milton on the 15th inst. and was well attended. It organized by appointing Gen. George Buchanan President and Fred. Kurtz Secretary. The interests of the Railroad was represented by a number of the most prominent business men of Union and Snyder counties, among whom were the Hon. Eli Slifer, Hon. John B. Wall, Mr. Cook, Duncan and others. The citizens along the Lower Penn's Valley were fully represented. Several of the townships pledged themselves to grade their road through their respective townships if proper security could be given that it will be speedily completed. The work can be speedily and cheaply completed. The road reaches from the coal fields of Union and Snyder counties. Much disappointment was manifested that no official representative was present from Bellefonte and the Snow Shoe Railroad Company. It was expected that our citizens here would take active interest toward the completion of the enterprise, and their neglect or negligence in the matter, may possibly change the whole character of the policy about to be pursued. Instead of making Bellefont the terminus as at first talked of, Spruce Creek, the point named originally in the Charter, had many advocates, and we can rest assured, that without our assistance no Railroad will be forced upon us by the people of Penn's Valley, Lewisburg or any other locality.

The people down Penn's Valley are in earnest about this matter at last. They need a road and we hope shortly will secure the construction of one. Their splendid farms would be almost doubled in value, and the price of every dollar's worth of grain or stock they raised forced up at least fifty per cent. They have no railroad facilities, and enterprise enough to build a road through their county if properly managed, and the feeling seems to exist that every individual interested should go ahead. But evil roads cannot be done in a day, neither can the work of Rome's sons be done in a day. Rome's work was not performed by lop-sided enterprises and half-way measures, and perhaps the people of Penn's Valley will learn a lesson from this.

But with all the determination to have a road, and the good feeling manifested by every one along the line, in its favor, much as the loss of that valley requires it, and great as would be the benefit derived by our people generally from its construction, yet *we* do not believe it will be built. In fact it cannot be built, for those most deeply interested must have *no right of way* no Charter under which to act. If the Pennsylvania rail-road company says the road can be built, then Penn's Valley can go ahead and do it. If that company says no, then they must stop, for, they have no authority to go further. They are as completely in the power of that mammoth monopoly as any people ever were. It will *dictate* terms to them and they must submit, for, by men in their midst, by citizens of their own valley, they were sold for a price—sold, in the bartering away of their Charter, by the old directors of the Lewisburg and Spruce Creek Railroad among whom were Mr. Mack Hulfpenny, Mr. James P. Coburn, Robt. Duncan, and Judge Boal. They have no Charter now and how they expect to build the road, for the life of us we cannot see. But notwithstanding the difficulties now in the way we earnestly hope that the present movement will prove successful, and that Penn's Valley may rejoice at the sight of the cars, and her hills echo with the shrill shriek of the engine.

Business Notices.

COUNTRY TRADE.—"Country trade" is a thing which many business houses affect to display. But Messrs. Wanamaker & Brown welcome to their establishment a genuine honest "countryman" as cordially as they do the most polished and elegant "veltizen." Countrymen want good clothes at low prices, and OAK Hall is prepared to meet that want and so invites every stranger in the city to the big house, at Sixth and Market to see what can be done for them there.

A FINE ESTABLISHMENT.—M. Jno. H. Hahn, the enterprising Jeweler, has fitted up the room adjoining Harper & Brois' store on Spring street and has now just as fine an establishment as there is in the county. Mr. Hahn by his attention to business, and excellent workmanship has built up a patronage that is the envy of many. We are glad to see him getting along so well and would advise any from this way desirous of work done well to be induced to give him a call.

EXCELSIOR.—Prof. Lemley will open the 28th inst. in the corner room of the Bush House fronting on High street and Spring alley. A full assortment of Millinery Goods, Trimmings &c. to which he invites the attention of the ladies of Bellefonte and vicinity. She will also have Cutting in the line of Millinery Goods and Trimmings and hopes that her endeavors to please, will meet with the approbation and patronage of the people of Bellefonte.

SOME POTATOES.—It is a well known fact that for a few years past the potato crop in this county has been insufficient to supply the demand for home consumption and that farmers could employ some means by which the yield of this most important article of food may be increased.

The high prices of the potato alone should stimulate to action in this direction.

It is also an established fact that a change of seed and locality is beneficial to crops of all kinds and especially to that of potatoes. In view of the above facts, farmers and others wishing potatoes for seed should without delay procure some of Cook's Late New York State for sale by ZIMMERMAN & CO. Belle fonte Pa.

NEVER SAY DIE.—The cause of temperance is by no means dead, respecting the healthy action of the stomach and bowels, and by properly exercising upon it. The stomach should be kept regulated and the bowels free. The new remedy Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is highly recommended for this purpose. Sold by druggists generally. Also Blood Pills. Prevention is better than cure. Worthy a trial. In these very respects, Hostetter and Smith's Bitters are recommended to the notice of the afflicted.

FINE SHOW.—Some things never fade. The magical workings of the great wonder of the age, the American Combination Button Hole Overseaming and Sewing machine are to be seen exercised by operators and the admiring spectators at the store of Zimmerman & Co. The mechanism of this invaluable machine is easily managed and is liable to get out of order. Does overseaming, felling, tucking, cording, binding, quilting, hemming and sewing on, overseaming, embroidering on the edge in the most perfect, reliable and manner. It should be seen to be appreciated. Don't forget to call and see its wonderful operations. Instructions to purchasers or machine given free of charge. ZIMMERMAN & CO. Agents. Bush's Arcade, Bellefonte.

—Many of our readers have called upon us at our sanctum as for the sake. We would call attention to the advertisement of the Gray's Ferry Printing Ink Works. We are using ink from the above factory, and find it entirely satisfactory in quality and price, and take pleasure in calling your attention to their favor.—*Philadelphia Evening Star.*

FINE PRINTING INK.—We take pleasure in calling the attention of printers to the advertisement of Mr. C. J. Robinson, Ink Manufacturer, Philadelphia. The Morning News is printed with ink from his manufactory. It is clean, well ground and of good color, and is sold at a reasonable price. In fact it is the best ink for the price that we have ever used, and we cordially recommend it to the trade.—*Savannah (Ga.) News.*

—Lost, a box of Matches. Any one finding the same will confer a favor by returning them to this office.

DIED.

Pursuant to the Public Notice, the Commissioners and Auditors of the several Townships and Boroughs of the County of Centre met at the Commissioners' Office in the Borough of Bellefonte on Monday the 5th day of April, A. D. 1869, and proceeded to organize by appointing Hon. Jno. Blanchard President, and Jno. H. Orvis Clerk.

The Commissioners then laid before the Board the Triennial Assessment of the County, which was read and compared with the Duplicates of the several Townships and Boroughs, and found correct.

The Board then proceeded to examine the Triennial Assessment of the several Townships and Boroughs, and the Duplicates of the same, and found them