

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Friday Morning, February 25, 1870.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

The Baptist revival in Huston township seems to have been a success, having resulted in the addition of 36 converts to the church.

At Eagle Chapel, near Curtin's station, thirteen young sinners have been plucked as brands from the burning. Rev. Butler, of Hinsdale, was the plucker.

"The Sunlight Oil" is the name of a new burning fluid that is being advertised here as substitute for kerosene.

The fact that houses are now advertised for rent in this borough indicates that tenants are less gullible than they were last year. Let us next have a building association, and landlords will then be compelled to ask reasonable rates for their houses.

Col. Isaac Matl. of the firm of Loeb, May & Matl., of this place, who now lives in Philadelphia, has been enjoying himself in our town for the last two weeks. The Col. looks all good-natured as ever.

The Bishop street organ speaks of the Nation this week as having a small but effective elevation. That means we suppose that it is next only to the "upper ten" — back but a little.

Mr. George L. Miller's warehouse in another part of the personal property of Mr. J. P. Turner, lately deceased, has come off on the 1st day of March. No advertisement.

That was a bad answer of the other day, when asked if he knew where his son had reported? Yes—they went to New York to write for the papers. But the little feds over looked the fact that on their way to New York two of them stopped in Bellefonte and got on to the National and Republican.

LAST EASY.—The intensely cold spell of past week has had the effect of making less of a disturbance which does not wait the anticipation of soft blizzards or north winds. Our hotel and cottage generally have been busy the past few days filling their vacancies and otherwise taking advantage of the good unbroken streak of old Boreas.

SICK.—A party of muddy crossings of which we have many in Bellefonte, the staff of the Leavenworth Advertiser—Muddy street crossings have their bright as well as their dirty side. If they do muddy the immediate polished boots of the male persuasion, they may make some fine displays of immaculate linea, symmetrical feet, and well turned ankles.

A red-headed and went up street on Tuesday last at a pace that was more rapid than cometary. Somebody's carelessness in not paying attention to their horses.

Gas in Philadelphia costs \$2.20 per thousand feet. In Allentown it costs \$3.50 while in Bellfonte it costs \$4.00. But this is at the works. At the gasworks office it can be had for nothing.

At last the long agony is over. Mr. Rockwood is at home—Gilder Legs has turned—Pumpernickel has got back. And strange to say both eyes present the same appearance, i.e., a kind of a watered—Neither of them we are going to say for our friend's sake, get blunged to time.

The Conference of the United Brethren Church in its last session at Johnstown made the following appointments:

Altitude—Rev. William Wragg.
Hollidaysburg—Rev. A. L. Knight.
Tyrone—Rev. J. Medigan.
Johnstown—Rev. W. A. Jackson.
Bellefonte—Rev. J. M. Smith.

The Coal Quarries Article.—We are satisfied from inquiries made since our last issue that our article of last week in reference to the coal business, as carried on by our dealers here was largely untrue to Messrs. Shortridge & Co., although we did not intend at the time. We have ascertained that the article in the *Republican*, from which we took our figures, is grossly incorrect, and that the estimates therein are outrageously distorted. We have, moreover, the pleasure to record the fact that Messrs. Shortridge & Co. reduced the price of coal on the 15th instant, before that article in the *Republican* appeared, from \$6.00 to \$7.00 and \$8.00 per ton. And we also know, from a personal examination of their coal and freight bills, that their net profit on a ton of coal the year round, instead of being four or five dollars, as stated in the *Republican*, is not over 70 cents, and has seldom reached that figure.

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The Huntington Globe says: "The following are the names of the "first-class" chequer-players in Bellefonte who want to get beaten by any of our Huntington players: D. G. Beau, Esq., J. S. Barnhart, Jonathan Harper, John G. Love, Esq., and Geo. O'Bryan. We hope G. W. G., T. C. F., or some more of our champion will go for them." Come down, Lemons, and get squashed.

Have posted around town, propounded the following query: "Have you seen the new gas machine?" We answer, we have. We shook hands with him on Tuesday, he having just arrived home from attending the railroad meetings in Pennsylvania, after an absence of two weeks. Yes, the gas machine has got home.

Is von Graffenreid?—Some of our connoisseurs are starting the report that the growing grain has been injured by the winter being

so mild, or that it will be injured by the February winds. Speculators are always ready to use the public press to raise the price of articles they have to sell; especially is this the case with grain speculators. The grain is not injured, and so long as we have such wet weather as has prevailed for the last two months no danger need be apprehended. Hard freezing for several days does not injure the grain if it is succeeded by wet weather.

Frosting raises the growing grain out of the ground, so that the roots have scarcely any hold but if this is succeeded by wet weather the roots become again embedded, and no injury is caused. If the month of February and March should be as has been the months of December and January, the crops will be all right—Exchange.

The senior of the Republicans entered his office on Tuesday afternoon last, and found it in a state of complete demoralization. The chairs were turned bottom upwards, the paste pot upside down on top of the stove, while its companion, the brush, calmly reposed on the top of the clock. The scisors were fixed crosswise on the celebrated half-missionary broad press, while the dictionary sought a hiding place on one of the shelves of a cabinet. The water can had swallowed a large marble stone and the broom had prched itself high upon the central gas burners. "Confusion worse confounded" exclaimed Brown, who the devil did this?

Public Sale—Mr. E. L. Spangler, of Centre Hall, will sell at public sale, on the 1st of March his farm stock and household furniture. A good chance for bargains.

Jacob & William Tammey of Nittany Hall will also offer at public sale on Friday, March 11, 1870 all their farming stock and utensils consisting of horses, cows, hogs, plows, barrows and everything necessary to the complete outfit of a farmer. Attend that sale.

The Johnstown Democrat says:

RECENTLY.—The champion chequer player of Ebensburg, Mr. J. W. R., who has been champion up to extensively by the *Allegiance* & *Johnstown* one day last week. To top Ebensburg's wonderful skill at manipulating the chequer men, the junior editor of this paper played with him seven games of which the "champion" of the Alleghenies did not get a game. There was only one draw game. Have you any more champion players in Ebensburg? If you have send them on or is there any other game at which you have better players?

Is that the man the Ebensburgs expected to send to Bellefonte? If so, keep him at home. But probably, the junior editor of the *Democrat* would like to try his hand.

Tammey will have a public meeting at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association tomorrow Saturday evening. All are invited to attend.

John Davis of Halfmoon this county was killed in Chest township, Clearfield county last week, by being caught between a stick of timber and a tree crushed him so that he died in two hours. Mr. Davis was an upright industrious and far-going young man and his death will be much lamented. His remains were brought home for interment.

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