

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA. Friday Morning, April 29, 1870.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

The horse tamer was in town again this week. His mode of operation seems to be by means of a peculiar bit through which he is enabled to render docile the most unmanageable animals.

Dr. Gleason, the celebrated Philadelphia physician, who lectured in this place some fifteen years ago, is again giving a course of lectures here.

We are indebted to Mr. Joseph Baker, of Harris township, for a lot of Early Rose potatoes. Mr. Baker has, for years, turned his attention entirely to the raising of potatoes, and the culture of the fruits; and we are glad to learn that he has met with unbounded success.

The Fifteenth Amendment celebration in this borough was a fizzle. They couldn't raise the money, and some of them went to Altoona to participate in the ceremonies there.

Some excitement was caused last week by the rumor that a fight had occurred at or near the Sunny Side lime kilns, in which a man had been so severely beaten and bruised by a young fellow named Steele, that his life was despaired of.

We were presented, on Friday last, by Mr. Orvis, with two hen-eggs, the largest we believe, we have ever seen. They were laid by one of his own hens, and one of them was so rough and ridgy on the shell that it presented more the appearance of chiseled marble or white stone than a hen's egg.

To be popular here, 'tis jolly good natural bread. Mr. Hausel of the Brockerhoff House, are we indebted for a fine mess of savory sausage as was ever fried in a pan. It is no wonder, the Brockerhoff House is always crowded—no wonder it has won for itself, under the proprietorship of Messrs. Hausel and Kron, the name of being one of the best hotels in Central Pennsylvania.

DEATH OF COMMISSIONER KELLER.—This community was much startled on Sunday last, to learn of the death of Commissioner William Keller, who expired suddenly at his residence in Centre Hall, on Sunday morning.

As a friend and neighbor, Mr. Keller was much esteemed, and the people among whom he lived so long will greatly miss his kindly face and the aid of his helping hand, while his own immediate family have lost a kind and affectionate husband and father.

THE MATCH STICK MANUFACTORY at Moshannon, the burning of which we recorded last week, was totally destroyed, not a vestige of it being left or an ounce of property saved.

We are informed that Mr. Betts contemplates rebuilding his factory, either in Bellefonte or Clearfield. We trust our capitalists will endeavor to have him locate it near this borough, as such an institution, giving employment to so many persons, would be quite a valuable addition to our material interests.

We are informed that incendiarism is supposed to have been the cause of the burning of the factory and mill.

DEISE'S LECTURE.—A fine audience almost equal in numbers to that which greeted Miss Dickinson, assembled in Reynolds' hall on Tuesday night to welcome Mr. Deise.

The proceeds of the lecture will realize to the Good Templars upwards of a hundred dollars, after the payment of all expenses. Mr. Deise would accept nothing in the way of recompense for his trouble—a price of generosity that we can assure him, is highly appreciated.

That is "pretty good for high," but a fisherman named Samuel Cassidy, residing in this place, caught a string of sixty-seven "speckled beauties" in Mill Run on Saturday last.

That's pretty good, but not so much, after all, considering it took the whole day to catch them. We can beat that in Spring Creek. Mr. Henry Ryble went out the other morning and came in long before noon with a string of 81 beautiful trout, and Mr. James T. Hale did the same thing, catching 92.

Somebody has been administering poison to the dogs about town, numbers of whom have died. We have seen several, stretched in the cold embrace of death, lying at various points along our sidewalks.

PERSONAL.—We had the pleasure of taking by the hand, on Friday last, our former friend, Gen. John Frazer, President of the Kansas State University, and at one time President of the State Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, in this County.

Thad. P. Stephens, whilom editor of the National, called on us on Tuesday. Thad is just Thad, and he will be Thad in spite of all ideas or expectations to the contrary.

David R. Kropp, Esq., of Clearfield, accompanied by Harry Bigler, son of Ex-Gov Bigler, and Walter Graham, were in town the first of the week, and illumined our sanctum with the light of their countenances.

John C. Whaley, Esq., of the Capital Democrat, called on us on Tuesday. Mr. Whaley edits one of the largest and most influential papers in the State.

Brainerd was seen on the cars the other day between Mifflensburg and Lock Haven with a baby in his arms, again. So the Judge says. How is it, "McCracken"?

Hon. J. G. Meyer, the member from Centre, called on us on Thursday. Mr. Meyer is looking first rate, not having suffered, apparently, from the course of attacks of the Radical press.

Edward Orvis, Esq., of Williamsport, brother of John H. Orvis, of this place, called to see us on Friday last. Mr. Orvis has the sympathy of the community in the recent affliction that has overtaken him—the death of his wife.

Quite a delegation from Lock Haven visited our town on Tuesday. Among them were Hon. George O. Deise, L. A. Mackey, Esq., H. T. Harvey, Esq., Dr. Prinson, Geo. W. Batchelor, J. M. Whitman, C. A. Lyman, Geo. Sanderson, W. McCormack, A. M. Fowler, Geo. Achenbach, E. W. Bigony, Thomas Pugh, Chas. Seiter, Geo. C. Sheid, John C. Whaley, Ed. McClure, W. W. Morrison, W. H. Brown, Billy Simpson, Jacob Brown, Dr. Richards, and many others, whose names we cannot now recall.

SOMETHINGS.—Garden-making and plowing are all the rage now. The Hollidaysburg Standard thinks that notwithstanding "McCracken's" opposition to the game of croquet, those fond of it will play it anyway, all the same. We think so, too.

The house-cleaning period is near at hand. Prepare to vacate the premises, therefore, oh, ye men, for a spell. Confusion and soap-suds will reign for a little while, and the noble army of white-washers be actively engaged for a season.

The Republican snarls at the National and the National snarls at the Republican, and such bitin' and snappin' and spittin' you never did see. It beats the "snarl" and goes all hollow. If these two fellows could only get hold of one another sometime some place, wouldn't there be blood or something spilled somewhere! Heaven and the police forbid!

Mr. Bush is laying the Scrimshaw patent pavement in front of his residence on Spring street. Also Mr. Brachbill.

An exhibition of agricultural implements, in the line of reapers and mowers is to be seen in the square in front of the court house, this week. Among them is the Hubbard Machine, exhibited by our friend, J. H. Myers, from the Rochester Works, New York.

Wall paper can be had at O'Bryen's Book Store, at Philadelphia prices.

All, and "McCracken" had to take it all back in his next issue. "Such fun!"

The contest between Mr. Bush and Captain Potter for the gold-headed cane to be awarded by the Good Templar Lodge to the one who received the highest number of votes, was decided on Saturday night last in favor of Captain Potter, by a majority of one vote.

At Green's—Mr. Bush had 00 votes. "Potter" 19 votes. Patton's Mr. Bush "100 votes. "Potter" 91 votes.

A NEW MAP OF BELLEFONTE.—The rapid growth of our town during the past few years, has rendered entirely worthless the old borough map, and Mr. W. W. Ritchie of 503 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, is now in town preparing to supply the want of a new one.

It will give the old as well as the new borough lines—the names of the streets, alleys, streams, together with a correct survey of every lot in town with owners names, ground plot of the buildings, number of lots, the Bush, Reynolds, and Valentine additions to the borough.

It's THE ONE USED NOW.—Several months since we received a circular from Mr. Browning, general agent for the Doty Washing Machine, stating that if we would insert his advertisement to the amount of \$24—the price of a Washer and Wringer—he would forward them to us at once.

The exercises commenced at 8 o'clock, and continued (with proper intermissions) till 5 o'clock in the evening, and throughout, exhibited a happy combination of the two prime conditions of a good school—namely, order, and thoroughness of instruction.

The examination was rapid and thorough, and being conducted on the oral and written plans combined, was so managed as to bring out the true standing of each pupil and in such a way as to satisfy all, that there had been much patient labor on the part of teacher and pupils, and that there was nothing resembling a sham set of prepared questions and answers for the occasion.

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The Annual District Report and Certificate must both be forwarded at the same time; must be forwarded as soon after the 1st of June as possible; and in no case later than the 15th of July.

The bill dividing our borough into three wards and providing for an election of justice and Election Boards, has been signed by the Governor and is now a law.

The glass manufactory of J. V. Thomas & Co., in this place, is turning out some of the finest qualities of glass. Some days ago they made a pane of glass for a show window, and had it elegantly lettered by our friend Kurtz, up street, and then sent it to their agents in Cleveland, Ohio, Butler, Wick & Co.

Which shows that Bellefonte can make as fine glass as can be made anywhere. The house of Butler, Wick & Co., is one of the largest glass houses in the city of Cleveland, and fully competent to pronounce upon the quality of our Bellefonte glass.

The following bill, passed by the late Legislature of this State, will hereafter save money to the county in the way of costs in suits where parties have agreed upon a settlement without a suit.

SECTION 1. That the laws relating to payment of costs in criminal cases shall not be so construed as to compel the payment of costs by the county where the case has been settled or arranged by the parties, and the parties to the case, the prosecutor and defendant, or defendants, shall be liable for the payment of the costs in all such cases.

Educational. In accordance with the suggestion given in the March number of the "School Journal," very many of the schools of our county closed with public examinations. The practice is a good one, and it is hoped by another year may become general.

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to obtain the State appropriation the President of the Board of Directors of the school law was complied with, and if the schools are allowed to be kept open on Saturday this year can not be taken.

Where irregularities of this, or any other kind exist, the Secretary should immediately inform the County Superintendent of the fact, and await his instructions in regard to making out the report.

The attention of directors is also called to sections 21 and 24 of the school law—in regard to the settlement of the District Treasurer before the township Auditors, as well as before the School Board; and also to section 21, which reads as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to publish an annual statement of the amount of moneys received and expended, and the amount due from collectors, and setting forth all the financial operations of the District, in not less than ten written or printed handbills, to be put in the most public places in the district.

This section has in many districts not been obeyed, the result of which has been considerable dissatisfaction. Directors are reminded that this is also a part of the law, which the President has to swear "was complied with."

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