

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Friday Morning, January 6, 1871.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

There have been services in the Methodist church every evening this week.

Since the last issue of this paper, we have had lots of cold weather, snow, and sleighing.

The skating season began in earnest last week, and boys and girls enjoyed themselves highly.

The Hon. W. A. Tobias acted as secretary of the Institute which was in session here last week.

The town was relieved last week by the presence of the teachers in attendance at the County Institute.

We observe that the old sign for the new printing office has arrived, as also some of the other traps of the employe.

Hon. P. G. Meek, the member from Centre, left here for Harrisburg on Saturday, to fulfill his official duties in the Legislature.

Our pavements are now covered in some places with the slipperiest kind of ice. Some folks throw ashes on it which is a public benefit.

Mr. John Phillips, of Millheim, killed a cat the other week, which was only five months old, and when dressed, weighed 218 pounds, the hide weighing 55 pounds.

For their very liberal patronage on New Year's day, our Carrier begs leave to return his thanks to his patrons. He realized quite a handsome sum on his address.

The ball given by George Romian at Bush's Hall, on the night of the 23d ultimo, was a very successful affair, and netted quite a handsome profit for the enterprising host.

Our enterprising friends, Messrs. Jarvis & Bailey, put one of their new force pumps into a well on Milliken's place, 141 feet deep, and brought the water up skatin'. This pump is a great success.

Two large panthers were killed on the middle branch of the Big Run, in Clinton county, on the 29th and 24th ultimo, by Squire David and Mr. George Hastings, of Beech Creek, while out hunting.

J. Miles Kepheart arrived here on Monday night from the west, where he had been to see after the sending home of the corpse of his brother Matlock, whose sad death is recorded in another place.

Christmas Festivals were held in the Methodist, Lutheran, Reformed, Presbyterian, Catholic and Episcopalian churches during the last week. We believe all of them had Christmas trees, and were very pleasant and happy occasions.

Our lively and enterprising friend, Jere Batts, has built quite a convenient addition to his residence on Allegany street. We hear that Mr. Batts is soon to open his house as a hotel, which will be good news to his many admiring friends.

The presence in town of so many school marms last week, had a tendency to upset the equilibrium of numerous young beaux belonging to the Y. M. C. A., and they have ever since been vigorously discussing the question, 'Who was the handsomest?'

Many of our exchanges come to us, this week, filled with the usual sentimental trash about Christmas and New Years, making good resolves, &c. &c. Our opinion is that those persons who make good resolutions only on the first of January will be very likely to break over them before the first of April.

We now know why the town Council were so anxious to grade that hid on Allegany street, leading up toward the reservoir. It was to afford the boys a good sliding place in winter, and the urchins are already showing that they appreciate this wise forethought of the borough fathers.

The Republican made its appearance this week in an eight page form, after the style of the Watchman. It looks much better than in its old shape, but is not yet able to compare with this journal. Of course its politics are not in the least improved—it is only its form that has been remodelled. Like the ass that dressed himself in a lion's skin, it betrays itself by its attempt to roar.

E. H. Kinsloe, the enterprising insurance man, of happy memory, like the prodigal son—of a gun, has returned to the embraces of his weeping friends, crazy as ever on Accident Insurance. Win has been all over Western Pennsylvania visiting the local agents of the Travelers Insurance Company, which company he represents as special agent. If he has infused as much life in the local agents as he shows himself, we would be prepared to believe almost any figures regarding their business in this State for the ensuing year.

THE INSTITUTE.—The annual session of the Centre county Teacher's Institute was held in Reynolds's opera house last week, beginning on Monday afternoon and closing on Friday night. The great majority of the teachers in the county were present, and the exercises were liberally attended by our citizens during the evening. A number of lectures on interesting subjects were given by various professors, with readings and impersonations of different characters, all of which were good enough, but fell much below the general expectation. What struck us as being particularly out of place was the fact that all that was said, was said by professors from a distance. From our Centre county teachers, either male or female, hardly anything was heard; and that little was generally in asking explanations on points of theory advanced by the foreign professors. These latter seemed to have a monopoly of the time, and our own teachers—the very persons from whom the public were anxious and expected to hear something, sat there, with their fingers in their mouths, like a lot of closed-up Stoughton bottles, hardly ever opening their lips or suggesting an idea, but apparently accepting everything that was said by the others as gospel, and looking very thankful that they were allowed to listen to it. We hardly ever entered the hall that some one or other of the professors from a distance was not demonstrating his manner of doing things, and we don't believe that the public can put its finger on a single instance of a Centre county common-school teacher explaining his or her method, principle, or mode of conducting and governing his or her school or pupils. It is true the Superintendent had a good deal to say, but that was more in the discharge of his official duties as presiding officer, than for the benefit of the assembled intellect of the Institute. We venture the assertion that while the Bellefonte public were made partially familiar with the way things were done by Prof. Hamilton, Hull and others, a hundred, or, perhaps, two hundred miles beyond the county limits, there is not a man or woman among us who has the remotest idea (derived from the Institute) of how the same things are done in the common-schools of Centre county.

Therefore, we pronounce this Institute a failure, because it did not work to the particular purpose for which it convened. It is true, there were some good things said and done, but the general opinion is that it was a great big bore. In this opinion we are sorry to be compelled to coincide, but a conscientious regard for the truth allows us the expression of no other sentiment. Even the teachers themselves were amiable, and quite a number of them expressed themselves, in our hearing, as 'stirred and disgusted.' Perhaps, had those very teachers exerted themselves more to make the Institute interesting, we might have had a different verdict to render, and a better success.

The closing exercises on Friday evening, were superbly and tiresome. 'Enoch Arden' and some fancifully inaccurate impersonations, (by strangers), with an impertinence of that abominable poem of 'Sheridan's Rule,' as the subject of recitation, made up the evening's entertainment. We like good readings and to see characters well impersonated, but if either of these were seen or heard that evening, it must have been by sharper eyes and better eyes than we possess.

Now, we are not prepared to say that there is anybody in particular to blame for this. We are inclined to believe that the fault must rest among the teachers themselves. Certainly, the Superintendent ought not to be blamed for it. To our certain knowledge he worked earnestly and faithfully to make the Institute a success, and did all in his power to render the proceedings interesting. He might have succeeded better, however, had he depended more on home and less on foreign talent. Our local Ciceros sat abashed and awed before the brilliant scintillations of genius flashed upon their sight by those foreign masters, and listened in open-mouthed astonishment to the mighty words of wisdom that fell from their inspired lips. How could the Superintendent expect the humble pedagogues and pedagogues of Centre county to take a prominent part in the presence of those wise men and astrologers from afar?

OUR NATURAL FACILITIES.—With the natural advantages which our town possesses, it is surprising that more use is not made of them, in the way of augmenting the general welfare of the place. With a water privilege second to none other in the State, we should be a manufacturing centre—and we would be such, were their sufficient energy developed in the right direction. But as it is, the money-bags are in the wrong hands for all purposes of progress and enterprise. Too much conservatism has quenched the prosperity of older towns than Bellefonte; and this same conservatism is now at work regarding the natural growth and legitimate progress of this place.

And this short-sighted and narrow-minded policy is alike prejudicial to the interests of the fossil and the more enterprising individual. The former, while drawing their purse-strings tighter and eschewing all attempts at progress and improvement, never think, for one moment, that their hoarded talents, in the shape of hoarded cash, would return to them seven fold, in the way of increased business and increased values. Such persons never reflect that the prosperity or decline of a particular locality in which their interests lay, is intimately connected with the rise or fall of their own prosperity, to a great or less extent. Yet such is the case, almost invariably. Take any large town in this or any other State, and if you inquire who are the most prominent among its citizens, the answer will be those whose enterprise and exertion added in building up the place. Had these persons hoarded their wealth—keeping it from its legitimate uses, the means of benefiting others—they would now be as they were at the beginning, but also with this difference—their wealth would be much less, their consideration and stand, as nothing, and the prosperity of their locality at the lowest ebb.

Let some of our sleepy and timorous fossils wake up to an appreciation of the above facts—let them be aware of the truth that the prosperity of their own town is the surest safeguard of their individual interests, and then we shall see a reaction in the dullness which has so long clouded our material prosperity. The natural advantages possessed by Bellefonte are quite sufficient to render it, at no distant day, one of the most considerable towns in the State. But this desideration can never be attained, save by the energy and enterprise of its own people. The sooner our fossil and other wealthy nabobs drink in this truth, the better it will be for themselves and for the community generally. Our natural facilities should be turned to account. For this purpose nature placed them here—and those who have the means of developing these gifts of nature and talent, by reason of our did selfishness, are guilty of a sin of omission not only against themselves, but against the Divine command, and their fellow beings.

Two of the gentlemen teachers in attendance at the Institute here, were out riding one evening in company with one of the 'old schoolmarms,' a young lady of considerable personal attractions and great affability, and of course, at one on each side of her. The evening was not a moonlit one, and on their return to town the shades of night were beginning to cast the pall of darkness over terrestrial objects. Suddenly the lady felt the hand of the gentleman on her left standing cautiously into her dress, and she, with a smile, skillfully and modestly withdrew her own pretty white hands from their warm resting place, but scarcely had she done so when, to her astonishment, she beheld the hand of the gentleman on her right also began to enter her dress from that side. Repressing her laughter she allowed the two silly pedagogues to clasp each other's hand in the middle, and in delicious reverie for several minutes, each great goose thinking he was holding the hand of the beautiful charmer. Directly, her own hands began to grow cold, when with a mischievous smile she remarked, 'Gentlemen, when you are both done with my hand, I should be most happy to release it.' 'Ye gods and little fishes—phishy their phleinx!

We are indebted to Mr. R. C. Gilliland for the particulars of the death of Mr. Jeremiah A. Sankey, a son of William S. Sankey, of Salt Creek, Clearfield county, who was recently killed, while engaged in making timber by a tree falling on him, on Friday week before last. It appears that Mr. Sankey was chopping down a tree, and, in falling, it fell into the forks of another tree, the butt back again, striking Mr. S. on the head, breaking his skull and killing him instantly. Two men working with him went to the unfortunate man's assistance and removed the tree, but life was already extinct. Mr. Sankey was a young man of only about 20 years of age, and was esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

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Christmas and New Year gifts have been all the rage for some time past.

On Monday last, William Furey, Esq., was re-elected clerk to the Commissioners, without opposition.

1000 barrels choice winter apples, consisting of the best variety of winter fruit, for sale, cheap, at G. S. Good's Key-stone Grocery, Lock Haven, Pa.

LADIES.—The lady that left a mull at Rankin's book store, on the 24th of December, 1870, can have the same, by calling and paying for this notice.

We are indebted to our young friend, J. Wesley Gephart, of New Jersey College, at Princeton, for a copy of the handsome catalogue of that famous institution.

The store of J. B. Hahn, in Milesburg, was totally destroyed by fire, on Friday morning, the 23d ult., with all its contents. We learn that Mr. Hahn was insured to the amount of \$5,000, so that the actual loss to him is, probably, not very great. The origin of the fire is not known.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to Messrs. Peter & Devling for an elegant lot of butter, made by the fair hands of Mrs. Peter Wian. It is a lovely kind, several of the loaves, all gotten up in Pine Apple style, and sweet and to be had as they could be. Mrs. Wian is an elegant butter-maker, and we don't believe she can be beat in the county.

On Thursday of last week the water boiler in the kitchen of the orphan school, at Jacksonsville, exploded, hotly scalding and burning a number of the inmates. The building also caught fire, but was saved by the courage and presence of mind of a Mr. Kline. One little girl, Clara DeHaas, died on Friday evening from injuries received by her.

Harvey Griffith, of the Boiling Spring fell from the top of a small building yesterday, dislocating one of his knees and fracturing the knee cap. Dr. Potter first reduced the dislocation, then the fracture, and the young man is now comfortable. It took seven men to put the knee in place. He was not insured against Accidents.

John G. Kurtz, Esq., is storing away immense quantities of splendid ice in the rear of what was lately his ten pin alley. This building was originally built with the intention of turning it into a market house at a convenient season, and it will be converted to that object in the early spring. This will supply a want that has long been felt by this community.

The ladies of the Methodist church at Curtin's Forge are to present a beautiful quilt to the candidate receiving the highest number of votes.

We learn from the Republican that Rev. Mr. Cleaver, of Milesburg, and Rev. Mr. Mullen, of this town, are the candidates. Twenty-five cents is the price of a vote. We think our Methodist friends here should put in their leg kick for Mr. Mullen.

One of the auditors, Mr. Rishel, was in town on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, waiting on his associates, Messrs. Bush and Yeager, to arrive, for the purpose of auditing the County accounts. The latter gentlemen, however, for some reason or other, did not come to town.

Since writing the above Auditor Bush has arrived, and the auditing of the accounts taken place, showing a balance in favor of the county of about \$5,000. Well done.

We learn that the jewelry stores in town have agreed to close up at half past eight o'clock in the evenings. This is sensible, and is a movement that ought to be followed by every establishment in town. Clerks are human beings and should have time for recreation, as well as other people. There are two or three houses in town that keep open every night till ten, eleven and sometimes twelve o'clock, and then expect their clerks to return bright and early in the morning. This is not right. Employers should be willing to give their clerks some little time to themselves.

Calb Matlock Kepheart, son of Mr. Philip B. Kepheart, Esq., of this place, and brother of J. Miles Kepheart, died in Kansas City, Missouri, on the 30th ult., from injuries received on the Kansas & Pacific Railroad. Mr. Kepheart died very unexpectedly, as it was not supposed that his hurts were serious, and he himself thought he was going to recover and would not allow any one to write home for fear of unnecessarily alarming his mother. His brother supposes that morphia was given him to allay his pain, and that while he imagined he was getting better, inward mortification was in progress. The remains of the unfortunate young man arrived here on Wednesday, and were interred on Thursday. The family have the hearty sympathy of the community.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the L. C. C. & S. C. Railroad, in Philadelphia, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That as soon as the right of way for the L. C. C. & S. C. Railroad through Centre county has been secured, and their subscriptions guaranteed, a letting of the same shall be made.

This reads very much like a resolution that was passed by the Board, and published in the columns, several months ago. We confess that we have been under the impression for some time that the right of way through Centre county had been secured and the subscriptions generally guaranteed. But it seems that such is not the case. Hence, the work is at a stand still. How much longer the matter is to drag, we do not know, but we think it had better be brought to a close pretty soon. We thought the only trouble that existed was in Harris township, but it seems there is also something wrong elsewhere.

What the matter is, or what is keeping back the subscriptions, we do not just exactly know, but we do hope and trust that no serious difficulties are in the way of the speedy letting of the road. Let the townships that are so deeply interested in this most important road close up and guarantee their subscriptions, so that the work may be proceeded with at once.

The oyster festival for the benefit of the Good Templar society, held at the Lodge Room last Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, can scarcely be called a success, only about ten dollars having been raised over and above expenses. The preachers, and all the other blatant advocates of temperance, kept away most cordially, and never sent a cent nor induced others to spend a cent, for the benefit of the good cause. And yet they want more laws passed to restrain the sale of intoxicating drinks! Petitions must be got up to the Legislature to this effect, but when a temperance society, and one which has done so much good in this community as the Good Templar Society has done, asks for a little patronage by way of helping it to replenish its depleted treasury and pay its honest debts, these strong, earnest advocates of prohibition and total abstinence, such consistency is found!

The oyster and coffee were superb, and those who had the good sense to patronize the festival, never for an instant suspected that they hadn't got the worth of their money. Everything was good. What a pity there were not more to enjoy it.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—In accordance with the recommendation of the 'World's Evangelical Alliance,' the present week is observed throughout the country as a season of special prayer for the conversion of the world. We believe the various churches in town are holding daily services to this end. The following is the programme proposed by the 'Alliance':

Sabbath, Jan. 1.—Subject—Inspiration of Holy Scripture, its infallibility, and sole authority for religious faith and practice. Monday, Jan. 2.—Prayer, Gratitude, review of the past, calling for renewed confidence and for increased devotedness, humiliation for the worldliness of the Church, and for national sins provoking divine judgments. Tuesday, Jan. 3.—Prayer, For nations, for kings and all others in authority, for soldiers and sailors, for all who have suffered in recent wars, for the blessings of peace, and that God would graciously bring good out of recent calamities. Wednesday, Jan. 4.—Prayer—For the children of Christian parents, for a blessing on home influence, and on all teachers, for early dedication to God, and for more laborers in Christ's service.

Thursday, Jan. 5.—Prayer For the baptism of the Holy Spirit on all who profess and call themselves Christians, for the increase of charity, and of affectionate communion and co-operation among all in every land who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

Friday, Jan. 6.—Prayer—For the circulation of the Word of God; for the increase of faithful ambassadors for Christ; for an end of religious persecution; and for the removal of all hindrances to the spread of the gospel.

Saturday, Jan. 7.—Prayer—For Christian missions, for the conversion of the Jews, for the better observance of the Lord's day; for a blessing on Christian literature, and for the 'glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Sabbath, Jan. 8.—Sermons—Subject, Faith, Hope and Love—essential witnesses for the truth.

It is hoped that all Christians will avail themselves of this opportunity to unite in special earnest prayer to God for the conversion of sinners.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Dec 29, 1870.

DE HAVEN & BROOK. Dear Sir.—I am a working Irishman as you well know. A few nights since I happened in the store of a prominent radical of this place, who sells his trinkets and toys on the Northwest corner of the Diamond, when the question of 'Chinese labor' was being talked of, and he very positively asserted 'that Chinese had just as good a right in this country as the Irish.' Now I simply want to ask where this fellow, blather-skite would be, if Irishmen had been excluded from this country—would his grand-father ever have had an opportunity to leave in Bellefonte as silly a descendant as this advocate of Chinamen? As Irishmen we fought for this country! Did any one ever hear of a Chinaman assisting it in any way at all? Did you, Mr. Toy Vendor? PETER McMAHON.

The public schools are again in session after their short vacation. The principal, Mr. Hastings, employed the time in visiting his Clinton county friends, but we noticed that he had returned on Monday.

The dignity and favor with which our friend, Prof. Mather, presided over the sessions of the County Institute last week, elicited much admiration and praise. Reuben knows how to do it.

Fine lot of specks at Patton's.

MARRIED.

GRATER—HARVEY.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) J. W. Cleaver, Robert Grater to Mary Ann Harvey. ADAMS—WHEAT.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) C. G. Ryman, Robert W. Adams to Abigail Adams, and Adabella White, of Milesburg, to Mrs. J. W. Cleaver. MUSEER—SULLIVAN.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) W. Musser and Mary Emma Musser, of Buffalo, Pa. HARMER—HENRY.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) Summit Blair county, by Rev. J. W. Cleaver, Akers, Mr. William M. Hamer to Mrs. J. W. Cleaver. SPINNEY—SULLIVAN.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) E. Spinnery, Fort Mifflin, Pa., to Mrs. J. W. Cleaver. RIECKA—WERTZ.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) R. W. Wertz, of Flat Rock, Pa., to Mrs. J. W. Cleaver. GARRICK—SMITH.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) M. R. Garrick, of Flat Rock, Pa., to Mrs. J. W. Cleaver. It is a truly happy marriage.

Died.

GRAHAM.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) Mr. Dan Graham, of Mount Pleasant, Pa., aged 70 years. BRIDGES.—On the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) Mrs. J. W. Bridges, of Flat Rock, Pa., aged 70 years. HELM.—In Milesburg on the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) Mrs. J. W. Helm, aged 70 years. RHEON.—In Centre Hill, on the 24th ult. (the M. E. passage in Milesburg, Pa.) Mrs. J. W. Rheon, aged 70 years. His death has left a deep gloom over the community. He was a very successful business man, and was well known to all who know him. At the time of his death he was engaged in the business of a coal merchant. He was a man of great energy and industry, and his death is a great loss to the community. He was a member of the church, and was a very active and successful member. He was a man of great worth and character, and his death is a great loss to the community. He was a man of great energy and industry, and his death is a great loss to the community. He was a member of the church, and was a very active and successful member. He was a man of great worth and character, and his death is a great loss to the community.

The Bellefonte Market.

Table with market prices for various goods like wheat, corn, and flour.

MONEY MARKET.

Table with money market rates for various banks and locations.

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