

The Democratic Watchman

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Friday Morning, March 8, 1871.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

Several distinguished clerical gentlemen were visiting in town this week.

George F. Ronian is to give another ball and supper on the evening of Easter Monday.

The street commissioners will have a nice time cleaning the streets again when spring opens.

The 'Red Men' of Phillipsburg are to have a festival soon, the proceeds of which are to be applied to decorating and improving their hall.

We are indebted to Mr. T. B. Nolan, for copies of the Washington Carnival Republican, which contains a great deal of humorous reading.

March came in warm and mild, but attended by high winds, which made modest young ladies blush and hide themselves in the doorways.

The mud and dirt on the Wyckoff pavement in front of the Bush House has once more been scraped into piles and carted off. Why cannot it always be kept so?

Directors, teachers and others, are invited to call at County Superintendent's office and procure a copy of Pennsylvania School Report for 1870 Office day - Saturday.

It is rumored that Messrs. House and Krom, of the Brokerhoff House here, have rented the Montour House in Lock Haven, of which they will assume charge about the first of April.

Wednesday was the 1st day of March. It came in mild, pleasant and beautiful. We shall now have an opportunity to see the old adage 'come in like a lamb, go out like a lion,' verified.

At the grand Carnival procession in Washington city, lately, our old time friend, Mr. T. B. Nolan, of this place, took part. He and the pupils of Brady's Gymnasium there, formed one of the groups in the procession.

Our citizens will bear in mind the fact that Rev. M. P. Stack of Williamsport, will lecture in the catholic church here, on the evening of the 17th inst. His subject will be 'The Irish Race.' The lecturer ought to have a good audience.

The editor of the Tyrone Herald put in an appearance on Saturday. He looks well, and is talking about getting a new power press. Better keep to your old hand press, Brauner, and not try to ape after the style of our towns, like Bellefonte.

Last Friday and Saturday were real warm and pleasant days. Things got very soft, and the water ran in brooks along the sides of the streets. Spring creek got on a little bit of a high, and rushed passed our station at a lively rate.

Bellefonte will have a new feature after next Monday evening. This will be the extensive meat market and general grocery of Messrs. Kurtz & Straub. We hope this will have the effect of lowering the price of meat and groceries.

We hear it said that some of our Masonic brethren are boasting that every Mason present at a recent party and supper, was 'perfectly sober.' Is it, then, such an unusual thing for Masons to be sober that it must needs be bragged about?

A man by the name of Cannon, a laborer in Curtin's ore bank, was killed by the caving in of a portion of a shaft in which he was engaged, on Monday last. He lived about two hours after his body was taken out. He was buried on Wednesday in the Catholic cemetery, in this place.

We neglected last week to make local mention of the fact that Mr. David Rhule and Mr. Gault, have bought the grocery and provision store of Mr. Levi A. Miller. These gentlemen are competent business men, and intend to keep a first class establishment. We commend them to the confidence of the public. Read their advertisement in another column.

The Phillipsburg Baptists have been holding a protracted meeting with beneficial results. About twenty-five persons have been converted, and the meeting continues. The Methodists of that place, however, are doing still better. Seventy-seven persons have professed conversion, and by the time the meeting closes it is thought a hundred converts will have been added to the church.

The rumor that House and Krom, of the Brokerhoff House are to take the Montour House in Lock Haven, has grown to the magnitude of a fact. These gentlemen and excellent hotel keepers are really going to leave us. We are sorry, but suppose it can't be helped. But what will the 'Brokerhoff' do? Unless some one else assumes charge of it, that locality will seem desolate and deserted soon enough.

THE RAILROAD MEETING.—The meeting in the Court House, on Saturday night last, to ascertain what Bellefonte was willing to do in regard to the building of the branch railroad from here to the end of the mountain, was well-attended, and yet there was not as many present as there should have been. Speeches were made by Messrs. D. G. Bush, Edmund Blanchard and W. W. Brown, all energetic, forcible, and to the point. Subscriptions were given in liberally, and when the meeting adjourned, the list showed the handsome sum of twenty-one thousand and six hundred dollars. Considering that only two or three of the merchants in town were present at the meeting and put down their names, this was doing right well, and left only about nine thousand dollars to be raised on Monday and till Tuesday noon, after which time Mr. Blanchard was to leave for Philadelphia to make his report to the Board on Wednesday.

We must confess that we were somewhat surprised to see so little interest manifested by our mercantile community. Surely, if any class is interested in the building of this road, it is that class of people who are engaged in the business of buying and selling. Low rates of transportation certainly concern them as much, if not more, than anybody else, except manufacturers. However, there may have been some reason for their absence on Saturday night that we know nothing of, and we hope they made haste to retrieve their error on Monday and Tuesday. We are glad to know that our town's proposition of the cost of the construction of the road has been made up, at all events, and those persons who were able but were not willing to take part nor lot in this great improvement, will, in the future, have only themselves to blame if their non-attendance on Saturday night or Monday should be recorded upon themselves.

In another place, we publish the proceedings of the meeting, with the amount subscribed by individuals and firms.

P. S. Since the above was written, committees have been out soliciting subscriptions, with great success. Our merchants, when called on, responded liberally, and the amount desired has been more than made up. This is good news, and secures the building of the branch road beyond a doubt. Mr. Blanchard has already reported the action of our people to the board at Philadelphia, and we presume steps will be at once taken to inaugurate the work.

With all due regard and respect to the highly respectable people who live on Howard street, between the Presbyterian church and Main street, we must be allowed to say that the locality mentioned is one of the most infamously dirty and filthy in town. The sidewalks are generally buried in dirt of some kind, and, besides being badly paved and irregular, some persons are in the habit of pasturing their cows all about that vicinity. Especially on wet days, that portion of the street where the alley crosses, is filthy in the extreme, and, on Sunday, persons coming from church become fairly nauseated. We are in favor of the immediate abatement of this cow nuisance, and advocate the instantaneous cleansing of that entire district. The attention of the street commissioner is called to this matter, and if the property owners in that neighborhood cannot keep their cows off the sidewalks, we suggest that he hire a first-class boy to watch them, and charge the expense of the same to such persons. Muroanon.

We learn that the fund for the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Major James Harvey Larimer, at Clearfield, is short some three or four hundred dollars. As Major Larimer was formerly a citizen of this county and town, and had hosts of warm personal friends here, we feel like suggesting that a subscription be taken up to aid in completing this monument. Major Larimer was one of the best and bravest officers of the late war, and after escaping danger in many a hard-fought battle, finally lost his life in a skirmish with guerrillas. All his life Major Larimer affiliated with the Democracy, and we think it would be perfectly right and proper that his Democratic friends, at least, should do something to perpetuate his memory and his many deeds. This, however, need not deter our Radical friends from contributing to this object, as they, too, have some interest in perpetuating the memory of one of Centre county's most noble names.

It is said that there is a fellow running about town again, after night, frightening women, young ladies and girls. This is something after the style of the 'gum shoe man,' who a couple of years ago went about town peeping into people's windows. Whether this is a true story or not, we do not know, but the police might keep their eyes open tight for a little while. Our own opinion is that it's somebody given to practical jokes. In such case we suggest that any lady who is pursued hereafter, should stand her ground, and when the rascal comes up to her, let her give him a whack along-side of the head. This won't be half so funny for him.

DEATH OF HON. THOMAS H. BURROWS.—The venerable Thomas H. Burrows, L. L. D., President of the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, died in that Institution, at four o'clock, on Saturday afternoon last, aged sixty-seven years, of inflammation of the lungs. President Burrows was a gentleman of high culture, and possessed a vigorous and discriminating intellect. He was a great friend of common schools, and during his useful and laborious life, did much to aid and further this wise system of education. In the earlier part of his life, Mr. Burrows was something of a politician, and was Secretary of the Commonwealth for four years under Gov. Ritner—from December 15, 1835, till January 16, 1839. In 1860 he was appointed State Superintendent of Common Schools by Gov. Packer, and held the position until 1863, giving great satisfaction and displaying qualifications of the highest order. Mr. Burrows was the first Superintendent of the Orphan Schools of the State, appointed by Gov. Curtin. He was also, for many years the editor of the Pennsylvania School Journal, and in that responsible and onerous position, manifested great judgment and editorial ability. His mind was a perfect storehouse of information, and he dealt it out in no stingy or illiberal spirit, but as one who valued it for the great blessings he was, through it, capable of conferring upon the world.

In 1869, Dr. Burrows was appointed President of the State Agricultural College, in this county, and was residing among us at the time of his death. He was present in this town during the session of the Teachers' Institute in December last. Personally, he had made many warm and devoted friends, and was generally looked upon with the highest respect and veneration. By his decease our county loses one of its best citizens, the State one of her brightest ornaments—humanity a friend, and to the world a benefactor. How true it is that 'Death loves a shining mark.'

At a special meeting of the Faculty of the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, held February 27th, 1871, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That while we bow in submission to the will of God in His death, we feel that in His death we have lost a valued and devoted teacher, and a friend and confidant to each member by many an act of personal kindness and affection.

Resolved, That in respect to the memory of the deceased, all secular duties of the College be suspended, and that the Faculty, students and employees of the Institution, attend the funeral, and accompany the remains to the depot.

Resolved, That we offer our sympathy to the family of the deceased and rejoice with them that his last hours were brightened by the assurance of a better life.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, and that they be published in the papers of Centre county, and in the daily papers of Lancaster city.

At a special meeting of the Washington Literary Society held Feb. 27th, 1871, the following resolutions were adopted:

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.—In pursuance to the call of the Chairman of the County Committee, the delegates of the Convention assembled in Meek's Hall, on the 22d of February, 1871, at 2 o'clock, P. M. of said day. The Convention was called to order by H. Y. Stitzer, who stated the objects for which the Convention was assembled, after which Judge Hosterman, of Potter township, was, on motion, called to the Chair, and F. Potter, from Harris, was elected Secretary. The Hon. Frederick Kurtz, of Potter township, was, on motion of George Hoffer, nominated as Representative delegate, to the State Convention to meet at Harrisburg, which nomination was concurred in by the unanimous voice of the Convention. D. F. Fortney, Esq., and Wm. Furey, of Bellefonte, and George McGaffey, of Rush township, were, on motion, selected as Senatorial Conferees.

The following resolutions were offered and unanimously concurred in to wit: That our delegates to the State Convention are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to procure the nomination of Hon. Samuel T. Shugert, of Bellefonte, for Auditor General.

That the number of delegates, composing the County Convention, be and remain the same as at present apportioned, until otherwise directed by a full Convention. On motion adjourned.

F. POTTER, Secretary.

We have received a very nice little poem for publication, in the WATCHMAN, entitled 'When I marry,' purporting to have been written by Mr. J. C. Stover, of Millheim, only 15 years old. Unfortunately for the aspirations of this precocious and gifted youth, however, we were too well acquainted with the writings of Mr. John G. Saxe not to have instantly recognized this production. It has been floating around in the papers for some time, and how our young friend Stover, could have imagined that he wrote it, we are at a loss to comprehend. Under the circumstances we feel compelled to decline publishing it. Having been already published throughout the country as the production of Mr. Saxe, it would look a little queer now to republish it as an emanation from the genius of Mr. Stover.

The following is the anticipated marriage to which we alluded last week, and which has caused so many anxious interrogations:

Michael Grove, provided no injury be done to farm in locating road. Wm. Gray. George Dale. D. M. Wagner. T. R. Reynolds. Linn & McCoy. B. V. Black. Harper Bros. James T. Hule. Charles H. Hale. Adolph Leeb. A. Stettin. J. J. Harris. D. Z. Kline. James H. Lipton. S. S. Lyon. Wm. P. Duncan. J. R. & C. T. Alexander. Zimmerman Bros. Isaac Haupt. A. O. Turst. Seehler & Co. F. P. Green. Christ Dale, Jr. S. A. McQuiston. Wm. H. Blair. J. H. Sands. John I. Rankin. R. B. Barger & Co. George T. Brew. John Cole. John I. Potter. John Anderson. Keller & Musser. George A. Byard. R. B. Wilson. W. W. Potter. John Montgomery. Frank P. Blair. John Brechtbill. Michael Howard. Edward Brown. W. S. Triplett. J. B. Ettle. George O'Bryan. E. Joseph & Brother. Pat McCaffrey. John Moran. George W. Patton. Frank Montgomery. Wm. Furey. Daniel Garman. Robert McKnight. J. G. Laitimore. Joe W. Furey. John W. Cooke. Ed. Nolen. John D. Lieb.

Dr. T. R. Hayes, of this place, left here on Tuesday for New York, for a tour among the hospitals of that city. The Doctor goes to witness the various phases of all the ills that mortal flesh is heir to, and the various modes of treatment by the distinguished surgeons and physicians of the great metropolis. Recreation is also an object with the Doctor, and we trust he may profitably intermingle pleasure with business. Dr. R. F. Hayes the senior partner, will attend to all the professional business of the firm during his brother's absence.

A number of the prisoners in the County jail sent us a note on Wednesday asking us to donate them a weekly copy of the WATCHMAN, as they had nothing to read, and no money to pay for a paper. Hereafter the WATCHMAN shall visit those chaps weekly, and we trust they may be much benefitted by the sound truths it contains. And we shall ask the Sheriff to see that the prisoners receive it regularly, and without delay.

Fires.—The school-house at Valentine's iron works was burned on Wednesday night. We understand the fire caught from the register.

The barn of Michael Weaver, in Spring township, was also burned the same night. The fire is supposed to have originated from the smoking of a couple of boys about the straw stack.

Notwithstanding the rise in Eastern coal, Shortidge & Co. have kept the prices down as low as in the early part of the winter. Their rates have not increased, though the price of coal has everywhere else gone up. This is what it is to have enterprising dealers among us, who are shrewd enough to see ahead and provide against an emergency.

Rev. Mr. Mullen, of the Methodist church here, will leave for Conference on Monday next. On Sunday evening preceding he will, by request, preach his noted sermon on 'The Trial of Abraham's Faith.' We bespeak for the reverend gentleman a large audience.

Somebody in a buggy, drove over an ash pile on Friday last, on Bishop street, and over it. No particular damage done to the ash pile.

RAILROAD MEETING.—Pursuant to call, the citizens of Bellefonte met in the Court House, on Saturday evening February 25th, for the purpose of considering the propriety of subscribing stock to the proposed branch railroad, from Bellefonte to intersect the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek R. R., at or near Boalsburg. On motion of E. Blanchard, D. G. Bush was chosen President and Michael Grove, Moses Thompson, Henry Brockerhoff and Jno. Irwin Jr., Vice Presidents, and M. T. Milliken, J. D. Shugert and P. Gray Meek Secretaries.

The objects of the meeting were ably stated by Mr. Bush, when on motion of M. T. Milliken, Edward Blanchard Esq., addressed the meeting. He showed the urgent necessity of the speedy completion of the proposed route, the great benefits our town and county would derive from it, the extortionate rates imposed by the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad company, stated that the estimated expense of grading the nine miles would be \$80,000, pledged the Snow Shoe company for two thirds of that amount, and closed by submitting the following, for signers:

We the undersigned, hereby agree to subscribe the sums set opposite our respective names to the capital stock of the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek Railroad Company, to be paid to the Treasurer of said company in such sums and at such times as they may require, to be applied to the grading and bridging of the Railroad from Bellefonte to the North Western end of Nittany mountain in Centre County. Provided the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe Railroad Company subscribe two thirds of the actual cost of the grading and bridging said line of road, and the balance required for said work be bona-fide subscribed or guaranteed by the citizens of Bellefonte and persons interested in the connection of said branch road with the L. C. & S. C. R. R. and, provided further, that the superstructure be laid on the road-bed by the L. C. & S. C. R. R. Company, as fast as the grading is done and certificates of stock issued to subscribers as the work progresses.

Valentine & Milliken \$3,000. D. G. Bush 1,000. Harvey Munn 1,000. E. C. Humes 1,000. Irwin & Wilson 1,000. Edmund Blanchard 1,000. John S. Summerville & Son 1,000. Charles McCafferty 1,000. McCullister & Beaver 1,000. R. C. & J. Curtin 1,000. J. D. & S. T. Shugert 1,000. E. W. Hale 1,000. Daniel Rhoads 500. John McDermott 500. John Hoy 500. Adam Hoy 500. John P. Harris 500. Michael Grove, provided no injury be done to farm in locating road 500. Wm. Gray 500. George Dale 500. D. M. Wagner 500. T. R. Reynolds 500. Linn & McCoy 500. B. V. Black 500. Harper Bros. 500. James T. Hule 500. Charles H. Hale 500. Adolph Leeb 500. A. Stettin 500. J. J. Harris 500. D. Z. Kline 500. James H. Lipton 500. S. S. Lyon 500. Wm. P. Duncan 500. J. R. & C. T. Alexander 500. Zimmerman Bros. 500. Isaac Haupt 500. A. O. Turst 500. Seehler & Co. 500. F. P. Green 500. Christ Dale, Jr. 500. S. A. McQuiston 500. Wm. H. Blair 500. J. H. Sands 500. John I. Rankin 500. R. B. Barger & Co. 500. George T. Brew 500. John Cole 500. John I. Potter 500. John Anderson 500. Keller & Musser 500. George A. Byard 500. R. B. Wilson 500. W. W. Potter 500. John Montgomery 500. Frank P. Blair 500. John Brechtbill 500. Michael Howard 500. Edward Brown 500. W. S. Triplett 500. J. B. Ettle 500. George O'Bryan 500. E. Joseph & Brother 500. Pat McCaffrey 500. John Moran 500. George W. Patton 500. Frank Montgomery 500. Wm. Furey 500. Daniel Garman 500. Robert McKnight 500. J. G. Laitimore 500. Joe W. Furey 500. John W. Cooke 500. Ed. Nolen 500. John D. Lieb 500.

Business Notices.

MARRIED.

CHAMBERS—MURPHY.—On the 25th inst. Bellefonte, by Rev. J. W. Cleaver, Mr. James Chambers, Jr. of Half Moon, to Miss Hannah M. Murphy, of Bellefonte.

BLOCK—BARTHOLOMEW.—On the 25th inst. M. E. Parsonage, Millburg, by Rev. J. W. Cleaver, Mr. Robert Block, of Millburg, to Miss Clara T. Bartholomew, of Millburg.

MUNSER—SHIFFER.—On Wednesday 1st inst. in the house of the bride's father, Pine Grove Mills, by Rev. J. W. Cleaver, Mr. Wm. H. Munser, of Millburg, to Miss Sallie E. Shiffer, both of Pine Grove Mills.

The Bellefonte Market.

CORRECTED BY KELLER & MUSSER.

The following are the quotations up to 6 o'clock Thursday evening, when our paper went to press.

Money Market.

did appropriate honor to the memory of the "Father of his Country." The Journal says: Old Fellows' Celebration.—Wednesday, the 22d, was the anniversary of the birth of Washington, the nation's day of the revered "Father of his Country," and Magnolia Lodge, No. 602, I. O. O. F. decided, with the assistance of their sister Lodges, to celebrate the day with a dress parade, addresses and a grand supper. The day opened clear, cool and beautiful. The several teams brought Grand Officers C. N. Hickok and John A. Taylor, the speakers, and deputations from Clearfield and Osoeca Lodges, the latter accompanied by the Osoeca Band. At two o'clock, P. M. the members began to assemble at the hall and at three the marshals commenced to gather their forces. At this juncture almost an incident happened which would have been a reproduction of the Richmond disaster. The floor, which was crowded to its utmost capacity, was felt to be giving way beneath the weight of its burden, and undoubtedly would have precipitated those one hundred and twenty souls into a horrible vortex from which escape with life, for many, would have been impossible had not the floor been partially cleared. The procession formed in front of the hall on Pennsylvania Street, headed by Osoeca Band followed by the Osoeca Lodge, Magnolia Lodge, Phillipsburg Lodge, Mo-hannon Encampment, (Phillipsburg), and Clearfield Lodge, the Grand Officers filling the rear. The line of march was up Pennsylvania to Seventh street, Sixth to Pine, down Pine to Second, up Second to Progressive, up South Centre to Maple, down Maple to east side of Front passing down to Spruce and returning on west side of Front street. Arrived at the hall the cavalcade entered the room occupied by the Temple of Honor, on account of the insecurity of their own where they went into secret conference. The parade was magnificent, the line of brethren adorned with their regalia of the order, presenting a beautiful display. At half past six the procession reformed and marched to the Old M. E. church where a stand had been erected for the speakers. The house was crowded, the ladies forming a plentiful sprinkling of those whose presence added beauty and grace to the scene. After a musical display, Grand Guardian, John A. Taylor, introduced to the audience by Mr. T. H. Switzer, and delivered some most timely remarks upon the cause which had brought them together, dwelling on his great love for the liberty of the American people, the rights and privileges of the hero whose hand planted the germ of that freedom. He spoke of the nobility of the duty enjoined by the Fellowship on its votaries. He was followed by Grand Representative, C. N. Hickok, a devoted member of the order who addressed the audience in his own peculiar terse, earnest, spirited and convincing way. His remarks bore upon the objections urged against the Fellowship by the bigoted opposer of that great and most efficient benevolent societies, and right nobly did he vindicate its principles and abstract the ridenousness of many fallacious popular with those opposed to the order. In language warm from his heart, with four forth argument after another of unanswerable and incontrovertible Chaplain T. H. Switzer, closed the meeting with a few brief remarks, and the members to the previous year, endorsing his views. The audience, person and the O. F. Fellows, were ladies reported by the Magnolia Lodge, where a grand banquet had been provided. Here the Philanthropist discoursed sweet words in their ears, and lauded to the waiting board. The supper tables were crowded with early morn and the participants, but themselves home the happier for having enjoyed both the feast of reason and the flow of soul and the feast of good things provided by mine host. Facilities for most important feature of the evening was the absence of intoxication and the remarkable good feeling and order. It respects a grand success and a great credit to the order.

Any person desiring to rent a good lot can do so by applying to D. E. Bartley.