

The Democratic Watchman

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Friday Morning, March 17, 1871.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

—House to rent. Apply at this office. —Eggs have been as low as fifteen cents this week.

—Read advertisement of "Land for Sale," by J. S. Böhart, in another place.

—Sheriff Woodring is already boasting about his new cabbage and tomato plants.

—A cave has been discovered at Shortidge & Company's lime kilns, 36 feet deep.

—Mr. D. Garman, proprietor of Garman's Hotel, sailed for New York on Tuesday via Pennsylvania railroad.

—A number of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association left here on Tuesday to attend the Convention at Altoona.

—The Good Templar Lodge will not meet again until Monday evening, the 17th of April, when it is proposed to re-organize on a new basis.

—Dr. Hale, having built a new stable, has torn away that ancient stone edifice, which so long reared its gloomy, prison-like front on Howard Street.

—Adam Miller, a veteran Democrat of Miles township, died suddenly last Friday night, of dropsy of the heart. He was about seventy-six years of age.

—Mr. Amos Mullin, of this place, has taken out himself a wife, in the person of Miss Mollie Hinkle, of Columbia. The happy event occurred on the 15th inst.

—Mr. Jacob Miller, late of the post-office bookstore, has purchased the stock of Mr. McIntire, of Pleasant Gap, and will soon go into the dry goods and grocery business there.

—Isaac Lytle and John G. Love, Esq., were in Philadelphia last week, and got back home on Friday last, right side up. Which the same we are glad to be able to record.

—The entertainment given by the Boggs township teachers' institute in Milesburg on the night of the 11th inst. was, we are informed, a very successful and satisfactory one.

—Mr. Joseph Royer, of Howard, and J. W. McDowell, of Marion township, have bought W. L. Gordon's mill property at Howard, paying therefor the snug sum of \$13,500.

—We believe the Bellefonte and Snow-hoe railroad company intend to put up a round house in this place about the first of May. It will be of sufficient capacity to contain seven iron "hoses."

—Mr. George Roman, the popular proprietor of the Big Spring restaurant will give another of his enjoyable balls in Bush's Hall, on the evening of Easter Monday, the 10th of April. Tickets one dollar.

—About one third of the roof of "Eagle Chapel," near Curtin's Works, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. The Republican says this has been the place of worship, for the Methodists there for sixty years.

—Eminent gentlemen, occupying rooms in the front of the Bush House, should remember to pull down their blinds before they got out of bed in the morning. Shirt-tail prospectives are hot enticing when seen through a window.

—Joseph L. Neff, the popular auctioneer, has 1000 oak and pine logs in Leathers' mill, near Mount Eagle, as we are informed by our friend Tobias. We would call the attention of wagon-makers and other manufacturers of wood work to this fact.

—A letting of the pews of the M. E. Church, for the present conference year, will take place at the church on Saturday, (to-morrow) afternoon and evening, the 25th inst. A good attendance is requested. By order of the board of stewards.

—A little child of a Mr. Long, brakeman on the Railroad, innocently swallowed some creosote yesterday morning, which, it is feared, will have a fatal effect. The family were moving, we believe, and the creosote was accidentally left where the child got hold of it.

—Mr. W. S. Burkert, formerly of Rebersburg, but now in the mercantile business in West Union, Iowa, left here on Tuesday evening for New York to lay in a supply of spring and summer goods. Mr. B. has been visiting his friends in this county for some two or three weeks past.

—We were shown by Superintendent Magee, some specimens of map drawing, the other day, by various pupils, that were well executed and showed a correct idea of the physical construction of the countries delineated. Map drawing has become a feature in the public schools, latterly, that promises to materially advance the study of Geography.

THE BEGINNING. —The engineer corps went to work last Friday to locate the branch road from this place to the end of the mountain. They have established their headquarters in Bush's arcade building, and will prosecute the work until it be finished. Thus, the first step has been taken toward giving Bellefonte another important outlet, from which, we trust, great and beneficial results will flow. With the completion of this road and the construction of the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek road, a new era will dawn for our town. We may then expect to have reasonable rates for freight and to be able to transport our productions at a decent price. Manufacturers will then spring up, and business take a new start. People will come here to live, and our city again renew its growth and prosperity. We shall have no more dummy trains, but shall rise to our true position as a first class mercantile and manufacturing town, and be the envy and pride of the central portion of the State. This position is rightfully ours. We have the natural advantages to sustain it, and as our policy widens and the narrow views of the past dissolve from contemplation, we shall yet reach and mount the goal of all our hopes. Bellefonte is bound to become a large manufacturing town. She has a destiny to fulfill so brilliant that even her most sanguine citizen does not yet even dare to dream of it, but it will all come in good time. Nor do we believe that this time is so very far in the future. Let those who now sneer at us keep their taunts for those whom they will better fit. We have taken a step forward in the march to greatness. By and by the reward of our patience and perseverance will come to bless and crown our efforts.

—The warm weather of March has bothered the ladies somewhat. The atmosphere is too oppressive to admit of their wearing their full winter gear, and they haven't got their spring fashions in order yet. For their benefit, we venture the opinion that the cold weather is over and that the present balmy period will continue, with the exception, probably, of a churlish day, now and then. We believe we are going to have an unprecedentedly early spring. Nevertheless, it would be well enough to keep the muffs and furs handy, in case old Boreas should return to give us a parting blast.

—Probably the finest store room in this part of the country, or, in fact anywhere outside of the cities, is that of our friends, Irwin & Wilson, merchants of this place. It is 125 feet deep and 30 in width, and built according to the latest style, with a stairway leading from about the middle of the lower floor to another fine apartment above which, like the store room proper, is filled chock full of goods belonging to the hardware branch of trade. The building is finely finished, handsomely painted and grained, and puts one in mind of a first-class business house on Chestnut or Market streets, Philadelphia. There is a glass division toward the rear of the store room, behind which is kept the stove department, and the cellar is filled with iron, and all sorts of things. The sales-room is constructed so as to always be well lighted, and is never permitted to look dark or gloomy. The goods are arranged in the neatest and most tasteful manner, and everything kept scrupulously clean. The large show windows in front are arranged with the best taste and make a beautiful display of the lighter and more brilliant goods. It is really worth while to visit this store just to look at it. There is none like it outside of the cities, and the whole structure commends itself as entirely ahead of anything ever attempted in this town.

Messrs John Irwin and P. Bender Wilson, are the owners of this fine brick building, and partners in the business. Their trade is a large one, and is daily growing. They deal in everything that can be imagined as belonging to their line, and can accommodate any demand. They keep two or three gentlemen and obliging clerks, and do business systematically. A large gilt awning surmounts the building, and a beautiful sign marks the entrance.

—We happened into the hall of the Y. M. C. A., on Monday night last, during the progress of a meeting that had been called for the purpose of forming a Sabbath School Association. We found our friend, Fortney, in the chair, and a debate going on in reference to the expediency of establishing such an association. After remarks by Messrs. Lyon, Blanchard, Beaver, Hughes, Stitzer and the chairman, the question was decided in the affirmative and the association resolved upon. If Y. Stitzer, Esq., was chosen president for a term of three months, the secretaryship to be filled by each meeting for itself, and the meetings of the association to be held on the first Monday evening of each month. Two questions were chosen for consideration at the next meeting, namely: "What are the elements of success in Sunday school teaching?" or something to that effect, and "What is the best method of controlling obstreperous pupils?" The next meeting will be held on the first Monday evening in April.

MORAL CENSURE. —That extraordinary paper, the Bellefonte Republican, than which there is none less able in the country, gives the following list of names of the moral young men about town, of whom it positively asserts Bellefonte is "proud." Here they be:

- Samuel Durbin Gray, (Clerk Cook),
Heiner Graham, (Harris O. Hofer),
Moses Montgomery, (Harry Hiles),
Frederick Jarrot, (Charles Cook),
Frank Montgomery, (James H. McClure),
Wm. Zeller, (Harry Herrington),
F. P. Blair, (Samuel Zimmerman),
John J. Potter, (John Lane),
J. F. Pottery, (Malhus Hooley),
J. C. Love, (Adolph Koch),
James T. Hale, (John Kutz),
Theodore Gordon, (James McLean),
J. P. Larimer, (A. G. Curtin Jr.),
George Potter, (Wm. P. Runyon),
Harry Valentine, (Andrew Cook),
Samuel Lipton, (W. S. Wagner),
(Harvey A. Bailey).

Moral follows, them. Of course they be. We don't doubt it a single moment. Don't they all go to church and to Sunday school, and to Hallmoon Hill, and to prayer-meeting, and to the race-track, and to the Young Men's Christian Association, and to the billiard room, and to S. S. Conventions, and to Roopsburg, and to temperance meeting, and to the theatre, and to "Pilgrim" panoramas, and to the Republican office, and to "other places" when they get away from home? Of course, they do. They are all moral fellows—every one of them. And Bellefonte is proud of them. Of course, she is—so she is.

We expect to see an article in next week's Republican giving a list of the "moral cusses" in town, at the head of which, we would suggest, could very appropriately be put the name of W. W. Brown, Esq.

—The Lebanon Advertiser copies our item of last week about the two boys of one Samuel McKinney, of that place, who were in this town last week trying to collect money on their father's "discharge," and in answer to our request for information in the matter, says:

Lebanon can and does keep her poor but when such cases start off over the county to make a name, which is to present them, Samuel McKinney lives here, but we are not aware that he has the whole matter. We rather think not. But one of the boys alluded to was Mr. McKinney's, and that probably the one our contemporary of the Bellefonte did not see, as Mr. McKinney's boy is a pretty large one. He no doubt has a companion with him, smaller than him self, who does the heavy work.

—Before we received the Advertiser's item from Harris township, this county, called into our office and told us that the man McKinney, to whom we alluded, was living in that township, that he had once lived in Lebanon, but was now there. Yet the Advertiser says he does live in Lebanon. Well, as the thing is getting mixed, we'll drop it.

EVERYTHING NEW. —THE EAGLE HOTEL. —A few days ago we had the pleasure of stopping with our genial, jovial, whole-souled friend, and former townsman, Capt. R. D. Cummings, the popular host of the Eagle Hotel, North 31st Street, Philadelphia. Mr. Cummings is the same efficient, obliging and worthy land-lord he was when in this place, and his house which has just been refitted anew, from the top down, is one of the coziest stopping places in the Quaker City. Every room in the house has been papered and painted new, and furnished with new carpets—new furniture and new beds. You would hardly know the place now, but if you stop there once, you will very soon know that no pleasanter place can be found anywhere.

—Evil-disposed persons should be careful how they talk about their fellows. Otherwise they may get into trouble. We say this for the reason that some persons or persons,—we do not know who,—have circulated in some parts of the county a report that one of our most prominent and influential merchants had hung himself, when the fact is the gentleman was never so better health of mind or person than at the present time. Last summer or fall a story got about that this same person had died of apoplexy. Now, this is all wrong, no matter whether it be done in fun or earnest. It is calculated to injure a man's business, and to create trouble. It has the appearance of malice, and if the author of the story should be found out, it might go hard with him.

—One evening last week an accident occurred at the residence of Judge Barnhart, in Boggs township, which was a miracle in that it did not prove fatal. Mrs. Barnhart, wife of the Judge, went up stairs in the dark, and, as she thought, went into her room, but unfortunately, walked through the hall and fell head long down a flight of stairs, breaking one arm and spraining the other, and otherwise bruising herself in a frightful manner. Dr. Dornworth, the family physician, was summoned, and the old lady is doing as well as can be expected for one of her age. She is about eighty years old.

—The name of the post-master of Tyrone is James S. Plummer, instead of Holmes, as we erroneously stated in our notice of the post office there two weeks ago. It seems he is not a wounded soldier, either, as we then stated. So this as it may, he is a good officer, and has the best arranged country office that we know of in the State.

—Gen. Beaver lectured in the Methodist Church in Tyrone, on Friday night last, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

—The Republican, in a plea for patronage, has the following:

We are prepared to do all kinds of Job Work at the Republican office. We are prepared to print the smallest cards, as well as the largest posters. We do our work well, and at the most reasonable rates. Our readers will remember that we obtained a Diploma from the County Fair last fall, for the best "Plan and Ornamental Printing." There is no establishment in the County can say as much.

Why? Because no other office in the county competed with you. Not because they couldn't compete with you, but because they didn't think about it till it was too late, and they didn't know before-hand that you intended to put any specimens on exhibition. You got a "diploma" simply because yours was the only printing exhibited, not because it was superior to the WATCHMAN'S, the Reporter's, the Journal's, the Barrieter's, or Kinslow's, as you meanly try to make the public believe, in the notices above. Moreover, the Centre County Agricultural Society never offered any inducements to printers—never encouraged the various offices in the county to compete, and you jaw-hawked your poor little specimens into the last fair, clandestinely, and for the express purpose of getting some sort of recognition (you didn't care what) by which you might advertise yourself, as you have done. Let the Agricultural Society offer a decent premium for the best specimens of letter press printing, and then let a real diploma be given to the printer who shall best earn it.

—A cabinetman named our friend, Mr. Mullin, one night last week, on the occasion of his bringing home his newly married wife. The boys had all sorts of instruments with them, and the way they made night hideous, wasn't slow. By way of putting a stop to the demoniacal discord, Mr. Mullin took the party in and stood treat—in fact several treats, so that by the time he was relieved of his self invited visitors, the whole crowd was very much "fatigued." In fact, some of them were so "tired" that they didn't get home till the next morning, and then, we understand, not only they were sent for—it would doubtless have been a very jolly occasion, if the exercises hadn't been so terribly laborious.

—The house of Mr. Jacob Smith, about one mile back of Howard, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday. In regard to this occurrence we yesterday received the following letter:

Howard, March 23, 1871. Dear Sir:—Today (Wednesday) about ten o'clock A. M. the dwelling house of Jacob Smith of Howard township, two miles west of Howard borough, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with bedsteads and bedding, two large chests containing bedding and valuable wearing apparel were also burnt, besides many valuable books and papers. The fire is supposed to have caught from a spark that fell on some clothing near the pipe on the garret. Mr. Smith was not at home when the fire first originated and only arrived in time to see his house straggled in flames. His wife, sons and daughters did all they possibly could to stifle the flames, but the day being windy their labor was in vain, and with the assistance of the neighbors they barely saved the barn and other buildings. No insurance on the house.

Yours, very truly, J. N. HALL. —The concert given in the Presbyterian Church at Milesburg, last Saturday, was tolerably well attended, and realized some twenty dollars for the church. Prof. Stover has his class in pretty good singing order, and some of the pieces were well performed. The string band was an attractive feature of the occasion. A little girl, named Carrie Green, was the sweetest singer in the whole party. The pianist, Miss McMinn, was very generally commended for her performance.

—Our pleasant Radical friend, Conrad, of Tyrone, dropped in upon us on Wednesday. We found him in a very dependent humor, politically. He is fearful that his party is about to go to stick. We guess it is too. Mr. Conrad isn't the only Republican who now entertains that opinion. The Sumner and Grant fight, the Butler and Blaine controversy, and several other matters, have about settled that.

THE LECTURE by Rev. Mr. Stack, in the Catholic Church, on Friday evening last, was listened to with attention by a pretty full house, and was really a meritorious and well digested discourse, showing considerable research and care in its preparation. Mr. Stack's delivery is imperfect, however. He speaks too low, and from this cause many were not able to hear him satisfactorily.

—We understand the editor of the Republican was seen running all over town last Tuesday trying to borrow an umbrella that he might save his new Washburn hat, which in the meantime he carried under his coat tail. But nobody would loan him a rain-shifter. They knew him too well. We don't know how he managed about the hat.

—Mr. Joseph M. Wilson, of Buffalo Run, has a new way of making hard soap, which appears to be a success. It is white and solid, and does not wash away so easily as the common home-made soap. We think it a decided improvement, especially when used with hot water. Mr. Wilson, we believe, has secured the right to manufacture it, and we can recommend it as an excellent article.

—Petitions in favor of the repeal of the law which gives the fines and forfeited recognizances to the law library are being rapidly signed and sent to Harrisburg.

[For the WATCHMAN] JULIAN FURNACE.

Mr. Editor: On last Thursday evening some forty or more of our usually sedate citizens were the participants of quite a festive occasion. It being the fifty-third anniversary of the "wedding" of two of our oldest inhabitants, arrangements were made for properly celebrating it. So in the early afternoon the ladies went up the mountain side to where the old people live, and after having made a pleasant call spread a long table and laden it with all the good things mentionable. In fact, it quite exceeded beneath the abundance of chicken, pies, cakes and fruits. About the time these arrangements were completed, the gentlemen arrived, and now for about one hour, things were pretty lively. The surprise of the old people was beyond measure, but they enjoyed it heartily, and all pronounced it a very happy occasion. The old people thought there was one omission—they had no preacher present. Perhaps a "timely" hint might have procured several, as they say preachers are fond of good things, especially chicken. Now a word or so, about the old couple. They have both lived to see their seventy-fourth year. They are regular old veterans in the army of Christ, the old gentleman having been a member of the Methodist Church for some sixty-three years, and the old lady for nearly fifty. They are both cheerful, happy christians, and are opening for glory day by day.

—The Phillipsburg Journal has the following items:

Quite a chapter of incidents occurred on this branch of the railroad on Monday afternoon. At Oseola something about the switch got out of order, and conductor Adams could not turn it to its proper place, and thus ten cars of his train, which was backing, were run off the track, and one person very slightly injured. The cars were not damaged to any considerable extent but much time was consumed in replacing them upon the track, and the train did not get on until early next morning. The same afternoon the piston rod of the engine attached to Hugh Capelin's train broke and burst out one of the cylinder heads, and his train was also detained until early morn. Nobody hurt and nobody to blame.

As an instance of the esteem with which the late Mrs. Ziegler was held in this community, it is notable that more than two hundred people, of both sexes, assembled at the station on Saturday evening to meet the special train which brought home her remains. And probably more than that number visited the house, on the following days, to obtain a last look at the features so dear to the hearts of all that knew her. The pall bearers, on the day of the funeral, were chosen from the orders of Masons and Odd Fellows, and these orders, together with the Red Men and Temple of Honor, turned out in a body in sympathy for the afflicted husband, who is a member of all these societies. The M. E. Church was crowded during the service, and few dry eyes could have been found in that assembly. A stern-featured pedestrian, except the orders, from going to the tomb.

—The examination exercises for the present quarter are now in progress in the public schools. They have been well attended by our citizens, and pronounced generally satisfactory. Under the superintendence of Prof. Hastings our public schools have attained a high position. We flatter ourselves they are as well managed and in as thorough a course of progression as any in the State, much of which is due to the watchful supervision of the talented, accomplished and energetic principal. Prof. Hastings is yet a young man, but he makes a fine principal, and is an able and thorough teacher. We may have something to say further about our schools next week.

—We call attention to the advertisement of Reeve L. Knight & Son, carpet dealers, Philadelphia. Their stock, embracing everything from a rag carpet to an Axminster is worthy the inspection of those wishing to purchase. Their store itself is attractive enough to pay for a visit. It is one of the largest in the city, built of white marble and is 240 feet deep, nearly thirty feet wide and four stories in height, the Messrs. Knight occupying the entire building for their extensive business.

—We hear of certain parties who are in the habit of playing cards on Hallmoon Hill, on Sunday, for money. Now way to put in the day, especially such a glorious one as last Sunday was. Better be about other business, boys; the sun-shine of life won't last forever.

—Ex-Sheriff Funk, of Blair county, was in our sanctum on Saturday, curious to see the water power which runs our presses. The foreman did the agreeable, and showed him all the curiosities of the establishment.

—Rev. A. B. Runyan, of Lock Haven, lectured before the Y. M. C. A., on Friday night last, to a slim audience. We were not there, but have heard the lecture spoken of as being a very indifferent affair.

Boggs Township Teachers' Entertainment.

CENTRAL CITY, PA., March 22. Editor W. T. CHAMMAN.

Having been a spectator at the late entertainment given by the Boggs township Teachers' Institute, and having seen no report of it in either of our county papers, I trust you will permit me to give my impressions of it as they occur to me at this time.

Long before the time of opening the exercises, the large and commodious school room was filled to its utmost capacity. The house was called to order by the President, W. A. Tobias, at 7 o'clock, opened with prayer, by Col. James F. Weaver, of Milesburg. Instrumental music by the Milesburg String Band. Roll call, teachers responding with appropriate sentiments. Salutory, by Mr. Elias Hancock. This gentleman's remarks were brief, but to the point. Essay, by Miss Lucy M. Irwin, was read in a clear and forcible manner—subject, Past, Present and Future. Music, by the String Band. Lecture on Physical Geography, by Ex-County Superintendent Hollahan, who in his usual happy style, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture. Essay, by Mr. Mattie J. Taylor—subject, Memorial Pictures. The subject matter was excellent, and very finely read, and pronounced by all to have been a masterpiece; for one so young, Miss Taylor has but few equals. Declaration, by E. C. Wood—subject, Eulogy on Daniel Webster, Mr. Wood, with some cultivation will become an excellent orator, his appearance on the stage calm and unembarrassed, and his voice clear and distinct. Song, by the Institute. He's Gone. This piece is taken from the Triumph. Was well sung and well received by the audience. Essay, by Miss Clara M. Irwin, subject, The Teachers' Qualifications. Music by the String Band. Simply a rhyme, by Mr. S. T. Stevenson. This an original composition, gotten up for this occasion, each teacher of the Institute receiving their due allowance. Vaudeville, by the President. He spoke of the duties of parents, and the great responsibilities resting on the teacher. Music by the Band. A few resolutions were passed, but we could not hear what they were. Song by the Institute, Good Night. And in this connection, permit me to say, that the Directors of Boggs township, in this matter of Institutes, have done more than any other Township in the county. The teachers teach their full term, viz. 88 days, and these Institutes are extra. The directors pay them \$2.00 much per day, for every Institute held and in the manner in which they are conducted, we have no doubt much good has resulted. With one or two exceptions, the teachers attended every session.

SECTATOR

Card.

To the citizens of Bellefonte, and vicinity, who have favored us with a very generous share of their patronage since the opening of our new Bellefonte market, on High Street, near the depot, we hereby publicly tender our sincere thanks. It is evident that our enterprise is duly appreciated by the general public, and we shall always keep the maximum before us that pays a comfortable pleasure to us, while small returns on many sales of the very best quality of meat, butter, fish, oysters, vegetables, &c., are sufficiently satisfactory. Purity of all articles sold, and scrupulous cleanliness shall constantly prevail in our market. The yet unfinished part of our extra six room is now being completed, and everything marketable and to be procured will be supplied fresh and cheap. Again thanking our friends, we trust to merit a constant share of their good will. KURTZ & STRAUB.

Business Notice.

Price of Brahma Eggs \$1.00 per dozen. Eggs carefully delivered in Bellefonte at the Market House of Kurtz & Straub, where they can be obtained at the above price, or sent orders to Geo. Rumbarger, Fillmore, Centre county, Pa.

MARRIED.

MINTIRE-CORMAN.—On the 16th inst. at the M. E. Parsonage, Milesburg, by Rev. J. W. Weaver, Dr. James E. McIntire to Miss Alfretha Corman, all of this county.

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:

Table with market prices for various goods like Wheat, Corn, Beans, etc.

MONEY MARKET.

Table with money market rates for various banks and locations like Philadelphia, New York, etc.

We are prepared to furnish Revenue Stamps of all denominations to our customers, allowing the following discount: On \$25 and upwards 2 per cent. On \$100 " " 3 " On \$500 " " 4 " We fill and forward all orders upon the day of their receipt.

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