

Democratic Watchman

Friday Morning, August 2, 1889.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

Mr. M. H. GEISE, of Penn Hall, is the duly authorized agent of the WATCHMAN for Gregg township.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

—Last Friday evening Mrs. C. La Rue Munson died at her home in Williamsport, aged 33 years.

—Miss May Martin, one of Williamsport's charming maidens, is visiting Miss Mollie E. Powers of Allegheny street.

—Mr. John L. McKinley, ninety-five years of age, who is Milesburg's oldest citizen, is reported to be in a dying condition.

—The Clearfield county commissioners will issue \$80,000 worth of four per cent. bonds to raise money to replace bridges washed away by the recent flood.

—Rev. Mr. Kline, rector of the Episcopal Church in Allentown, and brother of John Kline, Esq., of Bellefonte, is spending a portion of his summer vacation in this neighborhood.

—Emanuel Albright, of Houserville, who lives by himself, does his own cooking and is supported by his township, is supposed to be nearly a hundred years old, and the oldest man of the neighborhood.

—James Potter and family, Mrs. J. W. Gephart and family, Mrs. Edmund Blanchard and family, and Miss Lillie Russell of Danville, have been spending this week in camp in Hunter's Woods on the Buffalo Run railroad.

—The bodies of two of the victims of the flood in Nittany Valley, Clinton county, have not been found. They are those of Miss Allie Rine, who was drowned at Mackeyville, and one of the Cole children, drowned at Flat Rock.

—Work on the church which the Lutherans of this place are erecting is progressing favorably. It was feared that they would have difficulty in reaching solid rock for the foundation, but they have struck bed rock at a depth of thirteen feet.

—Mr. Thomas Shoemaker, superintendent of the Buffalo Run R. R. and Bellefonte Furnace Company, has added to his stable of good horses a thoroughbred Kentucky saddle horse. It is a beauty, and the care with which it carries one, makes horseback riding a delight.

—Mrs. Sarah Reimer, of Boalsburg, mother of Mrs. David Glenn, of Bellefonte, is one of the oldest residents of Centre County, her age being 94. Although her health is usually good, she was somewhat indisposed during the past week.

—Snow-shoe people are waking up to the necessity of protecting their trout streams, and since the close of the season have been watching them pretty closely. One chap had the pleasure of paying, a few days ago, the fine imposed by law, and has no doubt concluded that trout fishing out of season, in that section, is unprofitable sport.

—At the recent encampment at Bedford Springs, Capt. Mullen of Company B, was unanimously elected Lieutenant of the 5th regiment. First Lieut. Reber was promoted to the captaincy made vacant by the election of Capt. Mullen, and W. F. Reeder, Esq., law partner of Gen. Hastings, was elected to fill the position vacated by Mr. Reber.

—Mr. Geo. Gross, of this place credits himself with being largely instrumental in agitating the passage of the Fox scalp law. He tells us that he secured and sent in the signatures of over 1000 persons favoring the passage of the law. Geo. is a hunter and while working in the interest of the farmer and poultry raiser, kept his "weather eye" open to his own interests. He has a superior breed of fox-hounds and can supply any person who wants one.

—Attorney General Kirkpatrick, in response to an inquiry of Adjutant General Hastings, has given an interpretation of the act to provide transportation to Gettysburg at the time of the dedication of monuments of the Pennsylvania organizations, for all surviving soldiers, resident in Pennsylvania, who participated in the battle. He says to be entitled to transportation the soldiers, named must have been upon the rolls, not only prior to, but also at the time of the battle.

—For the benefit of the M. E. Sunday school of Ross church, a harvest home picnic and festival will be held in the grove at Marengo, on Saturday, August 3. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Wharton and I. C. M. Ellenberger. Music will be furnished by the Baileyville band and vocal performers. Among other interesting pastimes, two games of base ball will be played. In the morning, Gatesburg vs. State College; in the afternoon, Gatesburg vs. Pine Grove. The festival will be continued during the evening.

DESTITUTION IN THE RAVAGED PART OF NITTANY VALLEY.—There are reports of much destitution and consequent suffering in that part of Nittany valley ravaged by the flood. From reports received there appears to be very much destitution, and consequently much suffering, prevailing there yet. Appeals have been sent out through the State for aid and committees have been appointed to wait on the State Flood Relief Committee and present to them the existing condition of affairs, and, if at all possible, to secure aid from them.

The total estimate now of the damage in Lamar and Porter townships, Clinton county, is not far short of \$150,000, and this loss fell upon a class whose all was swept away, leaving them without a thing and in the midst of a people who were almost as poor as they. Unlike in the Conemaugh valley, there was no commissary department organized by the State for the subsistence of those made destitute, and now that so much time has elapsed, without any help being extended to them, except the meagre assistance of their neighbors, who were also in a manner sufferers, a great many are in very destitute circumstances.

The citizens of that valley feel very badly because the people everywhere so munificently helped Johnstown while they were left to help themselves or starve. A great many are inclined to think that relief intended for them never reached the right place, but was misappropriated and used in Lock Haven or elsewhere, and they now desire all who contributed anything for them to make special request that it is for the relief of persons in that valley. There have been relief committees established at Salona, Cedar Springs and Mackeyville, and anything forwarded to either place will be properly applied.

Since the crops have been harvested a more careful estimate of the amount of damage sustained from the flood in the valley places the amount on wheat and hay at about one-fifth the entire yield. On oats and corn it is estimated that the damage will be about one-fourth of the entire crop. Otherwise all grain crops would have been unusually large.

A TOUR THROUGH THE FLOODED REGIONS.—Dr. Joseph F. Edwards, member of the State Board of Health, who has been visiting the flooded districts of the State, has the following to say of the condition of Nittany Valley: "We drove to-day from Lock Haven for forty miles through the Nittany Valley visiting the villages of Mill Hall, Salona, Flat Rock, where there is practically nothing left, Mackeyville, Clintondale and Yankeetown. With the exception of Mackeyville, these villages are in fairly good sanitary condition, for with characteristic energy the people fell to at once and have thoroughly cleaned up. But the distress is something pitiful. Here is a field for practical philanthropy. If some good man, with a few thousands of dollars, would travel through this valley he could earn for himself a high place in Heaven. We were accosted in the woods near Flat Rock by a poor woman who had, just before the flood, succeeded in paying for a modest little home. This home was now lying smashed to pieces in a gully, and she, with her bright-eyed little ones, was living in a neighbor's smokehouse, while the possession of a worthless husband only placed an additional burden on her. At Mackeyville we met the merchant of the village, who pointed out to us a "stone foundation" as the remnant of his store, stock and property. He was completely wrecked; he had suffered a loss of \$3,000. These two instances are but illustrations of what is found everywhere. In this same town, out of a population of only 100, two persons were drowned, while in Flat Rock there were six persons drowned, all women and children. In the little town of Salona five persons were drowned, while at Washington Furnace there were two deaths by drowning. Most of these villages were damaged by rain water that came down the mountains in raging torrents, carrying everything before it. If one travels along Pine Creek, Beech Creek, Larry's Creek and the numerous streams in the vicinity of Jersey Shore and Lock Haven, he wonders what is to become of the farmers, and it really make one's heart ache to see the devastat on that has been wrought to once prosperous farms. In very many instances (to start with) the barn has been carried away and with it all the remnants of last year's crops; this year's crops have been destroyed by the flood and these poor people must wait until another year rolls by before they can derive anything from their lands, which, in reality, is a burden to them, for if they must pay taxes (and the Commissioners have not decided that they must not) it goes beyond my comprehension to understand where they will get the money to pay them with.

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—The post office at Bellefonte has been made an international money order office.

—Peter McGhee, an old soldier, 60 years of age, who was in receipt of a pension of \$775, was some days ago found dead in his bed at Beech Creek, Clinton county.

—The marriage of Mr. Frank Chase and Miss Mamie Guy, of Bellefonte, is recorded in the *Phillipsburg Ledger* as recently happening in that place.

—The dates for the county fairs have all been fixed. The Pennsylvania State fair will be held from September 24th to October 9th, and that at Williams Grove, from August 26 to 31. There will be altogether seventy fairs in the State.

—The remains of a boy about 16 years old were found by some workmen employed in getting out logs near Muncy, some days ago. It is presumed that he was one of the flood victims. The body was much decomposed and could not be identified.

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—A singular effect of the Johnstown flood is shown in the fact that the Pennsylvania railroad has never been crowded with general passenger business more than since the Johnstown flood, and a share of the loss to the company is gained through thousands of travelers who go out of the way to see Johnstown. A good deal of passenger business that naturally belongs to other roads goes over the Pennsylvania railroad to see the ruined city.

—There is a rumor that the late assessor of Ferguson township is to be prosecuted and brought before court to answer the charge of making a partisan assessment. But a correspondent from that township says that the people of the township are anxiously awaiting such a chance to test by action of law whether the county Commissioners have the right to increase the assessment over and above the valuation returned by the assessor, they having made an increase of 8 per cent. It would seem that the Board is badly rattled on the tax question.

—Some nights ago Wm. Barger, who resides at Morrisdale Mines, was robbed of about sixty dollars in Phillipsburg. He is an old soldier and had just received his pension. Getting under the influence of liquor, about eleven o'clock an individual, claiming to be an officer, approached him on the street and desired to take him to a place of safety. He readily yielded, and was led to the platform near the Beech Creek station. Here the pretending officer told him he could rest, and that he would stay with him. They both laid down to "sleep," and it was not long until Barger was soundly slumbering. The individual who was falsely representing himself to be an officer, then took occasion to go through Barger's pockets, relieving him of his money. He awoke from his stupor about two o'clock and seeing his "companion" gone and his money likewise, he began yelling with all his might. His noise attracted the attention of Officer Gorton, who was on night duty, and who experienced considerable difficulty in locating the whereabouts of Barger. The unfortunate man related his adventure to Mr. Gorton and a search was made for the individual who committed the robbery, but he had succeeded in making his escape.

—The Pennsylvania Canal Company have decided not to use the canal again this summer. The Williamsport *Republican* looks on this as meaning that the canal will never be used again.

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HOW THE TOWN OF CLEARFIELD WAS LAID OUT.—The *Clearfield Journal* in giving some incidents of the days when Clearfield county was formed, says:

Away back in 1805 Roland Curtin, John Fleming and James Smith, joint commissioners for Centre and Clearfield counties, came across the mountain from Bellefonte to look up a site for a county seat. They examined the land of a colored man named Samuel B. yd, lying between the river and the mouth of Clearfield creek, and which is now the farm of John F. Weaver; the land of Abram Witmer, two miles further up the river; the land of Martin Hoover, three miles above Witmer's property, and which is now the farm of Leander Denning; and the land of Paul Clover, near where Curwensville is now located.

They finally settled upon Martin Hoover's farm as being the most desirable place to erect the county buildings, and accordingly went there to enter into negotiations with Mr. Hoover. They, however, found the sturdy pioneer immovable. He utterly refused to listen to their proposition, saying that his farm was too good to be spoiled by the erection of county buildings upon it! So the nonplussed Commissioners did the next best thing by taking their second choice. They came back down the river and easily struck a bargain with the enterprising "Lancaster Dutchman," Abram Witmer, upon whose land was located the old Indian village Chicklacamoose.

Here the town of Clearfield was laid out sixteen blocks square, in the bend of the West Branch of the Susquehanna, including the site of the old Indian village. With characteristic enterprise Witmer donated to the county, as near as practicable in the centre of this plot, ground for the Court House and jail; also for the use of the town ground for a market house and for an academy. First street, running in a straight line, touched the river at the northern and southern limits of the town plot, leaving an irregular strip of ground bordering on the river. Witmer, not satisfied with what he had already done for the town, cut off two triangular pieces of ground, one at each end of this irregular strip, and donated them for the use of the people as public parks.

A CREDITABLE ACT.—For a number of years Hon. S. R. Peale of Lock Haven, has been making the Bush House his stopping place, when in town. Last winter he and Mr. Teller spent several weeks together on a trip to the Bermuda Islands. His knowledge of the manner in which the Bush House was kept and his personal feeling for Mr. Teller, induced him, when hearing of the trouble the Bush House was in, on Saturday last, to leave his family at Eglesmere, where they are summering, come over to Lock Haven, and drive to Bellefonte on Sunday evening, to render any assistance in court at the trial on Monday. From his knowledge of the proprietor of the House and his observation as to the manner in which it was conducted while a guest, he concluded that the prosecution must be a matter of spite work, and as such should be rebuked in the plainest and most positive manner. His visit and the tender of his service in the case were purely voluntary and gratuitous, and exhibited in a striking degree his kindness of heart and devotion to a friend. His speech to the court, and the points of law raised by him, seemed to meet with the approval of the Judge and audience alike, and his action in the matter throughout won for him the warmest congratulations of our people generally. Whenever Senator Peale can find time, or has occasion to run up to Bellefonte, he will find a warm welcome from the better citizens of the town.

THE BUCKTAILS.—The reunion of the famous Bucktails in Phillipsburg on Wednesday and Thursday, August 21 and 22, will be one of the most elaborate affairs of the kind ever held in this part of the State. It will bring a large crowd of people to Phillipsburg, and the *Journal* is glad to know that preparations are being made to accommodate all who may come. Among those who have already signified their intention of being present are Ex-Governor Curtin, Department Commander Thos. J. Stewart, General John Taylor, Chill Hazard, and Miss Lillian Burkhardt, known as "Comrade Phil," and whose presence will add very materially to the pleasure of those who will be in attendance. Messrs. George E. Parker, 6th P. R. V. C., C. T. Fryberger, 45th P. V., R. M. Musser, 53 P. V., and W. E. Landon, 325 N. Y. Vols., have been appointed a committee to make all the necessary arrangements for the successful carrying out of the programme.

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—The game of ball between the manufacturers and lawyers on the Glass Works ground on last Friday afternoon was full of interest and excitement. Heretofore it has been customary for the industrial crowd to wipe up the ground with their Blackstonian antagonists, but this time the Bar men went out for the express purpose of winning one game, which they would have done had it not been for the "rattling" they got in the last inning.

Considering everything, the game was well played and the spectators were kept in a constant uproar by the ridiculous capers of Ellis Orvis, sheriff Cooke, Jim Hamill and the other would be winners.

The work of the batteries was very good with the exception of the last half of the ninth inning, when the manufacturers were at the bat, Hamill lost control of the sphere and consequently was pounded all over the field. Messrs Walter Graham and Len Munson distinguished themselves by making two double plays, while sheriff Cooke and Bob McKnight made home runs because the ball was lost.

The following is the make up of the teams and the score by innings: Manufacturers, McKnight, c; Kittell, p; Curtin, ss; Munson, 1st, Graham 2nd, Orvis, 3rd, Harris, rf; Montgomery, cf; and Valentine, e f.

Lawyers: Quigley, c; Hamill, p; Kurtz, s; Kuhn 1st, Orvis 2nd, Cooke 3rd, Spangler, rf; Meyers, cf; and Noll, e f.

Lawyers 3 5 0 2 1 0 3 4 —18
Manufacturers 1 3 0 0 2 0 0 2 1 1 —19
During the early part of the contest, while the lawyers thought they had a winning lead, they presented Ed. Kittell, the captain of the manufacturers, with a beautiful Bailey, Banks and Booby gold (?) watch and chain, all handsomely mounted on the finest of glazed card board. Lawyer D. S. Keller made the presentation speech and the happy recipient responded in a few well chosen words. When the game turned the watch was given back to the defeated ones and they returned in a despondent manner to revive their crushed spirits at the Bar.

—The Methodist picnic on Thursday of last week was an immense affair in point of numbers, and it was as pleasant as it was large. It is said that a thousand tickets were sold for transportation on the Buffalo Run Railroad, which carried the picnickers to the grounds, and it is estimated that fully 1500 were in attendance. The supply of refreshments was abundant.

—McQuiston & Co. sell handmade spring wagons cheaper than the factory work is sold in this place. Shops along side of the freight depot.

—Rev. J. F. Moyer, of Hummelstown, Pa., will preach at the Reformed Church on next Sunday morning and evening, and at Zion in the afternoon. The reverend gentleman has the reputation of being one of the most eloquent young men in the Reformed Church. Everybody should hear him.

—Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, and all fruits in season at Sechler & Co.'s.

—Isaac Williams and wife, of Babbs Creek, registered at the Porter House, Williamsport, last Saturday evening and when they went to bed instead of turning off the gas Mrs. Williams blew it out. Both would have been dead before morning had it not been for the porter, who, smelling the gas, hastened to the room and succeeded in arousing Mr. Williams in a dazed condition. Mrs. Williams was unconscious and it was only after the most vigorous efforts on the physician's part that she was restored to consciousness. It is evident that the Williams family don't read the papers which are constantly giving cases of death resulting from such ignorance as blowing out the gas.

—Applebutter, Jellies, Jams, Honey Pickles, Olives, Table Oil, and Ketchup at Sechler & Co.'s.

—The bureau of information at Johnstown, the statistical work of which was part of the time in charge of Harry Keller, of Bellefonte, has completed its work and reports that the number of lives lost in the Conemaugh flood was 6,111. At least this is the number missing and unaccounted for.

—McQuiston & Co., are selling top buggies bought, ironed, and with the exception of the wheels and shafts, finished by ourselves, for the low price of eighty dollars. We don't misrepresent them and sell them for our own make. Give us a call. Shops adjoining the freight depot.

SHORT LINE RAILROAD.—The object of the men at the head of the Bellefonte and Eastern Railway is to build the shortest route possible from the Clearfield coal fields to Philadelphia and New York. They have been discussing the railroad for about three years and it is said that they will take the route through Sugar valley. A party of Chicago and New York capitalists are looking in this direction also for a short line outlet to the eastern seaboard, which will strike either Sugar or Bald Eagle valleys.

—Fine cheese, Hams, Bacon, Dried Beef, and Canned Meats at Sechler & Co.'s.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cleary, of Renovo, died last week, and the *News* of that place refers to the sad event as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cleary are certainly deserving of the warm sympathy of their neighbors and friends. For them this has indeed been a year of affliction. Yesterday evening shortly before six o'clock their son, John James Benson, who had been sick since last Tuesday, died. He was aged about ten years and the nature of his illness was consumption. This is the same boy who had a pike run through his foot a few weeks ago.

—All the *New Woolsens*, for the coming season now being received. Liberal Discount for early orders during the dull season. Our Fall stock will be the finest we have ever shown. Prices and a good fit guaranteed.

MONTGOMERY & Co., Tailors.
—The Lock Haven papers are speaking in an indefinite way of another industry being started in that place.

—Wanted.—50,000 pounds of wool. Lyon & Co., Bellefonte, Pa.

—Mrs. Beckie S. Correll (formerly Miss Beckie Swartz, of Hubersburg,) wife of the editor of the *Easton Sunday Call*, and her two sons Edward and Frank, are visiting relatives in the Nittany valley.

—Foreign and Domestic dried fruit and canned goods at Sechler & Co.'s.

—Mrs. Paul, wife of the murdered Renovo policeman, will bring suit against the New England Accident Insurance Company to recover the amount of the policy held by her husband, and which the company now refuses to pay.

WALL PAPER.—Large stock—must be sold. Prices astonishing, write for samples to JOHN M. DEAN & Co., Williamsport, Pa.

—On Thursday evening some children were turning an emery wheel in the barn of Adam Croushore, of Adamsburg, when the sparks from the wheel set fire to some hay. The barn and contents were destroyed. The loss is \$3,000 on which there is no insurance.

—Go to McQuiston & Co., for your carriage repairs, the only manufacturers in the place who ever learned the business. Best of stock used in all branches. Shops adjoining the freight depot.

—The Baptist people of Milesburg and vicinity intend holding a grove meeting at Marsh Creek, commencing on the 7th of Aug., continuing over Saturday. It will be conducted by Rev. D. W. Hunter.

Married.
WALKER—CROSSON.—At the office of D. H. Bean Esq., July 23, 1889, Mr. G. W. Walker and Mrs. Mary Crosson, both of Taylor township.

Died.
CAMPBELL.—At Snow Shoe, on the 25 inst., Florence Campbell, aged 10 years, 8 months, 14 days.

Announcements.

PROTHONOTARY.
We are authorized to announce M. I. GARDNER, of Howard borough, as a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce L. A. SCHAEFFER, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE.
We are authorized to announce JOHN F. HECKMAN, of Gregg township, a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce that Thos. F. RILEY, of Harris township, will be a candidate for Associate Judge, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
We are authorized to announce J. C. MEYER, Esq., as a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

Bellefonte Grain Market.
Corrected weekly by Geo. W. JACKSON & Co.
The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press:
White wheat, per bushel..... 75
Red wheat, per bushel..... 80
Eyes, per bushel..... 85
Corn, ears, per bushel..... 20
Corn, shelled, per bushel..... 40
Oats—new, per bushel..... 30
Barley, per bushel..... 45
Buckwheat, per bushel..... 50
Cloverseed, per bushel..... 84 00 to 90
Ground Plaster, per ton..... 9 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.
Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.
Potatoes—new per bushel..... 50
Eggs, per dozen..... 12
Lard, per pound..... 10
Country Shoulders..... 18
Sides..... 16
Hams..... 15
Fallow, per pound..... 4
Butter, per pound..... 25
Onions, per bushel..... 75
Turnips, per bushel..... 15

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Papers will not be sent out of Centre county unless paid for in advance.
A liberal discount is made to persons advertising by the quarter, half year, or year, as follows:

SPACE OCCUPIED.	3m	6m	1y
One inch (12 lines this type).....	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 12
Two inches.....	7	10	15
Three inches.....	10	15	20
Quarter Column (4 1/2 inches).....	12	20	30
Half Column (9 inches).....	20	35	50
One Column (18 inches).....	35	58	100
Advertisements in special columns, 25 per cent. additional. Transient ads., per line, 3 insertions..... 20 cts. Each additional insertion, per line..... 5 cts. Local notices, per line..... 25 cts. Business notices, per line..... 30 cts. Job Printing of every kind done with neatness and dispatch. The WATCHMAN office has been refitted with Power Presses and New Type, and everything in the printing line can be executed in the most artistic manner and at the lowest rates. Terms—CASH. All letters should be addressed to P. GRAY MEEK, Proprietor.			