

Democratic Watchman

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

The pension of William D. Port, of Pine Grove Mills, has been increased.

D. S. Bartges, of Madisonburg, has brought the Centre Hall hotel stand of D. J. Meyer.

It is said that the fronts of the store rooms in the Brockerhoff hotel building will be greatly improved during the coming summer.

The planing mill of Ely & Brawn at Lock Haven was destroyed by fire on Thursday of last week, with a loss of about \$15,000.

A serious accident happened to old Mr. Levi Concer, of near Rebersburg, some days ago, in being thrown out of his buggy. He was seriously hurt.

The proprietorship of the Bush House, this place, is about changing hands by Col. Teller retiring, and Messrs. Daggett & Elliott, of Wellsboro, leasing it.

Last evening (Thursday) Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Brown, of the Fountain House, this place, gave a turkey supper for the benefit of the new Lutheran church.

We acknowledge the receipt of a calendar of the Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co. of Philadelphia, for '90, from its special representative at Bellefonte, Mr. Emory E. Herr.

At the January term of the Clinton county court fifty-six licenses to sell liquor were granted, four were refused, and several held over for consideration at the February term.

The next of the series of the Star Course entertainments of the W. C. T. U., will be a lecture by Russell A. Conwell in the Court House, on the evening of Wednesday 29th inst.

A hog killed by Samuel Harter, of George's Valley, some days ago, was 8 feet 6 inches in length and weighed 700 pounds. This stands at the head of the pork record for this season.

John F. Meginnis, recently editor of the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin and historian of the West Branch Valley, has been granted a pension for service in the Mexican war.

William Tanyer, of Pine Grove Mills, claims to have killed three deer during the past hunting season. This is a large number for these degenerate times. Some years ago that would have been a slim record.

Last Thursday, on account of the indisposition of one of the attorneys for the defense, the trial of Charles Brown for the murder of William Lovett, in the Clinton county court, was postponed to the February term.

Dr. Hale, of this place, was unable to attend the farmers' institutes at Howard and State College last week on account of illness. This was to be regretted, as the Doctor took much interest in the preliminary arrangements.

John A. Lehr, late chief of police of Phillipsburg, who died last week, was 49 years old. He was a veteran of the late war, having entered the service when he was 19 years old. A wife and seven children survive him.

Of the employees of the Queens Run Fire Brick Company, at Lock Haven, twenty-eight men were sick on Monday with influenza and unable to work. The men who were well were working double time in order to keep the works running.

Last week the Centre Reporter, published at Centre Hall, this county, entered its sixty-third volume. During forty-three years past it was published by some member of the Kurtz family, Mr. Fred Kurtz being its editor and proprietor for the last twenty-eight years.

The injunction on A. G. Morris, concerning the building of the branch railroad to his new quarries on the land recently bought from the Armor estate, we suppose is merely to fix the responsibility for damages that may result from the building of the road.

The remains of David Wilson, manager of the Lewistown telephone exchange, who died in that place last week, were brought to Bellefonte for interment. He was 35 years old and he died of cerebro-spinal meningitis after a brief illness. A wife and one child survive him.

The Pennsylvania commissioners of fisheries are now ready to distribute brook trout fry. Applications for fry should be made to Henry C. Ford, 1823 Vine street Philadelphia; James V. Long, 75 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg; H. D. Dermuth, Lancaster; S. B. Stilwell, Scranton; L. Streubler, Erie; and W. L. Powell, Harrisburg.

No OCCASION TO BE DISCOURAGED ABOUT ICE.—John R. Hyman, depot master at the Philadelphia & Erie station, at Williamsport, stated the other day that ice was first cut about the last part of January last year. He says that around the 20th of that month a heavy storm visited this section accompanied by a cold wave. Ice five inches thick soon formed, and on the 29th the first load was put in the Park Hotel ice house. At about the same time the Pennsylvania railroad company commenced filling their house. He says that after that there was much better ice, and that he thinks this year will be about the same.

THE CONSTABLE QUESTION DECIDED.—It has been questioned whether the constables elected last spring, under the new law, were to hold for one or three years, but Judge Pershing, of Schuylkill county, has decided that they were elected for a term of one year and that all constables must be re-elected at the approaching spring election. As this is the only legal decision in the case, it will doubtless be generally accepted as a correct interpretation of the act of 1889. Hereafter, then, constables will be elected for three years. This fact is a good one to remember in making choice of these officers at the spring election.

Hopkins, who is to hang on the 20th of next month, is a mystery and a puzzle to every one who visits him. A reporter of the WATCHMAN, who had heard that the condemned man had broken down under the pressure of his impending doom, called at the jail the other evening expecting to see in the prisoner a fellow creature plunged in the depths of distress and contrition. On arriving at the grated door of the corridor he saw two persons promenading the stone floor. One of them was smoking a cigar, puffing the smoke with evident satisfaction; a jaunty derby hat was slightly cocked on one side of his head; his shirt collar was peculiarly high and scrupulously white; his neck tie was of the latest style, and his general appearance decidedly dandyish.

Upon entering the corridor the reporter discovered that this gay looking gentleman was the individual who is to have his neck stretched next month, and who notwithstanding such a discouraging prospect was the liveliest and chipperest man in the prison. Hopkins, in the cheeriest manner, invited the reporter to go with him up to his cell. In getting up the iron stairway his partially paralyzed leg interfered with his progress, which caused him to remark in a tone decidedly jocular, that he intended to be more nimble in ascending the steps of the gallows. On the cell wall he had a life-size photograph portrait of himself, in a heavy gilt frame, which he had received that day from Altoona, and he expressed as much delight over it as a boy would over a new pair of skates. He said he intended to send it home as a present to his mother. Looking at the picture with great pleasure, he turned to the sheriff with the joking question whether it couldn't be arranged to hang it instead of him. He said it would suit him a good deal better.

His whole conversation had a levity about it that was shocking to any one who regards the prospect of being hung as something that is not a proper subject for a joke. He asked the Sheriff to show his visitor the shell from which was fired the bullet that "put the old woman's daylight out," and regretted that he hadn't it conveniently at hand to show the reporter the shell with which he had killed his wife. He said it was sticking somewhere around his old clothes. It being the intention of the Sheriff to go to Phillipsburg the next day, he requested him to present to his mother-in-law's sister the shell that had done the business for the old woman. Hopkins employs much of his time in smoking, and he enjoined upon the Sheriff to get him the best cent cigar that can be bought in Bellefonte for him to smoke on the way to the gallows. The demeanor of the condemned man is indeed an anomaly, evincing a mental and moral condition that presents a psychological problem far beyond our ability to solve.

The attendance at the lecture of Rev. Dr. McGlynn, in the Court House last Tuesday evening, was not as largely attended as the celebrity of the lecturer and the character of his subject should have warranted. His theme was the abolishment of proverbs, and although his theory sounded very well the actual accomplishment of that object will always be found to be difficult. We suppose that until the end of time we shall always have the poor with us.

Congressman McCormick, of the Lycoming District, has a bill before the House for the creation of a new federal judicial district in Pennsylvania, the courts to be held at Scranton, Williamsport and Harrisburg. Centre county would belong to the district, if it is made.

Mr. Christian Buck, of Unionville, will move in the Spring to one of the eastern counties to take charge of a large tannery for a Philadelphia firm.

The application of the attorneys of the defendant for the postponement of the trial of Alfred Andrews for the murder of Clara Price until April Court, on the ground that there were not sufficient funds to prepare the defense, was refused by the Court, Judge Furst intimating that if the defendant had not the means to defend himself it should be furnished by the county.

Mr. C. K. Sober, the celebrated marksman of the eastern end of this county, never returns from a pheasant hunt with an empty bag. One day last week he shot forty of these fine game birds. The Lewisburg News gives the following as Mr. Sober's pheasant record for the past six years:—Shot in 1875, 95; 1885, 87; 1886, 108; 1887, 40; 1888, 117; 1889, 116; total, 563.

We learn that a six foot vein of coal has been opened on Clearfield land owned by Capt. John A. Hunter of Halfmoon, and that parties are negotiating with him for the right to mine it on a royalty. It is about 200 acres in extent for which he paid about \$12,000 some ten years ago, but up to the present time it was an unproductive investment. The coal is within easy reach of the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad.

One of the saddest accidents that has happened in the Clearfield coal region recently occurred in one of the mines of Wigton & Sons at Amesville, that county, resulting in the death of two brothers named Stacy and Al Neveling, who were caught under a fall of coal and instantly killed, the mass which fell on them weighing about ten tons. Stacy leaves a wife and one child. Al was a single man. Both were sons of Mrs. William Neveling, of Jancenville, their father being dead a number of years.

A Nittany Valley farmer, says the Lock Haven Express, while driving to that place last Monday, saw a flock of crows gathered about some object in a field, and as they were making so much noise and fuss he concluded to investigate. On reaching the spot the farmer found a blacksnake three and a half feet long crawling on the ground. When it is remembered that it was the 13th day of January, the fact of a farmer seeing a blacksnake in a meadow on that date is proof enough that the season is very unseasonable.

The Lock Haven Democrat has heard of a rumor that Mrs. John Johnson, of near Hubersburg, Centre county, the wife of John Johnson who was tried there for participation in the Culvey double murder and acquitted, died a couple of days ago, and that on her death bed she confessed that the Culvey horror was planned in the Johnson house, and that her husband was as guilty of the murder as Shaffer was. The story also states that Johnson has disappeared from home. This probably hasn't more foundation of truth than a great majority of rumors usually have.

A subscription paper is out to raise money for the building of a dam in the creek at Millheim across the new channel that was washed out by last June's flood. The dam is to be built just below J. Harter's orchard, so that when the creek is very high it can run into the old channel. If the dam is well built it will save the property of those residing in the southeast end of the borough. The paper is in the hands of Willis Bollinger who traveled on the floods in his own house until he was lodged against his neighbor's house and thereby saved his and his family's lives.

Last Friday evening the following officers of the Dr. George L. Potter Post, G. A. R., of Milesburg, were installed by Comrade G. B. Brandon, of Gregg Post, of Bellefonte: Commander—R. S. Smith; S. V. Commander—S. A. Watson; Chaplain—Thomas Wilson; Officer of Day—James Kreps; Officer of Guard—James Bradley; Surgeon—S. H. Orris; Adjutant—A. G. Rager; Surgeon Major—Jacob Smith; Quartermaster—W. H. Musser; Q. M. Sergeant—P. H. Haupt. An interesting camp fire was held after the installation, in which songs, stories and speeches were pleasantly interspersed.

Last Saturday evening Deputy Grand Master J. J. Grenoble installed the following officers of Centre Castle No. 169, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Spring Mills: Past Chief—J. J. Taylor; Noble Chief—W. P. Alexander; Vice Chief—C. A. Krapp; High Priest—G. P. Ream; Venerable Hermit—Austin Duck; Sir Herald—P. C. Frank; Master of Records—J. A. Grenoble; Keeper of Exchequer—J. L. Condo; Worthy Bard—D. L. Bartges; Worthy Chamberlain—David Burrell; Ensign—J. F. Hagan; Esquire—Henry Emerick; First Guardsman—J. A. Grenoble; Second Guardsman—H. W. Wirt; Trustee—D. H. Ruhl; Representative to Grand Castle—Dr. George Lee.

A VICIOUS RIOT.—A more riotous demonstration than that which occurred last Saturday night has not taken place in Bellefonte since the Republican attack on the WATCHMAN's windows. It grew out of the disorderly conduct of some nailmill hands and resulted in four of them being now in jail awaiting trial at the next term of court. On the evening in question a puddler named Sanders, influenced by too much drink, raised a disturbance in the diamond about half past nine o'clock. On account of his boisterous behavior he was arrested by officer Joshua Fouk who started off with him to the lockup. While he was on the way with his prisoner the comrades of the latter, numbering eight or ten, followed after in a threatening manner, with the intention of rescuing Sanders. They overtook Fouk and his charge on the boardwalk on Water street nearly opposite the dam, and with such expressions as kill the s. of a b., assaulted him. They grabbed him, and notwithstanding his resistance, pitched him over the railing with the intention of throwing him into the creek. He fell on a stone which prevented him from rolling into the water. The crowd, including the prisoner, then ran, going across to Thomas street and stopping nearly opposite McQuinn's wagon shop.

Upon recovering himself Fouk followed, and when he came up to them they threatened to kill him if he approached, using such expressions as "he had better make his peace with his God," as they intended to lynch him, and other threatening exclamations. The first man he recognized in the crowd was Thompson, the man who had thrown him over the railing. There were citizens standing around at some distance, attracted by the riotous proceedings, and Fouk called upon them for assistance, but they seem to have been deterred by the threats of the rioters. Fouk then seized Thompson, but the latter broke from him and started to run. The officer called after him to halt or he would shoot. He continued for some distance and then turned as if he was going to make at the officer, whereupon Fouk shot, hitting Thompson in the leg. The wounded man fell to the sidewalk and his comrades closed around to protect him, maintaining their threatening demeanor. By this time officer Gar's appeared on the scene and in the melee broke his mace over the head of one of the rioters named Jamison. At this stage of the disorderly proceedings Sheriff Cooke, officer Mullin and Constable Montgomery, who had been notified of the trouble, made their appearance. The Sheriff made a proclamation to the rioters ordering them to desist and submit to the authority of the officers of the law. This demonstration and the presence of so large a force alarmed the disorderly parties who began to scatter. The officers, however, got hold of three of them on the spot and followed the others to the railworks where two more were arrested at their boarding house, one of them while attempting to escape out of a window. They were all taken to the lockup where they were detained for the night. The parties captured and locked up were Samuel Key, Michael Fenney, James Conroy, John Jamison and Hugh McGraff. Sanders escaped. Thompson, the wounded man, was taken to the poor house where his injury received medical attention and he will have a hearing as soon as he is in a condition for it. On Sunday morning the prisoners were removed to jail on a warrant and were brought before Esq. Foster on Tuesday morning. Upon hearing the evidence in the case the Justice discharged Key as not being sufficiently implicated to be held, and the other four, not being able to give bail, were remanded to jail to be disposed of by the court at quarter sessions. In the proceedings before the Justice Spangler represented the commonwealth and Reeder, the prisoners. The riot was an aggravated breach of the peace, involving a deadly assault upon an officer of the law, and those who engaged in it should be severely punished.

The Farmers' Institute on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week was held in the Methodist church of Howard, it being organized by selecting Hon. John A. Woodward to act as President and J. Newlin Hall as secretary. Nearly all the speakers were from a distance. They were first-class in every respect and the audience was agreeably surprised to hear such oratory and see such cultured men discussing the subject of agriculture. Notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads the attendance was good. The institute closed on Wednesday evening with a unanimous vote to have it convene at Howard next winter. We understand that the Farmers' Institute held at State College on Thursday and Friday of last week was largely attended and successful in every respect.

The Philadelphia Times very correctly remarks: The ideal newspaper is the one newspaper that should command the patronage of the community. If only one journal can be taken in a family, it should be the one published at home.

Balsburg people are having a musical convention this week, which closes to-night (Friday) with the usual musical convention "grand concert."

The Farmers' Institute for Linton county will be held at Warrior's Mark on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 28th and 29th. Supt. Patterson, Dr. Frear, and Professors Butz and Caldwell, all of the State College, are booked to for addresses.

The Philipsburg Ledger says that some days ago George Croyle, aged 74 years, fell from the top of a load of hay near the Vulcan colliery, which is between Ramey and Madeira. His neck was broken by the fall. Mr. Croyle made his home with his son Samuel at Ramey and was a quiet and respected citizen.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Buffalo Run, Bellefonte and Bald Eagle railroad, was held at the office of the company in this place on Monday last. John G. Love, esq., acted as chairman, with Mr. J. L. Kurtz as Secretary. The resignation of Governor Beaver, as President of the company, was presented and accepted, and Hon. J. Rily was unanimously chosen to fill the place. The following gentlemen were elected a board of directors for the current year: Philip Collins, Jas. P. Scott, W. H. Hollis, J. K. McLanahan, Thos. A. Shoemaker, W. H. Crissman, P. Gray Meek, John G. Love, A. Loeb, and John L. Kurtz.

Washington Camp No. 459, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Phillipsburg, has installed the following officers for the first six months term of 1890: Junior Past President—Otto Moister, President—W. W. Kessler; Vice President—S. L. Irwin; Master of Forms and Ceremonies—F. Shiele; Recording Secretary—Grant Watkins; Assistant Recording Sec.—J. L. Tackett; Financial Secretary—A. B. Apgar; Treasurer—W. A. Musser; Chaplain—D. L. Smith; Conductor—Lex. Gearhart; Inner Guard—R. M. Emigh; Outer Guard—P. H. Iddings; Right Sentinel—Wm. Tackett; Trustees—D. L. Smith, R. M. Emigh and Thos. Cartright.

The Centre county Pomona Grange will meet in the Hall of Victor Grange at Oak Hall on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 10 o'clock a. m. at which time their new hall will be dedicated by the Master of the State Grange at 10 a. m. The officers of the County Grange will be installed at 11 a. m. The Degree of Pomona will be conferred at 1 p. m. At this meeting the annual report of the County Picnic will be read. The advisability of procuring a permanent Picnic ground will be considered, with many other subjects for consideration pertaining to the welfare of the order and benefit to its members. It is important that there should be a general turnout of all members.

Edward A. Ryman, a Phillipsburg merchant, deceased last week, was a son of Jacob Ryman, of Milesburg, and was about 43 years old. In speaking of him the Phillipsburg Ledger says: Mr. Ryman was an excellent man and citizen. He took a deep interest in local affairs and has held offices of trust in borough affairs with fidelity and credit. At the time of his death he was a member of the school board and he performed his duty faithfully and fearlessly. He was a very active member of Moshannon Lodge, 331, A. Y. M. for many years, and had just been elected and installed to the high office of worshipful master of the lodge, and was buried yesterday afternoon with Masonic honors. He leaves besides his wife and children an aged mother, Mrs. Ellen Ryman, of Milesburg; a brother, Mr. Miles G. Ryman, of Phillipsburg, and two sisters, Mrs. Howard Moore, of Howard, Pa., and Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, of Altoona.

The Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin makes the following reference to a well known character of our town who has got into trouble in Lock Haven. It will be remembered that the person referred to cut quite a figure in the election in this county last fall: "William W. Pettengill, of Bellefonte, who claims that he is a detective, was arrested yesterday at Lock Haven, at the instance of District Attorney Brumgard, who charged him with subordination of witnesses of the commonwealth in the case of Charles Brown who has been indicted for the murder of William Lovett. T. T. Abrams, Esq., who is assisting the commonwealth in the case, called Judge Mayer's attention to this matter in open Court. Judge Mayer said that if such was the case, and the party brought before him and found guilty, he would send him across the mountains for ten years. Pettengill waived an examination before Alderman Noble and was committed in default of bail. It is alleged that Pettengill offered one of the State's witnesses a position worth \$75 a month, to another the sum of \$15, and to others liquor, if they would testify in Brown's favor in the coming trial. C. S. McCormick, Esq., who has been retained by Pettengill has arranged for a hearing for the defendant.

AN IDYLL OF THE NORTHWEST.

We publish in another column of this issue a description of the months in Northern Dakota, as they make their changing progress throughout the year, written by Will Truckenmiller. We can commend it as a veritable prose poem. Mr. Truckenmiller went from Walker township, this county, to Dakota some two years ago and has become thoroughly acquainted with that new country. Notwithstanding great physical defects which would have deterred almost any other man similarly afflicted from leaving home, Mr. T. has become quite a traveler and explorer, having in addition to a sojourn in Dakota, extended his trips to California, Oregon, Washington territory and Colorado. He is now at his home in this county, having returned east for the purpose of raising a colony for settlement in Northern Dakota.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE.—We have received from James Vick, Rochester, N. Y., his Floral Guide, which in beauty of appearance and convenience of arrangement surpasses anything in this line which we have ever had the privilege of seeing before. It is a pamphlet eight by ten inches in size, and with the covers, which are by no means the least important part of it, contains even one hundred pages. Although called a "floral guide," it is devoted to vegetables as well, and includes as full a list and description of both flowers, vegetables and also small fruits as could be brought within the compass of a book of this size.

In all that the Vicks have undertaken their aim seems to have been to attain as near to absolute perfection as possible, and probably no one ever did so much towards bringing the cultivation of flowers to the high standard which it has now attained as did the head of the firm.

The firm takes the same pride in raising choice vegetables as in developing attractive varieties of flowers, and after using their seeds for a number of years we are able to recommend them in the highest terms.

We advise all our readers to send 10 cents for the Guide (which can be deducted from first order.)

The General Convention and Farmers' Institute, held at Mill Hall this week, was the most interesting and instructive of any held in Clinton county. These movements of the agricultural people, which are becoming so popular, are going to result in great good.

The prettiest calendar we have seen the present season comes to us from the Niles Tool Works, Gordon Steam Pump Co., Philadelphia, of which our friend Chas. F. Hongland is the representative.

SOMETHING NEW.—Now is the time to get your Cabinets cheap at Bull's Gallery. Call and get prices. Remember this is your last chance as we are going to close out business in Bellefonte. Don't fail to give us a call. Our offer is good for six days.

BELL'S GALLERY.

SPECIALIST.—Dr. Clement, who has met with great success in these parts in the treatment by inhalation of all chronic affections, will be at the Brockerhoff House Jan. 29. The sick would do well to see him. Send for testimonials at his sanitarium, Allentown, Pa. Consultation free.

Now is the time to leave your order for a Suit and Overcoat. Prices to suit the times. Perfect satisfaction in everything fully guaranteed.

MONTGOMERY & CO. TAILORS.

Bellefonte Grain Markets.

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.....	78
Red wheat, per bushel.....	75
Rye, per bushel.....	43
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	29
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	35
Oats—new, per bushel.....	25
Barley, per bushel.....	45
Buckwheat per bushel.....	45
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$1 00 to \$6 00
Ground Plaster, per ton.....	9 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

Potatoes, per bushel.....	50
Eggs, per dozen.....	20
Lard, per pound.....	8
Country shoulders.....	10
Sides.....	14
Hams.....	10
Fallow, per pound.....	3 1/2
Butter, per pound.....	25
Onions, per bushel.....	75
Turnips, per bushel.....	25

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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 8	\$ 8 12	\$ 12 16
Two inches.....	7 10 15	10 15 20	15 20 25
Three inches.....	10 15 20	15 20 25	20 25 30
Quarter Column (4 1/2 inches).....	20 35 55	35 55 75	55 75 95
Half Column (9 inches).....	35 55 75	55 75 95	75 95 115
One Column (18 inches).....	55 75 95	75 95 115	95 115 135

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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.....10 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 at the lowest rates. Terms—CASH. All letters should be addressed to P. GRAY MECK, Proprietor.