

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

The John Love farm near Tusseyville was purchased by John Stover for \$5500.

The well known Ward House at Tyrone is to be enlarged by a 44 by 66 feet brick addition three stories in height.

A house at Spring Mills, belonging to Mr. S. Krumrine, of Rebersburg has been bought for \$950 for a Methodist parsonage.

The trial of Charles Brown for the murder of William Lovett was in progress before the Clinton county court this week.

Court Reporter Reber has received the congratulations of the Huntingdon bar on his being elected chief Burgess of Bellefonte.

Operator Rankin of the Western Union telegraph company at this place sent seven thousand eight hundred words to the newspapers concerning the execution of Hopkins.

C. R. Good of Lock Haven and Miss Lula Courter, of Blanchard, this county, were married in Williamsport last week by Rev. S. P. Hughes, and made Philadelphia the objective point of their bridal trip.

Cards are out for the wedding of Dr. J. E. Ward of this place and Miss Bell Stiver, of Center Hall. The happy event is to take place on Wednesday, March 5th, and the young couple have our best wishes in advance.

Mr. John H. Neidigh who died recently at his residence at State College, was one of the oldest and best known citizens of that part of the county. His funeral is said to have been the largest that ever took place in that section.

G. W. Foote esq of the Millburg Times, was in town on Wednesday. He shows up amazingly well and don't look a day older than when he left democratic Millheim, to make his home among the unregenerated republicans of Union county.

A camp fire will be held by Bierly Post G. A. R., at Millheim, on Monday evening, March 3d. It promises to be an entertaining occasion. Among the speakers will be Prof. Cameron, of Tyrone, Comrades H. H. Musser, of Milesburg, and Col. Coburn, of Aaronsburg.

On Wednesday night of last week the remains of a man were found scattered along the tracks of the Phillipsburg branch of the Beech Creek railroad between Hawk Run and Phillipsburg. It is thought that a special train conveying railroad officials over the road struck the man who was mangled beyond recognition.

Mrs. Rebecca Weaver, wife of Wm. Weaver, who died at Farmers' Mills on the 13th inst., was in her 67th year and was buried at Tusseyville on the 17th inst., Rev. Mr. Eisenberg officiating. She was the daughter of J. From of Tusseyville, and her first husband was constable Bear who was shot dead at Tusseyville by young Campbell.

The Lock Haven Democrat has this to say of one of Bellefonte's prominent citizens. "James Schofield of Bellefonte, just re-elected by the Democrats overseer of the poor, an office that he held for several terms, was in the city to-day, en route for home from New York, where he went to attend the funeral of a sister. Mr. Schofield is a strong Democrat, a good official, a man of brains, an interesting speaker and a first-class citizen. He took dinner at the Central."

The large barn of William Grove, on Buffalo Run, about two and a half miles from Bellefonte, was discovered to be on fire about five o'clock on Monday morning, and was completely destroyed including the grain, hay, cattle, etc., it contained except the horses which were rescued. As none of the family were up at the time it is believed to have been of incendiary origin. There is a small insurance. The loss will be fully five thousand dollars.

With regard to the killing of a man along the Beech Creek railroad on Wednesday night of last week between Hawk Run and Phillipsburg, who was so mangled up that he could not be recognized, it has since been ascertained that he was a Scotch miner named John Nelson and the place where he was killed was Troys bridge. The man had been drinking and it is supposed that he either fell asleep on the track or was too drunk to step out of the way of the train. He has a wife and four children in Scotland and his father and a brother-in-law are living at West Moshannon. His remains were taken to Phillipsburg and given decent burial.

WHAT CENTRE COUNTY PAYS INTO THE STATE TREASURY, AND WHAT SOME OF HER CITIZENS AND INSTITUTIONS GET OUT OF IT.—To Auditor General Thomas McCalmont, we are indebted for a copy of his annual report for 1889. From it we gather the following facts, showing the amount of money paid as taxes by the people of the county, as well as by corporations and firms doing business wholly or partly within it, into the Treasury of the State, and the amounts returned to residents of the county as salaries and to institutions and organizations within it, as appropriations, etc:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes taxes on corporations, real estate, and various institutions.

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The amounts returned to citizens of the county who hold official positions, and are paid by the State, to newspapers, schools, etc; are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Lists salaries for various officials like Gen. Hastings, Military Board, and courts.

In addition to the above should be added the salaries of John T. Johnson and Major R. H. Foster, clerks in the department of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, of Harry Keller, Clerk in the Adjutant General's department, and amount paid Col. Mullen for services at organization of Legislature of 1889. All told and considered, Centre county did not get left much when the distributor of public funds was made.

DEPLORABLE IGNORANCE.—One would hardly have thought that there were any people in Centre county as ignorant as those connected with the Weaver homicide. Those people do not seem to have any comprehension of the character of the offense that was committed, or of the consequences that follow the commission of such acts. When, after the killing of the old man, the mother, daughter and son were put on board the train at Coburn to be taken to jail in Bellefonte, Fietta, the one charged with the crime, remarked that when she reached Bellefonte she would hunt up a relative and make that her stopping place. The Centre Reporter remarks that it was evident that the young woman could not comprehend that she was in the grasp of the law and no longer at liberty. Her arrest appeared to her as nothing more than a trip to Bellefonte for some purpose, and that when she got there she would have the opportunity of visiting and staying with relations. Under arrest for the killing of her father-in-law, she was unable to understand her real situation.

Andrew Weaver, the husband of Fietta, is an industrious and hardworking person, and was in no way connected with the quarrels which led to the homicide. On the morning when the old man was stabbed he was away from home at work, but he seems to be so ignorant as not to be able to comprehend the serious nature of the situation in which his wife and mother-in-law are in. He recently visited them in jail, and afterwards told an acquaintance that he had tried to prevail upon Fietta to make a confession of her having committed the deed and if she did so, all would be over, and then she could return home where she was so much wanted; that he was tired of keeping home alone and could not get along much longer if she did not return. The actions and expressions of these people indicate a most deplorable condition of ignorance.

—Mr. W. E. Barry formerly of this place, is expected to take charge of the rolling mill belonging to the Centre Iron Company.

—Ex-Judge Orvis, who had an operation performed about ten days ago for a diseased bone in one of his legs, is represented to be recovering rapidly.

—Deschner, the Gunsmith, Jessie Stewart, a practical mason and contractor and Mr. Harry Bush, expect to start for Seattle, Washington, some time next week.

—Some one has said: A man is happiest when he can forget all the mean things he knows about himself. And there are fellows who, when they have forgotten this much, would have but little else to remember.

—Postmaster Feidler, after his herculean efforts to defeat the re-election of Poor Overseer Schofield, has gone to Washington, to get some pointers, from 'Squire Rankin and John A. Daley, on how to run local politics.

—Mr. Ashur Adams, a brakeman on the Lewisburg railroad, had his arm badly crushed while coupling cars on Thursday last. He was brought to his home in this place and we are glad to know is rapidly improving, with every prospect of saving the injured arm.

—Some places are terribly sleepy. It took a Justice of the peace, a constable, two merchants, a hilarious young tough, a lot of Hungarians and a big black bottle to waken up Tyrone the other night, and it is quite already as if no awakening-up had been given it.

—A most interesting letter will be found in this issue of the WATCHMAN from Sechler & Co. It is one that contains more "food" for thought, than half the sermons you hear, and decidedly more than all the editorials patent outside papers will furnish you in a year. It is worth reading, and doubly worth rereading.

—So far the ground-hog has the lead as a reliable weather prophet, but it will be a race for reputation between him and St. Mathias for the balance of the season. The ground hog points to an early, warm spring, St. Mathias, to a blustering, freezing stretch of six weeks, or else there is nothing in the old saw.

—When St. Mathias comes and finds no ice, He goes to work and makes it; And on the other hand, if ice, He goes to work and breaks it."

—Mr. Cooper, who has been superintendent of the Electric Light Company, of this place for the past two years, has resigned his position, to accept the management of a new plant, now being erected near Philadelphia.

—Those in this section who used to know Rev. Ira C. Mitchell when he was a resident of these parts, who is now a clergyman in Ohio, may be interested in the following article taken from the Wellsboro, W. Va., Pan-Handle News, of Feb. 14: "Rev. Ira C. Mitchell left yesterday, with his family, for an enlarged field of labor with the church at Mansfield, Ohio. Few men have gone from this community who ranked with him in force, eloquence and ability, either as minister or attorney. Socially, he was a most companionable man; pleasant and fascinating in conversation, deep, keen and logical whether in or out of the pulpit, and with a wide scope of general knowledge rarely met with in professional men. Although having come in contact with the people both as pastor and lawyer, yet he leaves behind him not one with an unkind feeling, and takes with him only their love, regard and good wishes. His noble wife and her bright, pleasant daughters will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance and who 'knew them but to love them.'"

—When words fail it is a touching thing to witness the expressive acts of a people striving to suggest their tender sympathy for the loss of a loved one. Such a fitting tribute occasioned by the last sleep of Jennie M. Shortridge, was displayed in our midst this week. A church crowded with earnest sympathizers, an atmosphere sweet with the perfume of flowers—a beautiful expression of love from her many friends—Among these delicate offerings was an exquisite wreath, composed largely of pink rosebuds, her favorite flower, together with carnations, lilies-of-the-valley and marguerites, from her friends in the office of the Centre Iron Company; A pillow of forget-me-nots and lilies from Mrs. Nolan; A lyre of roses and hyacinths from Mrs. D. H. Hastings; A crescent from the members of the Y. W. C. T. U. and from her Sunday School class, a bunch of six calla lilies of which the most beautiful one just unfolding in all its purity was drooping and fading on its broken stem. Very touching indeed were the remarks of Rev. Dr. Laurie, comparing her life, cut off in her early summer, to the broken lily, but differing in that it would unfold and bloom in the sunshine of His presence, while the lily could never revive.

NEW GRANGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.—Seven new Granges have been organized in Pa: On Jan. 24th a new Grange was organized in Limestone township Lycoming county; on Feb. 5th one was organized in Richmond township, Tioga county; on Feb. 6th one was organized in Lincoln township, Huntingdon county; on Feb. 8th one was organized in West Newton township West moreland county; on Feb. 12th one was organized in New Derry township, West moreland county; On Feb. 16th one was organized in Mansfield, Tioga county.

T. P. RYNDER IN LUCK.—The Houtzdale Advance of the 21st inst., contains the following: One day this week Mrs. Plummer showed us a sample of coal which was taken from the opening at Muddy Run in which she is interested. It is the Moshannon vein and of as fine a quality and free from impurities as any coal we have ever seen. The opening is in about 80 feet under ground and the coal is 3 feet 8 inches thick. The mine is owned by Mrs. A. M. Plummer, D. D. Jones and T. P. Rynder and they certainly have a bargain.

DEATH OF MRS. OLEWINE.—Mrs. John Olewine died at her residence on Willow Bank street, this place, last Saturday evening, of consumption. Her death was not unexpected as she had been in a very low condition from that dread disease, for some time previous to her death; yet her passing away from her friends, although looked for as the inevitable result of her disease, was a sad stroke to those whose affections had been won by this excellent woman, who in the relations of wife, mother and friend had bound them to her by the strongest ties. Her maiden name was Christina Gummo, she having been married to Mr. Olewine on September 28th 1882 and was aged 30 years and 19 days at the time of her death. She leaves one child—a little girl—besides a husband to whom her death is a sad bereavement.

GRAND ARMY POSTS WITHIN THE COUNTY.—Major Austin Curtin will please accept thanks for copies of the different department reports of the Grand Army of the Republic, for Pennsylvania. From them we learn that the number of organized Posts within this county is 11, with a total membership of 604. These "Posts" are numbered, named and located as follows:

- No. 50. John W. Geary, Phillipsburg, 81 members.
No. 95. Gregg, Bellefonte, 85 members.
No. 197. Capt. R. M. Foster, Lemont, 28 members.
No. 199. Dr. Geo. L. Potter, Milesburg, 79 members.
No. 282. Grove Brothers, Howard, 30 members.
No. 283. Peters' Brothers, Fleming, 20 members.
No. 272. Jno. O. Campbell, Pine Grove Mills, 16 members.
No. 282. Samuel Shannon, Centre Hall, 35 members.
No. 288. Lieut. W. W. Bierly, Millheim, 38 members.
No. 302. Gen. Harelman, Eagleville, 37 members.
No. 419. Sergt. Wm. I. Furst, Stormstown, 46 members.

THAT FEARFUL DISCOVERY OF HUMANS REMAINS AT PHILLIPSBURG.—Second St. was thrown in a convulsion on Wednesday afternoon by the finding of two human skeletons buried in an ash heap. The discovery was made by Mr. Thomas Ashcroft, who notified Capt. Simler. Capt. Simler exhumed the skeletons which were viewed by hundreds of excited persons, and the rumors as to the fate of the former owners of the bones were many and varied. One terrified old lady was sure she heard screams and groans one dark night, proceeding from the ash shed and was positive that there was bloody work going on, and wanted her husband to go and see, but he refused to arise from his warm bed on a cold night to disturb a cat fight, as he pronounced the noise. Another excited individual claimed that he saw two men drive down Second street like fury and stop opposite the coal shed and carry something in and then drive off again. But the matter was finally set at rest by Dr. H. B. Buckingham, who owned the bones and had placed them in the shed temporarily and forgotten them.—Phillipsburg Ledger of Saturday.

—The fair and festival of the U. B. Church held in Bush's Arcade last week, netted the sum of \$244. This is a little starter and we hope our citizens will add to it without too much coaxing, sufficient to enable the erection of a neat little church.

—The Lock Haven council has contracted with a New York firm for a stone crusher with engine, boiler, belt and conveyor all to cost \$2,500. It will probably be a good thing for that city and in the course of time may save visitors to it from swimming through the mud to find a stopping place.

—In the trial of Charles Brown for the murder of Wm. Lovett, now engaging the attention of the court at Lock Haven, the Commonwealth is furnishing some extremely damaging testimony from the newspaper reports of this trial, it looks very much as if our neighboring county would be compelled to add another to its list of hangings.

—To-day, Friday, the parties implicated in the Weaver murder will have a hearing, which has been asked for by the defendants counsel, Messrs Swoop & Singer, in the expectation that two at least of the suspected persons will be released on bail. So far, the circumstances, and evidence that is thought to be the reliable, point to Fietta Weaver as the guilty person, but so many different stories have been told about the crime since its commission by all the parties, that nothing but the most searching investigation will disclose the perpetrator. The only facts connected with the case, that are as yet known for a certainty, are, that the entire family consisting of the murdered man, the three now in jail and the two children, were an ignorant, quarrelsome set; that the old man was murdered and that the murder was committed by one or more of the persons who will have the hearing to-day. Circumstances, as we have said, point to Fietta, as the one committing the deed; but she says, her brother Jonathan did it and he says she did it, and the mother of the two has so many stories about it that the truth is, no one outside of themselves, know who did it or why it was done.

—On at Hoy's School House in Benner township, they have a Union Literary society that is making good progress in improving the young people who have connected themselves with it. It now numbers forty-five members, nearly all of whom take an active part in the good work. The program for last night, (Thursday Feb. 27) is as follows: Select readings, H. N. Hoy and Minnie Banner; Declarations, Alice Ishler, Geo. Miller, Carrie Summy, Chas. Garis, Lillie Dale, Frank Kuhn, J. F. Hoy, Samuel Ettore, and Willis Ishler; Essays, A. D. Ott and Carrie Hoy; Debate, "Resolved, that the farmers pay more than their proportionate share of taxes." Affirmative, J. S. Dale and John Kuhn; negative, W. H. Ott and Robt. Miller. This was followed by the reading of the Union Patriot, edited by Miss Minnie Hoy, with the report of the critic, W. H. Ott. The officers of the society are as follows: President, Sinie Hoy; Vice President, Miss Alice Ishler; Secretary Miss Katie Hoy; Treasurer J. F. Hoy; Editors, P. B. Hartman and Miss Minnie Hoy; Critic W. H. Ott.

—Reporters for republican papers who were present at the hanging of Hopkins in this place last week, stretched the truth considerably in their efforts to furnish Sheriff Cooke, with capacity and nerve, that in no way belongs to him. The facts are, that Sheriff Cooke, alone is to blame for the necessity of a double hanging. He wore out the rope showing his friends how the "old thing worked," prior to the execution, and as to his display of nerve, when the rope broke, there was simply none to display. He stood awed and scared, wilted, as one republican reporter told us, on the scaffold, not knowing what to do until Capt CLARK and Drs. Belcher and Harris, had replaced the trap and carried the helpless man back to his place under the noose. When this was done, he gathered together his frightened senses enough to knot the rope, and with the aid of the cool heads of those about him, succeeded in choking his man to death.

—We have some exchanges on our list, that waste a great deal of time and space blowing their own horns. If they would devote part of the time they take to write themselves up, in looking around for and preparing news for their colleagues, it would hardly be necessary for them to be eternally and everlastingly telling the public how enterprising or independent or fearless they are. If they were worth half as much as they seem to value themselves at, the public would know and recognize it, without being reminded of the fact a half a dozen times each issue.

—Mr. Font. Crider, is the only person about Bellefonte, lucky enough to have his ice-house filled. During the first freeze in December, he cut a good quality of four inch ice on his dam at Glenn Harris, and now has the happy satisfaction of knowing that he and his, can keep cool next summer, if no one else hereabouts can.

—At the borough election in Milesburg on Tuesday last, Lyman Eddy was elected Burgess for the fourth time, without opposition. This fact was overlooked in our returns of the district elections as given in last weeks issue.

—Our venerable friend Mr. John Wagner, who has been lying very seriously ill at his residence in this place for several weeks past, was slightly improved, when the WATCHMAN went to press on Thursday evening.

—Hon. Adam Laurimer of Council Bluffs, an old time resident of this county, but of late years one of the most prominent lawyers of Western Iowa, is visiting his sister Mrs. W. T. Spear, of this place.

—The bed-room suit chanced off on Monday night for the benefit of the Milesburg band was drawn by a Mr. Baumgardner of Eagleville.

—Mr Al Garman, was the representative of the Bellefonte lodge of A. O. U. W., which held its state convention at Williamsport the early part of the week.

OUR SPRING WOOLENS HAVE ARRIVED.—Leave your order for a suit now at a special discount. All the new shapes in spring styles of Hats.—We are agents for the sale of the "Mother's Friend" Shirt Waist.

MONTGOMERY & Co. —So far the grand jury at Lock Haven has failed to find a bill against "Dr" Pettengill of this place, charged with attempting to bribe jurors.

—Steady employment, on salary, is offered in another column, by E. C. Pierson & Co., Waterloo, N. Y.

—Hon. J. K. P. Hall, who was wrongfully defeated for congress in this district in 1886, is reported to be dangerously ill with pneumonia at his home in St. Marys.

Rebecca, wife of Wm. Weaver of Farmer's Mills, who had a stroke of palsy on the 9th inst died on the 13th. She was 16 years 11 months and 4 days old, and was interred at Tusseyville on the 17th inst. Rev. Eisenberg officiated. She was a hale and much respected lady, a daughter of J. From of Tusseyville, and formerly the wife of Constable Bear, who was shot dead by young Campbell, at Tusseyville. Her children are all grown up. Her husband survives her.

Married. METCALF—WALKER.—By Rev. Wm. A. Hank at the home of the brides parents, on Reynolds av. Feb. 13, 1890. Mr. Frank M. Metcalf of Jenette Pa. to Miss Jennie M. Walker of Bellefonte.

For the benefit of those who contemplate making public sale during the coming season, we will keep a register of all sales within the county as fully as possible, examination of which will be free to all. Persons having their bills printed at the WATCHMAN office, will secure notice of sale in this column free of charge.

MARCH 12.—At Harry Johnson's, 3 miles north of Milesburg, in Boggs township, horses, cattle, sheeps and all kind of farm implements. Sale at 1 p. m. sharp. Jos. L. Neff, Auct.

MARCH 13.—On the Roush farm near Axe Mann, by J. H. Rishel. A Percheron stallion, brood mares, percherson and other colts, a lot of extra cows, young cattle, farm implements &c. Jos. L. Neff, Auctioneer.

MARCH 13.—At P. A. Sellers, in Patton township, 1 mile south of Waddles Station. Horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and farm implements. Wm. Gohsen, auctioneer. Sale at 12 m.

MARCH 14.—On the Brett farm 1 1/2 miles north of Pine Grove, Horses, cows, young cattle, Hogs, and Farm implements of all kinds. Sale at 10 a. m. Wm. Gohsen, auctioneer.

MARCH 15.—At J. M. Fishburn's near Shilo Church on Boalsburg pike, Horses, cows, and all kinds of Farm Implements and Household Furniture. Sale at 1 p. m. sharp. Wm. Ishler, auctioneer.

MARCH 15.—At residence of John G. Hall, one mile west of Unionville, horses, cows, young cattle, sheep, hogs, farm implements, grain by the bushel and hay by the ton. Jos. L. Neff, Auct.

MARCH 17.—At Milligan Walker's at Gum Stamp in Boggs township, Horses, Cattle, Hogs and a general assortment of farm implements. Sale at 1 p. m. Jos. L. Neff, Auctioneer.

MARCH 19.—At the residence of Ezra Trossler, near Centre Hill, Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and farm implements of all kinds. Sale at 1 p. m. Wm. Gohsen, auctioneer.

MARCH 19.—At Mrs. Elizabeth Lutz's near Zion. Horses, Cows, Young Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, implements of all kinds and Household property. Jos. L. Neff, Auctioneer.

MARCH 21.—At residence of J. M. Kephart, at Filmore, work horses, mares, cows, milch cows, young cattle, hogs, and all kind of farm implements and utensils. Sale at 1 o'clock.

MARCH 22.—At J. D. Brickley's five miles North of Howard, in Curtin twp., Horses, milk cows, other farm stock and full line of farm implements. Sale at 10 a. m. Jos. L. Neff, Auctioneer.

MARCH 22.—At the residence of John Martin, 1/2 mile south of Nittany Hall, horses, cows, young cattle, hogs, farm implement, &c. Sale at 1 p. m. A. C. McClintock, auctioneer.

MARCH 27.—At Joseph Gates, on the Shney farm, 3 miles west of State College, Farm implements, young Hamiltonian driving mare, cows, young cattle, sheeps and all kinds of farm implements. Sale at one o'clock. E. T. Livingston, auctioneer.

MARCH 28.—At Mrs. Amelia A. Swartz's one mile east of Hubersburg, a Holstein bull, milch cows, spring wagon, hay rake, household furniture &c. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m. A. C. McClintock, auctioneer.

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:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes White wheat, Red wheat, Rye, Corn, etc.

Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

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