

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

—50,000 pounds of wool wanted.
Lyon & Co.,

—A feature of the Aaronsburg band festival on the evening of July 5th will be the "chancing off" of an \$8 arm chair.

—There should be a big turnout to the ball of the Annie Rooney base ball club in the Armory Hall this (Friday) evening.

—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lauth, of Howard, will be celebrated on the evening of July 8th.

—Rev. George W. Gerhard, of Lock Haven, has been elected Colonel of the Pennsylvania Division of the Sons of Veterans.

—Samuel T. Musser, of Milheim, and L. W. Gettig, of Bellefonte, have purchased the meat market of Tyson & Son at Philipsburg.

—The stores of this place commenced closing at 8 o'clock p. m. on Monday, which will be continued during the summer.

—David B. Allen of Fleming has been granted a pension, and David F. Cornman, of Boiling Springs, an increase of pension.

—Mr. Walter Bayard, a clerk in the census bureau, will add to the number of Bellefonte Republicans holding office in Washington.

—Dr. Walls, a prominent physician of Lock Haven, died the other day. He was a son of the venerable Judge Walls, of Lewisburg.

—The Snow Shoe people are bragging about the nice appearance of their school grounds. Neat school grounds are certainly something to brag of.

—The Lock Haven papers say that a representative of an English syndicate was in that place last week wanting to buy the fire brick works operating there.

—Miss Mary Proctor, of Lock Haven, dug the first new potatoes of the season as early as Wednesday of last week, and they are said to have been of large size.

—Operations at the Juniata ore mines are to be started by the Tyrone Iron and Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. S. S. Lyon, of Bellefonte, is a member.

—Col. Sam Keller, the popular railroad conductor running between Lock Haven and Harrisburg, has been again nominated for Sheriff by the Democrats of Dauphin county.

—Capt. Brown has resigned the command of the Lock Haven company, (H.) of the 12th Regiment, N. G. P., and General Gobin has called a special election to fill the vacancy.

—It is feared by the Philipsburg people that the deposits of coal in their neighborhood are becoming exhausted. It is to be hoped, however, that discoveries of new veins may be made.

—At a recent birth a baby was born to Mrs. Alexander Chapman, of Klyertown, near Philipsburg, that weighed 22 pounds. It measured 21 inches in length and 15½ inches around the waist.

—The Woman's Aid Society of the U. B. church will have a festival on Saturday afternoon and evening on the green close to the Rev. J. L. Rote's in Colverville. The usual refreshments will be served.

—There was a large turnout of Odd Fellows at the funeral of David I. Parsons last Friday afternoon, the interment being in the Union cemetery of this place. The deceased was high in Odd Fellowship.

—J. H. Reifsnnyder, of Centre county, J. Murray Africa, of Huntingdon county, and Thos. W. Moore, of Clearfield county, have been appointed Commissioners to establish the line between these several counties.

—Miss Lillie Aikens, of this place, was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Nellie Dorn, daughter of senior proprietor of the Altoona Tribune, and Mr. O. F. Delo, of Altoona, on Thursday evening of last week.

—The flower beds at the railroad depot which presented such a beautiful appearance last summer look as if they are not going to be things of beauty this season, as no preparations have been made for their cultivation. Why is this?

—The Philadelphia Press teachers' contest still continues with great spirit, Miss Grant, of Sunbury, leading with 32,463 votes. The last ballots will be printed in the Press of June 28th, and votes will be received until 6 o'clock p. m., July 1st.

AN ALMOST SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ROB MICHAEL GROVE OF \$5,000.—CARD SHARPS IN CENTRE COUNTY!—Mr. Michael Grove is one of the best known and most successful farmers in Centre county. He is well fixed financially, being the possessor of several valuable farms, and other property. Some years since he retired from active work and purchased a comfortable home between Lemont and the State College, where he has since been taking the world easy.

On Friday morning of last week, a well dressed gentleman drove to his place and introduced himself as a banker from Harrisburg looking for a good farm which he wished to purchase for a brother addicted to drink, and who he desired to get out into the country and away from temptation. He represented that Mr. George Kline had recommended him to call on Mr. Grove, that possibly he would sell one of his farms; if not, he might be able to tell him where he could find a good one for sale. Mr. Grove told him he would not sell and did not know of any one in that neighborhood who would. The stranger then asked him if he knew anything about the Jenks farm, near Shiloh church, which Mr. Kline, he said, told him might be for sale. Mr. Grove knew all about it as it, was close to one of his own farms, and the proposition was made to him that if he would go along and show the property he would be paid well for his time and trouble. This he consented to do, and getting into the buggy with the supposed banker, the two drove down the pike past Mr. Grove's former home, and just as they were turning the corner at Shiloh church to go into the Jenks property they were accosted by a man, seemingly a tramp, who swaggered out into the road and wanted to know if either of them would like to make some money. The pretended banker stopped at once, and after some badgering between the two strangers, Mr. Grove says the one in the buggy spread the lap-robe over his knee, and the one in the road, after exhibiting great rolls of money, produced three cards and went to shuffling them about over the robe, and finally offered \$5,000 if a certain card was picked out. The man in the buggy picked the right card, and then there was some wrangling about the money, the one on the ground insisting that the winner should exhibit the same amount to show that he could have paid had he failed to select the card named. Then a forty dollar bet was made, and the man in the buggy, who in the mean time had nipped the corner of the card and called Mr. Grove's attention to it by nudging him in the side, won a second time, and the money was handed over to him without a word. Mr. Grove was then asked if he would not like to try it once, and after some hesitation consented; he too picked the right card, and then the chap who was dealing them insisted that before he would pay him the \$5,000 agreed upon, he must show that amount of money, or that he could have paid had he lost. As he didn't have the the money with him, he couldn't show it, of course, and then the supposed banker suggested that they would drive to town, get the money and thus secure their winnings, he representing that his wife with \$20,000 was stopping at one of the hotels here, and that he could get what he wanted from her, while Mr. Grove could get his out of bank. This was agreed to, and the one who had lost promised to wait their return. They drove to town, the banker insisting that nothing whatever should be said about the matter and suggesting that Mr. Grove should get part of the money out of each bank, as to ask the entire amount at once might make them curious to know what he wanted with it. He was left out of the buggy at the corner of Logan and Spring streets, and an arrangement was made that the two would meet there as soon as they got the money. Mr. Grove proceeded to the Centre County Bank, got three thousand dollars, and concluding that this would be sufficient, returned and found the man waiting for him. He was asked at once if he had the money, and replying that he had gotten but \$3,000, was told by his "friend" that he would lend him the other two thousand if necessary, and they would hurry back or the other party might be gone. Not until this time did Mr. Grove suspect anything, but, waking up suddenly to the fact that there was something wrong in the matter, that money wasn't made in that way honestly, he made the excuse that he must go back to the bank before returning, which he did, returning the money and leaving his "Harrisburg friend" to wait and watch for him at the corner of Logan and Spring streets. How long the fellow waited is not known, but late in the afternoon the man who brought Mr. Grove to town was seen driving out the pike, and on Saturday evening the horse and buggy was left at Curtin's, with a note to Mr. Potter, from whom they were hired, stating that urgent business prevented the drivers returning the rig, and telling him where it could be found.

That Mr. Grove saved his money, and possibly his life, can be credited to the conscience that seemed to snite him at the last moment, and that the two sharpers who attempted to rob him were not captured before they left the country can be attributed to Mr. Grove's reticence in saying anything about the matter until after the scamp had taken their departure.

Wedon't know that holding this case up to the farmers, as a warning against listening to and believing the stories which every glib tongued stranger that comes along tells them, will be of any benefit, but if they would place more reliance upon and pay more attention to what is told them by honest newspapers, and have less confidence in strangers who present money-making schemes to them, there wouldn't be so many of them robbed or swindled.

—The choral service in the Reformed church last Sunday evening under the direction of Mr. W. T. Meyer, is spoken of in the highest terms of praise by all who heard it. The chorists consisted of the Reformed church, choir which is composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Mrs. J. C. Meyer, Misses Lulu Harper, Jennie Pontius, Sadie Walkey, Berenice and Aurora Moore, Jennie and Grace Lukenbach, and Messrs. W. T. and J. C. Meyer, A. Lukenbach and H. B. Pontius. They are all naturally good singers and had gone through an especial preparatory training under Mr. Meyer.

After the introductory anthem of "Praise the Lord," Rev. Mr. Noll followed with a fervent invocation, which was succeeded with "Sanctus, Holy Holy," by the choir in superb style. The principal part of the programme consisted of pieces sung in chorus, but there was also a trio rendered by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. and Mr. W. T. Meyer, and duets by Miss Harper and Mr. Lukenbach and Mrs. Meyer and Miss Harper. The "Te Deum" was an impressive feature of the service. In all respects it was a most successful musical effort directed to a devotional object.

—The operations at the Bellefonte glass works closed for the season last Saturday, two weeks ahead of the appointed time, on account of the breaking down of the gable end of the furnace. This portion of the structure is usually played out by the excessive heat by the time the working season closes, and has to be reconstructed before work is resumed in the fall. Since the works resumed operations last winter with a new management and a new force of employes it has been doing a profitable business and bids fair to continue a career of prosperity.

—It is reported that Mr. H. T. Long, who manufactures at Howard those articles known as "fifth-wheels," is willing to move his factory to Bellefonte if he should receive proper encouragement from our citizens. There is an extensive demand for his fabrics, and he employs about fifteen men, with reason to expect a decided expansion of his operations at a favorable location. He has received flattering offers from other places, but would prefer locating in Bellefonte, and thinks the old car shops would afford suitable accommodations.

—Thursday afternoon of last week Andrew D. Ritchey, a farmer who lived about two miles from Spruce Creek, drove his daughter to the railroad station at that place, it being the intention of the lady to go to Altoona. When they reached the station Mr. Ritchey went into one of the stores there, when he was suddenly stricken with heart disease and died almost instantly. He was at the time of his death fifty-eight years old. His wife, three sons and one daughter, survive him.

—Mr. William S. Furst, son of Judge Furst, having graduated at Princeton this month, has sailed for Europe, a pleasure trip which his father promised that he should indulge in after his graduation. At the college commencement he won the Class of '59 Essay Prize out of a class of 141. This is the only prize will contested for and the fact of him having won it reflects considerable honor on him.

—Mr. H. Grove, of Millheim, some days ago, was so unfortunate as to have one of his ribs broken and other injuries inflicted, by being thrown out of a wagon which he was driving down hill. His horses were frightened by the brake flying loose, and became unmanageable, hence the accident. Mr. Grove recently moved from the neighborhood of Bellefonte to Millheim.

—Rev. Dr. Laurier, assisted by Revs. Hoshour and Hughes, officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Charles F. Cook, Thursday afternoon of last week. Messrs. H. B. Pontius, John Powers, H. D. Yergler, J. F. Mann, Hammon Sechler, James Potter, N. S. Bailey and J. L. Kurtz, were the pall bearers.

—The final examination following the first year's studies of A. J. Cruise, jr., at the Annapolis Naval Academy, shows that the young man has made excellent progress in acquiring the education necessary to fit him for the naval service. There is the stuff for an Admiral in Andy.

Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE.—This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 20th, 21st and 22d inst., a conference of the Y. M. C. A., for the Central District of Pennsylvania, will be held in Lock Haven. Among the prominent Y. M. C. A. workers who will be present are State Secretary Hurburt, of Pittsburg; General Secretary Mershon, of Williamsport, and J. W. Gephard, of Bellefonte.

A REMARKABLE BATTERY.—A colony of bats have their abode in a blind window in Potter's Block, over Munson's store, and a crowd of spectators gathers every evening on the pavement at nightfall to watch the curious animals emerge from their hiding place and take flight. On Thursday evening ninety eight were counted as they popped out in succession and flew away.—*Philipsburg Ledger.*

HAVING A GOOD TIME.—The Millheim Journal says Andrew Weaver, of near Coburn, whose wife is serving a two years' sentence in the western penitentiary, for the murder of her father-in-law, looks like a new man. He has a clean shaven face, wears a stand-up collar, a "Katy," and says he has better times now than he ever had since he was married to Fietta. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good.

WORMS IN THE GRASS.—The Centre Hall Reporter says the farmers in that section are complaining lately of a worm that has been working on the grass, and some think they will not have a large hay crop. The worm is under the soil and cuts it loose from the earth, leaving the sod loose and easy to pull up. It works mostly at the roots of the grass, though some report it above ground, and doing devastation above.

A HASTINGS CLUB.—Chairman L. L. Brown, in issuing a call for the formation of a Hastings club, in this place, to attend the Republican State convention next week, (25th inst.) in Harrisburg, kindly invites Republicans of the neighboring counties of Huntingdon, Blair, Clearfield and Clinton, who are friendly disposed toward the General, to join the club and go along to help boom his nomination. A special train is being arranged for which will leave Bellefonte at 5.35 on Tuesday morning, the 24th, via Tyrone, the round trip to cost about \$3.00.

THE LAST OF AN OLD CHURCH.—We observe that the United Brethren of this place are having torn down the old frame church building on the corner of West High and Thomas streets, preparatory to putting up a new structure on its site. The old building has done good service for nearly half a century, but must give way to modern improvements. The new church will be a commodious building capable of seating about 500 persons, and will be a combination of brick and steel sheeting. It is intended to have it under roof this year. Mr. Robert Cole is the architect.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—A Sunday School Convention will be held in the Evangelical church at Spring Mills, Friday and Saturday, June 20th and 21st. A number of prominent Sunday School workers will be present and participate in the discussion. A very interesting programme has been arranged. The convention will be under the auspices of the Sunday School of the Evangelical Association. The Committee of arrangements extend a cordial invitation to all Sunday School workers to attend. Entertainment will be provided for all who will inform Rev. C. V. B. Auran, Spring Mills, Pa., of their intention of being present.

THE OLD WAR GOVERNOR.—The Altoona Times says: "The old soldier" of Pennsylvania are not going to forget the grand old "War Governor," of Bellefonte. He is to be a prominent figure at the meeting to be held at Valley Forge on Thursday. He who is not forgotten by the soldiers may well be remembered by the citizens of the republic, and the renown of the grand old Governor will ever live in the hearts of the patriotic people of Pennsylvania." Yes, and outside the boundaries of this grand old commonwealth the reputation and past records of our own and only Governor Curtin shine as one of the brightest pearls in American history.—*Lock Haven Democrat.*

WHERE JOHN MADE A MISTAKE.—Detective Vernes arrested John Fantaski at Renovo, last Monday for shooting at a mark on Sunday with a revolver, thereby violating the sanctity of the Sabbath and disturbing the peace and quiet of the community. The penalty for shooting on Sunday is \$25, but in view of Fantaski's ignorance of the law, the detective promised to let him off with \$10, which he promised to pay. But another party advised John to pay no attention to the detective and let him push the case if he desired to do so. The result was that John refused to pay, whereupon he was taken before Squire Colestock, who fined him the statute provision of \$25 and \$2.50 costs. Then John saw where he had made a mistake, but it was too late to remedy it.

—A regular Hastings club, all cut and dried, and cocked and primed for action at the State convention at Harrisburg, was formed at a meeting in Bush's Arcade on Monday evening, of which J. M. Dale, esq., was President. The organization was effected by electing E. C. Humes President; H. P. Harris Secretary and W. F. Roeder Captain. A list of those who will go along with the club to Harrisburg was read, including about ninety from Bellefonte, with the assurance of thirty-five from Philipsburg. Arrangements were made for a club of one hundred and fifty. The regalia or uniform will consist of a cane, a badge and a high white hat, the entire outfit, including the round trip ticket, to cost about \$4.50. The Bellefonte band will be taken along, and perhaps there will be a band from Philipsburg. The cars that will carry these Centre county pilgrims will be handsomely decorated and marked with appropriate banners. The Philipsburg delegation will be met at Tyrone. As some money will be necessary to meet expenses, and preparation will be required, the following committees were appointed: Finance—W. I. Fleming, W. E. Gray and E. R. Chambers. Decoration—S. H. Williams, Amos Mullen and George B. Johnston. Equipment—J. A. Fiedler, H. P. Harris and John Bullock. The hats, canes and badges will be sent to this place and distributed among the members of the club as soon as received.

—The closing of the glass works for the hot months is sending some of the employes out of town to spend their summer vacation. On Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Robert Albertson left for a visit to their old home at Canastota, N. Y., where they will remain until work is resumed at this place in the fall. They made a favorable impression since they came to Bellefonte last January, particularly Mrs. Albertson by her attractive appearance and gentle manners. Mr. Frank Wescoat would have left this week for Glassboro, N. J., but was detained by the sickness of his estimable wife who has been seriously ill at Miss Morrison's, on Spring street. The friends she made since she has been here are very much interested in her case.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aikens, Misses Stella Armer, Jennie Strickland, Lillie and Emma Aikens, and Messrs. George B. Johnston, John Harris, Jr., Frank Lukenbach, Samuel Neving, Chas. R. Kurtz, and Edgar L. Burnside, all of Bellefonte, were guests at a reception by Dr. and Mrs. J. C. M. Hamilton, of Tyrone, to the graduates of the Class of '90 of the Mountain Seminary at Birmingham.

—One day recently a Mrs. Elder, of West Houtzdale, gave her little three-year-old daughter a dose of medicine. She did not put the bottle entirely out of reach and the little one got hold of it, drank the entire contents and died in a couple of hours. There can't be too much care taken in keeping dangerous medicines out of the reach of children.

—Saturday's Tyrone Herald says that Jacob Little who lived in Warriors-mark township, died Friday morning from the effects of a fall he received a few days before. His age at the time of his death was 53 years, 9 months and 13 days. The remains were taken to Tyrone for interment.

—Some days ago Samuel Rockey, of Tylersville, Clinton county, was bitten by a copperhead snake. No doctor being present, or at hand, the folks administered remedies which seemed to have the proper effect and the victim of the snake bite recovered from the effects of the poison.

—The Williamsport papers claim that the population of that city has increased 12,000 since 1880, it being 18,934 at that time and is now 31,000. By bringing in several adjoining suburbs, which are claimed as really belonging to the city, the population, it is said, would be 38,000.

—Col. J. L. Spangler was one of a delegation who with General Hastings called on President Harrison, Secretary of War Proctor and Maj. General Schofield to invite them to attend the encampment of the Pennsylvania N. G. at Mt. Gretna, which commences on the 19th of July.

—Ira Ellenberger, the crack pitcher of the State College base ball team, has signed a contract with the Lebanon Inter-State club at a salary of \$125 a month. He graduates from the State College this month and will join the Lebanon club July 1.

—Last Saturday a five and a half foot vein of coal, with a hundred and thirty feet of cover on it, was located on the Munson and Merriman tract and above Two Mile Run. It is said to be the best coal yet found in that locality.

—Williamsport is about losing another one of her industrial establishments in the removal of Nichols & Seaman's planing and flooring mill to Highspire, below Harrisburg.

J. C. Rumberger, of Unionville, is recovering from a long illness.

—The summer vacation of the Bellefonte Academy commenced on Wednesday.

—Woodland Coal delivered to any part of the town. Hoover & Miller adjoining Bush House. 25-3t

—Excursion tickets for those who want to go to Harrisburg with the Hastings' club will be dirt cheap—only 1¢ cent a mile.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Trippe, whose marriage we announced last week, returned from their wedding trip last Tuesday night.

—Mr. Joseph W. Beezer and Miss Martha Heckman, both of Bellefonte, were married in the Catholic church on Wednesday at 7 a. m.

—Mr. Wm. S. Furst received the handsome sum of one hundred dollars as the prize for the best essay at the recent commencement of Princeton college.

—W. H. Keller, son of D. S. Keller, Esq. of this place, carried off one of the honors of the recent commencement of the Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster. It was the gold medal prize in the Junior oratorical contest.

—Mr. Thomas Chadwick, of the glass works, started with his family for England last Monday, intending to be away for several months. His father died some time in May and he goes out to the old home to attend to some property in which he is interested.

—At the meet of Borough Council on Monday evening permission was given the Urdine Huss Company to take their carriage to Williamsport on the Fourth of July. The Nuisance committee suggested the erection of a sewer from Allegheny street and thence down Spring, to connect with sewer on Lamb street, to remedy nuisance complained of with regard to sewer on property occupied by L. T. Munson. The suggestion was referred to Street committee and borough engineer for investigation and report. The Nuisance committee also reported as a nuisance the photograph car situated on Penn street, near Bishop, and the same was referred to Street committee with power to act.

—The reports that are being circulated about the prevalence of diphtheria or diphtheric sore-throat at the State College are entirely without foundation, as there is but one case of sore throat at the College now, and that is from enlarged tonsils. Dr. Goff, a member of the State Board of Health, visited the College on Monday and after a thorough investigation of the matter, gave it as his opinion that there was no sign of diphtheria in any of the cases reported, but that it was a mildly contagious throat trouble, something like acute tonsillitis. There is but one case in or about the College now, so that stories about the stricken condition of the College and the surrounding community are without any foundation whatever.

—Soft Coal from Lehigh Mines delivered to any part of town. Hoover & Miller adjoining Bush House. 25-3t

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.

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.....	85
Red wheat, per bushel.....	83
Rye, per bushel.....	45
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	29
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	40
Oats—new, per bushel.....	30
Barley, per bushel.....	45
Book-wheat, per bushel.....	60
Ground, per bushel.....	\$1.00 to \$1.50
Clowd Plaster, per ton.....	9 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

Potatoes, per bushel.....	13
Eggs, per dozen.....	65
Lard, per pound.....	8
Country Shoulders.....	8
Sides.....	8
Hams.....	12½
Fallow, per pound.....	12½
Butter, per pound.....	12½
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	\$ 12
Two inches.....	7	10	15
Three inches.....	10	15	20
Quarter Column (4½ inches).....	12	20	30
Half Column (9 inches).....	20	35	55
One Column (19 inches).....	35	55	100

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Transient advs. 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.
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