

Democratic Watchman

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

The Phillipsburg Journal has entered upon its fourth year and is prospering.

Malcolm Laurie now spends most of his leisure time astride a handsome "safety."

David Stonebraker died at Coburn and was buried at Millheim last week, at the age of 80 years and 11 months.

A hen owned by a woman in Aaronsburg is reported as laying an egg weighing one fourth of a pound every other day.

Samuel Kreider, a highly respected citizen of Nittany Valley, died last week at an advanced age, after a lingering illness.

Preparations are being made for the building of four new dwelling houses in Millheim during the coming season, with several others in contemplation.

Eggs which have been collected in this section of the country during the past month by hucksters have been sold in the city markets at 30 cents a dozen.

Editor Cann, of the Phillipsburg Journal, has severed his connection with that paper and gone to New York to take charge of a Salvation Army publication.

Mr. Geo. R. Beak, of Pine Glenn, was in town Wednesday night. We don't know whether he came in on business or whether he came to see the show.

Bishop Nelson Summerville Rulison, of the Episcopal church, will visit Bellefonte on Monday, April 27th, for the purpose of confirming a class of candidates in this parish.

Three young men who were engaged in a calithumpian serenade at Zion, this county, have been arrested for disturbing the peace and have been bound over for court.

The balance of \$5000 due the hands of the suspended Centre Iron Company was paid on Thursday of last week. The amount due when the works shut down was \$11,000.

It is a superstition with some that the apple crop depends on the condition of the weather on the 28th of March, and as it was all right on that day a good crop may be expected.

Mrs. C. M. Bower is credited for the handsome floral decorations of the stage in Garman's Opera House on the evening of the concert of the Franklin and Marshall Mandolin Club.

John Wolf, the oldest citizen in Logan township, Clinton county, who lived alone in an old log house near Logan Mills, was found dead in bed Sunday morning, aged 91 years.

The matrimonial misunderstanding between John M. Ward, the noted base ball player, and his wife, who is a theatrical character, is said to have been made up and they are together again.

One of the handsomest residences recently erected in Bellefonte is that of Richard Morgan on the corner of Bishop and Penn streets, the work on the inside equalling in elegance the appearance of the outside.

The extensive improvements which will be made on the Ward House in Tyrone, this summer, will make it one of the handsomest hostleries in that section. Hoover, Hughes & Co., of Phillipsburg, have the contract for the work.

Mrs. Sabilla Wilhelm, of Wilson street, Williamsport, received a check from Washington for \$2,744.30 pension money for the death of a son in the rebellion. Six hundred dollars of the amount has already been paid for a property. The old lady will also get \$12 per month pension hereafter.

Mr. J. W. Gaphart, Governor Beaver's law partner, says that he does not think the Governor would accept the office of Commissioner of Pensions said to have been tendered him by President Harrison. From the governorship of Pennsylvania to a subordinate department office at Washington would certainly be a descent.

Joseph Bullock, a riverman aged 42, was drawn under a raft which had stuck in the Lock Haven chute on Sunday morning, and drowned. His home was at Flemington where he leaves a wife and four children. Nothing has been seen of the body, and it is probable that it will be some time before it is recovered, as the water is so high.

Thursday morning of last week, Mr. Milton E. Johnson and Miss Keturah C. Barr were married by Rev. M. Houck at the residence of the bride's mother. The guests sat down to an elegant wedding breakfast after the ceremony. Mr. A. M. Barr acted as groomsmen and Miss Ella Johnson as bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are making their bridal tour in the west.

GLAD TIDINGS.—No doubt every citizen of Centre county and especially this part of it, will hail with gladness the news that the affairs of the defunct Centre Iron Company, have been settled in a way that they will resume work in a very short time. Week after next the mines will be started and then, just as soon as they get enough stock ahead, the furnace will be put in blast. This certainly makes a bright prospect for the summer, especially after the unusual depression of the last season. Many men will be given employment and again the marts of Bellefonte will be quickened with the impetus of trade.

While we are rejoicing over the prospects of a brighter future it might not be amiss to give a thought to the man who has done so much to secure this condition of affairs. Ever since the Centre Iron Company became insolvent Mr. J. Wesley Gephart has been working to effect a settlement which would secure to the stock holders some tangible evidence of the money they had invested and to the workmen a continuance of employment. His efforts have not been in vain for now all the old stock holders have their full value of stock in the new Valentine Iron Company and since the working capital of the new concern has been raised there is every evidence of a successful resumption. Mr. Gephart deserves the warmest congratulations of every citizen of Bellefonte for the zealous work he has given the organization of the new firm and when business again looms up under the pressure of a greater demand than we should think of the man who has done so much to promote such an end.

The entire plant will be under the exclusive management of Messrs. Daniel Rhoades, Robert Valentine and Mr. Gephart, each of whom represent an element of the stock holders. They will appoint such assistants as are needed, but at no time will the direction of the plant be given to any one who is not directly under their supervision.

The word of repairing at the Bellefurnace Company's extensive plant is being pushed as rapidly as possible and just as soon as the condition of the weather warrants all the banks along the Buffalo Run Railroad will be opened preparatory to its going into blast.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.—Gregg Post, No. 95, G. A. R., of Bellefonte, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the G. A. R. with appropriate services on Monday evening last. A regular business meeting was held until eight o'clock, at which time the doors were thrown open and the public invited to take part.

Comrade Geo. F. Harris presided, and after a short prayer by Rev. Eminhizer, of the U. B. church, comrade R. C. Irvin was announced. He read the history of the post from the time of its inception, and by dint of giving away some post jokes, made it quite interesting indeed. The historian was interrupted by the reading of the general order which was read at a given time in every post room in the United States.

A male quartette composed of Messrs. Keplinger, Lukenbach, Brandon and Voris sang several sweet selections, after which John G. Love, Esq., was introduced and made the address in his usual able and eloquent manner. Mr. Voris brought down the house with his laughing, and W. I. Swoope talked in his usual happy vein. Speeches were also made by Col. Keller and comrade D. F. Fortney.

The evening will long be bright in the minds of the old veterans, for their post has never known anything but prosperity, and they are proud of it.

A THRILLING ADVENTURE WITH A BEAR.—A man named Spangler, residing along Pine Creek, Lycoming county, had a thrilling adventure with a bear during the recent severe snow storm. He started to walk down the track from Ansonia to the shanty of a man living in the gorge about four miles below. He had gotten into the widest part of the gorge when a very large bear slid down the side of the mountain and confronted him on the railroad track. He had nothing but a large hunting knife to defend himself. The bear, which was ravenously hungry, attacked him, and a lively tussel ensued. Spangler struck right and left, and inflicted several severe wounds on the bear, which had the effect of greatly enraging it. At last it made a dash for him with open mouth, and as he held the knife upright in his hand, he thrust it into the mouth of the beast, which closed his jaws upon it. He dare not withdraw his hand, and the knife was fast in the roof of the mouth of the beast. It struggled fearfully, but he held on, while the blood spurted in a stream over his arm and into his face. He evidently had severed an artery, for in a few minutes the bear rolled over dead. Just at that moment a train came up and took Spangler aboard. He looked very much like a pig sticker in a Chicago slaughter house, but having killed the bear, he was the hero of the hour.

Miss Margaret Sechler, daughter of Mr. Hammond Sechler, of Linn street, returned to her studies at Wilson College on Monday morning.

Gold wall paper, 10c a bolt at Williams.

A wedding ceremony was celebrated in the Catholic church on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock. It was the marriage of Miss. Mary Doll, of Roopsburg, to Mr. Alfred Beezer, of Altoona.

The Renove News now boasts of the possession of a fine new Hoe press. It will probably be better than ever in appearance, but we doubt if the new press will make the News look any nicer than it already does, for it is a clear, well printed journal.

The awful propensity of Phillipsburg girls for hanging on is well illustrated in a wedding which took place in that town one day recently. The bride's fellow had the grippe and she got so jealous of it that she married him as he was lying in bed.

Miss Marie Bishop, the dancing teacher from Williamsport, met her class for the first time on Friday evening last. She had plenty of boys, but not a single girl was to be seen. The class will dance in Bush's Hall every Friday evening.

A few days ago while Dr. Jacobs, of Centre Hall, was alighting from his buggy, his foot slipped from the step and he fell forward out of the vehicle. The horse frightened and sprang forward, the rear wheel striking the doctor on the side, breaking several ribs and otherwise badly bruising him.

We regret to learn that Miss Hilda Baum, the agreeable daughter of Mr. Abraham Baum, of this place, who has been visiting in Evansville, Indiana, for the past four months, has concluded that she likes that place so well that she will remain there indefinitely. Her friends here will miss her.

Mr. Harry Wian, a resident of the Bald Eagle valley, died at the home of his brother Daniel, in Spring township, on Sunday. He had been visiting there and was stricken with consumption before he could get home. Deceased was about 48 years of age and was buried at Pleasant Gap on Tuesday.

The Altoona District Convention, of the Y. M. C. A. is being held in this place to-day and will continue to-morrow and Sunday. The service of welcome will be held in the Reformed church this evening, and Rev. Houck will make the address. It is to be hoped that this meeting will materially benefit the home association as it is in an extremely shaky condition.

Quite a little excitement was raised about noon on Wednesday at the crossing at the passenger station. It was caused by a little girl being knocked down by the wheels of one of Edward K. Rhoades' coal wagons. It looked very much at first as though the wheels had gone over the little one, but she was worse scared than hurt. If she had fallen under the wheels, however, she would have been badly crushed, as the wagon had nearly two tons of coal on it.

It is a matter of much satisfaction to the people of our town to see the work Commissioner Shaughensy has already done on the streets. At this season when most towns of Bellefonte's size are plodding through mud hub deep, dust is actually flying on our streets and the explanation for this is found in the fact that with the first signs of a settling of the weather Mr. Shaughensy put on his full force and scraped every street in town. The result is that they are in excellent condition and really better than we have ever seen them at this time of the year.

The citizens of the good old town of Northumberland were badly fooled on the first of April by the clanging of the bells, the shrieks of whistles and the general confusion of everything, indicating the prevalence of a big fire, the light of which could be distinctly seen toward the lower end of the town. Everybody rushed in that direction only to find that the conflagration was nothing more nor less than the burning of a lot of old oil barrels on a vacant lot which somebody had ignited for the purpose of making early morning April fools out of the population. The trick succeeded, just as was intended, and the smart Northumberlanders had to acknowledge that they were badly sold.

The Bedford Inquirer says that Albert Darlington, of Glen Mills, Bedford county, while driving a team of six horses loaded with hay from the station to his home, on Saturday last, saw one of his horses down right in the public road. The horses became fast in the mud and flood. He whipped the leader and he fell. The flow of the water was so great at the time that the horse was drowned before he could get up. This perhaps is a single instance in all the history of bad roads in this country. When will the time come that such things will be impossible? The horse referred to was the most valuable one Mr. Darlington possessed. It was worth over \$200.

Brown back wall paper, 4c a bolt at Williams.

THE WINTER'S STORM AND WEATHER RECORD.—Joseph Houser, of Lock Haven, has kept a record of the storms from the first of last December to the first of April, 1891, and reports as follows:

December had one day rain storm and 10 days of snow storms; fall of snow during month 48 inches. January had 5 days rain storms and 5 days of snow storms; fall of snow during month 11 inches. February had 8 days rain storms and 5 days of snow storms; fall of snow during month 14 inches. March had 11 days rain storms and three days of snow storms; fall of snow during month 25 inches. Total 8 feet and 2 inches of snow. The highest temperature recorded was on the 17th and 18th of February at the time of the late flood, when the mercury registered 71 degrees; the lowest was one degree below zero, on December 20th and on March 1st and 2d.

A NOBLE ACT OF CHARITY.—The employes at Wigton's "Troy Mines" held a meeting on Wednesday to take action for the relief of the family of Thomas Adgar, a fellow employe who was killed recently by a fall of coal at Troy Mine. The sum of \$285 was raised and paid to Mrs. Adgar, who was overcome with emotion by the unlooked for but much needed assistance. A debt of \$110 which Adgar owed on his property was paid off, as well as \$30 funeral expenses, leaving \$145 of a surplus, which will be a defense against immediate necessity. The Recording Angel will make a credit mark to the account of each of the kind-hearted wage-earners who contributed to this beautiful act of charity. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."—Phillipsburg Journal.

FORCED TO GO OUT OF CENTRE COUNTY.—The Lock Haven Express says: Register and Recorder J. C. Smith notified the County Commissioners that it would be necessary for them to purchase another blank book for the recording of marriage licenses issued. The number of licenses granted in the last six months has been largely in excess of those issued for the same number of months previous to that time and, owing to the fact that in Centre county the newspapers publish the names of parties to whom the licenses to wed are issued. This action on the part of the Centre county newspapers has made business profitable for Lock Haven ministers, as prospective brides and grooms object seriously to having their plans made public in advance of the wedding, and consequently come to Lock Haven to obtain the license and employ a Lock Haven minister to perform the ceremony.

DEATH OF A FORMER PROMINENT CITIZEN OF CENTRE COUNTY.—William Cooke Duncan died at Lewisburg, Wednesday evening, April 8th, aged about 72. He was a son of James Duncan, Esq., the first sheriff of Centre county in 1801; was born at Aaronsburg, and he became a prominent merchant at Millheim. In October, 1860, Mr. Duncan was elected a member of the Legislature for Centre county on the Republican ticket. He afterwards removed to Lewisburg and became a member of the firm of Sifer, Walls, Shriver & Co., manufacturers of agricultural implements. His wife was a daughter of John Foster, of Brushvalley, his father's partner in the mercantile business. She died some years ago. Mr. Duncan's surviving children are a daughter, Miss Maggie Duncan, and John Foster Duncan, Esq., present District Attorney of Union county.

COUNCIL MEETS.—The regular meeting of the borough council was called to order on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock with every member present. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the session was declared open for verbal communications.

D. F. Fortney on behalf of the school board was granted the privilege of running a drain from the school building down Lamb street to the creek.

James R. Hughes' proposition to boom the town through the New York World was referred to the Finance committee, and the bid on a new pump made by Charles F. Hoagland, representative of the Knowles Steam Pump Company, was held over until the next meeting, as council was not prepared to take definite action on the matter.

The street committee reported progress with its work and the water committee reported the need of a new crossing at the water works. It was ordered to be put down. The Fire and Police committee reported adversely on the Cornelius' proposition to exempt all volunteer firemen from taxes to the extent of \$2.50. A light was ordered to be placed on East Bishop street near the residence of Mr. Joseph Fox, and the Street committee ordered to make the regular annual investigation of the streets and pavements, and after the reading of a number of bills, all of which were approved except that presented by the Electric Light Company, council adjourned.

Mr. F. C. Richards is off to New York and Philadelphia, on a combined business and pleasure trip. While away he will purchase some novelties for his pretty jewelry establishment.

MEMORIAL SERMON.—The Lock Haven Democrat of Monday says: The memorial sermon preached in the M. E. church at Mill Hall yesterday by Rev. John J. Pearce, as a tribute to the late Rev. Daniel Hartman, who recently died at West Chester in his 81st year, was a very appropriate one and the church was crowded by an eager and interested audience, all or nearly all of whom knew or at least had seen the good old preacher. The services were opened with singing by the choir, after which the scripture lesson was read and prayer offered by Rev. S. W. Pomeroy, of the Presbyterian church. The sermon was then delivered by Rev. J. J. Pearce from the text found in the 54th verse of the 116th Psalm: "Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage." The preacher briefly sketched the life and character of the veteran soldier of the Cross, whose whole life had been devoted to the service of God and who could most appropriately say of the statutes of the Lord, which had been his delight to obey, they have been my "songs," so familiar and pleasant were they to him. Mr. Pearce spoke of the old preacher's last words which were "Sunshine, Sunshine." His last sermon was preached in the church at Salona, May 18, 1890. Mr. Pearce's sermon was much appreciated and was heard with profound attention. The audience seemed to feel the full impressiveness of the occasion. Rev. L. G. Heck made a few remarks befitting the purpose for which the meeting had been announced, after which the exercises were brought to a close in the usual way, all feeling that the memory of the good old man had been fittingly commemorated by a people among whom he had so long resided.

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.—The following are decisions of the United States Courts on the most frequent questions arising between publishers and their subscribers.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscriptions.

2. If the subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals, the publisher may continue to send them until all arrearages are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take the periodicals from the post office to which they are directed they are responsible until they have settled their bills and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former address, they are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it; otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it, and the subscriber will be responsible until an express notice, with payment of all arrearages, is sent to the publisher.

MILLINERY.—As I have always done, I will return from New York, April 4th, with New York Trimmer and more goods untrimmed and pattern hats than you will find elsewhere. I invite all to call and examine stock and compare with others.

THE BRIDGE REIMBURSEMENT BILL.—The Lock Haven Democrat says that "notwithstanding the efforts of representative Quiggle, Hon. John U. Shaffer, T. C. Hipple, Esq., Treasurer Caldwell and others, the Judiciary General Committee refused to accept the proposed amendments for county bridges destroyed by the floods of 1889, so as to include corporation bridges which the counties were compelled to rebuild, and the House on second reading of the bill also would not agree to any amendments enlarging the scope of the measure, although such were offered. If the bill in its present shape should become a law Clinton county will receive about \$14,000 from the State under its provisions, but there is considerable opposition to it upon the part of some who claim that it is unconstitutional and would never receive the Governor's signature."—The amount that would be reimbursed to Centre county would also be considerable.

Shirts—white shirts, summer flannel, madras, sateens—in all colors and styles—just opened at the Rochester Clothing House.

Abraham Martin, of Steelton, and Miss Mary C. Seel, of Renovo, who were married on Tuesday afternoon last in the Catholic church at the latter place, are both mutes. Mr. Martin is an employe of the iron works at Steelton and Miss Seel is the daughter of F. J. Seel, hotel-keeper in Renovo. The wedding was quite a brilliant one. Notwithstanding they are mutes both are highly intelligent and converse fluently in their own way.

The very latest styles of hats—Prices Low—at the Rochester Clothing House.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Wilson is now acting as clerk in the office of the Central Hotel at Phillipsburg.

Black cheviot suits, in sacks or cutaways, single or double breasted, in a dozen different qualities at the Rochester Clothing House.

That dread disease, consumption, was the cause of the death of Miss Mary Kinney, last week, a highly respected lady of Milesburg and a devoted member of the Methodist church, in the 33d year of her age. She had been a sufferer for more than a year. Three sisters and three brothers mourn her loss. She was interred in the Union cemetery of Bellefonte, where her mother preceded her three years ago.

Children's suits in immense quantities and the very prettiest of styles, at the Rochester Clothing House.

Patrick Martin, a highly respectable citizen of Bellefonte, died at his late home, near the reservoir, on Monday night. The deceased had been failing with consumption. Funeral services were held in the Catholic church on Thursday morning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week: James McCabe, of Nowtown, and Sarah C. Ainsman, of Phillipsburg. James McClient and Mary Kilpatrick, both of Ashcroft, Pa.; Alfred Beezer, of Altoona, and Mary Doll, of Spring twp., Pa.; W. E. Tate and Christie S. Smith, both of Bellefonte, Pa.

New clothing, new hats, new furnishing, everything new for the coming season is now opened and ready for your inspection at the Rochester Clothing House.

Two car loads of sugar on which the duty of two cents per pound was dropped, reached Williamsport yesterday. This afternoon Lock Haven merchants expect a supply of the same kind of sugar and it is likely that sugar will be sold cheap in this city to-morrow.—Lock Haven Express.—It was the taking off of the duty that diminished the price, and yet such protection papers as the Express say that the tariff is not a tax.

The finest and largest line of Foreign and Domestic wools for suitings and overcoats ever shown by us. Full assortment of Ready Made clothing Hats, Caps, and Furnishing Goods. MONTGOMERY & Co. Tailors.

An exchange says that the farmers of Berks county are rushing their potatoes to market in anticipation of a further decline in price. In the great potato district of northern Berks potatoes were bought up at \$1 per bushel by Philadelphia buyers several months ago. Now they are a drug at 75 cents. They are not a drug up this way, but bring an unusually high price.

Boys suits, suits for small boys, large boys, young boys, old boys. In fact we have clothing for all kinds of boys at prices which will surely please you. Rochester Clothing House.

Business Notice.—Farmers should bear in mind that the spring and fall seasons of the year are the time to build Barbed Wire Fences; for the reason that the wire during extreme warm weather expands very materially—the contraction of which in extreme cold weather causes it to break or snap. If the fence shall have been built in extreme cold weather the wire will expand and sag during the warmer seasons; therefore, the best time to build a wire fence is in moderate, cool weather. The wire fence recently built on the line of the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad demonstrates that the link barbed wire made of steel is the best wire made for fencing purposes. The link wire is sold by McCalmont & Co., of Bellefonte, Pa., at lower prices than this wire has ever been sold heretofore.

Farmers will promote their interest by examining the fences built of the different makes of wire and consulting McCalmont & Co. concerning the prices of the same.

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..... 95
Red wheat, per bushel..... 1 00
Rye, per bushel..... 55
Corn, ears, per bushel..... 50
Corn, shelled, per bushel..... 70
Oats—new, per bushel..... 60
Barley, per bushel..... 55
Buckwheat per bushel..... 50
Cloverseed, per bushel..... \$4 00 to \$6 00
Ground Plaster, per ton..... 9 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co. Potatoes per bushel..... 90 to 100
Eggs, per dozen..... 15
Lard, per pound..... 7
Country Shoulder..... 8
Sides..... 8
Hams..... 12 1/2
Fallow, per pound..... 25
Butter, per pound..... 25
Onions, per bushel..... 75

The Democratic Watchman. Published every Friday morning in Bellefonte, Pa., at \$2 per annum (if paid strictly in advance); \$2.50 when not paid in advance, and \$3.00 if not paid before the expiration of the year; and no paper will be discontinued until all arrearages are paid, except at the option of the publisher. 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	\$ 11
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	55
One Column (18 inches).....	35	55	100
Advertisements in special column, 25 per cent. additional.			
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.	
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.			
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