

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY.

—Edwin A. Beck, one of Renovo's oldest citizens and business men, died at his home there on Friday evening at 7.30.

—The firm of Hoover, Hughes & Co., of Philipsburg, paid \$6000 tax on their property in Clearfield county last year.

—John F. McGinness, historian, correspondent and veteran editor, paid our sanctum a pleasant visit last Monday. He was in excellent spirits and never looked better.

—Lewis Seymour, an Illinois farmer, who formerly lived in Williamsport, returned to that place on Friday on a visit, after an absence of thirty-five years. He was astonished at the changes.

—A handsome gold-headed cane is on exhibition in the window of Richard's jewelry store. It is being contested for between two popular young men, Messrs. Wilson and Benner, for the benefit of the Pleasant Gap Band.

—Hope Hose company, of Philipsburg, has accepted the invitation to be present and participate in Bellefonte's fourth of July demonstration. They will bring their steamer and be attended with a band of music.

—Mr. John Anderson, who keeps the well known restaurant and billiard room in the block west of the WATCHMAN office, has added ice-cream to the list of his refreshment? Mr. Anderson is one of our oldest and most reliable caterers.

—Last Monday George Bush, of this place, made the distance between Lock Haven and Bellefonte in three hours and twenty-three minutes, taking the Nittany Valley route. George not only deals in bicycles, but he knows how to run them.

—It was reported last week that J. W. Gephart, Esq., had withdrawn from the law firm of Beaver, Gephart and Dale and would hereafter devote his attention to the Valentine Iron Company. The report, however, was wholly without foundation. Mr. Gephart will continue to devote a portion of his time to the practice of law.

—At Potter's Mills Decoration Day was observed with appropriate ceremonies. Martial music was furnished by a drum corps and the people of the surrounding country joined in the proceedings. The prayer was offered by Rev. Isenberg of Centre Hall, and an excellent address was delivered by W. I. Swoope, Esq., of Bellefonte.

—A Williamsport woman whose husband neglected to support his family went to his employer and procured a dollar. When the fellow learned this he attacked his wife with a butcher knife and threatened to kill her unless she surrendered the money. She gave it to him and then very properly had him landed in jail, where he should be kept all summer.

—We desire to call your attention to the fact that the personal property of S. H. Weaver, dec'd, of Oak Hall, will be sold at public sale on Saturday, June 13th, at 1 o'clock. Numerous articles, with mill fixtures, corn, chop, etc., will be offered. The Oak Hall mill will be rented to the highest bidder at the same time. It is a complete roller mill of latest pattern.

—The Wallace & Co. circus, which recently showed in this place, meets with misfortunes as it progresses on its route. Among its other troubles, Thursday of last week it came in collision with a crowd of roughs at Mahanoy City, a fight ensued, shots were fired, and a number of persons were injured. The trouble with this circus is that it allows too many disreputable characters to follow in its wake.

—Rev. Mr. Shoemaker, who for the past nine years has faithfully served as pastor of the Reformed church at Jacksonville, this county, and other congregations of the same denomination in the surrounding country, has severed his connection with those charges, having accepted a call to Stoytstown, Somerset county. He is an able minister and faithful worker in his sacred calling, and we have no doubt his labor will be as successful in his new field as it was in the one which he filled so ably and for so long a time.

—On the last day of last month the 83d birthday of Mr. Ira Fisher, of Lovelock, this county, was celebrated by a home-gathering of his children, and by respects paid to him by a number of his friends. Mr. Fisher is among the oldest citizens of the county, he having been raised in Bald Eagle Valley and for almost a quarter of a century has been a resident of Half Moon township. He was elected a county commissioner in 1859, and it was while he was on the Board that the trees in the Court House yard were planted, he having personally participated in planting them.

A TERRIFIC RAILROAD WRECK AT MILESBURG.—Last Friday night one of the most extensive and destructive wrecks that ever occurred on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad happened near the station at Milesburg, which involved a heavy destruction of property, but fortunately caused no loss of life. The train which met with this mishap was an extra freight made up of a great many cars loaded with coal, coke and building stone and drawn by engine 86, of which David Road was engineer and Harry Mease fireman. This train left Tyrone some time after 8 o'clock. When it reached Milesburg a misplaced switch ran it into a siding on which was standing a number of cars loaded with building stone, and coal. There was a terrible crash and as soon as the collision occurred the engineer reversed his engine. The result was that the cars piled up until at some places the wreck was thirty feet high. The railroad was torn up for nearly seventy feet, and within a radius of nearly one hundred feet there was nothing but coke, coal and building stone and broken cars, some of the cars being literally fractured into kindling wood. If the accident had occurred a little further up it would have torn the depot building to pieces. The engineer and fireman were taken so suddenly by the collision that they had not time to make up their minds what to do. If they had jumped on either side the probability is that they would have been crushed to pieces in the wreck. They stuck to the cab of the engine, and fortunately for them, while the body of the engine was knocked into a wreck the cab received no injury, and both the engineer and the fireman came out unhurt.

C. P. Stoner, ticket agent at Milesburg, was standing on the side track on which the train was switched, talking to the conductor of the train that was standing on the other side track waiting for the train from Tyrone to pass. But instead of the train going by as it would have done if the switch had not been open, it came upon them so suddenly that it almost caught both of them. Harry Candy, of Howard, a brakeman on the wrecked train, was on the first car from the engine, and when he felt the jar he jumped, fortunately escaping from being caught in the wreck; otherwise he would likely have been crushed to pieces.

Immediately upon the occurrence of the accident the wreck train at Tyrone was telegraphed for and shortly after 1 o'clock a crew of twenty men were at work clearing up the shattered fragments, and by nine o'clock the next morning the track was in condition for travel to be resumed. The stack of the engine was knocked off and the front of the boiler burst and other damage done to it. Master Mechanic Beamer estimates the railroad company's loss of cars and motive power, besides the cost of clearing the wreck away, at \$10,000, which he says is a very low estimate.

TRIAL OF A MINISTER.—The trial of Rev. W. F. D. Noble, pastor of the Houtzdale Methodist Episcopal church, before a committee appointed by conference, came off in Houtzdale last week, with closed doors. One of the charges against the accused minister was brought by Rev. R. H. Colburn for a false statement made by him. In a dispatch to the Phila. Times concerning the proceedings of conference, and another charge makes Noble guilty of making an ungentlemanly proposition to a female member of his flock. The motion to have the trial secret seemed to come from the side of the prosecution. Many ministers were present. The case will likely go to court, whatever the result of the ecclesiastical trial may be.

BELLEFONTE WILL CELEBRATE.—The editors of the Express acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend Bellefonte's grand demonstration on the Fourth of July. The programme will include a grand demonstration by the fire, military and civic organizations of that city and the surrounding towns. As the display promises to be a fine one our regret is all the greater that previous engagements to remain at home and hurrah for the P. O. S. of A. will prevent the editorial force of this paper from going to Bellefonte.—Lock Haven Express.

—Thursday night of last week a fight occurred at a dance on Trout Run, Clinton county, in which a Frenchman named Israel Mazerell was killed by a person named Mike McDonald. It was a gathering of roughs, who were under the influence of liquor. Mazerell was hit over the head with a brick, receiving a wound from which he died. McDonald fled, but he was arrested in Lock Haven on Saturday and held for trial.

—The funeral of Samuel Weaver, of Oak Hall, occurred on Thursday afternoon of last week at 2 o'clock. Representatives from four I. O. O. F. lodges, of which order he was a member, were present. The Odd Fellows had charge of the obsequies, Messrs Samuel Ishler and J. C. Meyer conducting the impressive service. Interment was made at Boalsburg.

—Mr. George Thompson, brother of Frank Thompson, Esq., Vice President of the Pennsylvania railroad company, died in Sunbury last Tuesday morning, at the age of 62. He had long been connected with the railroad shops at that place.

CIGARETTE POISON.—Robert Flory, of Williamsport, according to the Sun, is seriously ill from the effects of cigarette smoking, in which he has indulged for eleven years, smoking from ten to twenty of the disgusting things per day. His physician says he has so poisoned his system that nothing more can be done for him. Boys take warning.

—Whisky is getting in its work in Huntingdon county. Last Monday one hundred miners from Robertsdale, while attending a base ball game at Orbisonia, William Loudon and Snyder Leighdy, two miners, were stabbed by Anton Bechtol, a Frenchman, and fatally injured. Leighdy received five stabs over the heart. Bechtol is in jail. Whisky was the probable cause of the affair.

—Messrs. J. S. Waite & Co desire to inform the public that they have secured a blacksmith to take the place vacated by Geo. Mallory who left their employ without giving any reason whatever. Their new smith is the equal of all the superior of many in the profession hereabouts, and they solicit a continuance of your patronage and will strive to give satisfaction if you give them a trial.

DISGUSTED WITH AN APPROPRIATION.—The Philipsburg Journal is evidently disgusted with the amount of money appropriated for the hospital at that place, judging from the following remarks it makes on that subject:

One of the last acts of the Legislature that died last week was to cut down the appropriation for the Cottage Hospital, of this city, to \$10,000, or \$5,000 per year, for two years. It ought to have been double this amount to make some very much needed improvements. The small pittance of \$5,000 per year will oblige the trustees to run things on a very scanty basis to meet actual expenses, giving them nothing for improvements. Some institutions, very much less worthy, but where favorites have, an opportunity of getting rich in a little while at the people's expense, fared sumptuously. It's a small piece of business, but then this Legislature is noted for having been one of the most worthless in the history of the State, and we should not have expected very much more from it. Perhaps by the next election the people will take a hand in selecting our legislators.

DIED IN IOWA.—News is received of the death of Mr. Philip A. Barnhart, which occurred on the 2nd of May, ult., at his home near West Union, Iowa. Deceased belonged to the well known Barnhart family of this county, having been born in the Bald Eagle Valley, May 25th, 1826, consequently he had nearly reached his 65th year at the time of his death. In his boyhood and early manhood he lived with his father on his farm near Mount Eagle. His first wife was Eliza Ann Beach, who died a short time after their marriage. Some years later he married Mary Elizabeth Antes and soon thereafter moved to West Union, Iowa. They lived happily together until the time of her death which occurred on the 2nd of July last. Mr. Barnhart became converted at a camp meeting near Salona, Clinton county, about the year 1845, and from that time he lived a life that was in all respects worthy of imitation. Blessed by nature with a strong constitution, the labors of his life were performed with great cheerfulness. He had always a pleasant word for all; everybody was his friend and he was a friend of everybody. To his kindred he was warmly attached, and many were the kind acts done by him which are pleasantly remembered by his friends.

A GAY DECEIVER.—W. R. Swett was a very nice appearing man who came to Philipsburg from Michigan previous to the burning of the Grant parlor match factory, and was employed in that establishment. He was a person of good address and engaging manners, and soon became popular in that community. He made quite an impression upon some of the young ladies, who considered him a very nice man. After remaining in Philipsburg for quite a while he went to Johnstown where he became manager of a theater. A few weeks ago he married Miss Fannie Estep, of Osceola, to whom he represented that he was the heir to considerable property from the estate of his diseased grandmother or some other relative. Soon after his marriage he left Johnstown, leaving a number of creditors who would like to know where he has gone to. Two or three letters recently received in Philipsburg, one of which was received by officer Simler, show that he has a wife in Michigan. One of them is from this lady, Mrs. W. R. Swett, of Gallen, Michigan, who wants to gather all the information she can concerning her "worthless husband," which she intends to use in an action of divorce.

MEMORIAL DAY IN BELLEFONTE AND MILESBURG.—Last Saturday seemed to have been cut out by nature for a beautiful and successful Memorial Day. The weather was all that could have been desired, bright, without being too hot, and the shower which usually falls on that day was omitted from the programme.

Through the agency of the Grand Army and the Women's Relief Corps, of Bellefonte, flowers in profusion had been gathered, and were prepared in the forms of bouquets, wreaths and garlands at the Post room, ready to be reverently placed on the last resting places of the departed braves.

At 1:30 the stirring music of the fife and drum and the inspiring notes of several brass bands drew the patriotic citizens of our town to the Diamond, where the procession composed of the military, patriotic associations, secret organizations and fire companies was formed, preparatory to participating in the memorial ceremonies. The march to the cemetery was then made in the following order: Company B, National Guard, Col. Mullin in command; Gregg Post G. A. R.; carriage containing Gov. Curtin, J. L. Spangler, orator of the day, and W. W. Farrier, of Jersey City; carriage containing Gov. Beaver and comrade Bryan, an infirm soldier; Logan Steam Fire Company, with Zion Band; O. U. A. M. of Bellefonte; Undine Hose Company, with Pleasant Gap Band; citizens in carriages.

The procession, after marching over the designated route, arrived at the cemetery where a hallow square was formed by the organizations that took part in the parade, and a large concourse of people surrounded it. Then commenced the ceremony of decorating the graves, according to the prescribed ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic. Four were especially decorated by James H. Rankin, H. H. Benner, John Noll and Thomas Donachy. When the ceremony of decoration was in progress two odes were sung by Messrs. Charles Shuey, J. A. Fiedler, J. P. Smith, Wm. Hart, A. Lukenbach and Walter Whipple, and dirges were played by the bands. Then came the address by J. L. Spangler, Esq., which was replete with interesting facts concerning the struggle in which so many brave men laid down their lives, and with eloquent tributes to the heroic dead. He was followed by Governor Beaver who always has something interesting to say when the soldiers, living or dead, are the subject of his remarks. Thus ended 1891's tribute to the dead soldiers of Bellefonte, and by all it was admitted to be one of the most successful Memorial Days that was ever observed in this place.

Milesburg always makes a great demonstration on the day dedicated to the memory of the departed heroes. Early in the morning a number of comrades went up to Fairview and decorated the soldiers' graves at that place, commander Austin Curtin making the address. At 8:30 a detailed company of the Post, led by comrade C. P. Jones, and enlivened by the music of the veteran drum corps, proceeded to Advent church where flowers were placed on the graves of the heroes who are taking their last sleep in that cemetery. Rev. S. E. Koontz, of the Bellefonte Evangelical church, delivered an excellent address. Then the detachment came back to Milesburg, and the comrades partook of a bountiful collation prepared by the Women's Relief Corps connected with the Post. After this refreshment the members of the Post repaired to their rooms and passed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness. About 12:30 a procession of teams was formed which carried a number of comrades to the cemetery at Curtin's Iron Works, where wreaths were placed on the graves of several soldiers sleeping in that enclosure, and also on the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barnhart, both of whom served in the revolutionary war, one as a soldier and the other as a nurse in the hospital. The services here were conducted by commander Miles Green, assisted by comrades Austin Curtin, Joseph Green, Chaplain Thomas Wilson and others. The Sunday school at Curtin's contributed a very pretty feature to the exercises. The address was delivered by Rev. C. H. Fitzwilliam, of Tyrone, in a most eloquent manner, and excellent music was rendered by a choir composed of Misses Cora Neff, Elizabeth Neff, Amanda Barnhart, Mrs. Harry Austin, and James Barnhart of Bellefonte.

The decoration at the Milesburg cemetery took place towards evening. About 4 o'clock the parade, composed of the Millsburg Cornet Band, the Odd Fellows and American Mechanics, a drum corps, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Sunday schools, and the G. A. R., formed in front of the Odd Fellows Hall, and headed by Rev. Bouse and Mr. L. T. Eddy, proceeded to the cemetery where the ladies had prepared a beautiful floral mound preparatory to the service of decoration. The exercises were directed by Miles Green, assisted by comrades Joseph Green, C. E. Eise, C. P. Jones and Chaplain Wilson. The choir sang some appropriated selections, and Rev. Mr. Fitzwilliam delivered an eloquent address. Then the flowers were placed on the graves of the hallowed braves.

Thus did Milesburg pay her annual tribute to the dead who had fought for the Union and the old flag.

The friends of Dr. Laurie, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place, before he left on his visit to Scotland presented him with a purse of \$300.

WANTED.—A good horse in exchange for carriage work, at McQuiston & Co's.

Vernus H. Metzgar, oldest son of Judge Metzgar, and ex-District Attorney of Lycoming county, died in Williamsport last week from the effect of diabetes.

The stable of James DeLong, at Eagleville, was destroyed by fire on Monday night. A horse in the building was severely burned. The origin of the fire is unknown. There was an insurance of \$300.

Repairing executed with neatness and dispatch at McQuiston & Co's.

A beautiful spire monument has been erected in Askey Cemetery to the memory of the late Captain William White, of Pine Glen. The work was designed by M. Bowman, the Unionville granite and marble dealer.

If you have not already visited E. Brown, Jr's new store on Bishop street you should do so at once. Great bargains await you.

Gov. Pattison, has signed the bill appropriating \$13,000 for the Philipsburg hospital for the ensuing two years. The State College appropriation amounting to \$150,500, and the bill taxing unnaturalized persons for poor purpose, have not yet received his signature.

If you want furniture cheap, E. Brown, Jr's is the place to get it.

Mrs. W. D. David, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas, of Bellefonte, died at her home near Romola, this county, last Monday evening. Three children survive her, and also her aged mother, besides two sisters, Mrs. Allen, of this place, and two brothers, Albert and Amos, of Bellefonte. She was a member of the Evangelical church and a good christian woman.

Novelties in furniture and wall paper are the order of the day at E. Brown, Jr's on Bishop street.

A FESTIVE DAGO.—The Philipsburg Journal says that a burly son of Italy carried over Wednesday night in the lock-up. He hired a horse and buggy from Boney Gardner, steamed up pretty well with cheap whiskey and started out to take in the sights of the neighborhood. He visited Black Bear, Loch Lomond, Morrisdale and other places, running the poor horse nearly to death. He then returned to town and hitched in front of one of the hotels. Some one noticing the condition of the horse went to Mr. Gardner and informed him of the rig. He soon took charge of the rig, and then demanded from the Italian the required payment. This was refused, the Italian claiming that he was not through with the rig. Officer Simler was then summoned, who insisted that he pay for the use he had of the horse and buggy. The "Ike" sternly refused to come down with the lucre, got "sassy" on the officer's hands and there was no other alternative than to take him off to the "cooler," which required the aid of an extra man or two.

Next morning he was given a hearing, evinced somewhat of a repentant feeling, and after paying his fine and costs, amounting to \$7.50 and the horse, hire, \$1.50, he was released and permitted to go his way.

Wall paper in every shade and pattern at E. Brown, Jr's on Bishop street.

DEATH OF LEWIS HOUSEAL.—Mr. Lewis Houseal, an old citizen of Lock Haven, who was at one time a resident of Bellefonte, died in the former place, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Krom, last Saturday morning, in his 77th year of his age. His remains were brought to Bellefonte on the 5:20 p. m. train on Tuesday and interred in the Union cemetery. The deceased was born in Maytown, Lancaster county, and during the active portion of his life was well and extensively known as a hotel keeper, he having been landlord of the Railroad Hotel at Marietta for twenty-three years, and afterwards kept the Brockerhoff House in this place, and the Montour House in Lock Haven. His only child was Mrs. Krom, at whose residence he died, and he leaves a sister, Mrs. Anna Stainbrook, residing in Philadelphia. Previous to taking the remains to Bellefonte the funeral services were conducted at the house of Mrs. Krom by Rev. Charles James Wood, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Houseal during the course of his business life made a large number of acquaintances, by whom he was greatly esteemed for his excellent qualities, and many of them were prominent in political circles.

GOLDEN REMEMBRANCES.—An old citizen whose recollection of his first circus is one of the charming remembrances of his youth, has the following to say of that never-to-be-forgotten experience:

No man ever forgets the impression his first circus made upon him when a boy. Nor does he get quite so old as to despise the smell of the sawdust or cease longer to take pleasure in the entertainment of the ring. About one of the earliest recollections you can go back to is usually your first circus; perhaps the elephant has our earliest memories. I never see an elephant now without thinking of the first elephant I saw when a child. I can date nothing back of that elephant. Nor can I date back in my younger days farther than the first circus—one of those old-fashioned kind that had one ring and one clown—that broke so gloriously upon my boyish vision. When I see a man who says he don't care anything about a circus I think there is something wrong with him. Yet the circus to-day is as widely different from that we first saw as one thing of the same kind could be from another. Still the aroma of the ring and the animal cages is about the same to our nostrils.

McQuiston & Co's is the place to get fine buggies, carriages and wagons of every kind.

A SAD DROWNING CASE.—Last Monday evening John Leathers, a 14 year old son of Michael Leathers, of Snow Shoe, who was going to school at Howard, was drowned in the Bald Eagle creek at that place. He ventured into the water at a deep place and being unable to swim he sank and was drowned before assistance could be rendered. The other boys who were with him were unable to help him. A search was made for his body, and when found it was taken to the home of his aunts, Lizzie and Mary DeHass, with whom he had been staying.

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

A FOREST FIRE RAISES A POINT OF LAW.—While the fires were raging in the woods, Sheriff McCloskey sold some lumber in the eastern part of the county which was bid in by a Mr. Marsh, of Lock Haven, for \$11,000. Within twelve hours following the transaction the property took fire and was destroyed.

The question of who is the loser is now causing some agitation; the purchaser is said to be claiming no property was delivered to him and the sheriff is not going to be in a hurry to assume any such loss, and the creditors want the benefit of the proceeds of the sale.—Dubois Courier.

E. Brown, Jr., wants you to see his stock at his store on Bishop street.

Mr. Brandon, of the Brockerhoff House, expects to go next week with his son, George, to New York, where the latter will enter the employ of an extensive coffee house doing business with Brazil. George has the tact and ability to make himself very useful in the largest and most important fields of labor. While engaged in business in New York he will make his home with W. W. Farrier, who is at the head of the largest plumbing establishment in this country and who resides in Jersey City. We wish George great success.

MARRIED.—KUHNS-PATERSON.—At the Reformed parsonage, Bellefonte, Pa., May 28th, 1891, by the Rev. M. O. Noll, Peter Kuhn, of Boalsburg, Centre county, to Sarah Patterson, of the same place.

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..... 65  
Red wheat, per bushel..... 80  
Rye, per bushel..... 80  
Corn, ears, per bushel..... 70  
Corn, shelled, per bushel..... 60  
Oats—new, per bushel..... 50  
Barley, per bushel..... 55  
Ground plaster, per ton..... 9.50  
Buckwheat per bushel..... 50  
Cloverseed, per bushel..... \$4.00 to \$8.00

Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

Potatoes per bushel..... 30 to 100  
Eggs, per dozen..... 15  
Lard, per pound..... 7  
Country shoulders..... 8  
Sides..... 12½  
Hams..... 12½  
Butter, per pound..... 12½  
Flour, per pound..... 12½

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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 \$ 11  
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  
Advertisements in special column, 25 per cent additional.  
Transient ads. per line, 3 insertions..... 20 cts.  
Each additional insertion, per line..... 5 cts.  
Local notices, per line..... 25 cts.  
Business notices, per line..... 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 all everything in the printing line can be executed in the most artistic manner and at the lowest rates. Terms—CASH. All letters should be addressed to P. GRAY MEEK, Proprietor.