

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., July 24, 1891.

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTRY.

—Jersey Shore is also making a bid for the Chronic Insane Asylum.

—George R. Woodward, Sheriff of Elk county, was arrested last Tuesday for bigamy.

—There is a project on foot to build an electric railway between Lock Haven and Mill Hall.

—Hon. Leonard Rhone will be one of the speakers at the granger's picnic at Warriors Mark on the 25th inst.

—Prof. Lieb, of this place, is having a vacation in attending the United States Court at Erie as a juror.

—Prof. D. M. Wolf will open a select school in Spring Mills on Monday, July 27th, to continue six weeks.

—At the last pay day at the Valentine Furnace, 15th inst., the hands were paid in silver, all amounting to \$4,000.

—The Knights of the Golden Eagle of this and adjoining counties expect to have a reunion at Huntingdon, August 20.

—Mr. Benjamin Myers, one of the oldest citizens of Benner township, died last Sunday evening at the age of 86 years.

—The County Commissioners have decided to have the Lock Haven bridge lighted with incandescent electric lights.

—Parties from Bellefonte have been pleasantly sojourning at the Penn Cave hotel, and speak of it as a delightful summer resort.

—Mr. Robert Beerly, the cider-maker of Milesburg, is preparing for a big business this season. Road his advertisement in another column.

—The residence of Dr. Goodman, at Loganton, was entered by burglars on Saturday night. The doctor's gold watch and \$40 in money was taken.

—The colored people are going to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation at Williamsport on the 6th of August in royal style.

—Chairman Dale has issued a call for the Republican county primaries to take place on Saturday, 1st of August, and the county convention on Tuesday, the 4th.

—Mrs. John G. Love, who has been at Clifton Springs, N. J., for the last four months, returned to her home in Bellefonte last Friday evening greatly improved in health.

—On the 7th of next month Company B, of this place, will start for the encampment at Arlington Station, on the Allegheny railroad, some distance north of Pittsburg.

—Some predict from present appearances that the potato crop in Centre county will be the largest in twenty years. In this respect it will tally with most of the other crops.

—Next Monday, 27th inst., Rev. J. O. Davis, who has been pastor of the Episcopal church in this place for the past five years, will leave for Beatrice, Nebraska, where he will take pastoral charge of a parish.

—The death of Mr. Oscar Duck, which occurred at his home near Penn Cave, in Gregg township, last week, was caused by inflammation of the bowels. He was 32 years of age and left a wife and several small children.

—When Jim Schofield gets home we shouldn't be surprised if he should make editor Fiedler and Poor Overseer McClure revise the remarkable statement of the Poor District finances which they concocted between them and published in the *Gazette*.

—Although the old Reynold's flour mill, of this place, run by G. W. Jackson & Co., had most of the modern improvements, it nevertheless was recently completely overhauled and furnished with every new appliance for making the best quality of roller flour.

—Father McArdle, pastor of St. John's Catholic church of this place, being on a three months trip to Europe, Rev. Father Richard was substituted to act in his place during his absence, but on account of illness has been unable to perform the pastoral duties.

—An elderly person named Reed was drowned in a mill dam near Millheim one day this week. As he had disappeared and could not be found, and was in a demoted state of mind, it was surmised that he might have fallen or jumped into the dam. The water was drawn off and his body found.

—A valuable horse belonging to James T. Kunes, of Blanchard, this county, was killed by a vicious bull one day last week. The animal was being ridden by a boy who was driving some cattle to the field, when the bull attacked the horse, running one of its horns into the horse's breast, and killing it almost instantly.

COUNCIL MEETING.—At meeting of borough council last Monday evening James I. McClure, overseer of poor, wanted to know what balance was due him on account of broken stone, but he could not be informed as the street commissioners had not reported the amount of stone used.

In regard to water tax Mr. Potter reported that Friday, July 24th, was the day fixed for holding the water tax appeal. In regard to the laying of the tax, the commissioners reported that they had laid the same on what is known as the room system, that is, so much per room. By this way some taxes were lowered and others raised.

The mill rate of taxes for the succeeding year was made the same as last—10 for interest, 2 for borough and 3 for street purposes.

As a representative of the Board of Water commissioners Mr. Isaac Mitchell made a statement regarding the laying of water tax. He said that the tax this year had been laid on the basis of 80 cents per room in the house. Although this was considered a just way of laying the tax the commissioners do not consider the system by any means a perfect one. And they would suggest to the council the advisability of sending some one, who understood the system in vogue here and the difficulties that have arisen in the past from an apparent unequal and unjust assessment, to Altoona and Danville, at both of which places the tax is assessed on the room system, to inquire into and find out the basis of their calculation. The suggestion was made with a view to establishing a just system of water taxation and then to make the same permanent by the passing of an ordinance. By this way every renter will know just what water tax he will have to pay when he examines a house, and every property owner will at all times know just what his tax will be.

In Danville there is an assessment on the real estate of 12 mills water tax and then an assessment on the room system. For instance: Take a property valued at \$5,000. A twelve mill tax thereon would be \$60. If the house contained ten rooms, at an additional 80 cents per room assessment, it would make \$8 additional, or a total of \$68 on the property. Of course, it would not be necessary to lay such a large millage as the above in Bellefonte, but that is the basis of the proposed assessment.

As a suitable man to send to these places to investigate their systems, Mr. Charles Smith was suggested. The council will hold the matter under consideration until the next meeting night when it is likely some action will be taken.

President Potter made an explanation regarding the iron fence purchased by the county commissioners for around the big spring. It had been reported that the fence in question was not the property of the county but belonged to the borough, having been paid for by subscription of the citizens. This, however, was found to be a mistake; as it is on record that it was purchased and paid for by the county authorities and the first price thereof was \$1287.

THE OLD WAR GOVERNOR WITH THE VETERANS.—Nobody at the G. A. R. encampment at Williamsport last week attracted so much attention as the venerable and distinguished "War Governor" of the State, Hon. Andrew G. Curtin. Whenever he appeared dense crowds surrounded him and his words were listened to with the most earnest attention. In the published account of the preceding of the camp we find the following:

"At the close of the principal business the old War Governor responded to a vociferous call for a speech, being greeted with tumultuous applause. He reviewed the history of the formation of the Reserves, and the urgent appeals made by the Washington authorities to have them sent forward after the Bull Run defeat. He assured them that they had undoubtedly saved the capital. He had been told by General Johnston, before the death of the latter, that he had his army in hand ready to move into Washington, but having learned of the arrival of troops from the north, he changed his arrangements and Washington escaped. The Governor also, in speaking of the material composing the Reserves, stated that there were no drafted men in their ranks. There were other regiments from the State as good as any of the reserve regiments, but there were none any better. He spoke of the thinning ranks, and said that he might not have many more opportunities to meet with them. He hoped when he died that some of them would strew flowers upon his grave."

SHE WALKED IN HER SLEEP.—A young woman whose parents reside near Lamar, Clinton county, has been working for some time past at the house of a neighbor, about a half mile from her home. One night recently she went to bed as usual and was considerably surprised when she woke up next morning to find herself in her father's barn. She had walked half a mile and climbed to the haymow in her sleep.

—Huntingdon county has another associate judge to elect this fall and the citizens of that county have set out to make the campaign a license or no license one.

—A couple of Bellefonte chippies are masquerading in our town. They ought to meet the same fate as the two Altoona girls did a short time ago in this place.—*Tyrone Herald*.

—The attractions of a trip to Mackinac Island via the Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co. are unsurpassed. It only costs about \$13.00 from Detroit, or \$18.00 from Cleveland, for the round trip, including meals and berths.

—Mr. Austin King, Mine Inspector of this district, is to be complimented on carrying of the prize of \$100 recently offered by the *Pittsburg Times* for the best article showing how to prevent accidents in mines. It was an able document, and reflects great credit on Mr. King's knowledge of mines and mining.—*Philipsburg Journal*.

—During a severe storm which visited Pine Glenn last week lightning struck the large barn of the late Capt. White, burning it to ashes in a very short time. Mr. Nelson Wasom got all his farming implements burned, but succeeded in getting his horses all out. Had the rain not descended shortly after the barn was on fire not a building on the place would have been saved. Loss to the estate over one thousand dollars.

—The annual meeting of the Juniata Valley camp meeting association will open on the 11th of August, and continue until and including the 21st. The grounds of this association are situated at Newton Hamilton, on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, eighty-four miles west of Harrisburg, Pa., in a beautiful grove of thirty-six acres. Those who wish to occupy tents can commence doing so on Thursday of this week.

BASEBALL AT PHILIPSBURG.—Saturday's *Ledger* says: The State College base ball team came over to town on Wednesday morning and played the Phillipsburg 2nd Nines in the afternoon, defeating the home team by a score of 6 to 4. The victory swelled the college's heads and they challenged the 1st Nines. The game was played on Thursday afternoon, and the home team scalped the visitors to the tune of 7 to 4. The college boys went home on Thursday evening. They were a set of gentlemen, and made a favorable impression on our people.

IT WAS NOT A SUCCESS.—The *Williamsport Republican* says that the Grand Army encampment there was not a success: "It fell far below the expectations of Williamsport people, who had prepared to welcome four or five thousand people and were compelled to distribute the welcome among five or six hundred. Of course those G. A. R. men who came were not to blame, but those who remained away ought to be ashamed of themselves. It was a disappointment all around. The people of Williamsport were disappointed in not finding more of their comrades here."

DEATH AND HISTORY.—Last Saturday at twenty-five minutes after one o'clock, Mrs. James Judge departed this life, at her home on North Main street, of old age superinduced by dysentery.

As Mary Finnegan she was born in Sligo county, Ireland, in 1815, and in February, 1841, was married to James Judge, who came to this country, in 1849, settling at Bald Eagle and Birmingham and afterwards near what is Tyrone. He left behind him his wife and three children who immigrated to this country in 1852 and joined the head of the family here, where they have since resided. The deceased is therefore in her seventy-fifth year.

She is survived by her aged husband and three sons, who are Michael, of this place, Dominic, of Bellefonte, and James of Carson City, Nevada. Two children, John and Mary, have preceded her to the grave. The *Tyrone* correspondent to the *Altoona Tribune* gives the following interesting facts regarding the death of her son John.

"During the war, when Lee invaded Pennsylvania, all the machinery in the shops and other property in the offices of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona together with the assets of the banks then of that place and adjoining towns, were shipped to Snow Shoe City, on the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe railroad, for safety. Upon a rumor of a probable attack from the rear all the available force of the Tyrone division was called into requisition and sent to Snow Shoe.

While on the way, between Julian Furnace and Unionville, the men, while experimenting with their muskets, her son John Judge was shot accidentally in the right leg with a load of buckshot, and was taken to Bellefonte and from there to his home where he died from the effects of the wound some thirteen days thereafter. Road Supervisor Surse had charge of the company, with John Adair as lieutenant."—*Tyrone Herald*.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT ON THE BALD EAGLE VALLEY.—Last Wednesday morning another fatal railroad accident occurred on the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad, causing the death of one man and inflicting serious injury on two others. The casualty was caused by a wreck which happened to the early morning passenger train which leaves Lock Haven at 4.05 and arrives in Bellefonte at 4.55. When this train was approaching Howard, at a point near the rolling mill at that place, the engine struck a cow that was attempting to cross the track. The engineer saw the animal and immediately reversed the engine, but the train was going too fast to be stopped. The pilot failed to knock the animal out of the way, and its carcass raised the engine from the track and threw it over on the left side of the road, it being followed by the tender. The engineer was Frank Woods, son of D. Woods, of Tyrone. He was thrown under the wreck, with the coal from the tender piled on him, and was held in this position until those who came to his relief were able to extricate him. He did not outwardly appear to have sustained much injury, but he was injured internally, dying about six o'clock. The fireman, William Spyker, when he saw the dangerous situation, jumped with a view of escaping destruction, but he was caught in the fragments of the wrecked engine and was badly cut about the head, but not fatally injured. Al Waite, an express agent, suffered a compound fracture of the skull and was badly scalded. His recovery is doubtful. He was not regularly engaged on this trip in his capacity as express agent, as he did not belong to the train in question, but, being on his vacation, he had been invited by engineer Woods to take a ride with him over the road on his engine. Unfortunately he took the friendly ride at the time when this dreadful accident was pending. The circumstances make his case a sad one. The engine and tender were completely wrecked. As the passenger cars did not leave the track none of the passengers were hurt. The track was torn up for a considerable distance.

Engineer Woods, a resident of Tyrone, was about 40 years of age, a widower, with a son about 12 years old. He was a man of good character and much respected. Fireman Spyker and express agent Waite both belong to Lock Haven.

THE NEW INSANE ASYLUM.—On Tuesday evening the committee that has in charge the movement for the location of the new State Insane Asylum at some point near Bellefonte, met in the arbitration room. Among others present was Governor Beaver who said that he had been looking around for suitable places, and that the one which would be best suited for the purpose was out at Pleasant Gap, where everything required can be found. Other locations had been mentioned, at Snow Shoe Intersection and near Boiling Springs, but none met the requisites so completely as the Pleasant Gap location.

On Thursday Dr. Kerwin, of the Warren asylum, chairman of the commission appointed to locate the new institution, was in this place, to see the inducements which this neighborhood may offer for the purpose, and he was taken to the different points by the committee.

A DOG WITH A GOOD MEMORY.—Says the *Lock Haven Democrat*: About two years ago D. Scott Peck, of this city, gave away a pet dog to a party in Sunbury, by whom he was taken off on a train. This morning one of Mr. Peck's little girls saw the dog go up the steps of their former residence on Cornish street and scratch at the door for admission. She called the poor animal by name and he at once came running to her as pleased and glad as a dog could be and showing in every act and motion his joy at getting back among his former friends. The little girl took the dog home to where the family now live, corner of Bald Eagle and Vesper streets and says she won't give him up any more.

DEATH OF REV. VONADA.—Rev. Israel Vonada, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of the north precinct of Gregg township, died Friday of last week, from the result of an apoplectic stroke. Deceased was 66 years, 9 months and 19 days old at the time of his death. He leaves a wife, two sons, Pierce and George, and one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Rochan, to mourn his loss. The funeral took place Sunday last, interment being made in Yearick's cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. Aurand, of Madisonburg, pastor in charge of Centre circuit, Evangelical association. Rev. Venada was a local preacher in said denomination.

A TROUBLESOME PRISONER.—Smith, the young colored man who is in the Lock Haven jail for committing assault and battery on Mrs. Smead, has given Sheriff Everhart considerable trouble, having escaped from the jail once, but was recaptured. The sheriff says he would have torn the building down had he not placed him in chains, and the young man is now kept chained to the floor.

—Huckleberries have made their appearance in our market.

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

—There is a report that the Bellefonte nail works will resume full operations next week.

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

—Letters are being received from James Schofield who is now in Ireland. We will publish one next week.

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

—Father Maher, of Harrisburg, is officiating in the Catholic church of this place during the absence of Father McArdie.

—Rev. Charles Garner, of Tyrone, recently of Bellefonte, will have charge of the colored camp meeting at Locust Grove, near Pine Station, on the P. & E. road, which commences to-day, 24th inst.

—Dr. Kerwin, commissioner to locate the new Insane Asylum, was taken in charge by the Bellefonte committee on Thursday, and was favorably impressed with some of the localities shown him in this neighborhood.

—It is said that when the Bellefonte glass works resume operations it will be on the tank system. If that should be adopted time will be required for the alterations, and it will necessitate the expenditure of some eight thousand dollars.

—A correspondent in the *Lewis-ton Gazette* tells how Eddie Rush, of Altoona, while on a visit to Ferguson Valley, Mifflin county, knocked a big black snake out of a tree, and upon killing it and opening it found that it had swallowed five pine squirrels.

—The *Centre Hall Reporter* gives the following notice of a coaching party that visited that place last week: "On Tuesday afternoon a tally-ho from Bellefonte, loaded clean up to the muzzle with young ladies, drove through our streets and took the wind out of our town. They stopped a few minutes at the hotel, but Landlord Barges having received a telephone from Bellefonte in advance, closed his bar to the party and informed them they had been listed. They were out looking for a site for an old maids' hermitage."

—A valuable horse belonging to Mrs. Cyrus Alexander, of this place, was killed one day last week at the barn of A. V. Miller, at Pleasant Gap, by coming in contact with the horns of a bull, which penetrated its side. It was an accidental collision, the bull not being vicious, the two animals having tried to pass each other through a narrow space at the barn, with a result as above mentioned. The horse was a gentle animal, much valued as a family pet, and had been left with Mr. Miller to be pastured.

—Mr. Samuel Hull, an old and much respected resident of this place, died at his home on Allegheny street, last Wednesday night, about 11 o'clock. His disease was consumption, by which he had been prostrated for the last six months. He was born in Mifflin county in 1824 and came to this neighborhood some fifteen years ago in connection with the McCoy works, and for some years past had been employed in the glass works until his health failed. He leaves a wife and four sons and three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Frank Wescott, the others being unmarried. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 4 p. m.

A REFORM MOVEMENT.—The young ladies of Mt. Union, Huntingdon county, have inaugurated a movement to bring the young men of that locality to their senses, and also to advance their own matrimonial prospects, which might be limited with advantage in this and other places. They have resolved upon a method of reclaiming the wayward young men of the place, who are accused also of lacking in sociability. In order to "bring the negligent young gentlemen to their senses," as one of the young women expressed it, a society has been formed with the view of inaugurating a series of sociables. The society numbers among its members many of the best looking young ladies, who are governed by a president and other officers, who in turn are held to a rigid observance of the constitution and by-laws adopted by the association.

Each member must in turn give a party to which all the members of the society and the backward young men are to be invited. A fine is to be collected if any member provides more than one kind of cake or more than one kind of fruit or beverage at any entertainment. A fine is imposed upon any young lady who shall refuse to perform any part assigned to her or shall refuse to sing or play when asked to do so. A double fine will be collected if a young lady shall wait to be asked a second time to sing or play, or who shall make an excuse that she is out of practice or has a cold or that she doesn't play for company.

NEWTON HAMILTON.—The circular for the 20th annual Camp Meeting at Newton Hamilton is out and contains all the information that one could desire about the meeting, which will be held at that delightful camp ground, from August 11th to 21st. These meetings are growing each year in popular favor and the one which will be held next month promises to be the most successful yet held. Substantial tents and good boarding houses add to the comfort of the guests and it is a most delightful place to spend a week or more.

—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 PUGILISTIC BRAR.—When Samuel G. Davis, of Lockport, Clinton county, got home late one night last week he heard his hogs squealing and upon investigation discovered a big black bear in the pen cuffling the hogs around in regular pugilistic style. Mr. Davis said he had no gun, but went to the woodshed and got his axe and gave Mr. Bruin two good welts with it, when his bearship leaped out of the pen and ran away. In the morning Mr. Davis found that the largest of his three hogs was dead, having had its back broken.

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

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—While Martin Beam, of Bell township, Clearfield county, was cleaning up some brush and tops preparatory to moving some shingle timber, he cut away a sapling that held another tightly bound, of which he had taken no notice whatever, and when the bound tree was released it struck him a terrible blow across the abdomen, injuring him internally and causing his death two days after the accident.

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

WAS IT A CASE OF PUNISHMENT?—A resident of Clearfield who spent a portion of last Sunday in playing baseball was struck across the nose by a bat in the hands of a comrade and badly injured. The flow of blood was stopped with extreme difficulty and the victim's life was in considerable danger. Did he get this bat over the nose as a punishment for having broken the sabbath?

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

A VALUABLE BASEBALL PLAYER.—Frank Shugerts, of Luthersburg, Clearfield county, has become a baseball player of marked reputation. The Pittsburg club made a big bid for him, but they didn't quite come up to the \$4,000 salary demanded and the deal was not made.

—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.

FARMERS' PICNIC.—On Saturday, Aug. 8th, the farmers of Clearfield county will hold their annual picnic on the Bilger camping ground near that place. It is expected that a very large number of people will be present. It will be a big day in Clearfield county.

A VETERAN TURTLE.—Mr. Ed. Wason, of Buffalo Run, this county, recently found a turtle on the Andrew Hunter homestead farm on which Mr. Hunter had cut his initials in 1841, just fifty years ago.

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.....	95		
Rye, per bushel.....	90		
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	35		
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	70		
Oats—new, per bushel.....	30		
Barley, per bushel.....	65		
Ground Plaster, per ton.....	9.50		
Buckwheat, per bushel.....	5.50		
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	24.00 to 26.00		

Bellefonte Produce Markets.			
Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co			
Potatoes per bushel.....	50		
Eggs, per dozen.....	15		
Lard, per pound.....	8		
Country shoulders.....	8		
Sides.....	8		
Hams.....	12 1/2		
Fallow, per pound.....	4		
Butter, per pound.....	12 1/2		

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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 (3 1/2 inches).....	12	20	30
Half Column (7 inches).....	20	35	55
One Column (14 inches).....	35	65	100
Advertisements in special column, 25 per cent. additional.			
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