

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

Canaries and a large assortment of Bird Cages at Zellers' Drug Store.

The Dickinson College Glee and Banjo Clubs will be here on Jan. 5th.

J. A. Aikens and J. S. McCargar, were Bellefonters who had business in Tyrone on Tuesday.

Only two weeks more until the grand New Years ball of the Logan Steam Engine Co.

Will S. Furst came home from the University Law School, at Philadelphia, on Tuesday morning.

Philipsburg's business men's carnival was a great success but the sum realized was not as large as was expected.

Wm Gramley, of Madisonburg, while working at Luse's saw mill, last week, had the index and middle finger of his right hand cut off.

Mrs. Samuel T. Bryan has passed to the great beyond. She died from heart disease, on Sunday morning, and was buried on Tuesday at eleven o'clock.

Uncle Tom's Cabin to-night as presented by the Stetson company will be the finest presentation of the great drama ever given on a Bellefonte stage. Don't miss it.

Mr. S. K. Faust, one of Miles township's most energetic business men, and one of the solidest Democrats in the county was up to Bellefonte, on business, on Friday of last week.

Gen. Hastings delighted a Lock Haven audience, on Tuesday evening, with his lecture on "Education and Citizenship." The papers give his talk very flattering notices.

Boalsburg will have a big musical convention next month. It will open on Monday evening, January 11th, and close with a grand concert, on the Friday evening following.

R. D. Shaffer, a resident of Curtin township, was brought home dead on Tuesday morning. He had been away working and death resulted from heart failure, superinduced by inflammation of the bowels.

The large saw mill owned and operated by Hon. Chester Munson and located at Munson Station, near Philipsburg, was destroyed by fire on Friday night last. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

The Gentzell boys, from Zion, together with a few other sportsmen passed through town on Saturday night with eight large deer. They have been out hunting for about ten days and report having had lots of sport.

"The Witch" will be the attraction for Christmas eve. Manager Gorman is to be congratulated on having secured such a high class entertainment for a holiday attraction, and a packed house should greet Miss Frohman. It will undoubtedly be the attraction of the season.

We are sorry to learn that death has entered the home of commissioner George L. Goodhart, at Centre Hill, and claimed his bright little two year old son. The child had been sick but a week and his death, which occurred on Monday morning, was a grievous blow to his parents.

The hunting season closed on Tuesday last, and fewer deer were killed within this county, than for many seasons past. To the extensive woods fires last spring, which desolated so large a portion of the wild lands of the county, is attributed the great scarcity of game, that has been noticeable during the entire summer.

The new outbuildings that have troubled the Court so much the past few months, and the want of which was used as an argument in favor of a new Court House, are about completed, and are said by those who have examined them to be an excellent and highly satisfactory job, both in arrangement and workmanship.

Post Master Feidler's Directory of Centre county is out and in every way fulfills the promises of its compiler. The book is neatly bound in board and has been made durable so that it will remain intact for years. The manner of its arrangement evidences an immense amount of work and while its cost may seem rather large we venture to say that upon second thought no one will deem the price too high.

A tragedy occurred down on Thomas street the other day, that will likely bring an agent of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to investigate the cause as soon as this notice has reached the Boston headquarters. Mr. Tripple's cow got a bone fastened in her throat. She bellowed and roared, kicked and jumped in her vain attempt to dislodge it; but no one being near, who could help the poor animal, the struggle was not long; she choked to death in a very few moments.

A CONVERSATION OVERHEARD BETWEEN A CURTIN STREET MATRON AND A HIGH STREET BELLE.

"Why! Good afternoon Nell! You are the very person I want to see. Take of your things and spend the afternoon, for I have a thousand and one questions I want to ask you, and your visits are so unsatisfactory when you sit on the edge of your chair in that manner, as though you intended to go every minute."

"Well Nan, I vowed, the last time I was here, I would not come again to stay; but, if I can do anything for you, I will forget the vow and stay just one hour, on condition that, the first time you come into town, you will tarry two with me. What new craze are you raving over this afternoon? Is it the bicloride of gold treatment or the last new movement in the Delsarte System?"

"Neither, I am simply in a quandary about Christmas. You know every one in this town imagines he is on the verge of bankruptcy because the glass and nail works are not in operation. While, in reality, it affects very few of us. Oh my, how I wish I could exile about a half a dozen of these old 'blue bottles' to the wilds of famine stricken Russia! I am convinced they would come home with, not only gratitude, but a prayer of thanksgiving in their hearts, that they live in a country where potatoes are only 40 cents per bushel, and apples were to be had for the asking. Every year I have taken a cross-eyed view of life and made myself and every one about me miserable, because I could not present all my friends with parchment editions, royal sables, or fine porcelains; and now I have made up my mind to join the optimists. I am going to remember every one of the clan, and I hope that the beauty of fitness will give value to my simple little offerings. Do suggest something, for I have not been down town for an age. Aunt Kate, who lives near Tyrone, wrote me the other day that she had been up at Baltzells, the Wanamaker's of Altoona, on last Saturday, and that she had had no difficulty in selecting all her Christmas presents, for they keep everything from dry goods to drugs. They have perfumes and jewelry, porcelains and dolls. Now if I lived in the Western part of the Bald Eagle Valley I would be tempted to see for myself, for Auntie thinks they have one of the finest retail establishments between Philadelphia and Pittsburg."

"Why Nan, have't you been down town to see the beautiful things our own stores have?"

"No, I am going to-morrow or next day, for next week every body is in a hurry, trying to get a glimpse of the teachers, attending institute and doing their shopping. But do suggest something for I want a few ideas before I start."

"At the 'Backet' you can get every thing that you could want, from a beautiful dress, done up in a fancy box, to a piece of chamois for Grandmother's spectacle case; handkerchiefs from 5 cents to \$2.00; feather and fur boas, toys, dolls, fancy baskets, reefers with fur and reefers without fur, and a better assortment of gloves you cannot find outside of the large cities."

"Oh! tell me something for a man!"

"Is it for Tom or Jack?"

"Tom."

"Well I don't think you could get anything that would please him better than one of those lovely smoking or house jackets that Montgomery's have in their window. They have beautiful umbrellas, fancy neck-wear, alligator bags; and if you are going to get the overcoat you talked of, they will make it to order from \$18 to \$20."

"At Fauble's you can get anything that you could want in the gent's furnishing line. Didn't I hear you speak of a McIntosh the other day? They have the most stylish ones in town, from \$5 to \$25. Underwear of every description from gray merino to natural wool, soft felt hats and stiff felt hats, fancy caps for children and ready made clothing of every description."

"See at Mingle's shoe store you might get him a pair of patent leathers; you can get them in shoes, oxford ties, or pumps. Mingle has shoes of Blucher cut, and shoes with Piccadilly points. I see that he is advertising genuine bargains in women's and childrens foot wear. I am going to give a pair of his felt slippers to Auntie Davis, for I think they wear so much better than the home knit ones and in the end do not cost as much."

"You know Mr. Simon Loeb is going to leave town in the Spring, and he is selling his stock of goods at greatly reduced rates, for he is going out of the business entirely. Has a very nice selection of ready made suits, overcoats, gloves, neckwear, handkerchiefs, hats and trunks. I do not think you need have any trouble in selecting a beautiful as well as a useful gift for Tom or any other man be your pocket-book heavy or light."

"Mamma likes to count her linen by the dozen, so I thought I would get her a table center, dollies, and tray cloth to match. I cannot put very much work on it, for I have not the time; some one

told me you could get them at Mrs. Gilmore's, with drawn work corners, already stamped with a small design that is easy to outline, and yet, effective when finished."

"If you are going to remember me, go to Richard's or Bush's. I am tired of woolen mittens and cotton handkerchiefs. If you can only afford to buy me a rose calendar, or a cute little stamp box, get me a luxury. 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.' Richard's have precious stones, jewelry, clocks and silver tea and dinner sets; but I will be entirely satisfied with a silver hair pin, a souvenir spoon or a bonbon box."

"Bush's have the most exquisite gift books, Rocky mountain flowers, Prang's, Christmas novelties, artists materials, games and the latest editions of all the standard authors."

"Mr. Sam Williams will frame your little wood cut in a suitable frame for 40 cents. He has etchings framed in white and gold, steel engravings and chromos to brighten the walls of home and office."

"Miss Mary wrote me to send the yarn for Jack's mittens and silk for her rose cloth, where had I better go?"

"Myer's on Spring street. They keep etching, rope, knitting and wash silks, and wools of every shade and twist. They have a nice assortment of china silks, linens and underwear."

"Just two more questions and I am done. I am on the refreshment committee for the Christmas entertainment and it will take seventy some pounds of candy, what would you do? Would you send to the city or?"

"Why I would simply walk down to Seehler's and order the whole bill, for I have found, after several years experience, that he will give you the same sweetmeats at wholesale prices that you can get at the factories, thus saving the time and trouble. Mother often says, we are a good advertisement for Seehler for we are all so healthy and for fourteen years the groceries have all been bought there."

"Dick is going to suggest that 'The Kings Daughters' send the White Star and Gerberich's flour and McCalmont's coal to their friends, for he says there is more comfort in those articles than in all the manufactured products put together."

"Have you ever seen a jewel or handkerchief case made out of glass? Harris's cut me one the other day that with ribbons and mat did not cost me 60 cts., and if I do say it myself it is one of the daintiest presents I have seen this season. I have not seen the cases, but speaking of hardware reminds me that we need a new carving set, and that I want to go down there to see the stoves and skates."

"What are you going to ask Santa Claus to bring you?"

"Well to be honest I am not very thankful for small favors, and since I can't have Uncle Sam's purse at my disposal it makes very little difference to me whether it's a new phaeton from McQuison's, a music box from Gautschi's a doe skin saddle from Schofield's or a check that would be mostly spent at E. K. Rhoads, for people must live if works do stop. After all it is the spirit of the giver which glorifies the gift."

"Don't go. I want to ask you about the Assembly."

"Mercy days! You would think I was the WATCHMAN advertising minute for I have three errands to do before lunch."

"Come again."

"Thank you I will."

Read the Bazar's ad. for this week, something of interest."

The latest styles of clothing, hats, and furnishing goods at the Rochester Clothing House.

The Fall session of the Pennsylvania State College closed yesterday and the students have nearly all gone home for their holiday rest of three weeks.

Quality. The best. Assortment. The greatest. Prices.—The lowest. Holiday Goods at Zellers' Drug Store Cider's Exchange.

The meeting of the directors of the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening, resulted in a decision to engage Mr. Beardsley, of Watertown, N. Y. to act as General Secretary for the association, at this place. He has been telegraphed for and will probably be here in a few days.

Go to Mrs. Gilmore's for embroidery silks, linens, ribbons, gloves and laces.

E. D. Fulford, who for some time has been making his head quarters at Lock Haven, where he is connected with the long distance telephone line, won the title "Champion wing shot of America," at Woodland Park, New York city, last Saturday. He killed 223 pigeons out of 250 flyers, and took the championship from Capt. J. E. Brewer whose record was 213 out of 250.

Prices are all broken to pieces at Bush's.

A BIG FIRE IN THE LOWER END OF NITTANY VALLEY.

The burning of the large barn on the dairy farm of Jacob Ricker, in East Nittany Valley, on Saturday night was the most destructive farm fire that has occurred in this county for many years. The reflection of the fire against the sky was seen in this city about 7 o'clock, and by many it was supposed that the burning building was on the Ricker farm.

Yesterday a number of persons from this city visited the scene and viewed the ruins. From a gentleman who visited the valley and conversed with Mr. Ricker, the following particulars were learned: The fire broke out about 6.30 o'clock Saturday evening. Some of the men employed on the farm were under a shed greasing a wagon, at the front of the barn, and their attention was attracted by the crackling and roaring of the flames at the northwest side of the barn. In a few moments the flames had spread through the entire structure and none of the contents of the barn could be saved. Five horses, three colts and seventeen cows perished in the flames.

There were 1800 bushels of corn in the ear, about 700 bushels of wheat, 900 bushels of oats, more than 40 tons of hay, 18 sets of harness and many farm implements were destroyed. The flames communicated to the outbuildings and they too were burned, but the farm house was saved. The only live stock saved was three horses and the pigs. Mr. Ricker could make no estimate yesterday of the amount of the loss, which is only partly covered by insurance. He stated that there was some insurance on the building, placed with the Sugar Valley Company, but whether there was any insurance on the contents of the barn, live stock, etc., he was unable to state.

S. L. Ricker, who was the dairyman, was seen this forenoon by a representative of the Express and stated that he owned all the live stock burned and had no insurance. He thinks the fire was of incendiary origin and says that within five minutes from the time the fire was first seen the whole structure was enveloped in flames.—Lock Haven Express.

Beautiful linens, hemstitched and stamped just ready to embroider, at Mrs. Gilmore's.

MR. H. A. HARDEN.—Many readers of the WATCHMAN to whom he was personally known will be grieved to hear of the death of Henry A. Harden, which occurred December 8th, at his home in Altoona. For months he had suffered from heart disease and the prospect of a sudden, though not unprepared death, was constantly before him, and when the summons came he was ready, waiting. Born in Massachusetts, November 28th, 1835, he was just in the prime of life. A life that had been passed mostly on a farm in Half Moon Valley, where he was respected and esteemed by the entire community. Three or four years ago he moved to Altoona where he owns a comfortable home on Second Avenue and where he lived surrounded by his family. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Sarah Rote, and five children, Mrs. Emma H. Kling, Elmer S., Bessie M., John W., and Foster L., all of whom have reason for sorrow and are entitled to sincere sympathy, for he was a devoted husband, a kind father and an earnest Christian. His last thoughts were of the loved ones left behind and his last words were "I want you all to meet me in Heaven." "May the Heavenly Father in His mercy allow the family ties to be established where the sorrows of earth do not intrude; where the church is triumphant over sin and death."

Bibles, Prayer books, Pictures and Fine Books, Bush, Bellefonte.

PRaised BY THE HERALD.—"The Witch" which comes to the Opera House next Thursday is thus spoken of by the New York Herald: "The Witch" is an admirable play of the old pritan days. For my own part I watched each scene with deep childlike interest. I entered into every hope and fear of the heroines—I trembled when she trembled and rejoiced when she escaped. When a drama has this sort of effect on a critic it has the right stuff in it. "The Witch" is by long odds the best work of its kind I have seen in New York."

In an editorial article the same paper says: "As instances of the righteous power of criticism we might, if we were cruel, point to the quick downfall of some of the more recent ventures in the New York theatres. We prefer to call attention to the more pleasant evidence afforded by the success of such plays as "Alabama" and "The Witch."

All are invited to call and examine Bush's elegant stock of Holiday goods at knockdown prices.

FOUND A POCKETBOOK.—Containing a small amount of money. Loser can recover same by calling at the WATCHMAN office and describing property.

Mrs. Gilmore is selling at cost fine felts, beavers and frames, trimmed or untrimmed. These hats are not last Winter's stock but are the newest and most fashionable styles.

Marriage license business was dull this week and only one couple appeared for a certificate. They were Minnie M. Culver and Meese Gunsallus, both of Snow Shoe.

The Rochester Clothing House is undoubtedly the place to make your purchases. Satisfaction is guaranteed and prices are the lowest.

The Chicago limited, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's fast train between New York and Chicago, struck two Italians, near Union Furnace, on Saturday afternoon and killed them instantly. They were walking on the track.

The most elegant stock of Christmas cards and games in Central Pennsylvania at Bush's, Bellefonte.

Fire broke out in the residence of J. T. Shellingford, at Osceola, on Saturday morning and before the flames could be gotten under control the whole interior was gutted. The place took fire from the furnace in the cellar.

What could be nicer for a Christmas present than one of those beautiful table centers, bureau scarfs or side board covers at Mrs. Gilmore's.

Elmer Bruner was convicted of the shooting of a man named Rees, at Ebensburg, on Monday and the Judge pronounced him guilty of murder in the first degree. Annie Bruner, who was held for implication in the crime, was discharged.

Gold Pens, Artists Materials and Musical Instruments of all descriptions, and at lowest prices are to be found at Bush's, Arcade Book Store, Bellefonte.

The Altoona City Theatre Co., has failed and the stars are taking advantage of the fine weather in walking back to New York. During their stay in the Mountain City their work was so confining that it was thought best for their health to walk (?).

Never have such bargains as are now being offered at the Rochester Clothing House been heard of in Bellefonte.

Henry Frank, a colored individual from Kermore, was admitted to the Cottage hospital, at Philipsburg, on Friday. He had been shot in the back during an altercation with another fellow and though the ball could not be extracted the wound is not considered fatal.

Suits made to order \$18.00-19.00-20.00. Overcoats made to order \$18.00-19.00-20.00. Pantaloon made to order \$5.00-6.00-7.00.

LEAVE YOUR ORDER NOW. MONTGOMERY & Co., Tailors.

One of the neatest and prettiest little comedy dramas, that has ever been presented to a Bellefonte audience, was produced on Monday night, when Lillian Kennedy, supported by her brother John J., presented "She couldn't Marry Three." The play is replete with amusing incidents and ample opportunity for strong character acting and the company includes artists rarely found with "one night stand" shows. Miss Kennedy and her brother would pack our Opera House on a return engagement.

Pictures and Fine Stationery at Bush's, Bellefonte.

Two illustrated lectures will be given in the new Catholic church, Bellefonte, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 29th and 30th, by Prof. Beard. The subject for Tuesday evening will be the "Passion Play," and for Wednesday evening, "The Life and Journeys of our Saviour." These are remarkably interesting and instructive lectures, and have attracted great houses wherever delivered. Admission will be as follows: Reserved seats 50 cents. General admission, 25 cents, children 15 cents. Proceeds to be devoted to benefit of the church.

Go to Bush's, Bush Arcade, High street, Bellefonte, for holiday goods of all kinds.

On Saturday last, at C'earfield, before Judge Krebs, was acknowledged the deed which recovered to Hon. Wm. A. Wallace the title to all the property, which was turned over to his assignee, at the time of the failure of the Clearfield Bank. Mr. Wallace has been able to pay the claims of all the depositors, estates etc., that needed their money, and has made arrangement, with his other creditors to pay them on or before September next, and in case of his inability to do so at that time, has secured further extension of one year. This virtually puts him out of the "financial woods," and relieves the strain and worry he has been subject too for years back. In his financial difficulties he had the sympathies of all, who knew how energetically and unselfishly he had labored for the development of his section of the state, and now that he is on his feet again, we know that the congratulations will be as hearty, as the sympathies were sincere.

The largest stock and assortment of clothing in the county at the Rochester Clothing House.

PURELY PERSONAL.—Mr. George W. Jackson had quite an unfortunate fall in Philadelphia last week. As he was boarding the Saratoga, he slipped and fell, spraining both wrists severely.

Judge and Mrs. Orvis have joined the Bellefonte colony in Washington for a short time. They are there for complete rest and recreation.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rankin left on last Tuesday morning for quite an extended visit in Philadelphia, Washington and Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dagget, this week are taking their vacation in Philadelphia where they expect to see Bernhard and do some Christmas shopping.

The many friends of Henry Meek, formerly of Pine Grove but now of Altoona, will be sorry to hear that he has been obliged to go to Philadelphia for treatment of cancer of the throat.

Dr. Wm. Frear, always one of the busiest men about the State College, has added to his many other duties the work of editing and publishing a magazine in the interest of Agricultural Science.

J. Frank Snyder, Esq., of Clearfield, law partner of Hon. John H. Orvis of this place, has been made disbursing and confidential clerk of the House of Representatives, by Chief Clerk Kerr.

Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Reber, Miss Butts and Miss Stott are sight seeing in the city of "Brotherly Love." Evidently Philadelphia has a great many attractions for Bellefonte people, for the number one meets on Chestnut street.

Miss Kate Gummo started, on last Monday evening, for San Diego, Cal., where she expects to make her home for some years. Miss Kate who is just home from a European trip has been West several times and anticipates no trouble in reaching her destination by eight o'clock to-morrow, Saturday evening.

The Misses Shortridge are in Philadelphia this week, on their way to attend the wedding of their cousin Marion, which will take place at Concordville, December 20th. Miss Marion is the only daughter of Dr. Joseph Shortridge who was president of the State College for some time, and is well known in this community where she made many friends during her father's presidency.

Handsome Manicure and Toilet sets, Traveling companions and useful articles in Leather, Metal, Wood, Celluloid, Plush, etc., at Bush's, Bush Arcade, Bellefonte.

LOOK OUT FOR HIM.—Mangus Johnston, of 43 Percival street, Cleveland, Ohio, left his home without leaving any information as to his intended whereabouts. He is 39 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high and has dark complexion, hair and mustache and when last seen wore a neat fitting dark suit. Any information concerning him will be rewarded by the Director of Police, of Cleveland.

Handsome mufflers and scarfs at the Rochester Clothing House. Just the things for suitable Xmas presents.

TAKE NOTICE.—I am now prepared to mend boots and shoes neatly and promptly, all work given me will be done cheaply. Give me a call at my shop No. 35, South Thomas street. WM. DOAK.

Died. WILSON—At the residence of David Hender-shot, in Spring township on the 12th inst. Miss Margery Wilson relict of Uriah Wilson, aged, 83 years.

Bellefonte Grain Market. Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co. The following are the quotations up to 1 o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press:

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and price per bushel. Includes items like White wheat, Red wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, and Cloverseed.

Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by Seehler & Co. Potatoes per bushel, Eggs per dozen, Lard per pound, Country Shoulders, Sides, Hams, Butter per pound, Fallow per pound.

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:

Table with 3 columns: Space occupied, 3m, 6m, 1y. Lists rates for different ad sizes and durations.

Advertisements in special column, 25 per cent. additional. Transient ads, per line, 3 insertions, 20 cts. Each additional insertion, per line, 5 cts. Special 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 and at the lowest rates. Terms—CASH. All letters should be addressed to P. GRAY MEEK, Proprietor.