

# Democratic Watchman

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## THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

**THE CHANCE OF A LIFE-TIME.**—Knowing that this fall's campaign will be one of education we have arranged to give the people of Centre county the two best Democratic newspapers in the country at a phenomenally low price. From the present time until after the election the WATCHMAN and the New York weekly World will be sent to any address upon the receipt of seventy (70) cents. Think of it. Such an opportunity has never before been offered you and if you do not avail yourself of this chance to get all the latest and most reliable campaign news as well as a complete weekly resume of the doings of the world you certainly can have no one to blame but yourself.

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—Spend the 4th in Bellefonte.

—No paper will be issued from this office this week.

—The roster of the Huntingdon reformatory numbers 463.

—Stay at home on the 4th. We are going to have a great time.

—John Whiteman, of Lock Haven, was noticed on our streets on Monday.

—Dr. Buckingham, of Philipsburg, was a pleasant visitor Tuesday morning.

—The storm on Monday afternoon washed Bellefonte streets out as clean as if they had been scrubbed.

—Monday's hail storm cooled the atmosphere to such an extent that overcoats were in use on Tuesday.

—Mr. Charles McCafferty, of Washington D. C. is shaking hands with old friends in town.

—The Philipsburg base ball club was defeated at Houtzdale on Wednesday by the score of 4 to 3. The game ended in a fight.

—Rev. Wm. A. Houck, pastor of the M. E. Church, left for Enrope yesterday morning. He will be abroad until September.

—Monday afternoon a number of corn fields came riding down Spring creek. The water rose about eighteen inches in less than half an hour.

—The festival given by the ladies of St. John's P. E. church, in the Loeb room in the Brockerhoff block, on Saturday night netted \$35.

—Sunday was undoubtedly the most delightful day that 1892 has yet given us. Bright and sunny from morn 'til night, yet just cool enough to make the sun's rays pleasant.

—On last Friday morning little Mabel Haag, the 31 years old daughter of Harry Haag was kicked by a vicious mare in the yard of the hotel on Bishop street. The little girl was playing about the mare's colt when she was kicked on the back of the head.

—Ed. J. Barrett, who for the past year has been connected with Wm. T. Achenbach's jewelry store, left on Thursday evening for Arizona. He will take charge of a store, at Flagstaff or Prescott, for Geo. Cooke of this place. The West is not unknown to Ed.

—To-morrow night the ladies at Fairview, or the Red School House, will hold a festival for the benefit of the Methodist church at that place. It is just a short distance below town and many should take advantage of the opportunity to help along a good cause.

—The High street bridge over the race has been repaired and when we come to think of the expense attached to keeping it in order we wonder why council does not build an iron bridge there. Surely it would be better to put up an iron one than be kept repairing this one all the time, and still not have a good structure.

—Many of our glass working friends have returned to Bellefonte to spend the vacation which they always enjoy during the heated season. Among them we noticed the Jennings boys, Rob't and John Waite, Isiah Clark, Richard Wilner and others equally well known when the Bellefonte works were in blast.

—On last Friday the schools of Bellefonte held a basket picnic at the Park. Quite a large number of children took advantage of the delightful weather to spend a day at the favorite resort on the Bellefonte Central. In the afternoon the High School and Academy base ball teams played the second of their series of games which resulted in a victory for the former by the score of 11 to 5. The children returned at 6.35 highly pleased with their outing.

**MONDAY'S GREAT STORM.**—Tis so seldom that this section of the country is visited with storms of any particular degree of violence that when a real stiff blow finds its way down between our mountain barriers the people straightway get frightened and the accounts of the harrowing scenes in the wake of the last Kansas tornado dance through their minds.

Threatening looking clouds began to bank up in the western skies on Monday morning, evidencing the approach of a storm of some kind. Many persons stopped on the streets to watch the peculiar, greenish looking formations that were piling up with foreboding portent. An ominous, angry looking cloud would rise slowly from the horizon and push up against others that had preceded it until the whole heavens seemed one lowering mass of angry billows. Then a light wind cloud would go scurrying across so low that for a time the tops of the mountains would be lost to view. It was indeed no wonder some of our more timid people were frightened.

All this preparation for a storm that spent its fury in less than half an hour. About three o'clock in the afternoon large rain drops began to fall and before the people on the streets could find a place of shelter they were drenched with one of the most terrific rains that has ever fallen in this place. Hail stones as large as marbles beat down garden plants and cut the foliage from the trees. Violent gusts of wind blew the rain and hail in sheets so that one could not see from one side of the street to the other. It tore out trees, roots and all, and took everything movable before it. For half an hour the elements reigned supreme. Rain fell in torrents, making rivers of the streets, and lakes of the back yards and gardens. All over town there was much destruction wrought.

Spring creek's phenomenal rise of 18 inches, in as many minutes, excited our attention immediately for had it continued at the same rate five minutes longer our press rooms would have been flooded. The rain had abated somewhat and the little group, on the High street bridge, watching the raging waters soon took up the cry that the big dam at Axe Mann had broken. We telephoned out right away and the answer came back: "Only the flood gates have gone out, but the water is now all over the pike and up to the third step of the stone store building." Fortunately it was a flood of only momentary duration for if it had continued raining, as we feared it would, we would still be under water. As it was, however, it all came with a rush and was over by 6 o'clock.

Along with the current came foot bridges, out houses, logs and everything that the raging torrent could carry. Corn fields from up along Logan's branch said "goodbye" to those who had planted them and went to live in the Bald Eagle valley. The Le wistown pike, wherever it is near the stream, was covered with debris and drift from the flood. The point below Geo. W. Jackson & Co's mill where Jacob Barlett and Mrs. Wilson live was almost entirely submerged, and for a time those families thought they would be forced to move out. William Musser, who lives just across the stream from the Wilson home lost all of his spring chickens.

**THE STORM IN NITTANY VALLEY.**

The storm swept down Nittany valley with frightful violence, swelling the little streams into raging rivers and completely inundating the low farm lands. Many bridges between here and Zion were swept away and the hail played havoc with the fruit trees and garden truck. In many places the roads were so badly washed that an extra millage will have to be assessed to repair them.

Lightning struck the large new barn of Henry Gentzel, in Spring township, setting it on fire. Before the family had recovered from the shock, flames were bursting out from every corner of the barn and as Mr. Gentzel was away from home his son, Epley, endeavored to save as much of the stock as possible. Two horses were gotten out, but so rapidly did the flames spread that three others, with two calves, were left to perish. All his implements, harness and other effects stored in the barn were consumed. A new Conklin wagon owned by Harrison Kline was lost also, 500 bushels of wheat and 500 bushels of oats helped run the loss sustained by Mr. Gentzel up to several thousand dollars. There was some insurance on the barn, but none on its contents. Much difficulty was experienced in saving the adjoining outbuildings and the house.

**A CYCLONE IN PENNS VALLEY.**

While Nittany, Bald Eagle and Half Moon valleys imagined they were being roughly handled in the big storm on Monday they scarcely got a taste of it, for it seems as though the elements had saved their most destructive force for the lower end of Penns Valley. It is the broadest and most fertile region in the county and down through its vale swept the mighty storm leaving desolation in its track.

The path of the cyclone was northward from Coburn. It struck George Reiter's orchard first and felled every

tree but four, onward in its course it blew down buildings, fences and trees. George West's orchard is a complete wreck. The J. H. Musser barn was the next to go. It was an immense structure 136x45 with a 93x39 shed and is now entirely demolished. The stock in the stables escaped unhurt. Parts of the building were carried a distance of 500 yards. The brick dwelling house, about 100 feet from the barn, presents a sorry appearance. It was occupied by Nathaniel Boob, who farms the place, and he with his family only escaped by taking refuge in a small summer house at the rear of the building. The dwelling was unroofed and both gables blown in and shattered in such a way that it is not worth repairing. The Millheim Journal speaks of it as follows. As the rear gable end gave way part of it was hurled into the room where one of the children was lying on a lounge, while the baby rested in its cradle. The bricks came down thick and fast on all sides of the little one so even landing in the cradle. Strange to say neither of the children received as much as a scratch. The scare which the anxious parents had can easily be imagined.

On the hill which forms the eastern border of the farm is a small woods timbered with fine and stately trees. Most of these were broken off or torn up by the root. All over the premises and fields are scattered the debris of the wrecked buildings and the whole presents a desolate scene. The loss sustained by Mr. Musser may safely be estimated at \$5000, while Mr. Boob's loss will not be short much of \$500.

The adjoining David Bowersox farm was almost as much of a wreck after the gale swept over it. House and barn were both unroofed and the outhouses entirely demolished.

W. B. Haines, house at the turnpike was cut right in two. It was a 1 1/2 story frame building and its occupants barely escaped with their lives. Right near the Haines home is the Wolfe's chapel church which was robbed of its roof, its steeple and its 200 pound bell, which was carried clear across an adjoining field.

R. B. Hoster man, who occupies a farm near by, is a heavy loser. His house was unroofed, his outbuildings broken into kindling wood and the end of his barn caved in.

Howard Miller, who occupies the Wolfe farm, was frightened when the storm struck his place, a portion of the barn roof was carried away and his out buildings rolled around like marbles.

Here the path of the tornado veered eastward and struck the Homan farm, felling a fine clump of trees and blowing a tall pine onto the barn roof, crushing it in. Along the mountain it played havoc with the timber and its course tells all too plainly of the destruction it wrought.

It is evident from the zig-zag course of the cyclone that its full fury was not spent on the surface and that the heart of the storm was traveling high in the air. It seemed to drop at certain places and lay waste everything in its path; then it would rise again and pass over a large territory before descending. Such a storm has never before been heard of in this county and our people have lost the feeling of security which has always attended them when reading of the awful tornadoes elsewhere.

—Lock Haven and Philipsburg have both recently organized social clubs for the older people.

—Cleveland's March Triumphant, and "Our Flag," are two new pieces of music just published by the composer, Phil. P. Keil, of McKeesport, the excellence of which is certain to make them both popular.

—We are grieved to learn that A. J. Graham Esq., of Philipsburg, is suffering with two broken ribs. While driving from Houtzdale to Hastings, on Monday, his team scared at a bark wagon, overturning the carriage with its occupants.

—To-day, (Thursday) as the WATCHMAN is preparing to go to press, the closing exercises of the Spring term at the Huntingdon Reformatory are taking place. The program is neither long nor elaborate, consisting only of an examination of the Institution, at 9.30, by visiting guests; exercises by members of the schools at 2.00, p.m. and an address on the "Educational Features of Reformatory Work", by the Rev. E. D. Weigle, of Altoona at 7.00 p. m.

—Judge A. O. Furst gave his annual picnic to Snow Shoe, on Wednesday. The party left here, by special train, at 10.30 arriving at Snow Shoe for dinner at the Mountain house. The afternoon was spent in sight seeing and the return began just at sun set when the ride over the famous switch back is most delightful. Guests from Lock Haven, Huntingdon, Altoona and other places were among the judges party. The day was almost perfect and every one expressed great pleasure over the trip.

—The WATCHMAN should be in every home in the county.

## ARE WE TO HAVE ANOTHER RAILROAD? BIG EXCITEMENT AND BIG HOPES.

—The past has been an exciting week in Bellefonte. On Monday it was rumored that men were in town completing arrangements that would secure the building of the long talked of competing line of rail-road, that is to give new birth to Bellefonte enterprises and new booms to Bellefonte's business industries, and on Tuesday morning a number of men were put to work grading the point of rocks, down near the Electric Light House, where it is said the depot and station Houses of the new road are to be erected.

Investigation brought out the facts that a corporation chartered some two years ago under the name of the Central Pennsylvania rail-road company, and which has since been making surveys and locating lines, through Nittany, Sugar and White Deer Valleys, had succeeded in completing its work to Bellefonte, and that the movements here, were the finishing touches of the preliminary work that precedes the actual construction of the enterprise. The location of the new road as fixed and now determined upon, is from a point on the Reading rail-road, opposite Watson town in Northumberland county, up White Deer Creek to Sugar Valley in Clinton county, along that valley to the Gap at Washington Furnace, where it passes into Nittany Valley, thence via of Hubersburg, Zion and Curtin's Gap, to Milesburg and Bellefonte.

The parties at the head of the enterprise assure us that the right of way has all or practically all been contracted for. They show a contract signed by the Reading rail-road company in which that corporation, after guaranteeing the bonds of the Central Pennsylvania, and which it is told we have already been negotiating, agrees to lease and operate the line on substantially the same terms that the Pennsylvania operates the Bald Eagle Valley. The terms of the lease require the road to be sixteen feet face on fills, and eighteen feet face in cuts, to be laid with 80 lb steel rails on white oak ties and completed for operating within two years from the date of the lease, (April 20th, 1892.)

That the road will be of vast advantage to Bellefonte, and particularly to Bellefonte shippers, even the most confirmed croaker in the town will admit. That it can be secured, seems to be without doubt, for the parties are not demanding that Bellefonte do the impossible, but that it contributes to the enterprise only, sufficient to cover a portion of the cost of locating and paying for rights of way already bargained for. The company asks of the town \$35,000—less than the building of two miles of the road would amount to—and does not ask this until the enterprise is completed and operated to Bellefonte.

That this amount will be raised, we have not the least doubt, but to do it will require liberal contributions from every interest and every individual who feels the necessity of additional out-lets, or recognizes the benefits a competing line of railway would give us.

As showing the purpose of those having the enterprise in charge to put it through as speedily as possible, we are assured by the representative of the company now in this place, that the contract to grade the road from here to Curtin's Gap, will be let at once, and that arrangements have already been completed to put over one thousand men to work on the lower end within the next two weeks.

**HIS WORK ADMIRABLE.**—No small part of the favorable impression left by commencement exercises held at State College two weeks since, is due to the excellent condition in which the visitors found the grounds and walks. The great campus looked as if it was covered with a green velvet carpet, so carefully had the grass been cared for, and the smooth sinuous walks, with their powdered limestone coating, outlined the green of the sward in a most pleasing manner. Everyone remarked on the beauty of the grounds and more than one: "it is a veritable Eden" was heard. For its condition Mr. John Corrigan and his force of gardeners are wholly responsible. Many were the compliments they received for the result of their skill. Cap't Roberts, of Chester county, one of the college benefactors, made Johnny a handsome present in appreciation of his efforts to improve the appearance of the place and the Junior class also remembered him in a substantial way.

**OUR NEW BAND PAVILION.**—Along with the startling railroad rumors that have caused such a flurry on the streets this week comes the reality that a handsome little pavilion is to be erected on the Diamond in which the Meyer's orchestra will give weekly open air concerts. J. C. Meyer Esq., and Dr. Hibler have interested themselves in the undertaking with the result that nearly every one who has been approached has subscribed liberally and the stand promises to be a reality in a very short time. It will be an ornamental little structure which can be used as a speaker's stand for public meetings and will fill a long felt want. The orchestra will be strengthened by the addition of several new pieces.

—A glorious time awaits you in this place on Monday.

—Young Mens black and brown chevrot suits 5.00, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00 and 10.00. Lyon & Co.

—East Tyrone is no longer an independent municipality. By decree of court, at Hollidaysburg, last week it was joined to Tyrone.

—Mens black dress suits \$8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 10.00, 12.00 and 15.00. Lyon & Co.

—In regard to the typographical mistake made in the WATCHMAN's account of the attempt to arrest Pennington last week we would say for the Gazette's benefit that the word "around" should have been armed.

—Ladies blazers in tans and other light shades \$3.00 \$3.50 and upward. Lyon & Co.

—The State editorial association, will hold its summer excursion from July 11 to 16. The trip will be to Scranton, over the famous Gravity road, from there to Honesdale, thence to Albany, N. Y., and a sail down the Hudson river to New York city.

—The best styles of mens dress pants \$2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00 and 5.00. Lyon & Co.

—Yesterday the closing exercises of the schools at the Huntingdon Reformatory were held. Quite a successful result attended the year's work and the management is to be congratulated on the marked interest manifested by the scholars.

—William Dungan, a colored waiter at the Brandt house, in Altoona, made a deadly assault on Aaron Anderson the cook, on last Monday morning. The former is in jail for assault with intent to kill, while the latter is in the hospital mending.

—Lawrence L. Brown, a former coal dealer of this place, and McCallmont & Co. have both entered suit against the Pennsylvania Railroad company for freight discrimination, as a result of Hoover & Miller's successful suit. The former claims \$15,000, the latter about \$20,000.

—While playing ball with some boys, out on Methodist hill, on Friday afternoon last, Johnny Cherry, a son of Theodore Cherry engineer on the Lewisburg freight train, had his left arm broken above the elbow. He was hit on the arm by a bat which one of the other boys accidentally left fly.

—W. Emerson Karns, of Bedford county, is at present in Bellefonte looking after the interests of several publishing houses and on his list of books we noticed some that should be in every family. He bears letters testimonial of his excellent character from a number of prominent people and if he calls on any of our readers we ask, in his behalf, a careful consideration of the proposition he will make. Mr. Karns is working his way through college, preparatory to entering the ministry, and should be patronized by all.

—J. S. Barnhart, Esq., who edited this paper from July 1857 to July 1861, and who has been visiting friends in this county for the past three weeks returns to his home in Charles city, Iowa, the latter part of this week. Mr. Barnhart since leaving Centre county, away back in the sixties, has seen and experienced much of Western life, and although he is now the possessor of a pleasant home in a pleasant and prosperous Iowa town, is frank enough to admit that if it were not for the objections of his family, he would return to Centre county, and make it his home during the balance of his life. Mr. B. since going west has been engaged in the practice of law, in literary efforts, and has become an expert in the profession of stenography.

—Hon John A. Woodward, Assistant Executive Commissioner of the Board of World's Fair Managers, paid the Farmers' Friend a very pleasant visit Tuesday morning. Mr. Woodward is busily engaged in preparing for our State cereal exhibit at the World's Fair, and all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance are gratified that the work is in such efficient hands. He is a practical farmer, a gentleman of great ability an indomitable worker, and well equipped in every way for the difficult task before him. But Mr. Woodward cannot gather such an exhibit of our cereals as will do Pennsylvania justice unless farmers will help him in the work. In a few days he will mail circulars to prominent farmers throughout the State, asking for contributions of cereals, and giving full instructions for preparing and forwarding the same. We hope farmers, and particularly progressive Patrons, will respond to this call with alacrity. There is an impression abroad that the old Keystone State is not well up in agricultural production. This is a mistake, and now is the time, to show to the world that we are abreast of the foremost in farming as well as in manufacturing. We ask for an immediate and favorable response to Mr. Woodward's call.—Farmers Friend.

## THE NOMINATION RATIFIED.—A

great Cleveland and Stevenson ratification meeting was held in this place on Friday night, at which nearly every Democrat in the town signified his entire satisfaction over the work done at Chicago. It was not one of those old time meetings which savored of long harangues, premeditated cheering and an occasional fire cracker, but a rousing, soul inspiring gathering typical of latter-day politics, at which the pent up Cleveland enthusiasm burst forth in a bon fire, high as the court house steeple, around which the happy Democrats marched singing songs and shooting fire works.

During a lull in the din the glare of a red light displayed D. F. Fortney Esq., high on a store box, on the Diamond, proclaiming his steadfast zeal and faith in Cleveland and the Democratic party. Upon the conclusion of his talk pandemonium reigned supreme until Wm. C. Heine Esq., the ex-Hill man, arose to express his pleasure at the way things turned out at Chicago. Every utterance was that of satisfaction and judging from the general exultation of the ratifiers we cannot but say that the Bellefonte Democracy will not be found wanting during the campaign. A number of Republicans were noticed pouncing pans along with the rest.

—Mens black and brown chevrot suits \$3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00 upward. Lyon & Co.

**WOMEN'S FAIR WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY.**—The Ladies Auxiliary Society for Centre county respectfully request all ladies of Centre county interested in womans work to assist them in procuring a suitable exhibit from this county. Any lady having work in the line of literature or art, such as needle work, painting &c, or relics which they desire to exhibit, should procure space by application to either of the following members of the committee:

Miss Alice Wilson, Mrs. Gertrude Reber, Miss Mary Brockerhoff, Mrs. Wilbur F. Reeder, of Bellefonte, Mrs. Henrietta Foster, Philipsburg, Pa. Mrs. Cameron Burnside, Howard, Mrs. W. K. Alexander, Millheim, Mrs. Witmer Wolf, Centre Hall.

—Boys suit \$1.20 1.50 1.75 2.00 and upward Lyon & Co.

**MOUNTAIN LEAGUE RECORD.**—The following is the standing of the mountain league teams up to Wednesday when the Philipsburg club started on its first tour.

Team	Won	Lost	P. C
Philisburg	4	0	1000
Tyrone	5	2	714
Houtzdale	2	4	333
Bellefonte	2	4	333
Clearfield	1	4	200

—Dress gingham 6j, 7, 8, 10, 12 15 and 20 cents.—Lyon & Co.

## Furniture for Sale—Cheap.

An antique oak side board, with plain mirror and half a dozen dining chairs to match will be sold cheap. Also a dining chair, in solid walnut. All in the best of condition. Inquire at this office.

**FOR RENT.**—A good stable near the passenger station. Rent cheap. Inquire at this office.

—Don't miss seeing those \$10 suits at Fauble's.

—Suits made to order \$18.00-19.00-20.00.

—Overcoats made to order \$18.00-19.00-20.00.

—Fantalooms made to order \$5.00-6.00-7.00.

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## 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.....	80
Old wheat, per bushel.....	85
Red wheat, per bushel.....	85
Eye, per bushel.....	45
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	30
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	40
Oats—new, per bushel.....	32
Barley, per bushel.....	65
Ground Plaster, per ton.....	95 00
Blackwheat, per bushel.....	60
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$4 00 to \$6 00

## Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co. Potatoes per bushel..... 25  
Eggs, per dozen..... 12  
Lard, per pound..... 8  
Country Shoulders..... 8  
Sides..... 8  
Hams..... 12 1/2  
Fallow, per pound..... 4  
Butter, per pound..... 10

## The Democratic Watchman.

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One inch (12 lines this type).....	\$ 8	\$ 15	\$ 28
Two inches.....	7	10	18
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

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