

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 16, 1892.

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

Tuesday looked quite like winter.

A meritorious play—at the opera house to-night.

Mr. Siney Hoffer, of Philipsburg, is happy. It is a son.

The attendance at the Methodist Sunday school last Sabbath was 325.

There is but one girl in the graduating class at the Lock Haven Normal school.

Frank Hess, of Philipsburg, is the newly appointed mercantile appraiser.

The Logan steamer company is making preparation for its annual New Year's masked ball.

Miss Rebe Garman left on Tuesday morning for Philadelphia, where she will spend her Christmas.

What Bellefonte needs—a few citizens who have energy enough about them to make the town boom.

District Attorney J. C. Meyer and Edward Chambers, Esq., are both bandying with La Griffe.

Miss Agnes Scanlon, of Axe Mann, is at present visiting her sister, Mrs. F. P. Barnes, in Altoona.

A little stranger, that has been named Francis Rhoads, arrived at Mr. William Muser's the other day.

Mr. Elliot Harvey, the Y. M. C. A. Secretary, is wearing more than his wonted smile. It is a girl and arrived Sunday.

Frank Cox has moved from Burnham, Mifflin Co., to Milesburg. We are glad to welcome him back to old Centre.

After January 1st, 1893, only eight cents will be charged for registering letters at the post offices throughout the country.

Help the Y. M. C. A. work by purchasing tickets and hearing Mr. Hinckley, on Monday evening, Dec. 19th. A treat.

Miss Laura Hafer, who has been studying dentistry in Philadelphia for two years, is home on account of her mother's illness.

Council has offered \$300 reward for the arrest and conviction of persons implicated in setting out fire in this place.

If you want to see something above the average. Some genuine artists, in their line, go to the opera house to-night and see "Fabio Romani."

Rev. W. H. Blackburn, the new U. B. minister, is conducting a very successful revival service in his church at the corner of High and Thomas streets.

From Aiken, S. C. comes the encouraging news that Col. D. S. Keller is gaining health and strength so fast, that he is able to walk several miles a day, without being fatigued.

A new rail-road trestle is being built across the Race near the Bush house. It is to replace the old one over which the cars ran into the Bellefonte Fuel and Supply Co.'s yard.

Harry Gerberich has secured a position with the Adams Express company. We do not know at what point he is to be located. He is the only son of C. T. Gerberich of this place.

The committee on General Athletics at the Pennsylvania State College has been elected as follows: Dowler '94, chairman; Harris, '95; Fisher, '96; McCaskey, '96 and Suter, Prep.

William Derstine and family left here last Spring for Rockford, Illinois, where they expected to make their home for the future, but the love of old Bellefonte brought them back last week.

John A. Woodward, Esq., of Howard, has been appointed 1st assistant to A. B. Farquhar, Executive Commissioner of Pennsylvania's exhibit at the World's Fair. He succeeds Hon. Chauncey F. Black, resigned.

Milheim residents are working to get a branch railroad from Coburn to that place. It is the third largest town in the county and has neither telephone, telegraph nor rail-road. All of its communication with the outside world is done at Coburn.

We are pained to learn that our valuable old Democratic friend Mr. John W. Scholl, of Miles township, is in feeble health and unable to be about, and earnestly hope that it may be but a short time until he enjoys his usual robust condition.

Three prisoners awaiting transportation to the penitentiary came very near escaping from the Lycoming county jail Saturday evening. They were out on the roof when discovered and would have gotten away had not another prisoner sounded the warning.

THE POST OFFICE ROBBED.—Some time between 12 o'clock Tuesday night and daylight Wednesday morning burglars entered the Bellefonte post-office and succeeded in getting away with three or four dollars in change.

When John Miller, the boy who has charge of out-going mails, opened the office Wednesday morning he noticed that the place was filled with powder smoke. At first he was a trifle frightened, but further investigation proved that the place had been visited during the night by persons not on the list of employees. A sky light in the rear of the office furnishes light for the distributing clerks, whose racks are immediately under it, and from the table of one of these Miller noticed a long ladder running up to the opening in the ceiling where a window sash had been taken out. Things were in a generally "topsy-turvy" condition. There was water all over the floor, fuse and powder lying on top of the safe. By the time the carriers began to report for duty and post-master Feidler arrived at the office there was the greatest excitement. A large crowd had gathered in front of the building and many wild rumors were sent about by the fellows who do nothing else.

From all appearances the robbery was perpetrated about as follows: A ladder was procured at the back of the Arcade building, where the workmen are busy repairing the damages done by the recent fire. A transom was taken out of the sky light and the ladder run down. Once in the office the robbers opened all the drawers that were locked, by cutting away the wood near the locks and forcing the drawers open. The change drawer under the stamp window was the only one that contained any money and its contents did not amount to more than \$3 or \$4. They took, all but a few pennies. Then the stamp drawer underneath it was opened and the stamps taken out and carefully wrapped in tissue paper. After this had been done they went back and began work on the safe. A hole was drilled clear through the top and a charge of powder put in. It was evident that the explosion scared the fellows off for everything indicates that the work was dropped just as soon as the explosion went off. The stamps which they had so carefully wrapped up were forgotten in their haste to get away. The safe was scarcely damaged at all by the explosion but its contents, valuable papers and books, were badly burned by the powder. The cracksmen would have had to fill the whole inside of the safe with explosives before they could have blown it open by the way they went at it. However the thing has caused a great lot of excitement.

It is evident that some one knew all about the place was implicated, but who ever it was might have known that all of the post-office funds are taken to the bank every night.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.—Those who were so unfortunate as not to have heard Hon. H. M. Hinckley, of Danville, who spoke in the court house for the Young Men's Christian Association some weeks ago will do well to avail themselves of this, another opportunity to hear that gentleman lecture, in the court house, on Monday evening, Dec. 19th. Subject "Saul—Paul" or "The Manliness of Christianity" given under the auspices of the Young Mens Christian Association. Mr. Hinckley is the author of this lecture and his delivery is sublime and the intense personality with which he invests his lectures is all inspiring. His eloquence is unsurpassed and his exposition of the conversion of "Saul of Tarsus" into "Paul the Apostle" will no doubt have the effect of enlightening those who have not heard him on that grand biblical event. You will not only be repaid by hearing the lecture, but will help along the Young Mens Christian Association, which is endeavoring to increase and better its facilities for the comfort and welfare of Bellefonte's young men. The association needs help to get on a good footing and money is one great need. Surely all will avail themselves of this chance to show their appreciation of its efforts by turning out next Monday evening, Dec. 19th, at 8 p.m., at the court house. Admission 25 cents.

Ott—Koch.—Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock a very pretty wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Franklin Koch, about two miles east of this place, which united his youngest daughter, Ida M., to Alfred L. Ott, of Axe Mann, Rev. Houshour, of the Luteran church of Bellefonte, officiating. The bridesmaid's, Misses Maggie Furey, Sue Koch and Jennie Ott all looked radiant in gowns of handsome texture while the groomsmen, Whittem Ott, James Strausser and Samuel Hazel honored the groom by their dignified bearing. A large number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony and many useful presents were received. The happy couple left on the 8:54 train for a short honeymoon trip. The best wishes of the WATCHMAN be with them.

Frank Shannon, of Philipsburg, has lost two children by diphtheria within the past week.

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A school teacher at Arch Springs, near Tyrone, whipped a girl for disobedience and when on his way to dinner met her father who straightway proceeded to "do" the pedagogue up. Each has had the other arrested.

Mr. John Sommerville, son of James L. Sommerville, formerly of this place, but now of Winburne, Clearfield county, was unfortunate in having a unique seal ring, which was sent him from Rome, lost in the express at Philipsburg.

Playing in amateur theatricals, with another man's wife, proved rather disastrous to Joseph Chambers, a Williamsport printer. After ducking about four pistol shots he is now walking on crutches as the result of the heroine's jealous husband's marksmanship.

The Chautauqua course in Agriculture offered by the Pennsylvania State College, under the direction of Professor H. J. Waters is proving quite a success. Over 150 students have been enrolled and local circles are being formed throughout New York, Ohio and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming, of Connellsburg, have the sympathy of many friends in this community for the loss of their little daughter, Mary, who died of diphtheria after an illness of five days. The family seems to have more than its share of trouble for when they lived on Bishop street, several of their children had the same disease in the most malignant form and on the day that Mary was buried, Mrs. Fleming's niece, Robert Sample's only child died.

The Renovo Record says: "E. Sober, the champion wing shot of the world, exterminated an entire flock of pheasants one day last week in the wilds of Baker's Run. This may seem incredible, but it is strictly true. The number killed was twenty-four, which were placed together on a string and taken to his home at Lewisburg, Saturday last. Mr. Sober has killed hundreds of pheasants in this county, but his last day's hunt surpassed his former record.

Love and Duty, today, is the most popular piece of sheet music in existence. It is being sung on the stage and by leading singers everywhere. The price is 50 cents. Send (one cent) stamps. If you order it now, or before January 16-93, mention this paper and send the names of five ladies interested in music you will get it FREE for one year. The Ladies News a large 8 page weekly and only strictly pure Woman's newspaper in America. Address Ladies News Publishing Company, Reading Pa.

Miles Shultz, a car driver at Morris lime stone quarries, just north of Bellefonte, on the Milesburg pike, was severely injured, last Friday morning, by being hit by a flying rock from a blast which had just been put off. Shultz was riding out of the quarry on the back of his car and did not know that the blast was being put off when a great rock struck him on the back inflicting painful wounds. He was taken to his home, in Milesburg, where he is getting along nicely.

About half past nine o'clock last Thursday night, the old foundry buildings at the rear of this office were discovered to be on fire. The prompt appearance of the department prevented a serious conflagration, as the buildings are old frame structures with tar roof and if once on fire would go like tinder boxes. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin for the part that was burning has not been used since the Logan machine works company vacated it and the fire was started at the outside corner. If it had had a few moments, more start the WATCHMAN building would probably have been a ruin now.

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For mother we all went together and bought an oak rocker, at Eddie Brown's.

The chair is quite artistic, with its olive plush cushion and high back; but we were charmed with its comfort and price.

Furniture of every description, from a foot rest to a chamber suit fills his store rooms. And while I do not know who all you are going to remember this year I do know that any of the old "regulars" could be made happy by a gift from Brown's.

Men are so thoughtless and selfish as they grow older that Xmas ought to come six times a year to open up their hearts and if it did, I am convinced, we could always find something nice at Faubles, in handkerchiefs, neckwear, gloves or clothing. I bought Frank an alligator bag, not that he wanted it especially; but it can be used by us all, and that is the principle he carries out in selecting my presents.

Sechler's groceries' are so fresh and clean that they are a luxury as well as a necessity. I am going to order two baskets of them to be sent to Mrs. Miller and Miss Mary on Christmas eve with my good wishes. His candies are the most delicious I have tasted for some time and while I know you have no little ones in your own family I remember your fondness for sweets, and those interesting Sunday school cherubs.

Last Christmas I supplied my portegees with knit slippers; but after a year's experience have concluded that Mingle's felt ones are just as warm, just as cheap and more lasting. Mingle has the new buttoned patent leathers; and patent leathers, of Blucher cut and his gum boots for men, women, and children are certainly bargains.

At Irvin's, you know they bought out McFarlane's some time ago, we found just the sleds that Harold and Norman are expecting. The scissor and earing sets were just as suggestive of the wants of dear friends; but we used our surplus on a good lamp for Aunt Kate.

Lydin always did care for the luxuries of life and she is to be presented with a chiffon handkerchief from Cooke's "Bon Marche" and while they had them as low as twenty-five cents we preferred a deeply embroidered one that cost a little more. They have a nice assortment of gloves, underwear and notions, and I would advise you to see their handkerchiefs before buying elsewhere.

With the present rage for silver. Why don't you go to Richards for Lottie's present? The fad for coffee spoons has reached its height; but now comes the desire for teaspoons and never was there a more sensible craze. Richard's have gold and silver hair pins, sterling soap, stamp and bon-bon boxes and their stick pins are worthy of your most fandid friend.

Practical John and you ought to travel together for he believes in labor saving machinery for women as well as men and consequently invested in a washing machine at McCalmon's. If your congregation is going to do the handsomest thing for its pastor, give him one of their blucher cut and his gum boots for men, women, and children are certainly bargains.

Men's cheviot suits for boys from 5 to 14 years double breasted and single \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 nobby stylish good goods in black, brown, tan &c. Lyon & Co.

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Messrs Henry Gauthier & Son's the noted Music Box dealers of Philadelphia make a specialty of fine Music Boxes and in order to reduce their Stock have decided to offer their goods, during the Holidays, terminating Jan. 1st, at especially reduced figures. This is an excellent opportunity to secure Xmas presents that would be highly appreciated by any lover of sweet music.

Overcoats of all styles and grades light, tan, brown, silk lined, silk faced from \$7.00 to \$15.00. Lyon & Co.

We had a very pleasant surprise

last week in the shape of a box of the

most delicious currants and raisins from

Mr. Albert Nicholls, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

who is well known to many of the

readers of this paper. Evidently Marion

Harland, who once said "dried currants were all dirt, sold at currant prices,"

has changed her opinion "since tasting

the fresh wholesome fruit sent out by

Mr. Nicholls' fruit cleaning company,

of Brooklyn, for the samples we received

were perfectly clean and perfect in

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CREDITORS ARE HAPPY.—The creditors of the defunct Phillipsburg Banking company will be happy when they bear that on next Monday William P. Duncan, the assignee, will declare a dividend of fifty per cent. This will make seventy-five cents on the dollar than far paid and those who are on the inside say that the remaining twenty-five cents will be paid era long. Then the bank will resume. The Phillipsburg institution was dragged down when the Dill banks went under last year.

The spice of Araby and the roses of

Damascus are not more pleasing than

the perfumes you can get at Green's al-

so the most unique novelties. I have

seen this winter are in his show cases.

Fancy work is not out of style by any

means; but time is so precious with us

that our talent is confined to mittens

and table centres the materials of which

we get at Meyers Cash Bazaar.

Toiled articles and pure drugs are

my delight and when you come to use

of my supply I know you will acknowl-

edge that I used good judgment in