

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 23, 1892.

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

—Institute next week.
—The grip is coming. Look out for it.

—Bellefonte has been full of shoppers all week.

—J. C. Harper was a Clearfield visitor last week.

—Last Wednesday was the shortest day of the year 1892.

—Remember the Logan Masque ball on next Friday night.

—Don't think of driving your horse unless you have had it rough shod.

—As time progresses be careful to have the tab on your paper move along with it.

—The banks of the country will be closed next Monday. To observe Christmas.

—A feather weight umbrella with the frame made of Aluminium has appeared on the market.

—The opera house next Friday night. Much fun. Good music. A merry comedy.

—Don't forget the Auditors' convention in the Court House, next Wednesday, Dec. 28th.

—Dance with the Logans at their masked ball, in Bush's Arcade, next Friday night. Tickets only 50cts.

—Frank Bradford, of Poe Mills, will be station agent at Centre Hall, vice Arb. Katherman promoted.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schreyer have gone to Camden N. J. to spend their Christmas with Mrs. Schreyer's parents.

—Miss Caroline Orvis and Miss Emily Harris, who have been visiting in Philadelphia for weeks, came home Tuesday.

—Miss Mamie Sourbeck, a daughter of Jno. D. Sourbeck, is home from a convent in Philadelphia, to spend her Christmas vacation.

—The venerable S. T. Shugert, of this place, is lying dangerously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Burchfield, in Philipsburg.

—Bellefonte store windows are looking particularly attractive just now. The holidays make up a different season from any other we enjoy.

—The opera house attraction for next Friday night will be "Little Trixie." A delightful comedy, replete with good music and laughable specialties.

—Among the pretty store windows in town are the F. P. Blair & Co., jewelry windows and those of J. A. Harper & Co., the dry goods merchants.

—Next Thursday night the home talent minstrel will hold forth in the opera house. Don't forget to secure your seats before they are all gone.

—A defective fuse caused the burning of W. S. Lanning's house, one mile above Snow Shoe intersection, on Sunday night. The family barely escaped burning.

—It is said that it required nearly \$200,000 to pay the 50 per cent. dividend to the creditors of the defunct Philipsburg banking company, on last Monday.

—The venerable Jacob W. Packer, of Curtin township, died on Monday morning. Deceased was 80 years of age and a consistent member of the Discipline church.

—Farmer's Institutes will be held in this county as follows: At Rebersburg on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 25th and 26th. At Centre Hall, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27th and 28th.

—The next opera house attraction will be the minstrel entertainment given by the young men of our town. A pleasing program has been carefully prepared and all who attend are promised a good night's enjoyment.

—A festival will be held in the rooms recently occupied by the Fauble clothing house, in Reynolds' bank building, during the whole of next week. Meals at all hours, will be served by the ladies of the Lutheran church.

—On Wednesday afternoon John Horner shot a large black bear on the mountain just above Pleasant Gap. Two of them were seen but the young hunter succeeded in getting only one. Pleasant Gap people now sit on their pig sties all night to keep watch or the other bruin.

—While driving in to town, on last Friday, Andy Mott, the High Street marble cutter, met with an accident which severely injured his little nephew. When right near the old car shops dam his horse frightened at a tree which some little boys were dragging along the road, and plunged over the embankment.

ARRESTED FOR INCENDIARISM

—Bellefonte has been thrown into a fever of excitement over an arrest which was made late last Friday night by officer Gares. An attempt had been made to fire the Reynolds' block, which fronts on Allegheny street and is occupied by the stores of V. J. Bauer & Co., E. L. Garman and Jno. Meese. The second and third doors being compartments for families and occupied by the Misses Pearl, and Robert Gilmore.

At about fifteen minutes before ten o'clock Mrs. Pearl detected the odor of smoke and upon search for its origin she noticed a man at the rear of the building, but did not see any fire, though the smoke was very noticeable. She called to the man and warned him away, but received only a grunt for a reply. She then sent and found John Bauer who hunted up policeman Gares and together they went to the rear of the building where they found a young man, from Lock Haven, named Furst Crider who has been attending the Academy in this place. He was secured and hurried off to jail before anyone had time to realize that such an important arrest had been made. When it became known that a supposed incendiary had been caught the greatest excitement prevailed and the streets were soon crowded with people, all anxious to hear the details. There was almost a panic in the opera house when the news was announced in there.

The WATCHMAN reporter made a careful inquiry into the case and gleaned the following stories, which in many instances are directly contradictory. All of the statements which we publish below are reliable and will be sworn to if the parties who made them are supposed as witnesses.

John D. Sourbeck, the High street green grocer, saw Crider at about train time on Friday night.—That would be about 9 o'clock.—At that time Crider entered Sourbeck's store and was so drunk that for fear of his falling into one of the fruit windows the proprietor took him by the arm and led him out.

At about the same time Philip Bezer saw Crider on High street. He was then reeling from one side of the pavement to the other and was accompanied by Fred Butts.

Misses Reed and Hunter, teachers at the Academy, assert that Crider passed their room on the way to his own at half past nine o'clock. Both marked the time by looking at their watches and remarking: "How fast the evening has gone."

Rev. Jas. P. Hughes, principal of the Academy, says he talked to Crider after 10:20, knowing the precise time because he had just finished winding up his clock. He, Crider, was in his own room then and Mr. Hughes thinks he had been there ever since he passed the ladies in the hall at half past nine o'clock. Mr. Hughes did not notice that he was drunk because he was not in the room with him. Having talked with him from the hall door way.

Mrs. Pearl, who caused the arrest, is positive of the following: The presence of considerable smoke in their house aroused her curiosity, but at first her daughters thought it was the smoke from a fire which the store-keepers below usually build to burn up their waste paper. Mrs. Pearl not being satisfied with this explanation went down into the cellar, which opens in the alley at the rear of Bauer's store.

There she discovered the smoking embers of what had been a tiny fire. She saw a man peeping around the corner of the annex to Bauer's store—who shook his fist at her. Immediately she sent up for John Bauer who came down and hunted up the police. The question of time plays a very important part in her testimony for she says she will swear that it was just a few moments before 10 o'clock because, while waiting for her daughter's return from Bauer's, it struck 10. Now it there has been no discrepancy in the time of the town clock and that at the Academy, Crider has an *Alibi* proven in these two statements. Mrs. Pearl described the man she saw and her description tallied exactly to the clothing that Crider wore, however.

Policeman Gares says that Crider seemed pretty sober when arrested, but Sheriff Ishler comes right around and states that when Gares shoved Crider into the cell, on the night of the arrest, he fell right down and never moved until daylight next morning. Evidence conclusive that the man must have been very drunk when the jail was reached.

William Conley, who is connected with the Meese store, says that when he opened up on Saturday morning he went back to look at the fire and found four little sticks, slightly scorched, with a partly burned piece of paper—such as comes around cambric—and three burnt matches, which was the only evidence of a fire at all. On both basement doors are brown scorched spots which he thinks could not possibly have been made by all the fire there could have been there.

As far as we were able to ascertain no one is willing to swear that they actually saw fire, though the smoke was quite thick even at the time the arrest was made. The case is certainly a puzzler, and the hearing before Judge

Furst-to-morrow at ten o'clock will create an unusual interest. Crider was released on \$500 bail—a surprisingly low bond for the crime with which he is charged—on Monday morning.

The WATCHMAN is only too anxious to help ferret out the fiend who has been causing so much loss of property in Bellefonte of late but, it is frank in saying that in the face of such conflicting statements it will be difficult to fasten the crime on him. If anything new develops between this time and the hearing, however, and he should be convicted, then we advise giving him the severest penalty the law will countenance.

Young Crider is quite a fine looking fellow and protests his innocence. He has told a number of stories as to how he got back in that alley, no two of which are the same. One story which has raised considerable conjecture is that he was being chased and ran back there to escape capture.

"Little Trixie" at the opera house next Friday night.

—Col. Edwin J. Pruner is an aspirant for mayoralty honors in Tyrone.

—Joe W. Furey, of Lock Haven, is slowly recovering from his protracted illness.

—Remember to have your sale bills posted with the WATCHMAN imprint on them.

—Refined minstrelsy at the opera house next Thursday night. Secure your seats early.

—Edward C. Humes Esq., President of the First National bank of Bellefonte, is in his 83rd year, but still tends to all of his immense business interests with the same sagacity that characterized his work back in the fifties.

—The Homestead poisoning affair has caused much serious thought about Bellefonte of late. There are those who think that the death of several young men who went from this community to work for the Carnegie's might have been caused by poison.

—Judge Hinkley, of Danville lectured for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. in the Court house on Monday evening. If the audience had been near as large as the lecture was good the hall would not have held the crowd. Only a few people heard it however.

—In our last week's issue we made the statement that there was but one girl in the graduating class at the Lock Haven State Normal school. Our informant was mistaken for instead of one there are fifty-one young ladies who will receive diplomas at the next commencement, if all goes well. There are twenty nine gentlemen in the class.

—Rev. J. R. Davies, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Tyrone, has accepted a call to the Fourth Ave., Presbyterian church of New York. He will take the charges of the late Dr. Howard Crosby and will receive a salary of \$6,000, beside the salaries of two chapels over which he will preside, which will increase the whole to about \$8,000. He was getting \$1,800 per annum in Tyrone.

—This is the last visit the WATCHMAN will make to you during the good old year of 1892. Do you realize how soon it will end and what have you accomplished. Has the world been any better off because of your existence in it during the last year. See to it that such resolution for the new one is made. Deny yourself of something. Pay your printer promptly and read the news every week with the consciousness that you are not using another man's property.

—Chief Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court of the United States has been one of the regular lecturers before the Columbia law school, of Washington D. C. Recently he had his last talk with the embryo lawyers preparatory to his departure for Europe as U. S. Commissioner on the Alaskan seal commission. The students thought to make a parting token of their appreciation of the able instructions given them and presented him with a gold headed cane. Will Keller, son of Col. D. S. Keller, of this place, who is attending the law school, was selected to make the presentation speech. A decided honor.

—About 7 o'clock Tuesday evening an accident occurred at Cook's "Bon Marche", on Bishop street, which for a while threatened the destruction of the entire store. One of the large windows which had been handsomely decorated for Christmas, caught fire from the gas and everything in it burned before the clerks had time to realize what was the matter. The store was filled with smoke in an instant, but a few bucketsfull of water stopped the flames. The large plate glass window was broken. While the fire frightened the owners quite a good bit they are still doing a rushing business in Christmas fancy goods.

Call and see how near they were burned up yet how quickly they have recovered.

FIVE HORSES AND SIX MULES BURNED

—Shortly after 10 o'clock Wednesday night the big stables of McCalmont & Co., coal grain, lime and implement dealers of this place, were discovered to be on fire. In an instant, it seemed, after the first alarm, flames shot out through every crevice in the buildings, making an attempt to enter a foohardy undertaking. Locked up in the stables were eleven head of good horses and mules as there are to be found in this county. Two pretty little bay driving horses, three draft horses, a \$500 team of young mules and four others of slightly less value, but still each good for a \$200 check. Two dogs were also burned.

The stables are located, at the company's lime kilns and were low frame structures which burned like tinder. The blacksmith shop adjoining was entirely destroyed, the top was burned off the scale house and one elevator, in which was stored 500 bushels of oats, 350 bushels corn, \$600 worth of phosphate and a car load of plaster, was considerably damaged. Its contents suffering almost entire loss from the deluge of water thrown on it. A number of cars were standing on the Bellefonte Central R. R. tracks when the fire broke out and two of them were badly burned before the train was moved.

The loss is as follows: Five horses, six mules, two dogs, fourteen sets of harness, a new buggy, 500 bushels oats, 350 bushels corn—slightly damaged, \$600 worth of Phosphate, a car load of plaster, the blacksmith shop, scale office and elevator damaged. The insurance will cover about half the loss.

Early yesterday morning the firm had completed arrangements whereby their extensive lime operations were continued with a very slight loss of time. Col Shortlidge was away at the time of the fire.

The confusion caused by the lack of proper fire alarm whistles was very noticeable. It was fully fifteen minutes from the time of the first alarm until people realized where the fire was. It is to be hoped that Wednesday night's fire will prove a lesson which Council will study immediately. Let us have the old alarm. One that there is no mistaking. After the firemen arrived they did invaluable service in saving the other elevators and coal sheds of the company. Attend the Logan ball next Friday night.

THE MILESBERG CARRIAGE WORKS BURNED

—At an early hour Sunday morning the extensive carriage works owned and operated by L. C. Bullock, in Central City, a part of Milesburg, were discovered to be on fire. The flames broke out in the paint shops on the second floor and spread with such rapidity that very little of the contents of the buildings could be saved. The proximity of Wagner's big flour mill and a number of frame dwelling houses together with the entire absence of any organized means of fighting the flames made the situation extremely serious. An appeal for help was telephoned to this place and officer Gares, wakened up Fire Marshall J. Mitchell Cunningham. He, thinking it best not to ring in an alarm, went around and wakened a few members of the Logan Steamer Company, who responded at the engine house with a promptness that was surprising. In just fifty minutes from the time the appeal was telephoned up the engine-men were at the fire, nearly three miles distant, and working like Trojans to save property for the citizens of Milesburg. There work was thoroughly appreciated and their start from town was made so quietly that very few persons were aroused.

Considerable unfinished work and many vehicles, which were in the shops for repairs, were lost in the fire. Upon the buildings, which were almost new, Mr. Bullock carried \$1,000 insurance. On their contents he carried \$1,570 against which he estimates his loss at \$4,000. The fire was of incendiary origin.

A HOO-DOO-ED QUARTER.—On one side of the new 25-cent pieces there are nine repetitions of the number thirteen. There are thirteen stars, thirteen letters in the scroll held in the eagle's beak, thirteen marginal feathers in each wing, thirteen tail feathers, thirteen parallel lines in the shield, thirteen horizontal bars, thirteen arrow heads in one claw, thirteen leaves on the branch in the other claw, and thirteen letters in the words "quarter dollar." There hasn't seemed to be anything unlucky in the thirteen original states nor in the thirteen stripes on the flag, and now it remains to be seen if the man who gets his pockets full of these new quarter dollars will find them unlucky.

OFF FOR CURWENSVILLE

—On Wednesday morning a little party of Bellefonters started for Curwensville, Clearfield county where they will make their home for awhile. They were marshalled by Michael Hays, the boss quarryman, and while some of them will go to work in the Snyder Brothers' quarry the rest will do masonry on the bridge abutments along the line of the new railroad.

—Philipsburg is having trouble with burglars.

—Ladies fur trimmed jackets and reefers from \$4.75 to \$15.00. Lyon & Co.

—Jacob Krumrine, of State College, butchered a hog, on Monday, that dressed 777 lbs.

—Our little girls winter coats all beautiful styles with long caps \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, and up to \$10.00 Lyon & Co.

—Chas. P. Long, of Spring Mills, has purchased the general store of D. Bible, in that place.

—The greatest line of children's and misses coats from \$1.25 to \$10.00. Lyon & Co.

—If you want to laugh until your sides ache see "Little Trixie" at the opera house next Friday night.

—Two hundred men's winter coats \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 Lyon & Co.

—F. O. Hosterman, for a number of years a merchant and post master at Fiedler, will move to Millheim after January 1st.

—Clearfielders will listen to ex-U. S. Senator Jno. J. Ingalls and Hon. Henry W. Watterson during the first month of the new year.

—The Millheim hardware man, S. D. Musser, will move to Scranton where he will embark in the musical instrument business.

—A beautiful line of ladies fall coats in tan and other light shades and black for \$3.50 to \$12.00. Lyon & Co.

—President Harrison has been invited to the opening of the new Mechanical Engineering building at State College, which will be made in the latter part of February.

—Ladies, misses and children's fall and winter coats all in, already, and a great big line it is. Lyon & Co.

—As a parting injunction to our readers we would say patronize only those merchants who advertise. The others are not catering to your trade and you should not bestow it on people who dont care for it.

—Boys cheviot suits for boys from 5 to 14 years double breasted chevionts 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.

THE PRESBYTERIAN PIPE ORGAN

—The new \$3,000 pipe organ which is to be placed in the remodeled Presbyterian church has arrived and is said to be a handsome instrument. It was made by the firm of Hook & Hastings, Boston, Mass., and is encased in quartered oak with pipe colorings to harmonize with the decorations in the church.

There are 32 stops and 6 pedals on the organ giving it a compass which is sufficient for any demand of church service. A grand organ recital will be given on the evening of January 13th, 1893, when a number of noted musicians from a distance will be here to participate.

COUNCIL MEETING

—Council met on Monday evening and transacted the following business: The Street committee reported crossings laid on Allegheny street and across the Lewistown pike.

Fire and Police committee reported needed repairs for the Logan hose carriage and for the Undize Co.

The Street committee suggested that J. S. Waite & Co., be not allowed to raise the board walk in front of their buildings, on Water street. Council acted and refused permission. Upon motion Collector S. D. Ray was instructed to settle his tax duplicates for '90 and '91. Council approved of chief Burgess Mingle's action in offering a reward of \$300 for the detection of incendiarism.

INSTITUTE NEXT WEEK

—On Monday morning the public school teachers of this county will convene in the Court House to undergo the instructions which Sup't Gramley has laid down for the 48th annual session of Institute.

The attractions for the week are many and varied. The speakers are Gen. D. H. Hastings, Gen. James A. Beaver, Hon. John H. Orvis, Dr. Geo. W. Atherton, President of the Penna. State College, Rev. W. E. Fischer, of Centre Hall, and others. On the list of instructors are to be found the names of such educators as Prof. James M. Coughlin, of Wilkesbarre, Major James M. Lee, of West Virginia, Prof. A. D. Meloy, of the Lock Haven Normal school, Prof. J. D. Anderson, of Philipsburg, and A. Judson Smith, of New Millport, Pa.

On Tuesday evening Maj. Lee will lecture on "Why You Should Black the Heels of Your Boots." On Wednesday evening the superb Ladies Schumann Concert Company will entertain the people and on Thursday evening Jno. R. Clark, will lecture on "Hits and Misses".

One of the features of the evening's entertainments will be the presence of the full Bellefonte orchestra under the direction of Prof. Meyers.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE ON ALL ROADS

—On last Monday morning a general change of schedule went into effect on all lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The following are the changes of time at Bellefonte. For the Bald Eagle Valley:

TRAINS WEST.	
Leave Bellefonte: 6.55 a. m.	Ar. Tyrone 6.52
" " 10.25 " "	" " 11.55
" " 5.15 p. m.	" " 6.33

TRAINS EAST.	
Lv. Bellefonte: 9.32 a. m.	Ar. Lock Haven 10.37
" " 4.30 p. m.	" " 5.25
" " 8.45 p. m.	" " 9.50

Over the Lewisburg and Tyrone road trains will leave Bellefonte at 6.20 in the morning and at 2.15 in the afternoon, arriving at Montandon at 9.10 and 4.55 respectively.

On the Snow Snow branch the trains will leave Bellefonte at 10.33 a. m. and at 5.25 p. m.

Connections on the main line at Tyrone, Lock Haven and Montandon are practically the same. Our readers had better cut this out until our big schedule on the inside is corrected.

—Men's cheviot suits in black, brown, woodbrown, double breasted or single \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 and 12.00. The handsomest styles best making and sewing, good goods and nobby styles. Lyon & Co.

DIED AT SCOTIA

—Joshua Gorsuch, one of the best known residents of Scotia this county, retired in his usual good health on Monday night, but when his wife went to arouse him at his usual waking hour Tuesday morning he seemed to be sleeping heavily. She tried to waken him, but he did not move and while she was still trying to get him up he breathed his last.

Deceased was 61 years of age and for years was boss blacksmith at the Carnegie mines at Scotia. During the last few years he has been interested, with his son, in a general mercantile business. A wife, a son and a daughter mourn the loss of a husband and a father who was universally esteemed. He was a member of Tyrone lodge, No. 494 F. and A. M. Funeral services were held in Gray's Methodist church yesterday at 1:30 p. m.

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

WEATHER PREDICTIONS

—According to a weather prophet's lunar cycle rule the winter of 1892-93 will be more than usually severe and long continued. The snow will be deep and we will have six or eight weeks good sleighing. But we may console ourselves by the fact that this winter will not be as severe as the one which is to follow in 1893-94. According to the same authority next Spring will be late and cool, the summer will be shorter than usual and of a temperature not above the average. There will be generally abundant crops of fruit, grain and hay.

—The following letters remain uncalled for in the Bellefonte P. O. Dec. 19, 1892. David Bunell (2), George Butts, Laura Bouons, Florence McDonald, J. Kitcher, A. E. Neilerger, Harry Tobias, Ada V. Yearick. When called for please say advertised.

J. A. FIEDLER, P. M.

—We are all ready for fall and winter. The grandest line of children misses and ladies coats just opened. Lyon & Co.

—Ready made clothing in all its branches. Storm coats, Overcoats, Suits for men, boys and children.

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

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.....	65
Old wheat, per bushel.....	70
Red wheat, per bushel new.....	60
Eye, per bushel.....	60
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	22 1/2
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	35
Oats—new, per bushel.....	20
Barley, per bushel.....	48
Ground Plaster, per ton.....	9 50
Buckwheat, per bushel.....	50
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$4.00 to \$6.00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

Potatoes per bushel.....	65
Eggs, per dozen.....	25
Lard, per pound.....	10
Country Shoulders.....	8
Sides.....	12 1/2
Hams.....	13 1/2
Fallow, per pound.....	7
Butter, per pound.....	25

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Quarter Column (4 1/2 inches).....	12	20	30
Half Column (9 inches).....	20	35	55
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