

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

The price of wheat has gone up two cents per bushel.

If your water pipes freeze up you will find a little salt or alcohol very efficacious.

The stock-holders of the State College Water Co. met in this place on Saturday.

Misses Meta and Mary Gray, of Fillmore, are visiting friends in Phillipsburg.

The Presbyterian church in this place will be re-dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 22nd.

Brown's novelty store is occupying a room in the Reynolds' bank building now.

The second of April will be Easter Sunday. Ladies arrange your head-gear accordingly.

Carter's "Fast Mail" will be the attraction at the opera house, Saturday evening, January 28th.

The stockholders of the Valentine Iron Company were dined at the company's club house yesterday noon.

Miss Elizabeth Shortridge left this morning for Philadelphia, where she expects to visit a week or ten days.

Mrs. Jack McClelland, of Altoona, spent the fore part of the week in town with her sister Mrs. J. L. Spangler.

Mrs. J. F. Mann left on Tuesday evening to attend the funeral of her uncle, the late William Bell, at Lewis town.

The opera company is rehearsing the "Pirates of Penzance" every night. The girls hope to produce it on February 14th.

Miss Lillian Barrett one of the good natured telephone girls, has been off duty most of this week on account of a severe cold.

The Misses Sommerville, of Winburne, Clearfield Co., and Holmes of Birmingham, have been visiting friends in this place.

J. M. Neubauer, the proprietor of the Fisher house in Greensburg, Pa., is a prospective renter for the Brockerhoff house in this place.

Willis Weaver, of Milesburg, has rented the National hotel at Millheim and will take charge on March 1st. He will apply for license.

The Undine hose company, of this place, has appointed a committee of three to receive bids for a new steamer which it proposes buying.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thompson of Lemont entertained most royally a sled load of young people from Bellefonte, Wednesday evening.

The venerable Samuel Walkey, of Hobbsburg, died from the effects of the Grip, last Tuesday morning. Deceased was eighty-two years old.

A number of bogus checks have been troubling J. A. Harper & Co. of late. Some one has been forging the firms name to checks for small amounts.

While you are talking about the unpleasantness of cold weather remember that next summer you will have the nicest ice ever used with which to keep cool.

Invitations have been sent out by Mrs. Mary Butz, to the marriage of her daughter, Emma Graham, to Mr. Robert Franklin Hunter which is to take place in the Presbyterian church next Wednesday afternoon at five thirty o'clock.

Rev. R. H. Singer, a Flemington Evangelist preacher, has been held in \$300 bail for appearance at the Clinton county court to answer a charge of assault on one of his flock, a Mrs. Wm. Witchey, of Lockport. Singer's friends say it is a blackmail.

While driving out Pine street, Saturday afternoon, Hugh Beaver and Miss Blanche Hayes met with an accident that might have been quite serious. The shafts on their sleigh broke loose and the horse ran away throwing both occupants out. Luckily they escaped without injury.

John Montgomery Ward, Bellefonte's star base-ballist, has decided to give up the profession of ball playing and will leave the Brooklyn club to practice law. Monte's reputation as a lawyer will doubtless soon be as brilliant as it was as a ball player. He spent Sunday with relatives in this place.

The death of Jacob Gephart, aged sixty-two, was announced from his home, in Millheim, on Wednesday morning. Deceased was a younger brother of J. P. Gephart Esq., of this place, and leaves a wife and six grown children. Shortly after the holidays he contracted a heavy cold which developed into acute pneumonia from which he died. The interment will be made next Wednesday morning in the Union cemetery in Millheim.

HOW RETELLING IMPROVES STORIES.

Everybody has heard the expression "well, we have to keep the ball rolling," but it may be that some of you do not know what class of people uses it most. Generally when you corner a gossip on some ungrounded story he or she has been adding variations to, they will find refuge in the expression we have first quoted. Some one, in all sincerity, tells the fact: "Mr. Brown's horse almost ran off and killed him yesterday morning." The next person adds a little to the story and by the time it has gone through a half dozen imaginative minds it comes out something like this: "Did you hear of the awful accident? Why old Brown was drunk yesterday and his horse ran off and killed him, but he had five thousand dollars life insurance." Now this is the class of people we find in every community and their busy tongues are continually getting honest persons into trouble.

But the same disagreeable mission is often performed by newspapers. One paper clipping a little article from another and improving on it until at last the story has nothing in common with the original recounting of the facts. An excellent illustration of this is to be found in the following article which appeared in the Lock Haven Democrat on Saturday:

"A Centre county man recently killed a bear that had a darned needle in one of the main tubes of the lungs."

This paragraph had its origin in an account of the killing of a steer down in the lower end of the county which was published in the Gazette several weeks since. What made the account interesting at all was the fact that when the steer was cut up a large darned needle was found in its lungs. Thus the "ball has been kept rolling" and in the above paragraph we see what has become of the original story. One paper having gone so far as to tell its readers that a woman has been missing in this county for some time and concluded that the bear must have eaten her, thus getting the darned needle in its lungs.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE AT CENTRE HALL.—The Agricultural Institute to be held at Centre Hall, Thursday and Friday, January 26 and 27, (Rebersburg 24 and 25) will be an affair well worth the attendance of every farmer and all others taking an interest in the important subject of agriculture, which is the backbone of the nation. The Institutes are held under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture, and all are invited to take part in them.

Thus far the following able speakers have promised to be present and deliver addresses upon topics mentioned: Dr. Atherton, president of State College, topic—

Prof. Buckhout, State College, "Insects and their Relation to Plants;" "Forests and the Farmer."

Gen. Beaver, "Reform in Roadmaking;" "The Legal Aspect of the Repeal of the Fence Law of 1700."

Hon. Gerard C. Brown, of York, Friday, "The Potato Crop;" "The Farmers' Interest in Legislation."

Dr. Calder, of Harrisburg, Thursday and Friday, "Essentials for a Good Crop;" "Fruit Growing for Profit;" "Educating Children to Become Farmers."

Jas. McCracken, of Jefferson county; "How to Destroy Canada Thistles;" "Sheep for Profit."

D. F. Fortney, Friday afternoon, "What Legislation Does the Farmer Need?"

Prof. C. R. Neff, Friday evening, topic unknown.

Hon. M. Whitehead, Washington, D. C., topic: "Farmers to the Front;" "The Old and the New Agriculture."

Besides these there will be essays and recitations by home talent, music, question box, etc., to lend variety and interest to each session. After each address there will be a general discussion free to all. Three sessions each day—morning, afternoon and evening. These meetings will be interesting to all, farmers especially. Don't miss a good thing.

CHICKENS ARE PROFITABLE.—The Lewistown Free Press tells the following story of a woman's success in raising poultry:

"Miss Maggie E. Shreffler, living in the lock house, down at the dam, can show figures on chicken raising that are hard to beat. She had 50 fowls on the 1st of January, 1892 and sold 25 on the second day. From the remaining 25 she raised 218 chicks and received 3,536 eggs; of this number 69 dozen eggs were sold realizing \$16.56, leaving the balance for hatching and family use. Young chicks were disposed of to the amount of \$82.15. She purchased \$30.00 worth of feed, and now has on hand thirty chickens and \$18.71 in cash.

JUST THE THING FOR BELLEFONTE.—The proposition is made, by some obliging mortal, that a register be placed in every church vestibule, where the young ladies on entering the church might inscribe their names, and in this way save the young gentlemen the suspense and loss of time now unavoidable, since they don't know whether "she" is within or not.

Tyrone will have four candidates for Sheriff of Blair county.

The Huntingdon and Broad Top R. R. has declared a 3 1/2 per cent dividend.

Clearfield has a new bank. It is known as the Clearfield National, and has a capital stock of \$100,000.

Orin Atwood was, on Saturday, appointed janitor of the public buildings to succeed the late Bartram Galbraith.

The patrons of the telephone exchange miss the pleasant voice of Miss Margaret Haupt. She has resigned her position.

During the year 1892 there were 1,286,413 logs rafted through the Williamsport boom. They made 182,784, 888 feet of lumber.

One of the finest attractions of the season will come to the opera house on Saturday evening, January 28th, in Carter's "Fast Mail."

Seven year old Johnnie Rhule had both legs so badly mangled by mine cars at Coaldale No. 5 colliery, near Phillipsburg, that he died in the Cottage hospital.

Judge Krebs, of Clearfield, is said to be considering the advisability of issuing an order forbidding the publication of the jury lists in the news papers.

The new county project is said to be again worrying residents of the mountain portions of Centre, Huntingdon, Clearfield, Cambria and Blair counties.

Lock Haven council men have decided to give the people of that town river water to drink. They have been using canal water for some time and hope that the change is for the better.

Messrs Greedy and Scull, the Blair county aspirants for congressional honors, each spent over \$6000 in trying to establish his claim to the seat. Only \$2000 a piece will be refunded. So they are decidedly in the hole.

Only two couple applied for marriage license during the week just closed. They were: Hugh M. Connell and Covilla Gross, both of Bellefonte, and James Flemming, of Spring Twp, and Nannie Carson, of Millheim

The Tyrone Times says that an application will be made to the Board of Pardons, at its next meeting, to have William Hamilton, the Houtzdale embezzler pardoned. Hamilton was teller in the Houtzdale bank and appropriated funds.

While out sleigh-riding in Lock Haven, on last Thursday afternoon, Joseph Frick drove liverman Peck's horse into the canal. The animal's leg was broken and the sleigh wrecked. It cost the unfortunate fellow \$100, for the horse, and the sleigh repairs.

Miss Marie Bishop, who has many friends among the society people of this town, while pursuing her vocation as an actress, a profession she recently entered upon in New York, was taken seriously ill and has been confined to the hospital for several weeks, suffering most intensely with inflammatory rheumatism.

The teachers who purpose attending the local teacher's institute of the teachers of Taylor, Huston, Union, Half Moon and Worth townships, to be held at Port Matilda, to-morrow, Saturday, January 21st, will add much to its success by taking with them their copies of the Franklin Square collection of songs used at the last session of the county institute. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the sessions.

Lock Haven thermometers registered eighteen degrees below zero, on Monday morning. In Bellefonte they got down to ten. In Unionville, six was the lowest point reached. Monday morning we thought was about as cold as it could get when we wrote the above but Wednesday's record knocked our conclusion into a cocked hat. Get below at Clearfield; 19 deg. below at Zion; 16 deg. below at Spring Mills; 15 deg. below down at Coburn; 14 deg. below in Bellefonte. But the backbone of the cold wave is broken now and plumbers will get a rest.

In our last week's issue we forgot to note the burning of Robert Gray's store and the dwelling of his father, Mr. W. S. Gray, at Stormstown, which occurred on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10th. The house and store were joined in one large, commodious building and were heated from a furnace in the cellar of the store. The bitter cold weather had made a roaring fire a necessity and it is thought that the building caught in that way. It seemed to have been on fire all over before the inmates realized it, for scarcely anything was saved. The store was one of the finest general merchandise establishments in the county and the house was handsomely furnished. An insurance of \$3000 was carried on the stock but nothing on the house effects or building. The loss was heavy.

THE ORGAN RECITAL.—Great expectations are said to be realized as fully as at the Presbyterian Organ Recital last Friday night. The concert had long been talked of and the church, which seats nine hundred and fifty comfortably, was crowded before half past seven, with people anticipating a most enjoyable evening. Guests were present from Curwensville, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Lock Haven, and State College and altogether it was one of the most appreciative audiences ever seen in Bellefonte.

The excellent program, a model one in point of symmetry, contrast and interest, had been made possible by Will Furst, the projector and main spring of the whole concert, was as follows:

PART I. "Offertoire, D Minor, St. Cecilia," - B. Batiste. Mr. Geo. N. BRANDON.

"Salve Regina." - Millard. Mrs. J. C. MEYER, MISS KEIM, MR. HARVEY, MR. FORD.

"Toccato and Fugue, D Minor." - J. S. Bach. PROF. S. TUDOR STRANG.

"My God, My Father." - Marsden. MR. GEO. FORD.

"La Nocte." - Millotti. Mrs. W. H. MANN, MR. HARVEY.

"Chorus of Angels." - Clark. PROF. S. TUDOR STRANG.

"Fear Not Ye O Israel." - Buck. MISS KEIM.

"I feel thy Angel's Spirit." - Hoffman. MR. AND MRS. J. C. MEYER.

"On the Coast." - Buck. MR. GEO. BRANDON.

PART II. "Marche, Nuptials." - Alex. Guilmant. PROF. S. TUDOR STRANG.

"The Erl King." - Schubert. MISS HARPER.

"Lord Cause thy Face, from Eth." - Costa. MISS KEIM, MR. FORD.

"Love's Old Song." - Molloy. MR. GEO. FORD.

"The Celebrated Largo." - Haendel. ROSSINI.

"Overture, from Wm. Tell." - Rossini. PROF. S. TUDOR STRANG.

"Lullaby, from Sea King." - Stahl. MISS KEIM.

"The Miller's Wooing." - Pausling. Mrs. MEYER, and MANN, Misses HARPER, and HUGHES MESSRS. HARVEY, MEYER, HUGHES and BAYARD.

Grande Fantasia, "The Storm." - Lemmens. PROF. S. TUDOR STRANG.

Of the home talent no comment is needed for while several of the singers have been heard to greater advantage they as a whole satisfied the audience judging from the enthusiastic and frequent applause.

Prof. Strang who is organist of the Broad and Oxford Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, is an artist of more than ordinary talent and the congregation that has the opportunity of listening Sunday after Sunday to his expressive interpretation of the great masters, is indeed to be congratulated. His rank as a musician was as evident in his technique as in his selections for his phrasing was admirable and his execution clear and easy.

Mr. Ford almost carried off the honors of the evening with "Love's Old Song" and not only his excellent voice; but his willing response to the hearty applause won for him a most pleasant memory in the minds of his hearers.

Bellefonte singers could learn a lesson from Mr. Ford's and Miss Keim's enunciation. Every word they uttered could be heard distinctly in all parts of the church, and in consequence everybody was delighted with them. Miss Keim is little more than a child in years; but sings remarkably well for one so young. Her voice is clear and brilliant and from the outlook now she will be heard of in the musical world, for both her singing and her personality have that indefinable attribute we call charm.

A GREAT DAY AT STATE COLLEGE.—Wednesday, February 22nd, promises to be a gala day at the Pennsylvania State College. It will mark an epoch in the history of Pennsylvania's big institution of learning and will be the first step toward a broader and more thoroughly equipped work in the field of Mechanical Engineering. This Department at the College has, in a period of a very few years, jumped into a position of eminence and because of its popularity and the growing demand for mechanical engineers, all over the world, the trustees have done well in recognizing its growth.

A new building for the Engineering Department was provided for by the last Legislature and it is so near done that the dedicatory services will be held next month. The opening will be made one of unusual interest by reason of the long list of distinguished men who will attend. Among them we might mention Hon. John W. Noble, Secretary of the Interior; Hon. Francis A. Walker, President of the Boston Institute of Technology and Superintendent of the 10th Census; Hon. Robert Emory Pattison, Governor of Pennsylvania, and Staff; the members of the State Legislature and a number of other dignitaries.

Appropriate ceremonies will be held during the day and a grand promenade concert in the Armory will conclude the social part of it.

J. F. Barber & Co., Phillipsburg hardware dealers, were burned out on Monday night. Their place was discovered to be on fire about twelve o'clock and before the plugs could be thawed out and a stream gotten on was damaged to the extent of \$15,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the electric light wires.

L. Mothersbaugh, of Boalsburg, was a Lock Haven visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. Dan Hall, one of Unionville's best citizens, was a very agreeable caller on Tuesday.

Sammuel Charles, of Milesburg, dropped in to renew his subscription to the WATCHMAN, on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Annie Krom is seriously ill at the residence of her son-in-law Charles H. Myers, Water street, Lock Haven.

Mr. W. H. Taylor has announced himself a candidate for the nomination for tax collector of Spring township. He would make a good official.

Rev. W. A. Houck of the Methodist church is holding a most gratifying revival. The meetings are well attended and grow in interest night by night.

Phillipsburg council has resolved to pave Front street in that borough. It will be put before the people at the spring election and will require a loan of \$15,000.

The marriage of Joseph O. Laird to Emily V. Hoskinson has been announced from Minneapolis, Minn. The groom is the second son of R. A. Laird formerly of this place.

If you should happen to see a fair damsel resting her head most affectionately on the shoulder of one of the "boys," remember they are only practicing for the "Pirates."

Miss Grace Fury, the talented young elocutionist of Altoona, is in town coaching the pirates and the ballet girls for the opera, which is to be given, under her direction on February 14th.

The remodelled Evangelical church at Zion will be reopened on Sunday, January 29th. Revs. Bender, of Lock Haven, and Finkblinder, of Millheim, will assist the pastor, Rev. J. J. Lohr.

Some time ago the Clinton county poor overseer moved John Jordon back to this county to be kept by Walker township, but Jordon liked Lock Haven better and returned. He is now locked up as a vagrant.

Miss Clara Anderson, a former composer in this office, returned from New York on Saturday night. She left here several months ago to accept a position in a cloak store, but the serious illness of her mother and brother have necessitated her return home.

Some of the employes of the WATCHMAN office have been having a jolly good time this week. Monday evening Miss Rosa Baum attended a large dance at the Hotel Updegraff, in Williamsport, and Wednesday Samuel Hatzel and Harry Rote took their best girls and hid themselves off to a sleighing party.

The Episcopal Musical given under Mrs. Benton's direction Wednesday evening, was socially and numerically a success. Roby Tipple, one of the best violinists that has ever been heard in this county and a genius who deserves a place in Nikisch's Orchestra, was the lion of the evening. The Misses Harper, Hoy, Hughes, Valentine and Messrs. Bayard, Bullock, Brandon, Bierly, Cruise, Noll, Lyon and Waddie contributed to the enjoyment of the audience.

THE REBERSBURG INSTITUTE.—Elsewhere in this paper we note the list of prominent speakers who are to take part in the Farmers' Institute, at Centre Hall next Thursday and Friday evening. On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 24 and 25, the people of Rebersburg and vicinity will have a like opportunity to hear these recognized authorities discuss the Agricultural subjects of the day.

The Rebersburg program is a most interesting one and while we have not space to give it in detail, the six meetings, three a day, will be so full of profit and pleasure that no one can afford to miss one session. Some of the special features will be Dr. Calder's talk, Tuesday morning, on the "Rights and Duties of Farmers," Tuesday afternoon "The National Wealth and the Farmers' share of it" by J. T. Ailman and "How to Destroy Canada Thistles," by James McCracken.

Tuesday evening, "The Farmer and the School," "Decline of Farming in Popular Favor" and "Sheep for Profit" will be discussed. Wednesday morning, Hon. Gerard C. Brown will give his views on "Public Roads and Road Laws" and Hon. Mortimer Whitehead will tell of the "Farmers Department of the National Government."

Wednesday afternoon "Dairying vs Grain Raising," by E. M. Tawksbury. Difficulties met with in Raising Poultry" Miss Alice Meyer. "Education for Farmers Sons and Daughters and where to get it," by J. L. Ailman.

Wednesday evening the subjects for consideration are: "Intelligence the Key Note to Successful Farming," "Progressive Agriculture," "How to Maintain Farm Fertility" and "Necessity of Tax Reduction and Equalization."

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HOW NEAR HAS HE BEEN HITTING IT.

Following we publish Rev. I. R. Hicks' prognostications for the present month. Our readers can see how near the prophet has come to the truth and then look out for the rest of the month accordingly: The 1st to 4th, storms of rain, sleet and snow. Venus from December 28th and Mercury on January 21th, will combine for the period. Prepare for blizzards north; heavy sleet and rain south. A bitter wave will appear behind the storms up to about 8th and 9th. On and near these dates temperature will rise and storms return, followed by great cold. Warmer in West about 13th, culminating in hard winter storms from 14th to 17. Be prepared. A cold wave, wide and extreme will spread south and east, lasting to next period, except, possibly, a rise in temperature, with storms on and next to the 20th. From 24th to 27th, look for return of rain and snow, and after a few days of warmer weather, for very hard freezing up about 31st. Upon the whole, January will be very cold and trying. Be ready for it. Remember your stock.

REPAIR YOUR SIDE WALKS.—The case of Brookville borough vs. Richard Arthurs was terminated in the Jefferson county court recently, and the borough received a verdict of over \$5,600. The question to be decided was whether the individual property holder should be held liable for damages occurring from defective sidewalks "after the owner had been notified to repair the same." The case arose out of a Mrs. Brosius recovering \$5,000 damages from the borough for injuries received, and the borough recovered of the owner, Mr. Arthurs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Emerick, of Rote, Clinton county, were in town yesterday and called to see where the paper they get every Friday is printed. Mrs. E. thinks the east end of Nittany valley is one of the prettiest sections in the country and we agree with her.

Residents of Colebrook township, Clinton county, are looking for George Gaylord who started hunting on Wednesday last week. It is feared he has been frozen.

Lyon & Co. are closing out their entire winter stock of Overcoats, Ladies Coats, etc., at cost. Now is the time to buy an excellent garment cheap.

Lost.—On last Friday or Saturday a large gold crescent shaped pin studded with rhine stones was lost on the streets of Bellefonte. The finder will be rewarded by returning same to this office.

Ready made clothing in all its branches. Storm coats, Overcoats, Suits for men, boys and children. Tailoring a specialty, Suits made to order.

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Died.

BODLE.—On January the 13th, 1893, William Bode, youngest son of William A. and Effie Bode, ag. 4 months and 7 days, at Pleasant Hill. Interment at Houserville.

Sale Register.

MARCH 2, '93.—J. P. Waddle, of Fillmore, will have one of the largest sales in Centre county, 12 horses, 22 head of cattle, 32 fine ewes, 12 hogs and farming implements of all descriptions.

MARCH 14th.—At the residence of John Housert, on Nittany Mountain, 25 head of farm implements, harness, and some fine blooded cows. Sale at 10 o'clock, a. m.

MARCH 21.—At the residence of Uriah Sloer, on the Robert Valentine farm, between Axe Mann and Pleasant Gap, all kinds of farm implements, harness, and some fine blooded cows. Sale at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. JACKSON & Co. The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press: White wheat, per bushel, 65; Old wheat, per bushel, 70; Red wheat, per bushel new, 70; Rye, per bushel, 60; Corn, ears, per bushel, 22 1/2; Corn, shelled, per bushel, 25; Oats—new, per bushel, 50; Barley, per bushel, 48; Ground Flaxseed, 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, 8; Ham, 12 1/2; Calf, per pound, 4; Butter, per pound, 25.

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