

# Democrat Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., June 2, 1893.

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

## THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

—Millheim celebrated Decoration day in gorgeous style.

—For a wonder, and a great exception, Decoration day was beautiful.

—Mr. George Moore, of Clearfield, was in town the fore part of the week.

—Miss Minnie Brew has taken rooms at the Bush House for the summer.

—The WATCHMAN has several new names among its announcements for office.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jenkins are now at home at their residence, 27 west High street.

—Mr. F. W. Crider and family started yesterday to join the great army of sight seers at Chicago.

—The wedding of Lena, second daughter of ex-Councilman Wm. Jamison, to I. W. Feese, has been announced.

—Rev. W. C. Starr, of Philadelphia, filled the pulpit in St. John's Episcopal church at both services on Sunday.

—In the absence of Mr. Houck, Rev. Warren, of Milesburg, preached to Bellefonte Methodists on Sunday morning.

—The Children's day services at the Evangelical church, on Willowbank street, last Sunday evening were well attended.

—Manager Al Garman is already booking his next season's opera house attractions. He has some good ones on the list.

—The opera house season will close on the evening of June 13th, when Midaugh's musical comedy company will be here.

—Large gilt letters now announce to persons passing along North Allegheny street that Crider's building is called the "Exchange."

—Miss Mary Brockerhoff, is one of the many Bellefontes who are seeing the sights of the "White city," at Chicago, this week.

—Communion services will be held in the Evangelical church on Sunday morning. Rev. J. Hartzler will preach morning and evening.

—Many of our business places closed on Tuesday afternoon. It would have been more creditable if they all had taken a half day off.

—Miss Grace Houck started Tuesday morning for St. Joseph, Missouri, where she will spend the summer with her sister Mrs. Norris.

—Herbert D. Meek, of Waddle's station, who has been in Washington all winter attending the school of Pharmacy, is home for the summer.

—On last Thursday morning a special train made the run from Lock Haven to Tyrone, a distance of fifty-four miles, including stops, in sixty-eight minutes.

—The WATCHMAN is under obligations to the Altoona Gazette for the excellent account of Main's circus wreck which will be found in this issue.

—Thursday evening, June 22nd, has been set for the entertainment in the opera house by the children of the Catholic schools. It will be well worth seeing.

—Gregg Post, No. 95, G. A. R., attended services at the Evangelical church on Willowbank street last Sunday morning. Rev. G. H. Zehner officiated.

—D. L. Glenn, formerly of Fillmore, but who has been several years at Braddock, has accepted a position at Jenkins and Lingle's machine shops, and is moving with his family to Curtin street.

—Miss Kate Gummo, who has been in San Diego, Cal., for two years, is in Chicago and is expected home in Bellefonte about the 10th, for a visit of several months.

—Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Kirk left Monday morning for Chicago, where they will visit the World's fair and attend the Medical Congress that is now in session at Jackson Park.

—Invitations are out for the wedding of George Murray Andrews and Miss Ellen Louise Hale, the only daughter of the late Dr. Hale, which is to take place in St. John's Episcopal church, Wednesday the 14th at twelve o'clock.

—During the storm on Wednesday afternoon lightning struck the home of John W. Stuart at State College and tore the roof up badly. Sixteen slates were knocked off the roof and it was feared the house would burn at first but the fire was soon drowned out. The lightning ran down the chimney, knocking the griddles off the stove, stunning Mrs. Stuart and tearing things up generally.

## An Awful Scene At a Wrecked Circus Train Near Tyrone.

Five Men are Dead.—Eleven Badly Injured Taken to the Altoona Hospital.—Wild Animals at Liberty.—Spreading Terror Throughout the Vicinity of the Accident Complete List of the Victims.

Three miles and a half north of Tyrone and Clearfield branch, an awful railroad disaster occurred at about 5:30 Tuesday morning.

Walter L. Mains' circus train composed of ten flat cars, three stock cars, four coaches and one box car was on its way from Houtzdale, where it had been showing Monday, to Lewistown.

Coming down grade the heavy train got the best of the engine, from all accounts, and ran away. At McCann's crossing it jumped the track. The engine, No. 1500, in charge of Steve Cresswell, engineer, kept the rails, but everything else except the coaches went over the bank into the swampy field. All that saved the coaches was the lunch car which got across the track and stopped them. It seems providential that the lunch car should have saved the three sleepers with their load of 125 human lives from an awful fate in that vale of sorrow.

The smashup is something that cannot be described. Of most of the cars nothing is left but firewood and old iron. The flats were new, having been built in Youngstown, Ohio, only last year. The show train as a whole was considered by men in the business to be the best equipped of any in the business. Now it's nothing but a wreck.

Car piled up on top of car, and the heavy timbers gave way, crashing in like match-wood. The destruction to stock was enormous, but the loss of human life is still more awful.

Six were killed almost instantly in the wreck, and many injured, eleven being taken to Altoona for treatment in the city hospital.

The names of the dead are: Frank Train, treasurer and ticket-seller of the company, of Indianapolis, Ind.

J. Strayer of Houtzdale, Pa. William Moutterly of East Liberty, Pa.

William Heverly, of Tyrone. And two bodies not yet identified.

The injured at the Altoona Hospital are as follows:

Willis O'Bannon, Chambersburg, Pa. aged 30, wounds of scalp and face.

David Jones, Harrisburg, Pa., aged 33, sprain of right thigh.

Frank Morse, Rochester, N. Y., aged 18, eyebrow and scalp wounds.

William Evans, Williamstown, Pa., aged 19, laceration of right ankle and probable internal injury; condition critical.

William E. Patchell, Dubois, Pa., age 20, contusion of left knee.

James William Haney, Albion, Westmoreland county, Pa., age 27, contusion of right shoulder and scalp wounds, right ear nearly torn off.

Louie Champaign, Rochester, N. Y., fatal internal injuries, unconscious.

Those whose wounds were dressed and who have gone are as follows:

John Chambers, colored, age 30, Mercersburg, Pa., right thumb bitten by lion.

Arthur Richards, Butler county, Pa., age 18, laceration of left upper eyelid.

George Corten, Holidaysburg, contusion of chest.

Frank Barnett, Tarentum, Pa., age 20, contusion of left arm and hand and laceration of thumb.

For an instant after the wreck all was still. The next moment the cries and shrieks of wounded men and animals broke the quiet of the morning.

The scene was indescribable. As soon as possible a message was telegraphed to Tyrone from Vail station, one mile from the scene of the accident, and a relief train was dispatched with surgeons, etc., to the scene of the fatality.

It was two hours before Frank Train could be reached. He was riding in the ticket wagon and was buried beneath a pile of debris, many feet high. He was conscious all the time. Several times he urged on his rescuers, saying, "Hurry up, boys, if you're going to do anything for me, or I'll die." The last timber was just removed from his body when he breathed his last.

J. Strayer, who was also killed, only joined the show last night and was making his first trip with it. He is a brother of Reuben Strayer of Altoona.

So far as could be ascertained on the spot the total loss of rolling stock was everything on the train except the coaches. In them were sleeping about 125 people. Had they left the track, the result is terrible to contemplate.

The loss of life among the horses is very large. The boss hostler, Mr. Charles Evans, counted up 61 dead all told, among them about all the valuable ring horses.

Poor Flake, the white leader of Joe Barriss' six horse team, lay dying at noon, groaning like a human being. He suffering was valued at not a cent less than \$10,000. All the horses ridden by Toney Lowanda, the principal rider of the company, are also dead.

Of the animals all escaped from their cages. Early arrivals at the scene say that strange animals were to be met

everywhere making for the woods, and that the trees around McCann's crossing were tenanted with many colored birds. Of them, the birds, monkeys, two "Gravediggers" from Australia, a black panther and a silver tiger from Asia all got clear away but all have been recaptured or killed except the black tiger which is still at large.

The "man-slaying" ape, the most dangerous animal of the whole lot, was luckily soon taken alive and safely caged up. Strange to say, the elephants and camels the heaviest animals of the lot, were not injured in the least, and were apparently enjoying themselves as if nothing had happened. In one place, not 20 feet square, lay the bodies of eight horses, a little pony and its young foal. In another were five horses, and close by was a crushed box car with an inextricable mass of horses, harness and timber, impossible to picture. All were dead, and their positions showed that some at least had struggled for a short time. Others had not moved. The cars had caught them fairly, and, as one of the hostlers said, pointing out one horse: "Poor Chicago, he never knew what struck him."

Scattered over the field were the bodies of other horses that had staggered away with broken limbs and internal injuries and had been shot to put them out of their misery.

Three lions escaped. One was quickly caught and caged; another was lassoed and tied to a tree by a colored attendant of the show, and the third was afterwards shot. The colored man who crawled under a box car and slipped a noose over the head of the lion was badly bitten.

Two tigers belonged to the show and both got away. One was caged safely but the other met his fate at the hands of Alfred Thomas, a native of McCann's Crossing. Mr. Thomas is a farmer and his wife was attending to the milking of the cows at about 6 in the morning, when the Bengal tiger leaped into the yard and seized one of the cows and killed it. Mrs. Thomas fled to the house and alarmed her husband who, with a rifle, killed the tiger.

A bear, a hyena, a savage water buffalo, the alligators and a lot of valuable snakes which were in a glass case also escaped, but all of them were captured.

All sixteen cages containing wild animals were crushed and the contents escaped, but as mentioned above all were captured with but few exceptions.

All the vehicles, chariots, buggies, show wagons, etc., to the number of twenty-five all told are utterly destroyed.

Mr. Main was asked about his insurance but said that he could not make any estimate of his loss or insurance as yet. Two hundred thousand dollars is placed by many as a low figure. A valuable new calliope was also utterly smashed up.

The only animals killed besides the horses were two Sacred oxen, both of which were so terribly injured that they had to be shot to put them out of their misery.

Around the wreck, among the trees, tents were pitched as quickly as possible, and the wounded horses stabled in them and their wounds dressed. Not one of them escaped uninjured. By dinner time supplies were being brought to the spot, and cooking for the helpers proceeded with. From Tyrone everything was sent that was possible.

The wounded were taken to Altoona on a special train. The scene in the car was a frightful one. The back of the seats had been removed and beds made out of the cushions with mattresses on them. A stretcher had been made out of one of the gaudy doors of animal's cage, which had been torn off in the wreck, a sure sign of the completeness of the smash-up.

Mr. Hugh Harrison, the correspondent of the company, was in one of the coaches asleep just before the crash came. He was aroused by the way the car was lurching and on awaking found that it was going at an awful rate of speed.

Being in an upper berth he had no means of escape. Had he been in a lower one, he says, he would have opened the window and jumped out, because he felt sure that a bad wreck was imminent. Not a minute later the crash came.

None in the coaches were injured. Coroner Post was notified and empanelled the following jury: D. R. Miller, foreman; David Adams, D. T. Caldwell, R. G. McLanahan, A. A. Smith and F. G. Heverly.

Steve Cresswell, the engineer did not show up since the accident around the scene of the wreck. Mr. Harrison said that it would have been as much as his life was worth to have done so.

The coroner's jury has not as yet placed the blame for the accident at any particular place. However many stories are afloat concerning its cause. The most plausible one seems to be that the engine was unable to hold the heavy train. It was something unusual for one engine to bring such a train down the mountain unassisted.

Many of the animals were owned by individual members of the show and their loss will be keenly felt.

DECORATION DAY.—Never was there a more ideal day than last Tuesday on which to beautify the graves of our patriotic dead, and never was the custom more generally observed in Bellefonte. Year after year for more than a quarter of a century the 30th of May has been dedicated to the men who gave their lives for their country, and the beautiful custom of remembering them in song and story and heaping high their graves with flowers is gaining rather than losing favor.

Up at the Union cemetery, Tuesday, the fragrance of countless flowers filled the air and not only were the heroic dead remembered but almost every mound bore some evidence of loving toil and affectionate remembrance.

Little was done in the way of decorating residences or public buildings but here and there, from house top and window floated the bright folds of the stars and stripes, and although one's patriotism cannot be judged by the number of his flags the custom is so inspiring and honorable that it should be more generally observed.

It was a day for every body. The wheelman gave a parade that called forth admiration and applause from the fair damsels. The athletes of the High school and the Academy met on the ball field and played a game which ended in favor of the Academy 16 to 14. The society belles, in smart costumes, rode around the town on Potter's drag. The Minstrels and their band delighted the small boy and the fun loving citizen. The seekers after novelty went to Vail to see the awful wreck—over which we ourselves could shed a tear, and the veterans their friends and neighbors decorated the graves and did honor to the dead.

The procession, composed of Gregg Post, company B. Camps 447 and 639 P. O. S. A., Jr. O. U. A. M. school boys bearing flags, Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte bands and prominent citizens marched from the Court House to Union cemetery, where after prayer music and an address by John G. Love, Esq., the graves were decorated. At the conclusion of the decoration services the procession returned to the Court House square, where it was dismissed by the Rev. G. W. Zehner of the Evangelical church.

The members of Gregg Post worshipped at the Evangelical church last Sunday, where the annual Memorial sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. George W. Zehner.

FREIGHT SHIPPING FROM BELLEFONTE.—A number of our business men have been troubled by a mistaken idea which people in the country districts seem to have regarding freight shipments from this place. Some of our country readers who have ordered goods from this place will understand the intent of this article which is to place Bellefonte merchants in the proper light before their patrons.

For illustration, let us say that a man from Rock Springs orders ten barrels of lime from McCalmont & Co., of this place. He mailed his order yesterday, Thursday, June 1st, and wants the goods shipped "to-morrow" which is to-day, June 2nd. Thinking of course they will reach the freight station at Strubles, on the Bellefonte Central Railroad, to-day he drives down and to his disappointment finds that they have not arrived at that point. He is at once disappointed and angry because of the supposed dilatoriness of the parties from whom he has ordered, but this explanation will satisfy him:

The letter he mailed at Rock Springs yesterday could not possibly reach this place before 9 o'clock this Friday morning. The mails are not all distributed before 10 o'clock and consequently the firm to which it was written would not receive it until that time. Now the last hour for receiving all outgoing freight at both P. R. R. and B. C. R. R. depots is 10 o'clock A. M. so it is easily seen that an order cannot be filled and shipped by freight the same day it is received.

THE POST MORTEM HELD.—In the last issue of the WATCHMAN we gave an account of the peculiar circumstances surrounding the recent death of Mrs. Winkleman, of Nittany Hall, and of the arrest of John H. Wahn, a Lock Haven quack doctor, for implication in its cause, he being supposed to have practiced abortion on her, from which she died.

On last Friday morning the body of the dead woman was exhumed from its resting place in Cedar Hill cemetery, near Salona, Clinton county, and District Attorney William J. Singer, with Drs. Harris and Seibert, of this place, and several other persons made an examination. He has positively refused to divulge any of the knowledge gained from the post mortem, but it is known that the evidence all confirms the belief of Wahn's guilt. Nothing definite will be known until the August court when the case will come up for trial.

Wahn is in jail here, without bail, but still claims that he will prove his innocence when the time comes.

—For well made clothing go to Faibles.

—The bass fishing season opened on Wednesday.

—Have you seen E. Brown Jr.'s stock of wall paper.

—Midaugh's musical comedy company comes to the opera house on Tuesday evening, June 13th. It will be the last attraction of the season.

—50,000 lbs of wool wanted at Lyon & Co's. Unwashed preferred.

—A beautiful young girl who lived at Fous's Mill, near Tipton, eluded her nurse the other night and drowned herself in a spring. She was crazed with Typhoid fever.

—We have a great assortment of children's suits as low as you want them and as fine as any to the country prices just look \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 \$5.00 and up. Lyon & Co.

—Dr. J. R. Borland, of Franklin, Pa., has been in town for several days trying to arrange for the establishment of a gold cure institute for drunkenness. He is a representative of the Eureka plan, but has not met with much encouragement.

—We never consider an article sold until the customer is perfectly satisfied. You can at any time have your money in exchange for any goods bought at Faibles.

—Buckskin Bill's wild west show, which exhibited here about two weeks ago, met with hard luck at Bellefonte on Tuesday. The big tent blew down immediately before both morning and evening entertainments and the aggregation had to leave the town without giving a show.

—For well made clothing go to Faibles.

—Furniture at lower prices at E. Brown Jr's. than any place in Centre county.

—There were but two members in the graduating class of the Phillipsburg High school this year. Llewellyn Allport and Charles T. Waring compose the class of '93, which has worked its way through the schools under the guidance of the motto: "Nemo Solus Sapit." The commencement exercises were held last evening.

—For well made clothing go to Faibles.

—Go to E. Brown Jr's. for your wall paper.

—An exchange remarks, among the many freaks offered for exhibition at the World's fair is a hen that always walks backwards, a Shetland pony that is so small that her shoes are made from \$20 gold pieces, a razor that had been used by George Washington, an Indiana prodigy, aged four years, who can recite "Thanatopsis" and a garment 400 years old.

—Invitations have been received for the marriage of Mary Norris Smith and Arthur Lewis Valentine, which is to be solemnized, Thursday the 15th inst. at the bride's home at Crafton, near Pittsburgh. Arthur is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Valentine, of Atlantic City, and although he has been away for several years in the employ of the Carnegies, at Braddock, he is still regarded a Bellefonte boy by the many who have for him only the kindest wishes.

—A great thing just closed out a special lot of manufacturing clothing 300 pair of fine pants in neat stripes they were made to retail at \$5.00 we give them to you at \$3.00 and \$3.50 the nobbiest goods we have ever seen. Lyon & Co.

—Commencing June 1st, 1893, the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., will place on sale two day excursion tickets between all stations on the Lewisburg and Tyrone Branch, and to all stations on Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division between Wilkesbarre, Tomhicken, and Renovo inclusively at greatly reduced rates. These tickets are good for passage on day of issue or the next succeeding day and when sold on Saturday they are good for return until the following Monday inclusively.

—The finest line of young mens suits, blue serge chevrot, black serge chevrot, double breasted or single, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00. The finest line of boys chevrot suits in brown, blue black and mixed \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$10.00. Lyon & Co.

—The town council of Bellefonte showed its calibre last Friday. In the morning an agent named Townsend, representing O. S. Kelly & Co., of Springfield, Ohio, arrived in town. In the same afternoon that agent had a special meeting of council called and had sold a road roller to the borough at a cost of \$9500. A great hub-bub was stirred up and the members of council were roundly scored for going into a deal which thus placed the town deeper in debt when there was no apparent need for it. The whole thing is settled now. The road roller won't materialize, because the limit of borough indebtedness has already been reached and the purchase of the roller, involving \$3500 more, is not permissible under the statutes.

## SHE MIGHT HAVE KILLED HERSELF

—On Monday afternoon Margaret Stuart, a little daughter of John W. Stuart, of State College, was walking along the pavement in front of the Logan machine works store near this office and not noticing that the cellar door was opened tumbled backwards down the steep steps. She fell clear to the bottom, a distance of ten feet and, miraculous as it may seem was not hurt in the least. Persons who saw the little girl fall were so badly frightened that they were afraid to look into the cellar way at first, for everyone expected that she would be badly hurt, but S. M. Buck ran to her assistance and the bystanders were delighted at seeing her walk off, apparently none the worse for the tumble.

—You should certainly not miss seeing our line of ladies and misses blazer coats with or without capes, wraps &c for spring wear. Blazers from \$2.00 up. The finest coats \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, up to \$10.00 and \$12.00. All shades tan, pearl, blue and black. Lyon & Co.

## DECORATION DAY AT EAGLEVILLE.

—The patriotic citizens of Eagleville observed Decoration day in a manner highly creditable to themselves and respectful to their heroic dead. A grand parade was formed in the morning and the G. A. R. Post, the new order of Jr. O. A. M. and the drum corps led the way to the Disciple church where Rev. Long, of Lock Haven, delivered an able Memorial sermon. The three near-by cemeteries were then visited and the graves of all departed soldiers were decorated. At noon the ladies served a sumptuous dinner in Capt. Quigley's hall after which the throng dispersed feeling that the proper tribute had been paid the memory of the dead.

—We are sole agents for the Douglas shoes the best in the country. Every pair warranted. Buy no other they will give you satisfaction, boys \$1.75 \$2.00 and \$2.50, mens \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00, the \$4.00 and \$5.00 are hand made. Lyon & Co.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWO YEARS OLD.—Thomas Benson, of Phillips station, near Westfield, was in town recently. He claims to be one hundred and two years old and walked from Philip's Station to this borough, a distance of about twenty miles. He was on his way to Williamsport and expected to walk the entire distance. He is an Englishman and was born in Leicester, in 1791. The old gentleman is quite an interesting talker. He claims to have served in the Crimean (Indian) war, and Mexican war and the late rebellion in this country, and receives a pension of \$12 per month.—Wellsboro Gazette.

—Call and see E. Brown Jr's stock of furniture and wall paper.

—If you want to know just what you are buying go to Faibles.

—Latest novelties in Spring clothing for Men, Boys and Children. The best suit in the market for men at \$10.00. Tailoring a specialty.

MONTGOMERY & CO.

60,000 Ties Wanted.

Proposals will be received by the Central Railroad Company for furnishing 60,000 White Oak and Rock Oak Ties, to be delivered immediately along the line of its railroad from Bellefonte to Mill Hall, as now surveyed and located through Nittany Valley. All ties are to be 8 1/2 feet in length, 7 inches in thickness and No. 1's not less than 7 inches in face and No. 2's not less than 6 inches in face. For further particulars apply to J. W. GEPHART, Supt. of Construction, Bellefonte, Pa.

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Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. JACKSON & Co. The following are the quotations for 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	25
Corn, shelled, per bushel	50
Oats—new, per bushel	35
Barley, per bushel	40
Ground plaster, per ton	9 50
Buckwheat, per bushel	75
Cloverseed, per bushel	30 to 35 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

Potatoes per bushel	75
Eggs, per dozen	12 1/2
Lard, per pound	12
Country larders	12
Sides	12
Hams	14
Tallow, per pound	4
Butter, per pound	20

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