Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., June 30, 1893.

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

——Monday's rains seriously retarded hay makers in the county.

——There remains only sixteen days more of the trout fishing season.

——The continued wet weather is having a bad effect on hay making.

——Sixty-five names are on the roll of the Bellefonte Temperance club.

——For thirty years Major J. B. Fisher has been post master of Penn Hall.

——The third number of the *Magnet* is out all right. The paper is improving with each successive issue.

——Rain prevented the picnic which the pupils of the High school intended holding at the Park on Tuesday.

——Lawrence Bathurst, of Roland, celebrated his 63rd birthday on last Thursday evening by a big party.

——What has become of the new board of trade that was organized with such a blare of trumpets but a few short weeks ago?

——Senator S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven, will be the Fourth of July orator at Centre Hall. He will be a good drawing card.

——The commencement of the Lock Haven Normal school took place on Wednesday. The school has closed a prosperous year.

——The new Lutheran church, at the corner of Allegheny and Linn streets, is nearing completion. It will be dedicated soon.

——The Bellefonte Amateur Operatic Minstrel company will appear in Tyrone on next Thursday night and in Clearfield on Friday night.

——Miss Annie Switzer, of Philipsburg, who is well known here, will be married to Francis Asbury Curtis, of Orlando Fla., on July 12th.

——Mrs. Margaret Hutchinson, aged 58 years, 6 months and 8 days, a former resident of this county, died at her home in Lawrence, Kansas on June 20th.

——Jacksonville, this county, is excited because Tyrone operators have purchased a large strip of limestone land in that vicinity and propose erecting big kilns thereon.

——The entertainment given by the Parochial schools, in Garman's opera house, on last Thursday evening was a decided success and reflected great credit on the children and their instructors.

——William H. Gingery, of Woodland, who has relatives living in the upper end of this county, died from Typhoid fever on last Friday night. The young man had been ill three weeks.

——Those who are interested in the organization of a Centre county bible society will meet in the Court House, in this place, on Tuesday evening, July 11th, for the purpose of organizing the society.

——St. John's Episcopal church was crowded morning and evening at the last Sunday services. The new rector, Rev. Robert Erskine Wright, and the new organ were the attractions. Both were good ones.

——In the little town of Rebersburg, in Miles township, there are thirty-nine people who are seventy years of age or over. A remarkable longevity for a town the population of which does not exceed four hundred.

——At a special meeting of the council on Monday evening bids were received for extending the water mains out High street. Schadd Bros. and the Bellefonte Supply House both bid $620 and the matter was laid on the table for a week.

——Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Gertrude Spiglemyer, of North Penn street, to John E. D. Huffman, of Williamsport. The ceremony will be solemnized in the Presbyterian church, in this place, on Wednesday evening, July 12th.

——For some time past certain parties have been fishing Logan's Branch at night with nets and this article is just a warning that is about time to stop such illegal practice. They are known and the stream is now being watched every night for a repetition of the offence when a wholesale arrest will be made.

——The Edison Electric Illuminating company of this place propose making another enlargement of its plant. A large brick boiler room will be built into which a new one hundred horse power boiler will be put. Two new incandescent dynamos will be added to the equipment of the station.

——Ground was broken on Monday morning for the new Catholic parsonage. It will be on Bishop street, adjoining the church property, and will be built of stone. The plans make it a very handsome structure that will be an ornament to that end of town. The sisters will occupy the old house on the opposite side of the church.

**TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US.—The editor of the Dushore Weekly *Review* recently visited this place and airs his impressions as follows: We took our excursion all alone, instead of following the vulgar crowd of journalists to the appointed rendezvous. Leaving Dushore Monday morning, June 12, we drove to Nordmont and took the 8:15 train for Williamsport. Williamsport is the place where everybody waits for the train. A railroad map of the locality represents a cart wheel with a liberal number of spokes, and Williamsport in the plum centre, but there is not a train on all these railroads that runs through the city without stopping an hour or two, and if you change to another road four hours is the shortest time until the the train goes, and you are lucky if you don't have to stay all night. It must take a good deal of genius to arrange all of those time tables so that out of twenty or thirty trains daily there is an interval of four hours between the arrival of any one and the departure of another. We waited the usual four hours and took a train on the P. & E. road for Bellefonte, where we arrived about supper time. For some reason to us unknown all trains approach Bellefonte rear end foremost, and most of them leave in the same manner. We had always heard about the "State College at Bellefonte" and intended to get supper and, after lighting a cigar, stroll over to the college, shake hands with the professors, and settle down to enjoy the commencement exercises, which we had come all this way to see. We got the cigar lighted after suppar and casually enquired the way to the college, when we were told that it was just a little matter of twenty miles away, that a special train left at seven and returned along about midnight, after the oratorical contest was over. It was already past seven and we decided not to walk, but explored the town instead. The famous spring, of course, attracted our attention. This spring is an oval pool of clear, sparkling water, situated almost in the centre of town, which runs 14,000 gallons a minute, drives its own pumps and raises the water to a reservoir on top of a hill, from whence it is carried to almost every dwelling, store and factory in town. The pool is about 40 feet long by 30 wide, and 10 feet deep, and in its sparkling depths sport hundreds of speckled trout about the size of an ordinary cod fish. The stream that runs away is nearly as large as the Big Sock, never varies in size in freshet or drought, and on the Main street bridge stood patient fishermen casting their lines into the singing, bubbling waters. The trout, however, don't bite for amateurs, although an expert can always hook a nice mess. We saw an old Italian glass blower catch nine, the longest about 14 inches. It is said that the first day or two of the season any one can catch a a nice mess, but later on the fish get shy and are altogether "to fly" for the fisherman of ordinary talents.

Tuesday morning we called on one of the well known editors of the state, Hon. P. Gray Meek, the veteran editor of the WATCHMAN, over whose head the snows of half a century have sifted and left a silvery whiteness, but whose heart still beats with almost the vigor of youth. Mr. Meek is an awfully bad Democrat, and when he was a boy, in the early days of war, used to be in the provost marshal's clutches fully half the time. He has been incarcerated in the military prison at Harrisburg and released without trial or an explanation as to what he was locked up for, dragged before the U. S. Court at Pittsburg numerous times and dismissed without a hearing. Once he criticised a drunken recruiting officer and was arrested and charged with high treason, but the case was never tried and he has since sat in both branches of the Pennsylvania legislature and been chief clerk of the House of Representatives, besides being State chairman of the Democratic committee and president of the Pennsylvania Editorial Association. He didn't tell us all this. He's too modest, and talked so entertainingly of other things that we got no chance to ask him questions about himself, but we found out, all the same. When the train went to the College we went along, and found a most beautiful spot, but we have no room to describe beauties of landscape. We had been invited to the alumni dinner, and were listening for the horn to blow. About one o'clock a numerous company gathered in the Armory and sat down to a most elegant dinner. There was turkey, and ice cream and preserves, and other things editors don't get very often, and we made the most of our opportunity. After the cloth was removed came delicious music from the orchestra and before the clapping had died away ex-Governor Beaver pounded with his fork handle and called for order, and proceeded to make one of his characteristic after dinner speeches, ending by introducing Charles Emory Smith, ex-Minister to Russia, and editor of the Philadelphia *Press*. After his neat little speech came representatives of the different classes, from 1868 down to 1893. From the banquet we went to the meeting of delegates (we were one of them) and helped re-elect four retiring members of the board of trustees of the college. That night we came back to Williamsport, waited over night for a train, went up the Fall Brook railroad to Blackwells, in the south western corner of Tioga county, staged across the mountains to Morris, waited for a train, and went to Blossburg, where we visited relatives until Thursday afternoon, and came home via Elmira, reaching here Friday noon. The next time we visit Bellefonte will be the day fishing season opens, and we'll have a hook and line and a baking powder can full of angleworms in our grip sack.

——E. L. Miller, of Mahaffey, Clearfield Co., dropped dead just after he had cast his vote at the primaries, recently held out there.

——The old iron works property at Mill Hall has been purchased by the Central rail-road of Pennsylvania through which its tracks will run.

——Irvin Martin, a Lock Haven grocer, was arrested on Saturday night charged with an attempted outrage on a sixteen year old colored girl who went into his store to purchase coal-oil.

——The marriage of Joseph E. McKelvey, of Altoona, and Edith L. Jones, of Port Matilda, on Wednesday evening, June 21st, was one of the most notable society events in the history of Port Matilda.

——The fourth annual tournament of the Pennsylvania Band Association will be held in Du Boise, on June 18th, 1894. The Excelsior band of Du Boise carried off the first prize at the tournament last week at Emporium.

——The Lock Haven colored base ball team came up to this place on Wednesday and were "done up" by the "Black Diamonds" by the score of 32 to 14. It is said that for grotesque situations this game surpassed anything ever given here.

——Mrs. Mary Hunter, widow of the late Hon. Benjamin Hunter, is lying dangerously ill at her home in Buffalo Run. She had been in a precarious condition for some time and while sitting at the supper table on Monday evening was stricken with epilepsy. We are pleased to say that she is a trifle better.

IMPROVEMENTS AT LAST.—Work was begun on the Court House yard on Monday morning with a view to getting it in a more sightly condition than it has been for several years past. Trenches are now being dug at either side of the main walk in which water pipes will be laid to fountains which are to be placed in the centre of each side grass plot. Around the edge of the whole yard will run a three inch brown sand stone curb on which a single rail iron fence will be fastened. A perfect grade will be made in the yard and sod will be laid.

A GAZETTE WHOPPER.—We have heard some pretty gay yarns this spring about fish and snakes, but the following paragraph from the Daily *Gazette* of Tuesday takes the bun.

Monday John Curtin, Perry Steel and James H. Rankin, Esq., met together and began talking over the days that have passed and gone. One of the past times used to be running, jumping and wrestling. The race ground was from the United Brethren church on the corner of High and Thomas streets to the Steel house on South Thomas street. The combined ages of these gentlemen is 311 years, which makes an average of over 113 years. All these gentlemen are still moving around and apparently are in good health. It is not long since that uncle John stopped going to the shows in the opera house.

The idea of three men whose ages average 113 years running around on our streets. The *Gazette's* intent to lie is extremely evident, and ridiculously bungling. Not content with trying to humbug its readers into believing that we have three men whose ages aggregate 311 years it makes the lie bigger by crooked figuring so as to bring the average age out 113 years. Explain Mr. "keen and ubiquitous reporter." He has explained since above was written.

DON'T DESTROY THE TREES.—The WATCHMAN wishes to enter its protest now against, what is said to be, the intent of the Commissioners, to destroy a number of beautiful Maple trees in the Court House yard, under the belief that the sod they propose putting down will do no good with the shade as dense as it now is. Whether this belief is well founded a little time will tell, by leaving the trees as they now are. It has taken many, many years to grow them—they are none too thick if a good sward can be grown under them, and it will be a very easy matter, after experience has shown it to be a necessity, to remove a few of them.

We are strongly of the impression, that a mistake is being made in putting a light curb and iron rod around the yard in place of heavy coping of stone. The latter would, it is true, cost more but it would be so much more substantial and add so much to the appearance of the yard, that the additional cost would be money well spent. We appeal to the Commissioners not to make the additional mistake of destroying the trees, that they cannot restore, until they know it is an actual necessity to do so.

MRS. SAMUEL T. GRAY.—Died at her home at Graysdale, in Buffalo Run, on Sunday morning last, of inflamation of the bowels, superinduced by a stroke of paralysis which she had about seven weeks ago. While her death was most unexpected she had been seriously ill for weeks and indeed had never recovered from the shock of her daughter, Minnie's, death last September.

Mrs. Harriette Hutchison Gray's early girlhood was spent in Warriors Mark where she was born; but with her marriage she came to our county to live and for forty-one years had resided with her husband in the home in which she died. She was a woman of more than usual ability. With much energy, a good constitution and pleasing person, she was well fitted to be a leader in any community; but it is in her home, a home that has always abounded in kindly hospitality even during much sickness and sorrow, that she will be missed the most.

She was laid to rest, Monday evening, in Gray's burial ground and the large number of relatives and friends who were present at the services attested to the fact that she was universally beloved and respected. She was an earnest christian and her memory is a precious legacy to her friends; but above all to her stricken husband, two daughters Annie and Nora, and her son Will E., of this place, who are all that are left of a large family of children.

THE LE MELLIEURS DEFEATED AFTER A HARD GAME.—At an early hour on Tuesday a hack load of young gentlemen arrived in this place and registered at the Garman house. They were ball players and came here to represent the *Le Mellieur* club, a social organization of Philipsburg, on the ball field.

The steady down pour of rain all the morning made the prospects of a game very poor, but by noon the clouds broke and at 2 o'clock a fair crowd boarded the train for the Park.

The game was interesting throughout, and the hundred spectators who shivered on the grand stand and bleachers saw some good plays to warm them up from time to time. Neither side scored until the eighth inning when Bellefonte, by some lively hitting, got two runs over the plate. The *Le Mellieurs* scored one in their half of the eighth. In the ninth the home team was blanked and when the visitors came in for the last go at the bat, the first man up banged out a two bagger and stole third. Enthusiasm ran high when there was a possibility of tying the score but the Philipsburg batsmen were not equal to the occasion striking out in one, two three order, leaving the score two to one in favor of the picked nine of Bellefonte.

The young men from Philipsburg were a gentlemanly crowd and left a very favorable impression by their courteous conduct on the ball field.

CENTRE HALL WILL HAVE THE BIG TIME.—Since our last week's issue in which we announced that Centre Hall would celebrate the Fourth in regular old time style many of the plans which were forming have been completed and the citizens committee having the programme in charge has announced the result of its work.

Aside from the usual good time which one usually experiences in letting his patriotic spirits over flow on an occasion like this there will be hundreds of ways in which visitors can amuse themselves in the pretty little town which nestles at the foot of the Nittany mountain. A grand street parade, a base ball game, potato, foot and sack races, fantastics, bicycling, speeches by able men and an exhibition of a steam fire engine at work, which will be given by the Logan Steam Fire Engine Company of this place.

The picnic will be held in Wolfe's woods where good shade and water will be found, a stand has been erected in the woods and several bands will give concerts and fire works will be displayed at dark. Everything will be done to make the visitors have a good time. Let everyone turn out and help our friends over the mountain to have a rousing time.

DO IT MR. SHAUGHNESY.—Our streets should have a little attention just now and if properly looked after they would be materially improved. The underlying lime stone to be found everywhere on our streets do not have sufficient covering of soil. The consequence being that every rain washes great quantities of them loose and they are left to roll under the feet of horses and to jolt wagons. This could be almost entirely done away with if the street commissioner would occasionally go over the streets with a horse and cart and pick all the loose stones off. It would be a small job yet in results it would do much to beautify and improve the streets.

SECOND HEAVY REUNION.—The annual reunion of the second Penna. Vet. Heavy Artillery (112th P. V.) will be held at Watsontown, Pa., August 28th and 29, 1893. All survivors of the regiment are requested to attend. Send name and address for particulars to Lew. C. Fornot, Watsontown, Pa.

——5th Reg., N. G. P. will encamp near Altoona.

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

——If you want to know just what you are saying go to Faubles.

——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.

——Wopsononock, the resort near Altoona, is jumping into favor.

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——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 $2.50 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.

——Tyrone is organizing a strong team to hold up its end of the string in the River league.

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——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.

——Mrs. Elizabeth Burley, aged 93 years and 8 months, Tyrone's oldest resident, died on Tuesday.

HENSEL CAN NOT BE THERE.—It is but just to the people of Penna Valley to correct the statement that Attorney General Hensel will address them at Centre Hall on the Fourth of July. Unfortunately he was placed upon the bills, as the speaker upon that occasion, without consultation, and when the invitation was sent him, it was found that he had arranged to be in Chicago on that date. This explanation is made both in fairness to the people of Penna Valley and to the Attorney General, that there may be neither complaints nor disappointments at a time when every one expects to be enjoying themselves to the utmost extent. Other good speakers will be on hand, everybody will have a good time, and Mr. Hensel will be glad to address the people of that valley on some future occasion.

News Purely Personal.

—W. P. Witt, of Julian, spent a few hours in town on Wednesday.

—Miss Mamie Sourbeck is home for a vacation from her studies in Philadelphia.

—Miss Mary Hafer and her little sister Alfa are visiting friends in Rebersburg.

—Mr. George N. Brandon, of Spangler, presided at the organ in St. John's Episcopal church on Sunday.

—Linn McKinley and Ed. Eckenroth are taking a vacation and seeing the deep blue sea at Atlantic City.

—Contractor W. V. Hughes of Pittsburg, a former resident of this place, was in town on business on Monday.

—L. H. Wian and wife, of Spring township spent a few days in Lock Haven during the fore part of the week.

—Wilbur F. Reeder Esq. Mrs. Reeder and son Wallace left for a two weeks visit to Chicago on Tuesday morning.

—Misses Lizzy Chamberlain, Mary Farrell and Lizzie Farrell, of Tyrone, spent Sunday with friends in this place.

—On Monday evening Henry Williams and Robert Durst left for Philipsburg where they will be employed as painters on the school building.

—W. F. Stover, of Pittsburg, who had been spending a few days at his old home in Rebersburg, tarried in town between trains on Wednesday evening.

—During a vacation which Dr. Hafer will take at Mountain Lake Park, Dr. Hess, a young dentist from the Philadelphia College, will take care of his practice.

—Misses Carrie and Sadie Savard, of north Spring street, are in Canton, Ohio, attending the wedding of their cousin, Miss Mattie Cox, tidy, who is well known here.

—Mrs. E. R. Chambers is just home from Chester county, where she went to attend the funeral of her uncle William Pennypacker the millionaire barrel maker.

—J. T. Potter, one of Harris township's substantial farmers, was pitched into the Watchman sanctum on Wednesday afternoon by our energetic merchant friend, Moses Lyon.

—William Tobias, of Milesburg, came up to town on Wednesday morning. He is the newly appointed post master of the Penna Valley metropolis and bears his honors well.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valentine, of Bradford, arrived in Bellefonte on Tuesday morning and were the guests of Miss Nett on Curtin street. They were on their wedding tour.

—Edward A. Uffington Valentine, of Atlantic City, whose verses give promise of bringing him prominently before the literary world and whose recent production published in Harpers Magazine excited no little comment, is visiting relatives in town.

—W. R. Kellan, J. C. Henderson, T. E. Mayes and T. S. Johnston, Lewistown wheelmen, arrived at the Bush House on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock after a pleasant ride over the mountains. Rain kept them here until Monday morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woodward and son of Omaha Neb., who have been visiting relatives in Williamsport this week, are expected in Bellefonte to-day where Mrs. Woodward, née Nellie Larimer, and Joseph Larimer Woodward will spend the rest of the summer with Mrs. W. T. Speer.

—E. C. McEntire, Esq., and wife, nee Miss Frances Tipton, who reside in Carthage Missouri both formerly of this county, are at present visiting their parents and friends throughout the county. Mr. McEntire is a lawyer by profession and is enjoying an extensive practice in Missouri.

THERE WILL BE AN ACCIDENT SOME OF THESE DAYS AND IT WILL STOP.—The practice of the passenger trains on the Bald Eagle valley rail-road of running into this place backwards or, when they come in engine first, of backing down to Milesburg to save turning the engine will result in a serious accident some of these days and then the company, after it is too late, will stop the dangerous practice.

This thing of backing in or out, according as the train is on its way to Tyrone or Lock Haven, was commenced last winter when the steam heat couplings were hard to make and trains began doing it to save the trouble of breaking the steam connections with the engine. The practice became general all through the winter and has been kept up at regular intervals since.

The rail-road authorities would do well to look after this matter for it is extremely dangerous to passengers to travel on trains that are daily pushed two and one-half miles at a high rate of speed. Especially over a road with as sharp curves in it as that between this place and Milesburg.

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SOMETHING WRONG SOMEWHERE.—The Huntingdon *Globe* says that Judge Furst, who is an expert trout fisherman, especially with the fly, was out in the mountain streams of Centre county a short time ago with a friend, and together they caught just 100 fish. The judge caught one more than his companion. How many did the judge catch? A friend at our elbow says he will give a $10 bill to any person who can evolve a system of mathematics that will make Judge Furst's string contain just one more fish in a catch of 100 trout by two persons. Judge Furst's reputation for truth and veracity is strictly first-class, but when it comes to fishing and he tells of his achievements in that direction, he leaves his little George Washington hatchet at home and tells his yarns, just as every other fisherman has done from the creation of the world down to this very season.

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DON'T MAKE A FALSE PEDIGREE.—By the now law in this State anyone who publishes a false pedigree of an animal kept for stock purposes or offered for sale is liable to a fine not exceeding $1,000, and imprisonment in the county jail not less than one month and not exceeding one year.

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Old wheat, per bushel	65
Rye, per bushel	60
Corn, ears, per bushel	35
Corn, shelled, per bushel	30
Oats—new, per bushel	35
Barley, per bushel	45
Ground Plaster, per ton	$ 0 00
Buckwheat per bushel	75
Cloverseed, per bushel	$9 00 to $9 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

Potatoes per bushel	75
Eggs, per dozen	12½
Lard, per pound	5
Country shoulders	5½
Sides	5½
Hams	12
Tallow, per pound	4
Butter, per pound	20

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