

**Democratic Watchman.**

Bellefonte, Pa., Aug. 18, 1893.

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

**THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY**

Bellefonte needs a village improvement society.

The chestnut crop will be a good one, if reports are true.

The Tyrone ball club plays Bellefonte at the Park to-day.

The Epworth League, of Bellefonte, picnicked at the Park yesterday.

We were pleased to see Col Keller on the streets on Wednesday afternoon.

Comparatively few bass are being caught in the Bald Eagle creek this season.

The Mill Hall axe works have resumed operations in all departments.

The death of Mrs. Agnes Crotzer occurred in Boalsburg on last Friday morning.

All the tents at the Pine camp meeting ground have been taken for next year.

The first consignment of rails for the new railroad were received, on Tuesday, and are now being laid.

Workmen are now grading the new rail-road through Arner's gap and along the old tow path below town.

Wednesday was pay-day on the Central rail-road of Pennsylvania. \$17,000 in wages were paid the men.

The beauty of the memorial windows in the new Lutheran church in this place are attracting much attention.

What has become of the out-of-door concerts we had reason to believe that Prof. Meyer's orchestra would give us this summer?

Don't forget to get registered. If the assessor forgot you look him up so you don't lose your vote this fall. It will be important that all Democrats vote.

The Sunday schools of the Half moon circuit will picnic at the Park next Tuesday. All the Methodist youngsters from Gatsburg to Fillmore will be there.

The marriage of Miss Grace Moore, of State College, to Mr. George Mock, of Philipsburg, will be solemnized in the Presbyterian church, at Lemont, on Tuesday afternoon, August 24th.

As Hunter's park is a resort kept up entirely for the benefit of the Bellefonte Central railroad any persons who drive there will be charged just as much admission as they would have had to pay fare on the train.

Edward Eckenroth, a son of Mr. Charles Eckenroth, of this place was married to Carrie Austin, of Milesburg, on Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents.

One last night last week was the first in the history of the Bald Eagle rail-road that a coal train did not run into Lock Haven over that road. The general dullness in the bituminous coal trade has made business very slack.

Mesh Graham, whose barber shop is in the basement of the old Conrad house, is the oldest barber in town, being in his 69th year. He has worked at his trade in Bellefonte for forty-five years and is one of our most industrious citizens.

Co. B, 5th Reg., N. G. P., came from the summer camp with the Guards on Saturday evening. The boys looked as though they had had a good time "sojering". By their bronzed faces one could readily see that there was not much shade to be found at camp Potts.

The "R. H. B." a social organization made up of thirteen young Republicans in this place, the organization of which dates back to the boyhood days of the members, held a re-union at the residence of Gen. James A. Beaver, on last Saturday night. Nine of the members were present.

The old fire whistle has been put back on the electric light station. It was found that the other one would not answer the purpose and that dismal old fog horn is again ready to call people to fires in Bellefonte. The workmen tested it on Saturday morning and scarce had the first "toot" sounded ere the small boy was running in every direction shouting "fire" at the top of his lungs.

The closing down of the Valentine Iron Co's mine banks effects 350 men. The mines will not be worked until all the ore in stock now is used up, then if the iron market improves the banks will resume again and the furnace will continue in blast, but if the price of iron does not go up the fires in the furnace will be banked and the mines alone will be worked, thus giving employment to half of the men all the time.

**ELECTIONEERING AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS COMPANY.**

We have it, from what we consider a most reliable source, that in closing down the ore banks belonging to the Valentine Iron company on Saturday last, Mr. Harry Valentine, who has charge of that department of the company's works, took particular pains to try to impress the workmen with the belief that the reason for the stoppage was the fear of a reduction of the tariff by a Democratic congress.

We have no complaint to make because Mr. Valentine is a bigoted dyed-in-the-wool protectionist. He has a right to his beliefs just as every other citizen, and has likewise a right to air them when and where he thinks proper, but we submit that it is neither the sensible nor creditable thing to do, for the poor purpose of making political capital, to attempt to discredit the property of the company that employs him, by leaving the impression that it is worth nothing except as the government taxes others for its protection.

Mr. Valentine knows as well as he knows where the Nigh bank is located, that fear of a reduction of the tariff, or that Democratic success last fall, has nothing to do with closing down the banks of their company. He knows that the trouble with the iron industry is an over-production that has gorged every iron market in the country to the extent that the supply exceeds the demand, and that this over-production is the direct result of the fictitious stimulus given this industry by an excessive Republican protective tariff.

In addition to these facts he knows, that with any reasonable demand for iron within the country, that both the Valentine Iron Co., and the Bellefonte Furnace Company could manufacture and sell iron, at a profit, if there was not a cent of tariff upon it; that the location, facilities and surroundings, being such, that there are no furnaces in this country, or for that matter in Europe, that can turn out the quality of iron they produce at a less cost than they do.

It is this fact that adds so much to the value of both these plants, and it is a surprise to us that any one connected with them or interested in their success should be little their facilities for the cheap production of iron, and detract from their value because of these facilities, by asserting that they can only be run at a profit when the public is fleeced by tariff laws to protect them.

If Mr. Valentine desires to make capital against the Democratic party, he should do it in some other way than by casting suspicion upon the value of the property of the company that employs him.

**OUR BUILDING THIS SUMMER.**—According to an estimate made recently from observation of the building being done in Bellefonte there are over \$45,000 worth of work and material in residence and other like buildings that are just about completed. Quite a fair showing for such a dull season.

The structures are the following: On Bishop street the new Catholic parsonage will cost \$5,000. It will be of brick and stone; the dwelling houses of Christ Swartz and Frank Deitrick will cost \$1,800 and \$1,500 respectively. H. Y. Stitzer's double tenement house, on east High street, will be of brick and will cost \$3,500. John C. Miller is building for himself a \$4,000 home on east Linn street, while W. Fred Reynolds is building a brown stone stable and coachman's house on his property that will cost \$6,000. Jim Barnhart's nest for his bride, on north Thomas street, is a cosy little frame structure that cost him \$2,000. Barber William Storm's queen Anne home, on Spring street, will be a beauty for \$4,000. The improvements to Jas. Harris & Co's hardware building have been extensive and will cost at least \$4,500. The Electric Light Company is making improvements to the extent of \$4,500 and A. V. Smith is doing a little building on his Thomas street lot which will cost him several hundred dollars.

Allowing about \$5,000 for minor improvements, of which we usually hear nothing it will be seen that notwithstanding all the cries of dull times Bellefonte has been pretty steadily at work during the season.

**A DASTARDLY ATTACK.**—On Tuesday evening, about eight o'clock, Charles Shearer, a blacksmith whose shop is located near the Phoenix flour mill, was on his way home with both arms full of purchases he had made for his family. He turned into High street off, Allegheny, and had just reached the entrance to the Brokerhoff house bar room when, without the slightest provocation or a word of warning, Sammy Meese, an iron worker by trade, who has been employed on the new rail-road, struck him just over the right eye with such force as to knock him clear off his feet and cut an ugly gash in his forehead.

Meese was arrested and taken to the lock-up where he remained until Wednesday morning, when he was taken to jail to await trial for assault and battery. Earlier in the evening he had been trying to raise a fuss with his boss down about the High street bridge.

**Tyrone vs Bellefonte at the Park to-day.**

The Democratic primaries in Clinton county will be held to-morrow Saturday.

The Tyrone ball club lost a ten inning game at Renovo, on Tuesday, by the score of 5 to 4.

Budd Hoover the ten year old son of Mr. J. C. Hoover, of Julian, died at his home in that place on last Friday.

Tuesday, September 19th, has been set as the day for the meeting of the Democratic State convention in Harrisburg.

What is the use in trying to boom Bellefonte when weeds and grass are allowed to grow on all the streets. Such evidence of slothfulness is convincing of a poky place.

The Belvernon broom works, in Tyrone, have resumed. The money stringency forced a suspension not long since, but its management has gotten in shape again.

The two Tyrone boys who started to shove a wheel barrow and a keg of beer to the World's Fair got as far as Johnstown and deserting their barrow and keg returned home. We suppose that is all the farther the beer lasted.

When the Clearfield toy factory gets in operation it will be given an order (?) to supply enough jumping-jacks to amuse all those fellows out there who won't know what to do with themselves when Judge Krebs is re-elected to the bench.

For a mosquito bite, or any sting of insect or small eruption, there is nothing better than the old-fashioned remedy of mothers, soda mixed with vinegar until it foams well. This panacea has the further merit of being almost always at hand for instant application.

Mrs. A. S. Biekford, of Lock Haven, attended the picnic at the Park which the Lutherans of that place had last Thursday, and some time during the day lost her gold watch. It was found in a Bellefonte Central coach and returned to her.

The appraisers, who were selected to appraise the damage done by the recent fire in Daniel Irvin & Son's hardware store, made a return which is ridiculous in the extreme, and we rather think that were the appraisers in the position that the hardware firm finds itself they would kick like fine fellows.

Stuart Johnson, colored, and Chas. Heslin, white, two prisoners awaiting trial at Lock Haven, the former for slaying C. M. Wetzel, of Milesburg, with a razor; the latter for assaulting a woman, broke jail on Monday morning and were at large for two days. They were caught in Corning, N. Y., on Tuesday.

The dedication of the new Lutheran church in this place will be made on Sunday, September 3rd. Rev. E. J. Wolf, D. D., professor of Church History in the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, will preach the morning sermon and Rev. H. W. McKnight, D. D., L. L. D., president of the Pennsylvania, College, at Gettysburg, will deliver the evening sermon.

The people of Millheim can't decide upon whom they want to be their postmaster. They put it to a special election, on last Saturday, which resulted in the choice of the druggist, Captain Eisenbuth, but the people are still dissatisfied, as some of the candidates would not allow their friends to vote for them, and there is no telling what the outcome of it will be. Ex-County Recorder, W. A. Tobias, was appointed by the Department, but resigned before his commission was issued.

After a lingering illness of a number of weeks, suffering with a disease, the exact nature of which baffled the skill of the physicians Jane C., wife of James Darr, the auctioneer and city bill poster, died at her home, in Spring township, at an early hour Sunday morning, leaving a devoted husband and five children to mourn their irreparable loss. Deceased was poisoned while picking berries on the mountain near her home some time ago, and it is thought that that was the real cause of death. Funeral services were held in St. John's Catholic church on Tuesday morning.

On Monday evening the employees of the Bellefonte Central rail-road got themselves together and inveigled their old Superintendent, Thomas A. Shoemaker, to enter Rowe's furniture store, where they had a beautiful present waiting for him. Hon John G. Love, solicitor for the road, was there and in a neat little speech, expressing the appreciation of the rail roaders for their former superintendent, he presented him with a full leather upholstered, walnut library chair, which he hoped would be a lasting testimonial of the regard in which Mr. Shoemaker is held by the men.

**SHORT CROPS OF CORN AND POTATOES.**—The farmers of this county will need very little information to convince them that there will be short crops of potatoes and corn this fall. The recent dry spell has seriously affected the corn, and potatoes will be small because the stalks died before the tubers had grown to full size.

Secretary Edge, of the State Board of Agriculture, has prepared the following crop report: The crops of corn and late potatoes are sufficiently advanced to show conclusively that the recent drought will greatly reduce their yieldings. As a natural consequence corn for future delivery will advance in price and the price of potatoes must necessarily go higher. The same cause has decreased the yield and size of apples and peaches, but will increase their flavor and quality. The crop of blackberries was practically cut down 75 per cent, and the few that were picked were inferior in quality and size. In many places the grape crop has been very much decreased, but the unusual number of bunches set on the vines may, with good weather, make up for the deficiency.

In Southeastern Pennsylvania dairymen have been compelled to feed hay and grain to their cows to make up for the great decrease in the amount of pasture. Many of them have contracts calling for a definite number of quarts of milk per day, and the supply must be kept up either by purchase or by increased feed. The general feeling among stockmen is that feed and provender of all kinds must necessarily advance as winter approaches, and that hay especially will command better prices before spring.

**AN OCTOGENARIAN IN TOWN.**—A remarkable old gentleman leaned over the sill of our window on last Saturday afternoon, and his cheery disposition forced us to lay down our pen for a few moments' chat with him. It was the venerable William Reed, of Buffalo Run, whom nine-tenths of the people who meet would suppose to have not yet reached his seventieth year, when in truth he has already passed the eighty-second mile stone of his life. He does not look a day older than he did a decade since and the same pleasant demeanor that inspired our respect in younger days now demands more than the usual honor to old age.

Mr. Reed moved into the Buffalo Run valley when this century was quite young in history and for more than fifty years has been one of its most reputable husbandmen. He has seen many of the best families grow and prosper, and to-day delights in reminiscences of how many of us got started in life.

Perhaps the most peculiar incident in Mr. Reed's own history is the fact that notwithstanding he has always been a staunch Republican, his four sons are one of Democrats of the most Jacksonian stripe. Though so far advanced in years this genial old man still does considerable work about the farm and during the rush in the last hay-making season took a hand in the field along with the rest of the boys.

**A NOTED CITIZEN OF HARRIS TOWNSHIP DEAD.**—The death of William McFarlane, of Harris township, this county, which occurred at his country home, near Boalsburg, on last Saturday morning at half past three o'clock, removes from this section of the State one of the best known citizens and agriculturists. For some time previous to his death he had been indisposed, but not until two weeks ago was he compelled to take his bed. Even then nothing serious was thought of and his death, following so soon, was a great shock to the host of friends who now mourn with the bereaved family.

Deceased was born at Slab Cabin, near his late home, about seventy years ago, and when quite a young man was married to Miss Margaret Kyle, of Millin county. Three children blessed this union, J. Kyle, of this place, Frank and Janet, who live at home. Mrs. McFarlane died about twenty eight years ago, her husband having lived to be honored by all who knew him. He owned considerable farming land in this county and was heir to the McFarlane hardware store, in this place, which his brother the late Col. Robert McFarlane left. In church life he was a working Presbyterian and to his zealous efforts the church at Boalsburg largely owes its present cozy home. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, interment being made at slab cabin grave yard.

From the Shamokin Herald, of June 25th, which has been considerably delayed in reaching this office, we learn of the death of Mrs. Clara Meacham Ward, wife of Dr. J. H. Ward, formerly of Pine Grove, which occurred at Trearton, on the 24 of June, of Consumption. Mr. Ward visited in this place, at the residence of Dr. J. E. Ward, last summer, and was favorably known to many of our readers. She was 31 years of age and leaves a husband and one child to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and indulgent mother.

The Blair county granger's picnic was held at Roaring Springs, on last Wednesday.

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

The Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad reports a better business than ever before in its history.

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

Property owners should be compelled to keep the weeds and grass down in front of their possessions.

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

The Tyrone and Renovo ball clubs played a benefit game at the latter place, on Tuesday, for two of the Renovo players who have been ill with the fever.

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

J. P. Gephart Esq., is reported to be lying seriously ill at the home of his wife's parents in Logansville, Clinton county. He went down there several weeks ago.

Engineers are at work surveying on the line of the Bellefonte Central railroad, between here and State College, with a view to taking out a number of the curves on the road and straightening it up generally. It is the desire of the officials to make a first class road bed over which fast time can be made.

The Court House yard is at last in a presentable condition and citizens of the county are no longer disgusted and ashamed to recognize the place as the seat of county government. The sodding was completed on Tuesday and the contractor, Mr. Frank Westcott, has reason to feel proud of his job. The grass looks beautiful. It is well laid and has good strong life.

**News Purely Personal.**

Dr. and Mrs. Tobin, of Stormstown, are in Chicago seeing the World's Fair.

Berenice Moore, of Howard street, is the guest of Miss Bertha Lightner in Tyrone.

The next Treasurer, John Q. Miles, of Julian, was in town between trains on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. A. W. Hafer will start for the Fair, on Monday morning. He intends attending the World's Dental Congress.

Miss Minnie Coats, of Tyrone, passed through this place on Monday for Centre Hall, where she is visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Thompson and family, of Lemont, left last Monday morning for the great Fair at Chicago.

Wilbur F. Harris, of Washington, D. C., is home on a visit to his many friends here. He has just returned from the Fair.

Mrs. Jack McClellan, of Blairsville, Indiana county, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wagner, and sisters in this place.

Mr. A. W. Bartley, and family of Lock Haven, are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bartley, of this place.

Arthur Goheen, of Tyrone, is on a bicycle trip to Centre county friends. He will visit Spring Mills and other points in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rishel, of near Axe Mann, left for Chicago on Wednesday morning. They intended stopping at the Park Front.

Rev. J. C. Kelley, of Williamsburg, filled the Presbyterian pulpit on Sunday in the absence of Dr. Lauris, who is having a good time at Atlantic city.

Misses Laberta and Gertrude Erhard, of St. Mary's, are guests on Howard street at the residence of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan.

Miss Minta Wayne, of Du Boise, who has been visiting her friend Miss Annie Cleaver, on Howard street, left for her home on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Mary Powers formerly of this place, now of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her daughter Mrs. M. M. Conley. Her many friends were delighted to see her.

Misses Elizabeth Harris, of Lock Haven, and Mame Jackson, of Berwick, are guests at the home of Wilbur F. Reeder Esq. at the corner of Allegheny and Curtin streets.

On last Saturday Mr. George Wilson, of McAleary's Fort, in Huntingdon county, found his way to Bellefonte where his many friends were glad to see him. He is a good old Democrat.

Miss Sallie Baum, of east Bishop street departed for Evansville, Indiana, on Monday evening. She accompanied her aunt, Mrs. Anspach, and her cousin Nathan to their home for a visit.

Cap't. A. C. Mingle, the boot and shoe man, and Ad Fabrie, the junior operator of Faubles Allegheny street clothing emporium, left for the Fair on Saturday evening. They took the Chicago Limited at Altoona.

Among the callers this week in whom we had more than the usual interest was our friend Emanuel Noll, baggage master at the station in this place. He is one of those men who goes uncomplainingly in a contented and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brew, of Grantville Md., are in town visiting at the home of Mrs. Brew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jackson, on Linn street. Master Manrico Jackson had been visiting them and returned looking as brown as a berry.

Will H. Keller leaves his home in this place this morning for Lancaster, where he will begin the practice of law. Mr. Keller is the second son of Col. D. S. Keller, one of Centre county's well known attorneys. He is a graduate of the Bellefonte High school, of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, and of the Columbia Law School, at Washington, D. C., from all of which institutions he was graduated with honors. If the zealous work of conscientious and thoroughly capable young man is worth anything, we have no hesitancy in predicting a bright future for him at the Lancaster bar.

Read the WATCHMAN.

**PASSENGER WRECK ON THE BALD EAGLE.**

A slight wreck occurred on the Bald Eagle valley railroad, on last Saturday morning, which might have been disastrous. Day express left this place on time and had made the run to Snow Shoe Intersection without unusual incident. There the engine stopped for water leaving the passenger coaches extended back along the track, the rear coach a little past the point of intersection of the road to Snow Shoe and the Bald Eagle tracks. During the stop the pay train ran in from Snow Shoe at a fair speed and when the engineer went to stop his train the brakes worked all right but the wheels slid rapidly along the rails, the result being that the engine of the pay train crashed into the rear coach on the express dumping it over against the fence.

About sixty passengers were in the wrecked car and some of them were badly bruised, though none were seriously hurt. Mrs. N. E. Walker, of Jersey Shore, J. C. Breen, of Utica, N. Y. were both sufferers from a number of bumps. Mrs. Minnie Harper, of Linn street, this place, was in the accident.

**WORK ON THE BEECH CREEK INCREASING.**—Says the Jersey Shore Herald the train dispatching force will be doubled by the Beech Creek road in the near future. The office formerly occupied by the general freight agent is undergoing repairs and will soon be ready for occupancy. The dispatchers will be removed from the first to the second floor, which will be a decided improvement and greatly appreciated by them. Under the new arrangements there will be two divisions as far as train orders are concerned, one corps of dispatchers running the trains east of Munson and the other west. The rapidly increasing business of the company makes it impossible for the present force to handle the trains when they commence the fall movement of coal. It is expected the additional force will begin about Sept. 1.

**A PERFECT MUSICAL ORGANIZATION.**—Among the contracts that have been made with combinations for an early appearance at Garman's opera house, that of the Gilbert Opera Company has the most interest for the general public. This attraction, booked to appear in October, contains forty people and will give a specially elaborate production of Millooker's merry opera, the "Black Hussar." The company carries a special orchestra, scenery and rich costumes and every effort will be exerted to make the representation equal to the original McCall productions.

**Marriage.**

**CLARK-JACKSON.**—At the home of the bride's parents, in Buffalo Run, by Rev. J. F. Tallhelm, Mr. George R. Clark and Miss Alberta E. Jackson.

**Dead.**

**KERLIN.**—July 19th, 1893, at Rudd, Iowa, Mrs. Rebecca Kerlin, wife of Wm. A. Kerlin, formerly of Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa. The deceased reached the age of 55 years 11 months and one day.

Great cash sale of stiff hats brown, light brown, tan and black.

150 hats now	\$1.00
200 "	1.50
250-300 "	2.00

For Men and Boys  
**MONTGOMERY & Co.**

**The Standing of the Clubs.**

The standing of the River League clubs to date is as follows:

Club	wins	loss.	P. C.
Bellefonte	10	3	.769
Demarest	7	4	.636
Renovo	6	4	.600
Tyrone	3	7	.300
Bloomsburg	1	4	.200
Milton	0	5	.000

\*Game on August 2nd contested between Bellefonte and Williamsport. Game on August 15 contested between Tyrone and Renovo.

**Bellefonte Grain Market.**

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co. The following are the quotations when our paper goes to press:

Old wheat, per bushel	65
Rye, per bushel	55
Corn, ears, per bushel	50
Corn, shelled, per bushel	50
Barley, per bushel	35
Ground plaster, per ton	9.50
Buckwheat per bushel	75
Cloverseed, per bushel	\$9 30 to \$9 60

**Bellefonte Produce Markets.**

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

Potatoes per bushel	60
Eggs, per dozen	12 1/2
Lard, per pound	12
Country shoulders	12
Sides	12
Hams	14
Butter, per pound	4
Butter, per pound	18

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SPACE OCCUPIED.	3m	6m	1y
One inch (12 lines this type).....	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 11
Two inches.....	7	10	15
Three inches.....	10	15	20
Quarter Column (9 1/2 inches).....	12	20	30
Half Column (9 inches).....	20	35	55
One Column (18 inches).....	35	55	100

Advertisements in special column, 25 per cent additional.

Transient ads. per line, 3 insertions.....	20 cts
Each additional insertion, per line.....	5 cts
Local notices, per line.....	25 cts
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