

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., Sep. 22, 1893.

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

—John Ascheroff and family, of Phillipsburg, have become residents of Patton Cambria county.

—The Board of Trade is still showing signs of new life, and may reasonably hope to hear some very interesting news in the near future.

—Miss R. L. Irvine, of Centre Hall started, on Thursday last, for Yokohama Japan, where she will do mission work in connection with a girl's school.

—A series of meetings are being conducted in the Christian Church at Howard by Rev. Burgan, of Kammerer, Pa. They will be continued about two weeks.

—The Hilton meetings have been well attended this week. The religious meetings held every day and the temperance meetings held every night must result in good.

—The strike at Wigton & sons, mines near Phillipsburg, was declared off on Thursday of last week, and business has been going on there since, as if nothing had occurred.

—Now for the chestnuts. It is strange in the nutting season with our mountain so full of chestnut trees, that we hear of so few parties organized for a day's sport in this way.

—Since Bellefonte has been advertised as having a "spook," that followed people on the streets, Phillipsburg has been trying to make itself believe it has a haunted bakery.

—Mr. Geo. Stine of Union township, will have a public sale on the 30th, at which time he will offer two good horses, a cow, sheats and other property to the highest bidder. His residence is on Dick's Run.

—It is said that large deposits of valuable clay suitable for manufacture of terra-cotta-ware, Sewer pipes, brick etc., has been discovered at Washington Furnace near the line between this and Clinton county.

—To one who stands upon Half-moon hill and gazes upon the picturesque view that is visible from that point, the thought must surely occur to him of the beautiful site it would make for a large summer hotel.

—Bass fishing the past season has been better down Bald Eagle, than it has ever been known to be, or the fellows who have been trying to have been educated up to telling bigger lies about the splendid catches they make.

—Most Centre county people who expect to visit the fair, have been there and back. From this on the attendance from this section will be very small, compared with the many who have been going and returning all summer.

—"Alvin Joslyn" with Charles L. Davis in the cast comes to the opera house next Tuesday evening. The trained domestic animals and all the other scenes down on the farm go to make it an ideal play of country life.

—Among modern improvements the trolley system has become extremely popular. We shall not be surprised in the near future, if times brighten up around us, to see a trolley road running between Bellefonte and Milesburg. Let it come.

—Rumor has it that Mr. E. J. Swavely, well known hereabouts has purchased the interest of Mrs. Nolan in the big hotel at Snow Shoe, and will shortly become proprietor of that establishment. Mrs. Nolan, we understand purposes making an extended visit in the west.

—Despite the dull times, improvements cannot stop with us. The new brown stone stable erected by Fred Reynolds and the beautiful drive and lawn made where the Hayes house stood, have converted that part of Linn street into a very fine looking property. Farther up Linn street Mr. Miller's new house is assuming gradually an appearance of beauty.

—The Corner stone of the Marsh Creek Baptist Mission Church will be laid, with appropriate ceremonies, on Sunday October 1st at eleven o'clock a. m. Rev. S. F. Forges, Chaplain of the Huntingdon Reformatory, assisted by other ministers, will conduct the exercises. A cordial invitation is extended to christian people of all denominations to be present.

—The rains of last week were most welcome showers to the farmers. Many of them had been unable to complete their ploughing for fall seeding, in consequence of the drought. There is no such complaint now. In addition to enabling them to complete their seeding, that portion of the fall grain, that had already been planted, has been given a start that makes it look most promising and every body is thankful for the blessed showers.

UNJUST AND UNFAIR TO BELLEFONTE.

—The Gazette of Saturday last imagined it had discovered a "mare's nest," in an injunction asked for, by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, restraining the corporation now building the new road to Mill Hall from occupying or controlling the branch running from the Valentine Iron works to their banks down Nittany Valley. From its assertions, the public would be led to believe that the great object of the Pennsylvania Company was to prevent the completion of the new road, and that unless the public would rise up in open rebellion against a decision as to the ownership of this little branch, that all hope of a competing line of road would vanish, and all hope of Bellefonte's future prosperity go with it.

The fact is, that the injunction asked is not to prevent the building of the road from this place to Mill Hall, or to throw obstacles in the way of its early completion, but is simply, as we understand, to determine as to the rightful ownership of what is now known as the Nittany Valley railroad, and which, it is proposed shall be used as a branch of the new road.

The determination of this question, let it go as it may, will not prevent or delay work on the main line between this place and Mill Hall, nor will its decision, even if favorable to the Pennsylvania Company, prevent Bellefonte from securing a competing line.

That the Pennsylvania road has the right to prove title to any property it lays claim to, no one of sense will dispute, and considering the facts that for many years it has furnished the citizens of Bellefonte with facilities for travel equaling those furnished any other town in the state, and carried their freights at the same rates that were charged communities blessed with competing lines, it should at least be allowed to test its title to property claimed, without being subjected to the prejudices created by the false charge of attempting to prevent the completion of another line, or the more untruthful one that our citizens have been subject to extortionate freight charges for years.

The WATCHMAN is neither the defender of, nor apologist, for the Pennsylvania railroad, but it does not believe in letting the impression go forth, that this community either considers or believes that this great corporation has damaged the town, or robbed its citizens, as the Gazette charges it has done. Attempts to frighten proposed investors by making believe we are in danger of losing the benefit of a competing line, or to arouse prejudices and create differences and difficulties between interests that should work together, and must depend upon each other for success, is no way to benefit a locality or secure for our town that prosperity that every one of its citizens wish it.

The truth is, the baseless and senseless cry that Bellefonte interests have been crushed and discriminated against by the Pennsylvania railroad, has done more injury to the town than any one other thing. It has prevented, is calculated to prevent, and will prevent investments here. No man but a fool would locate in business industries in a town that was discriminated against, and robbed, as the Gazette alleges Bellefonte has been. Making these charges when they are not correct, is what is keeping investors from benefiting by the many natural advantages our place offers.

For years the Pennsylvania road has been subjected to these charges, although all the time our people were having their freights carried in and out, at the same rates either Clearfield, Phillipsburg, Lock Haven or Williamsport people, all having competing lines, were charged. We protest that this is no way to induce capital to come here, and we assure our uptown neighbor, that no matter what its personal grievance may be, the citizen and business industries of Bellefonte are not to be dragged into a foolish and suicidal fight with the Pennsylvania company, in consequence of a legal contest between it and other claimants as to the ownership of the four mile branch referred to.

Injunction or no injunction the new road will be built and Bellefonte will prosper.

KNOCK HIM DOWN.—One of our exchanges gives the following bit of advice which the WATCHMAN feels like passing along with a recommendation to carry it out: "When a man playfully points a pistol or gun at you, knock him down; don't stop to inquire whether it is loaded or not; knock him down. Don't be particular what you knock him down with, only see that he is thoroughly knocked down. If a coroner's inquest must be held, let it be on the other fellow—he won't be missed."

"If you have ten dollars to spend," said Barnum, "spend one for the article and the other nine in advertising. The old man knew a thing or two when it came to advertising. 'I can out talk anybody on earth but a printer.' The man who can stick type and talk next morning to thousands of people while I'm talking to one is the only man I'm afraid of. I want him for my friend."

—Next Tuesday night Charles L. Davis comes to the opera house with his own production of the "Alvin Joslyn."

—Clearfield has a white man, or a fellow who thinks he is one, who has taken out a licence to marry a negro, and an other chap who has the papers to marry his Aunt.

—Thos. Smart is in the Lock Haven jail charged with burning his father's barn and horses. By the time he gets through he will probably conclude that there is nothing smart about that kind of work.

—We admire a man of regular habits. They indicate a careful, thoughtful, citizen. His family knows when to look for him, and the dinner has never to wait until cold for him to be on hand. But men of regular habits get people into trouble sometimes, as well as others. The other night an east Bishop street resident happened to go home at eight o'clock. He had been so regular in his habits of staying out that his family is frightened about the matter and don't know what to make of it, and there is no telling either what trouble is going to grow out of his indiscretion.

—If there is such a body as a Law and Order Society in this town, no better service can be rendered the community than by making an example of a few of the men and boys, who stand on the bridge or up around the diamond in the evening, and use vulgar and profane language in the hearing of ladies and children passing by. The law imposes a fine for every oath uttered, and the offender can be arrested, taken before a magistrate, and a penalty imposed. A lady cannot walk by either of these places after dark without her ears being offended by profanity or worse. The suppression of this would be far more creditable than were the exertions recently made to suppress the sale of Sunday newspapers.

—The annual early fall foot-ball excitement is upon us again as the "rushers, the tacklers and punters" are once more in the land. It is surprising to notice how the foot-ball elevens are multiplying each year all over the country. Rough as it is, its exciting fascination has been increasing its popularity each year so that to-day "tis foot-ball and foot-ball alone that can attract a crowd of thirty-thousand spectators. When we think of the severe and careful training that young men must pass through to represent their colleges on their varsity elevens, we can hardly hesitate to exclaim "hal foot-ball, thou art making strong able-bodied men of those who otherwise might become dissipated nothings." Early hours, freedom from injuries habits, and carefully selected food, are required of all candidates for the teams from the time the foot-ball season opens, until the great championship game of Thanksgiving day has been played and lost or won. It is a game of muscle against muscle and muscle is only created by temperate habits and regular exercise. We hope to see some good games near home this fall. The college boys will have a superior eleven and manager Quigley, we understand, has arranged for three or four first class games to be played on the college grounds. When they are played we bespeak a large and enthusiastic crowd from athletic "Bellefonte. If the people turn out at one game, they will not fail to see every other game played within a radius of thirty miles.

—The picnic season has about terminated and Hunters Park which has been the mecca for the pleasure seekers, not only of Bellefonte and vicinity, but even of Lock Haven and other distant points during the past summer will perhaps enjoy a period of secluded rest during the months to come. An occasional ball game or stray picnic gathering may yet occur while the leaves are falling, but they will serve merely to remind one of the gala time experienced there during the vacation days. Two much appreciation can neither be felt nor expressed for the efforts of the Bellefonte Central Railroad company which have resulted in providing us with one of the most beautiful and attractive little parks to be found anywhere. It is always a pleasure when guests are among us to suggest a day's outing at the Park and never have our friends from distant points visited this one spot among Pennsylvania's enchanting spots that they have not been charmed with its loveliness. The swings, the boats, the dancing pavilion, the neat cooking facilities, the rustic seats and the romantic nooks, the tennis court and last but not least the elegant ball grounds, certainly make Hunters Park a sporty retreat, and it is not therefore, surprising that picnic parties from Lock Haven and distant parts of this country selected it as the scene for their joy and merriment this season. Next year we expect to hear of an almost infinite number of picnic parties arranged by the various churches, and miscellaneous organizations of Centre county to enjoy a day's pleasure at this queen of parks. It will be the proper move to make that is sure.

THE DINGES-GREEN WEDDING.

The summer simplicity which generally characterizes warm weather nuptials is no longer a matter of fashionable necessity and the bride of this month may surround her wedding with as much ceremony as she pleases. A glorious September day, touching everything with golden sunshine, seems the gift of the Gods for a wedding day.

Such a one was that of Miss Catherine, daughter of F. Potts Green and Mr. Clevan Dinges of Williamsport. The wedding, charming and conducted with perfect taste, was solemnized on Wednesday, September the twentieth, in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Laurie officiating and Mr. Meyers guiding the train to the joyous strains of "Mendelssohn." The bride was conducted up the right-hand aisle to the altar by the groom, preceded by the ushers, six in number; Mr. Harry Green, Dr. Moore of Shamokin, Mr. John Fryberger and Mr. Lee of Phillipsburg, Mr. John Walker of Bellefonte, and Mr. Harry Dinges of Williamsport; the bridesmaids: Miss Mary Green and Miss Anna Dinges, dressed in cream chine silk, with pink ribbons and carrying bouquets of pink roses, and sweet little Katherine Curtin dressed in an empire frock of white muslin, with pink ribbons and bearing a quaint basket of pink roses. After the fateful words were spoken, this little maiden strewing her fragrant flowers, led the party down the left-hand aisle. The bride's dress was of snowy white satin, of richest sheen, cut in a short round waist with Robespierre revers, beneath which were flounces of lace from her great-grandmother's wedding gown; the square train, falling in folds two yards long. Fragrant orange blossoms were clustered in her hair and fastened the tulle veil. A bunch of brides-roses completed this costume, simple and most becoming to the lovely girl whose many friends in Bellefonte, only wish that her path in youth—in age, may be as flowery as was that of her nuptial day.

A wedding-breakfast for the immediate relatives followed, at the residence of Mr. Green cor. of Linn and Allegheny streets. Among the guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. John Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Barber, Mr. Robert and Miss Mary Snodgrass and Dr. Dinn, of Millburg; Miss Stella Scholey and Mrs. Philips of Philadelphia Mrs. Mary Dinges, mother of the groom and Miss Watt of New York. The bride and groom will take a wedding tour through the west, including a visit to the World's Fair. After which they will be "at home" on west Third St., Williamsport.

Now AGAIN.—The "Governors" won their eighteenth game in the River League series by defeating Renovo for the fifth time on Wednesday of this week at the Park by the score of 5-3. But five innings were played. In the beginning of the sixth inning when Bellefonte was at the bat, Renovo objected to umpire Haley's decision in calling Reed safe at first and refused to resume play. The umpire had no other course to take then to award the game to Bellefonte by a score of 9-0. The sudden termination of the game was a great disappointment to the large number of spectators, as both teams were putting up a beautiful game of ball and they wanted to see more of it.

Mr. Haley generally knows what he is doing and his deciding Reed safe was based on the fact that the first baseman was not on the base when he caught the ball, and witnesses say Haley was right. While it is a fact that we have capable umpires here at home, yet if another league is formed here next year, it will be in the interest of harmony on all sides if two or three competent and disinterested umpires are selected and paid a fair sum to umpire all the games of the league. In that way only may we hope to attend games that will be free from the contemptible kicking that has marred so many contests this year.

The score of Wednesday's game by innings is—
Bellefonte 4 0 0 0 1—5.
Renovo 2 0 0 0 1—3.

Hits, Bellefonte 9, Renovo 5, Errors, Bellefonte 3, Renovo 3.

HOW TRUE HOW VERY TRUE.—The happiest man in the land to-day says an exchange, is the successful farmer. He sits contentedly under his own vine and fig tree undisturbed by the maddening noise of the city. Banks fail, railroads go into the hands of receivers, booming towns collapse and all business stagnates, but the wise farmer can snap his fingers at these things. He is the monarch of all he surveys on his broad acres. And the honesty of his boys and the purity of his girls is guarded against temptation, and in them he is giving the country its manhood and womanhood. The farmer is to be envied, and if he is not contented with his lot he is lacking in wisdom.

—Bellefonte is constantly represented at the World's Fair. This week the following persons have gone to enjoy its beauties. Mrs. D. G. Bush, Miss Amanda Tomb, Harry Bush, Mrs. Calloway and daughter Louisa, Mrs. Brown and Miss Mary Hepburn of Jersey Shore. Miss Lula Harper, Lydia Harris, Kate Bullock, Mary Butte, Misses Anna, Caroline, Jennie and Emily Valentine, Malcom Laurie and John Shugert, Mr. and Mrs. John Ardell, and Jennie Crittendon.

—Mr. J. H. Agar of Lock Haven who is interested in the Liggett, Long case vs. Lehigh Valley Coal company, favored the WATCHMAN office with a very pleasant and remunerative call on Tuesday morning. He has been a subscriber to this paper for over twenty years and speaks well for its reputation when he says "I cannot just say why I subscribe as I am not particularly interested in the people of this vicinity, but it seems as though it is a necessary adjunct of my house." Such long and staunch friends we are always pleased to see.

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—"Alvin Joslyn," the rural comedy in which Charles L. Davis has made several fortunes, will be the attraction at the opera house on Tuesday evening, September 26th. It needs no commendation as our people saw it here last spring.

—The land case of Long & Liggett vs. the Lehigh Valley Railroad, to determine the location of valuable lands along the Beech Creek railroad, and which occupied the entire time of the Court last week, was given to the jury at two o'clock yesterday, which up to the time of going to press had failed to agree upon a verdict.

—Hunting days are ushered in with the fall and the delightful mountain passes are filled from time to time with the merry nimrods who go out "dead-loaded" for game. Exercise they get, appetite they satisfy with their precious lunch of cold meat and bread. Feelings of excitement are theirs during the passing hours, but alas, how often we see them coming in the side street with perhaps, one squirrel or a pheasant and it is often hard to tell who killed it even then.

—Carpets at Schreyers.

—The strong base ball nine of Corning, N. Y. which has defeated the Demorests several times this season, will play against the "Governors" at Hunter's Park to-day, Friday. A fine exhibition of ball will undoubtedly be given by both teams, and the game will be won on its merits. This will be probably the last of the season in Bellefonte, and so a thousand people, at least, should turn out to-day and give the boys, who have won for us glory, a hearty cheer in their farewell game.

—Wall paper at Schreyers.

—Mr. Coba, who has come from Long Branch, N. J., after an experience of eight years in Y. M. C. A. work, to assume charge of the Bellefonte association work should receive a cordial welcome from all who are interested in the welfare of the young men. There is a large field here for such work and our good people should by every means in their power encourage Mr. Coba to be successful. We have good Y. M. C. A. rooms, a good library, a good piano, a good gymnasium and a good secretary. Now let the people be good supporters of the work and good will be done.

News Purely Personal.

—Edmund Blanchard returned on Monday to Haverford for his junior year.

—Miss Anna Sechler returned to Wilson College, Chambersburg on Tuesday.

—Miss Margaret Sechler, of east Linn street entertained her friends on Saturday evening.

—Andrew Breeze, oldest son of Mrs. Breeze of Newport, R. I., attends the Academy this year.

—Mr. Harry Mahaffey of Howard and Mr. Edgar Furst of Cedar Springs are students at the Academy.

—Miss Dalzell, who visited Miss Emily Harris for several weeks has returned to her home in Reading.

—Mr. C. G. Hall and wife of Union township were welcome callers at the WATCHMAN office on Wednesday.

—Mrs. Bingham of Altoona and Miss Olivia Wollerton of West Chester spent Saturday with Mrs. H. S. Cooper.

—Mr. Francis of the firm of Cair and Francis, Philadelphia, was transacting law business in our village this week.

—Miss Thomas of Philadelphia, who took a degree in music at Wilson College, Chambersburg, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Thomas.

—Mrs. Summerfield Bond of Baltimore who has been spending the summer with Mrs. Robert Valentine's family went home on Monday.

—Mr. A. G. Heckman of Seville Ohio, brother of Mr. Daniel Heckman of Buffalo Run, is visiting his former home and friends in this county.

—Mr. Geo. G. Hutchinson of Warriors Mark, one of Huntingdon county's most agreeable citizens was in town on his way to the picnic on Wednesday.

—George Hays will be in town until October first, when he goes back to attend medical lectures at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been in Missouri since June.

—Mrs. S. Durbin Gray has gone to Princeton, N. J. to take charge of one of the large club houses connected with that institution. The young men were to be congratulated who will have such a lovely, capable and sympathetic woman to do the honors of their house.

—Mrs. Joe Woodward and little son and Mrs. Charles Valentine who have been spending summer at the home of their aunt Mrs. Wm. Spear of West High street started for Mrs. Woodward's home in Omaha, Neb. expecting to view the wonders of the gigantic show in Chicago, as they go west.

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THE NEW RAIL-ROAD.—Major H. E.

Richter, chief engineer of the Nittany Valley railroad, was among the callers at this office to-day. He reports that eleven miles of track are already laid on the new line, and that only a little more than a mile of the grading is to be completed. The erection of bridges is now being pushed as rapidly as possible and as they are all short structures, they will soon be completed. The longest bridge on the road is 120 feet in length. Major Richter says regular trains will be running over the road by December 1st. Yesterday the pay train was run over the line from Bellefonte, to Hubersburg. The arrival of the train at Hubersburg was an important event in the history of the place, and marks the beginning of an era of prosperity that the place has not heretofore known.

Chief Engineer Richter talked about the advantages Lock Haven would derive if an electric railway line was in operation to Mill Hall. He thinks there is but little prospect of the Nittany Valley road ever being extended to this city owing to the fact that it is a feeder for the Beech Creek railroad. He states that a handsome depot will be erected at Washington Furnace, and thinks that place will eventually become one of the most important points on the line.

—Lock Haven Express.

—Carpets at Schreyers.

EXCURSION TICKETS TO BROOK PARK.—On account of the Union county Fair at Brook Park near Lewisburg Pa., on Sept 26th to 29 1893, the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., will sell excursion tickets to Brook Park, Sept. 26th to 29th, and good for return passage until Sept. 30th 1893, inclusive at reduced rates.

Special return trains will be run Thursday and Friday Sept. 28th and 29th, leaving Lewisburg 5.30 p. m., Brook Park 5.35 p. m. For Glen Iron and intermediate points, arriving at Glen Iron 3.22 p. m.

Special trains will also be run Sept. 27th 28 and 29, between Lewisburg and Brook Park, every hour commencing at 10 a. m.

—Wall paper at Schreyers.

—The Pennsylvania "Dutch" book, "Boonastell," containing over one hundred subjects is now in the market. It is the first volume of prose ever printed in this dialect, and is a combination of fun and philosophy peculiar to the language and most pleasing to those who speak it. Sold only by subscription. Send \$1.50 for sample copy. Agent wanted for this county. Address the author, T. H. HARTER, Editor Post, Middleburg, Pa.

—Head quarters for ready made clothing for Men, Boys and Children. Clothing made to order. Dunlaps, Youmans, and Sherman's latest fashions in Derbys. Full line of mens furnishing goods. Additional room has been made by making a new salesroom out of the cellar.

MONTGOMERY & CO.

Marriage.

KRAMER-PETZER.—Mr. R. Kramer of Bellefonte, Pa., and Annie Petzer of Milesburg Pa., at Wallace Run, Sept. 17h by C. C. Miller pastor M. E. church.

HASSINGER-SEYLER.—On the 19th of September, at the Lutheran parsonage, Nittany, Pa., by Rev. W. K. Diehl, Mr. Wm. F. Hassinger and Miss Lydia C. Seyler, both of Zion, Pa.

To the Tax Payers of Spring Township.

The undersigned will be in Bellefonte, on Wednesday, September 27th, at the office of J. R. Alexander, in the Garman building, from 9 a. m., to 5 o'clock p. m., for the purposes of receiving taxes.

W. H. TAYLOR, Collector.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by GEO. W. JACKSON & CO.

The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press:

White wheat.....	65
Old wheat, per bushel.....	55
Rye, per bushel.....	50
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	25
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	50
Oats—new, per bushel.....	48
Barley, per bushel.....	52
Ground Flaxseed, per ton.....	9 50
Blackhead, per bushel.....	35
Clawseed, per bushel.....	30 to 35

Bellefonte Produce Market.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

Potatoes per bushel.....	60
Eggs, per dozen.....	12 1/2
Lard, per pound.....	12
Country Shoulders.....	12
Sausages.....	12
Hams.....	14
Pallow, per pound.....	4
Butter, per pound.....	18

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Papers will not be sent out of Centre county unless paid for in advance.

A liberal discount is made to persons advertising by the quarter, half year, or year, as follows:

SPACE OCCUPIED.	3m	6m	1y
One inch (12 lines in type).....	\$5 85	\$11	\$17
Two inches.....	7 10	15	20
Three inches.....	10 15	20	30
Quarter Column (4 1/2 inches).....	12 20	30	35
Half Column (9 inches).....	20 35	55	65
One Column (18 inches).....	35 55	100	

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Local notices, per line.....25 cts

Business notices, per line.....10 cts.

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