

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

Seventeen prisoners are confined in the county jail. The highest number for years.

Easter Sunday falls this year just three months from Christmas day, Sunday, March 25th.

The Lock Haven clay works will sell bonds to the amount of \$85,000 and increase their capacity.

John M. Dale Esq. has not purchased, but only rented the Meyer property on east Linn street.

A four and one-half foot flood carried the ice off the Susquehanna, at Lock Haven, on Saturday.

The estate of James Williams, of Huston township, has received \$519.26 insurance on a recently burned barn.

The rolling mill of the Valentine Iron Co., employing seventy men, resumed on Monday morning for an indefinite run.

The Harmon boy, out at the poor house, is able to be up and is running round quite as chipper as if nothing had ever happened.

Bartholomew's equine paradox played to fairly good business here on Wednesday and Thursday. The horses were all old but displayed remarkable intelligence.

Bishop Bowman of the Evangelical church will preach at Rebersburg on Sunday, at Woodward Monday evening, and in the Reformed church in Millheim, on Tuesday.

An enjoyable dance in the Eagleville rink, last Friday evening, afforded amusement for the young people of that community. A number of State College students were in attendance.

It is probable that the Lamokin electric street car manufactory will yet decide to locate here. A party of directors of the company will visit Bellefonte to look-over the advantages offered here.

Col. William Shortridge, of the firm of McCalmont and Co., of this place, was re-elected president of the Pennsylvania retail implement dealer's association at a recent meeting held in Harrisburg.

The ladies of the Evangelical church will hold an oyster and ice-cream festival in the basement of their church, on Willow-bank street, on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. All are invited to attend.

After July 1st the postal note will be abandoned as a medium of transmitting money by mail and the post-office order system will be so arranged that orders for amounts not exceeding \$2.50 can be procured for three cents.

Chaplain McCabe will deliver his thrilling lecture on "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," in the Methodist church, Bellefonte, on Saturday evening, March 3rd. Doors open at 7. Lecture begins at 7:45—Admission 50 cts., and 35 cts.

There are said to have been more teams at work in the lumber woods about Curwensville last week, than during any other time in many years. The reason was that it was the first snow and contractors were all anxious to get their logs into the water.

Houtzdale has a man who spends his evenings in watching on the dark streets of that town, and when a young lady appears he suddenly jumps out of his hiding place and hugs her. All the girls in town are running about the streets at night now.

Three drunken tramps fell through Galbraith's jewelry store window, in the Bush House, on Monday night. They were arrested and given a hearing Tuesday morning at which they were discharged. It was better to let them go than to board them during a sentence.

The Rhetoricals at the High school, on Monday, were of more than ordinary interest. Handsome steel engravings of Washington and Lincoln were presented the school by banker John P. Harris. W. E. Gray Esq. made the presentation address, which was nicely responded to by Rufus Strohm and Paul Fortney.

Charles Hallor, serving a five years sentence in the Clearfield county jail, for having nearly killed his wife with a hatchet, escaped last Saturday. A reward of \$100 was offered for his recapture which was effect at New Millport, on Monday. A convict named Barringer, who broke out at the same time, was recaptured also.

A mock trial in the Lock Haven A. M. E. church, last Friday evening, attracted so many people that the floor of the church gave way. Fortunately there was no cellar and the audience escaped what would certainly have been a frightful accident had they fallen six feet instead of only a few inches. The trial was of a colored brother who was charged with stealing a rooster.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE IN OUR EXCHANGES.

Thirty-six Freshmen, members of the class of '97 of the State College, arrived in this city last evening and were banquetted at the Fallon House. The tables were nicely decorated and the bill of fare was prepared in Landlord Schwyler's excellent style. After the various courses had been served, responses were made to toasts as follows: "Our Class," C. W. Hardt; "The Faculty," D. P. Goodman; "Athletics," J. A. Dunsmore; "Cider," A. L. Cromlish. P. T. Sellers, son of General Sellers, U. S. A. acted as toast master, and ably filled the position. The students left for the College this morning.

The Freshmen were jubilant over the manner in which they had outwitted the Sophomores in getting away from the college. The rivalry between the two classes had become so bitter as to induce the Sophomores to embarrass the Freshmen wherever they could in formulating their plans for the proposed trip and banquet. The Freshman, however, were on the alert and taking advantage of a favorable opportunity succeeded in reaching the train at State College before any of the Sophomores could catch them.

As soon as the Freshmen boarded the train they locked the doors and barred the windows. The Sophomores made repeated efforts to gain admittance, but were unsuccessful. Finally one of their number climbed on the roof of the car and poured a large quantity of sulphur down the store chimney. The lack of ventilation caused by the closed windows and ventilators resulted in the train officials running the car a mile or so from the station and out of reach of the Sophomores, in order to allow the ones inside an opportunity to remove the stifling effects of the sulphur fumes. The train left on schedule time amid the shouts of the victorious Freshmen.

The State college has now 288 students and 41 instructors, with an endowment of over \$500,000.—Saturday's Lock Haven Democrat.

B. F. Fisher, Jr., '96, to day broke the college record for total strength ability. The previous record was 2450 pounds, but Fisher's test sums up the exceptional total of 2625 pounds. This total is made up of the following specific tests: Back, 615 pounds; legs, 1150; chest, 500; right forearm, 200; left forearm, 160; height, 6 feet; weight, 200 pounds; dip, 14; pull up, 15; chest, 43 inches; biceps (repose), 13.5; biceps (full), 15.5; capacity of lungs 330 cubic inches; breadth of shoulders, 18.5 inches; depth of chest, 10.3 inches.

Fisher, by his remarkable strength ability, can be rightly numbered among the strong men of any of the larger universities. For two years he has played left guard on the football team, and will captain the team next season. He holds the college record for putting the shot and throwing the hammer, both of which records are better than the State intercollegiate. Shot, 38 feet 6 inches; hammer 95 feet 10 inches.

The four next strongest men are Dowler '94; Dunsmore, '97; Morrow, '95 and White, '94, all football players.—Thursday's Philadelphia Press.

The Board of Directors have posted the following schedule of games for the baseball team: April 21, Altoona, at Hunter's Park, Bellefonte; April 25, University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, Va.; April 26, Randolph and Macon, at Richmond, Va.; April 27, Washington and Lee, at Lexington, Va.; April 28, Harrisburg, at Harrisburg; May 12, Dickinson, at State College; May 18, Gettysburg, at Gettysburg; May 19, Dickinson, at Carlisle; May 23, Washington and Jefferson, at State College; June 2, Gettysburg, at State College. Dates with Lehigh, Lafayette and University of Pennsylvania may be announced later.—Tuesday's Pittsburg Dispatch.

WAGNER-KIMFORT.—More than a hundred guests assembled at the comfortable country home of Mr. Lot. W. Kimfort, in College township, on Wednesday evening, to witness the marriage of Cora A., eldest daughter of the family, to W. A. Wagner, a well-to-do young merchant of Kipple, Blair county, Pa. The ceremony was performed promptly at 6:30 o'clock. Rev. Wagner, of the Lutheran church officiating. The couple were unattended, though Samuel Kimfort, a brother of the bride, and Mr. John Wagner, looked after the comfort of the guests in the capacity of ushers.

After the ceremony a reception was held and a wedding supper was served. It was all the most fastidious could crave. Abundance of the most delicious viands were served those who were fortunate in having been there.

The bride is an accomplished young woman and is a cousin of Prothonotary Wm. Smith, and her husband a man who will honor and love her. The pair will go to house-keeping at Kipple. Congratulations.

Miss Ida Gerberich's Sunday school class, in the Reformed church, enjoyed a peanut sociable which was held at the home of her teacher, on north Thomas street, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mary Stiver is lying dangerously ill at her home at Potter's Mills.

Miss Lizzie Smith, daughter of Peter M. Smith, of South Ridge street, slipped and fell on the pavement in front of the Garman house, on Monday, spraining her ankle so bad as to compel the use of crutches.

So many cases of small-pox have developed at the Tyrone Forges that the place has been quarantined and none of its residents are allowed to leave. No tickets are sold to or from the place via railroad and the residents of Tyrone are taking every precaution to prevent the scourge getting a hold in the town.

R. J. Schadd & Bro., plumbers and steam fitters, will soon move from their present location, on Lamb street, to the Hale building on the northeast corner of the Diamond. There they will occupy the side store room, next door to Achenbach's, having fitted up the basement for a work shop.

At a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Eagle cemetery, at Roland, resolutions of respect were passed to the memory of H. L. Barnhart, Dec'd, late a member of the board. The committee appointed to draw up same was composed of Jacob Leathers, president; Simon Bathurst and Robert Jacobs. J. M. Parker, secretary and treasurer.

Among the public sales that will occur in this county during this season we know of none where better opportunities to purchase choice household furniture will be offered than at the sale at the State College Hotel, on Saturday, March 24. The proprietor, Mr. A. A. Miller, having decided to discontinue his business at State College, will dispose of the entire equipment of his hotel and the barn. Read the sale register for particulars and remember to keep the date in mind for bargains await you.

B. C. Achenbach, having disposed of his Bishop street bakery and confectionery, in this place, to Messrs Rayner and Tombe, of Gettysburg, Pa., will hereafter devote his entire time to conducting his establishment at State College. He has a growing business up there and thinks it worthy of his undivided attention. Bellefonte regrets to lose such nice people as Mr. and Mrs. Achenbach, but they are not going so far away that they can't return to see their friends here often.

The story of the German Reformation will be told by Mrs. H. E. Monroe, with the aid of eighty-five stereopticon views, in the Lock Haven Opera House, on Thursday and Friday evenings, Feb. 15th and 16th, under the auspices of St. John's English Lutheran church. The leading events of Luther's life will be represented by one hundred young people in 16th century costumes. The lecture, music and dramatic representations will be pleasing and edifying.

Chaplain McCabe's lecture on the "Bright side of Libby" will be given in the Methodist church, in this place, on Saturday evening, March 3rd. The admission to all parts of the auditorium will be 50 cents. Seats in the gallery can be procured for 35cts. The Chaplain will deliver two sermons in the same church on the Sunday following. A special train will be run over the Bellefonte Central railroad so that all persons from State College and intermediate points can attend the lecture if they desire to do so.

This evening, at seven o'clock, the 4th annual indoor meeting of the Pennsylvania State College athletic association will be held. The sports will come off in the College armory and are classified in seventeen events. Among the number are running, jumping, vaulting, boxing and wrestling matches, with exhibitions on the horizontal and parallel bars, the flying rings, and many other amateur sports. The State College band will furnish the music and an interesting time is promised all those who attend.

During the hearing of a case between Charles Goble and wife and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Homan, of Walker township, on last Friday afternoon, one of the attorneys interested questioned Mr. Homan's conception of the seriousness of an oath. The two then exchanged a few superlative compliments and would have come to blows had not friends interfered. The case was being heard before H. H. Harshberger, a commissioner appointed by the court, and was brought by the Poor Overseers of Walker township to recover a small property which had belonged to the Gobbles. It appears that the Gobbles, being both aged and unable to maintain themselves, took Homan and his family to live with them, the latter to become owners of the property upon the death of Mr. and Mrs. Goble, provided they care for the old people until their demise. The Homans fulfilled their contract for a little more than a year, then they chased the Gobbles off, so it is said, and they becoming public charges Walker township is trying to save itself by getting hold of the property.

SOME MORE ANTIQUITIES.—The editor of the WATCHMAN, to whose desk all communications and obituaries are dispatched, finds occasional relief from the mournful nature of our work in the various curiosities and antiquities which invariably find their way into the newspaper office. The present season has been one of far more than usual fatalities, consequently more death notices have had to be written, but the odd things have been exceptionally prolific also and the latest consignment of the latter contains some real curios.

First there is an old General Post office money-order of the series M, not negotiable. It is made out in favor of Rankin & McKinny and calls for the payment of \$15.00. It is signed by Joseph B. Shugert, who was at that time post master at Half Moon, Pa., an office which has been abandoned for years. As the order is counter-signed by Abram Brindley, assistant post master general, we infer that it must have been drawn early in the century. Rankin & McKinny were then stage contractors and carried the mail from Yellow Springs, in Huntingdon county, through to Erie, via the old Erie pike, and Jos. B. Shugert, the post-master at Half Moon, was the grand-father of banker J. D. Shugert of this place. The order is not canceled so must be good for \$15, even to this day.

Several orders on the treasurer of the Bellefonte School district are before us also. They are examples of old time printing and notwithstanding the wear of forty-eight years are still in a fair state of preservation. The first is drawn in March, 1845, and is in favor of William H. Blair, who was then drawing \$25.00 per month for teaching the youngsters of Bellefonte. Our readers will remember him better as the late General W. H. Blair, who won his military title for having been first to cross the historic bridge at Antietam and other similar acts of bravery during the war. D. I. Pruner, father of Col. E. J. Pruner, was then president of the Board, and figured as Justice the Peace, who was counted one of Bellefonte's representative men. Our venerable first National bank president, Edw. C. Humes, was secretary of the Board, but in those days he was just beginning to amass the great fortune which he now commands and kept a general merchandise store in the old stone building on Allegheny street where Beaver and Dale have their law offices.

The second order is dated in June 1846 when W. W. Welch had succeeded to the presidency of the Board and Squire Pruner, having had his share of the honor was content with keeping its minutes is the capacity of secretary. This order is drawn to John Blanchard, father of E. M. Blanchard Esq., of this place, and calls for the payment of \$27.55 to pay a note given to Mr. Blanchard for funds advanced to the school fund.

The third relic is an old agreement by which J. E. Cooke promised to teach school in Bellefonte for a specified sum. He was paid then just about the same salary that teachers in country districts are receiving to day for their service. It is appended as follows:

It is agreed by and between J. E. Cooke Teacher and William C. Welch President of the Board of Directors of common schools, of Bellefonte district, in Centre county, and J. E. Cooke, shall, under the supervision and exclusive direction of the Board of Directors of said district, and their successors, teach in the school house in the Borough of Bellefonte for the term of six months or two quarters of twelve weeks each, at and for the compensation of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents per quarter, reserving the right for the Board of Directors, for the time being, to dismiss said J. E. Cooke at the end of any month (or quarter) of said term. The actual possession of the said school house and building and premises before mentioned, to remain and be considered by all parties as remaining and being at all times in the charge of the said Board of Directors and their successors.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands & seals, on the 8th day of Nov. 1847.
Witness
J. E. COOKE. [Seal]
Daniel Irvin W. C. WELCH. [Seal]

A FINE SHOWING.—The thirtieth annual statement of the Brooklyn Life Insurance company, which we publish on another page, is certainly very creditable to its officers, and shows in a very striking manner, the results of able and skillful management, and liberal treatment of its patrons.

In vigorous, healthy growth in every direction, its business shows a marked gain over that of the preceding year. During the year the company has increased its assets, its income, and amount of insurance in force.

Its management is of the most conservative character, and it has always been one of the foremost in the introduction of reforms in the interests of policy holders. Mr. Wm. M. Cole, the president, and the other officers of the company, are well known gentlemen of integrity and skill.—The Bellefonte office is in Reynold's Block, J. C. Weaver, agent.

The venerable Alexander Scott, of Freeport, Armstrong county, died in his 82nd year on Saturday evening. Deceased was the father of Mrs. John P. Harris, of this place, who had been at his bedside for several weeks previous to his death.

JOHN F. HARRISON SR.—The venerable John Harrison Sr. of Pleasant Gap, died at noon, last Friday, after a lingering illness. He had been a sufferer for some time with a complicated trouble which seemed to baffle the skill of physicians and the patient only found relief from his sufferings in death. He was about sixty-seven years old and during his active life had been a plasterer of much skill. A widow, four sons by name, Prof. John F., of the Bellefonte High school; Will, Bruce and Charles with three daughters, Mary, Emma and Nellie mourn the death of a loving and loved parent.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning at Pleasant Gap. The I. O. O. F., of this place, of which deceased was a member had the burial in charge.

HARRY MARKLE.—The death of Mr. Harry Markle, which occurred last Sunday morning, at his father's home near Rebersburg, was the result of a cold he contracted while attending his mother's funeral about a year ago. He had been away from home when the sad news of his mother's death reached him and with a bride of only a few weeks, he came hither to her funeral. A cold developed into consumption and he lingered until Sunday, when he passed peacefully away. Deceased was aged about twenty-four years and leaves a widow, a father and several brothers to mourn the life that has thus been cut off in the promise of young manhood. His funeral was held on Tuesday morning.

TWO ENTERTAINMENTS AT CURTIN'S WORKS.—The ladies of the Evangelical church at Curtin's works will hold a chicken and waffle supper in the K. of L. hall at that place tomorrow, Saturday evening, Feb. 17th. Refreshments and delicacies of all kinds will be served to those desiring them. The Roland band will be in attendance to furnish music.

On Monday evening, Feb. 19th, Rev. J. Hartzler, of Lewisburg, who has been a missionary to Japan for eight years, will lecture in the Evangelical church at Curtin's. His subject will be the life and customs of the Japanese as seen by the lecturer. An admission of only ten cents will be charged.

A SURPRISE.—On last Saturday William H. Tibbens and his son Wilber, of near State College, came to Bellefonte, ostensibly on business, but "thereby hangs a tale." Mr. Tibbens knew it was Wilbur's birthday so he managed to stay in town until quite late. On their arrival home they found the house filled with as jolly a lot of young folks as ever met on a similar occasion.

When Wilbur entered the house he was dumfounded, he paled for an instant and then fainted dead away and fell plump into the arms of a buxom lass. His mother gave him a dose of soothing syrup, and rubbed his temples with camphor and coal oil, when his reason returned and upon opening his eyes, he exclaimed "Oh Mamma! Where am I?" Was Wilbur surprised? well you bet. The rest can easily be surmised. Big lunch, festivity and jollity was the order of the evening. It was an occasion that will ever remain a green spot in the memory of his life.

CHEAP EXCURSION ON "NITTANY VALLEY DAY."—The Central Railroad of Pennsylvania will, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, sell excursion tickets at all regular stations except Bellefonte, good for one round trip over the entire line at a nominal rate of 25 cents. These tickets will be honored on the regular trains and to accommodate those desiring to make the trip in the middle of the day a special train is to be run from Bellefonte to Mill Hill, leaving the former point at 10:30 a. m., and starting from Mill Hill on the return trip at 12:30 noon. The entire passenger equipment of the Central road will be put into service on that day which will enable the company to comfortably handle all who may desire to take a trip over the new line. Those who have not yet enjoyed a ride on the C. R. R. of Pa., should not miss this opportunity of taking a short journey on a modern railroad equipped with rolling stock surpassed by few trunk lines and equalled by no short line in the country. That hundreds of our Nittany valley neighbors will avail themselves of this attractive excursion goes without saying.

General Superintendent Gephart will on Tuesday, February 20th, give the people of Bellefonte similar facilities for inspecting the road; a more extended notice of which will appear in a few days.

Joe Rhoades, who is a Pennsylvania Rail-road supervisor, located at Plainfield, N. J. spent Sunday at his home on west Linn street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. G. McKee, of this place, spent last Sunday in Philadelphia, the guests of Mrs. McKee's sister, Mrs. Geo. R. Mock, of that town.

WILLIAM WOLF FAILS AT CENTRE HALL.—The failure of William Wolf caused no little excitement in Centre Hall and Bellefonte on Thursday. He had always been reckoned one of the substantial men of Penn's valley until he fled a mortgage in favor of his wife for \$8,000, this led to a foreclosure which closed the store of Wolf & Crawford, of the same place. Mr. Wolf retired from the store some years ago and his son Wiltmer, forming a partnership with Frank Crawford, continued the business. They enjoyed the large trade which the old store had always catered to, but Wiltmer Wolf, by endorsing for his father who had lost considerable money in unfortunate speculations, was forced to the wall also.

The liabilities are estimated at \$20,000 with assets which will not figure up more than one quarter of that sum.

In addition to our large line of men's, boys and children's clothing, we show a line of samples representing several of the leading clothing houses in the East.—A full and complete measure taken. Men's suits \$7.50 to \$15.00, boys suits \$3.50 to \$10.00, child's suits \$1.50 to \$5.00. All new fresh spring styles. Agents for A. G. Spaulding's Sporting Goods.—Montgomery & Co.

SMALL-POX AT TYRONE FORGES UNDER CONTROL.—No new cases of small-pox have developed at Tyrone Forges within the past ten days. The original list of twelve cases, six of small-pox and six of varioloid has been the extent, thus far, to which the infection has run. The county poor directors are providing for those families who are penniless because of their inability to leave the town to go to their work. No person is allowed to enter or depart unless it is the health officers, and the poor directors have ordered all residents of nearby villages vaccinated at the expense of the poor fund.

The original case, who carried the disease from Reading, is able to be up and about the house.

Larry Bliss, the great Yale half-back was in town over Sunday. He is selling Spaulding's sporting goods and had been up to State College to take the students' orders for spring athletic goods. His trip to the Centre county in situation was somewhat of a failure. Mr. Bliss, on arriving, asked the boys, "Have you a foot ball team?" "and how do you stand in relation to Bucknell University?" They were mad in a minute and it is needless to say that Spaulding's did not get their customary order.

Property owners in Phillipsburg have begun street paving on their own account. They have waited in vain for their council to rescue them from mud and filth and will now do the work at their own expense.

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FRANK MIKO, who shot and killed Woctaw Luckayiz near Houtzdale, on November 21st, was found guilty of murder in the second degree at Clearfield, Tuesday. A motion was made for an arrest of judgment.

Safe Register.

- MARCH 1.—At the residence of G. H. Musser near Filtmore. Horses, cattle, hogs, farm implements of all kinds, and household furniture. Sale open at 10 o'clock.
- MARCH 5.—At the residence of D. W. Garner, on the George Kusteborder farm in Ferguson township, three miles west of State College. Horses, cows, young cattle, pigs, new Kramer wagon harness and implements. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m.
- MARCH 8.—At the residence of E. M. Henderson, in Bonner Twp., near Hunter's Park. Horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, farm implements of all kinds and household furniture. Sale at 10 o'clock.
- MARCH 12.—At the residence of Geo. J. Behers, in Patton township. Horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, and a general variety of farm implements. Sale at 1 p. m.
- MARCH 12.—At the residence of Perry Moran, two (2) miles west of Unionville. Horses, milk cows, farm implements, wagons, household goods, etc. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m.
- MARCH 22.—At the residence of Ephriam Green, on Buffalo Run, two miles west of Filtmore. Horses, sheep, hogs, cows, young cattle, implements and household furniture. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m.
- MARCH 25.—On the John Q. Miles farm, 1 1/2 miles east of Martha Furnace. Horses, cows, young cattle, sheep, good implements, harness and other articles. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.
- MARCH 24.—At State College, Pa., all the furniture, bedding, carpets, stoves, and household articles belonging to the State College Hotel, together with harness, buggies and stable fixtures. Sale at 9 a. m.
- MARCH 27th.—At the residence of William Foster, at State College, horses, cows, sheep, hogs, and all kinds of farm implements. Sale at 11 o'clock a. m.

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. JACKSON & Co. The following are the quotations up to 51 o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press:

White wheat.....	55
Red wheat.....	55
Rye, per bushel.....	50
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	22 1/2
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	45
Oats—new, per bushel.....	48
Barley, per bushel.....	48
Ground plaster, per ton.....	9 50
Rockwool, per bushel.....	65
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$6.00 to \$7.00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

Potatoes per bushel.....	50
Eggs, per dozen.....	25
Lard, per pound.....	10
Country Shoulders.....	10
Sides.....	12
Hams.....	14
Pallow, per pound.....	4
Butter, per pound.....	25