

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

Tyrone banks will observe the Saturday half holiday during the summer months.

Archey Allison's new home, on North Allegheny street, is almost ready for the plasterers.

Samuel Cherry, a passenger engineer on the Lewisburg rail-road, is sick at his home here.

Council held its regular semi-monthly meeting last Monday night but no business of importance was transacted.

Childrens day exercises in the Lutheran church in this place, on Sunday evening, are said to have been exceptionally fine.

A severe storm passed over Philipsburg on Sunday afternoon. Lightning struck a number of houses, but no fatalities occurred.

Quite a number of people took advantage of the Central's circus train on Monday and went to Look Haven to see Forepaugh's elephants.

Will Marshall, of this place, has secured a position with the Postal Telegraph and Cable company. He will operate a wire at Atlantic City, N. J.

The Bellefonte Academy baseball club went up to Unionville on Saturday and succeeded in defeating Charley Griest's team to the tune of 20 to 4.

This evening Miss Minnie Brew will entertain her dancing class and others who care to attend in the Arcade. Stopper & Fisk's orchestra will furnish the music.

E. C. Humes Esq., Hon. A. G. Curtin and John P. Harris, all of this place, were recently elected members of the board of trustees of the Blair county banking company.

A heavy rain in the southern part of the county caused the streams to rise very suddenly on Monday afternoon. Much damage was done to farm lands all along Logan's branch.

Improvements to the property of Mrs. McLain, on north Allegheny street, will give her home quite a changed appearance. A new front porch is one of the changes made.

The time table of the Bellefonte Central rail-road that appears elsewhere in this issue is unreliable. That road has made so many changes in its schedule of late that we cannot keep up with it.

W. T. Young, conductor on the B. E. V. local freight, was taken very sick at Milesburg on Tuesday morning. He was taken home to Tyrone on an express train where he is now recovering.

The largest trout caught this season in Spring creek was a 15 1/2 in. beauty landed by Clayton Brown last Thursday morning. He caught it on a sawyer at the falls, just above this office.

Next Wednesday afternoon the wedding of Mr. E. Ferree, a young attorney of Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Bella Holter, of Howard, will be celebrated in the Methodist church at the latter place.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Margaret Buggy, of Morrisdale, who had been subject to fits, while in one of her nervous paroxysms fell forward onto the floor dislocating her neck. She died almost instantly.

The Nittany valley lodge, No. 1054, I. O. O. F. will hold a basket picnic in the grove at Hecla on Saturday, July 21st. Sixteen lodges, four Sabbath schools, and three G. A. R. posts have been invited to attend.

The Bellefonte band will make its first appearance in new uniforms on the 4th of July. The pattern ordered is a deep blue cloth, trimmed with black braid, which with marine caps will make a very genteel appearance.

While blasting stone on Water street Tuesday morning the workmen put in a charge that was too heavy. Stones were thrown clear over the WATCHMAN building and broke windows in Rine's cigar store a square away. A team of horses owned by Morris Furey, standing in front of Sechler's store, frightened at the report and ran away. They hung up on a Thomas street fence after completely demolishing the wagon.

Miss Minnie Young, who has visited in Bellefonte many times, was married last Thursday at the residence of her uncle, Mr. R. F. Wilson, in Millburg, to Mr. John Q. Adams, a prominent lawyer of Shamokin. The wedding was an elaborate affair and among the two hundred guests who were there from all over the State was Miss Mary Devling, a cousin of the bride and Miss Mary Thomas, of this place.

JOHN B. LEATHERS.—On Tuesday May 15th, John B. Leathers, Esq., proprietor of the Mt. Eagle handle factory and pottery and one of the best known men in the Bald Eagle valley, was stricken with paralysis. He had been in the best of health immediately preceding the stroke and no sign of warning came to tell of his impending danger. He partially lost consciousness and notwithstanding the tender care of loving hands and the skillful treatment of physicians, never rallied until death came on last Thursday evening. He seemed to recognize those at his bedside, but his speech was affected and he could not express himself.

Deceased had attained his 61st year and leaves a widow with three daughters and one son to mourn his sad death. The children are Cora E., N. A., Olive E. and Florence, all well known here, and they have the sympathy of a large circle of friends, who esteemed the departed husband and father as the honorable man he was.

Interment was made from his late home on Sunday morning.

DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.—At the advanced age of seventy-two years Mrs. Jane Holter, of Curtin's Works, died on Saturday evening at five o'clock. She had been a sufferer for years with stomach troubles, but not until recently did alarming symptoms develop. The husband of the deceased died a number of years ago, but four daughters and three sons survive. They are:

Miss Susan, at Curtin; Joseph, at Bellefonte; Constance C., at Clearfield; Mrs. Belle, wife of Theodores Vanscoyoc at Tyrone; Mrs. Fan Walker, at Philipsburg; Mrs. Jennie Curtin, at Curtin, and Prof. George Holter, of the Agricultural Experiment Station of Oklahoma territory.

Interment was made in the cemetery at Milesburg on Monday afternoon, the Rev. N. B. Smith officiating.

DEATH OF ESTHER McCASLIN.—Mrs. Esther McCaslin, wife of Henry McCaslin, died at her home in Milesburg, on Tuesday morning, June 19, aged 59 years, 6 months and 20 days.

There are left to mourn her death a husband and six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows: John, of Milesburg; George, of Lamar, Clinton county; and William, of McKeesport; Mrs. Mary E. Miller and Mrs. Sarah J. Grubb, of Milesburg, and Mrs. Clara Watson, of McKeesport. The funeral took place at her late residence 10 a. m. Thursday. Interment was made in the Advent cemetery. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church.

A BELLEFONTER KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.—At about four o'clock Monday afternoon a passenger train on the main line of the P. R. R. ran down "Doc" McAllister, of this place, on a bridge near Lewistown and he was instantly killed. The unfortunate man was a wanderer and followed the trades of tailor and slater, working from place to place. He was a brother of Mrs. Frank Baney, of this place, and of the only Tony McAllister, of Sandy Ridge. The body was sent here for burial and poor overseer Jas. I. McClure conducted the services on Wednesday.

DIED YESTERDAY MORNING.—After a lingering illness with consumption, Bridget, the loved wife of James Kelley, died at her home No. 22 west Logan street, early Thursday morning. She had about reached the half century mark of her life and was a consistent member of St. John's Catholic church from which burial will be made tomorrow, Saturday, morning at 10 o'clock. The bereaved husband has our deepest sympathy in this affliction.

A death that we neglected recording occurred at Earleystown, last week. It was that of Mrs. Mary Ann Durst, relict of Daniel Durst, who had been ill at the home of her son Samuel for a long time. Death was not unexpected and when the messenger came a good christian woman went to meet her God. Deceased was a member of the Lutheran church. Interment was made at Tusseyville on Friday. She was the mother of several children of whom Samuel and James, living near Centre Hall, and Andrew and Aaron, living in the West, and Alfred, living at Potters Mills, survive her.

The venerable John Wilson, who moved from Zion to this place only a few months since, died at his home on east Bishop street on Wednesday night. He leaves a wife and five children. His age was about 70 years.

The body of a six months old male child was found floating in the Juniata river just below Tyrone, on Sunday. Its parents have not been found.

Reporting the arrest and flinging of four Spruce Creek men for fishing with dip nets the Huntingdon News says: "fishing with any kind of a net in public waters is a violation of the law." Centre county offenders take warning.

A cloud burst did considerable damage at Tyrone Forges on Sunday.

Weather prophet Hicks had Monday's storm down fine. He told us all about it a month before it got here.

Messrs Thomas Barnes, W. P. Duncan and Jos. H. Reilly, Philipsburg operators, have leased the coal underlying 950 acres of property owned by the Steiner heirs adjoining that place. They will operate it as soon as possible and Philipsburg feels jubilant over expected prosperity.

On going into the barn yard Mrs. Sarah Reeder, of Georges valley, was attacked by a cross bull, one day last week, and gored badly on the right leg. A gash eight inches long was torn in her leg below the knee. The timely appearance of a man probably saved her life.

At the wedding of Miss Eleanor Stockdale Islet and Dr. Edmund Owens of Dixon, Ill., which was celebrated at the bride's home at Spruce Creek, on Thursday evening, Mr. Henry Quigley, of this place, was an usher. The bride is a daughter of E. B. Islet Esq., a prominent resident of Huntingdon county.

John Liggett, of Beech Creek, is in Centralia, W. Va., making an estimate of the timber on fourteen thousand acres of land owned by the Brockerhoffs of this place. The property is said to be covered with a good growth of poplar and white oak, while a seven foot vein of canal coal is supposed to be underlying it.

F. C. Yates, a commercial man, tarrying in Philipsburg, found the forearm of a small baby on Monday evening. He was walking along the breast of Cold stream dam in the suburbs of Philipsburg, when he picked up the part of the arm which was well formed and intact with the exception of the thumb which seemed to have been torn off. Coroner Buckingham was notified.

On Monday Judge Furst dissolved the injunction that had restrained the P. R. R. Co. from tearing up the switch onto its B. N. & L. tracks by which the Nittany valley rail-road, leased and operated by the new C. R. R. of Pa. Co., reached the Valentine Iron Co's works at this place, and Supt. Sloughton, of Lewisburg, came up on Tuesday with a gang of men and tore down the frog and connections out. The Central was inconvenienced for a short time, but another connection was soon made.

It is rumored that Bellefonte councils intend increasing the tax millage for the ensuing year. Under a rate of borough 2, street 3, interest 6 and a net water duplicate amounting to \$4,300, the borough has received only \$17,483.71 while the expenditures amounted to \$17,633.06. Of course this is not making both ends meet, but if council wants to kill the town altogether then it had better increase the taxes. Bellefonte is burdened now so heavily that her citizens can scarcely live and if additional taxes are heaped on there is no telling what the end may be. Has council not thought of retrenching a little in the borough expenses. Surely that would be better than making the tax burden heavier, especially when the business outlook is no brighter.

The marriage of Miss Laura Hale Wright eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Wright, to Mr. Thomas Crowley took place Tuesday morning at the home of the bride's parents, in Milesburg, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the couple. The bride is an exceptionally bright and pleasant girl and who has taught in the High school in this place for four or five years, wore her traveling gown of blue cravenette and more. There were no attendants and promptly at eight o'clock the Rev. Dr. Laurie, assisted by the bride's father, performed the ceremony, after which a delicious wedding breakfast was served. The wedded couple started on the 10.44 train for Philadelphia where the groom is in business and where he had a house furnished just ready to go into.

We acknowledge the receipt of a beautifully illustrated pamphlet from The Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa., which shows exactly the work that institution is doing along practical lines under the support of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The different illustrations show the buildings devoted to scientific instruction and the students employed at their daily tasks with dynamo, testing machinery, forges, wood turning, laboratory work and industrial drawing, while the accompanying description sets forth in detail the various opportunities offered by the college in industrial training for Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Mining Engineering. It is a valuable publication both to those about to enter upon a college course and to those interested in seeing what the State is doing for her young men and women in higher education.

THREE CHILDREN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—During the severe electrical storm that passed over this place Monday afternoon three little boys, who had been swimming in Spring creek, near Roopsburg, sought shelter under a tall pine tree in the woods just south of Bush's addition. After the swim they had been gathering wild straw-berries and when the storm came up it was too late to reach home so they ran in under the trees.

They were Charley Hunter, aged 13 years, a son of Mr. Steele Hunter the builder, and Winfield and Eddie Lose, aged 12 and 9 years, sons of Scott Lose, a tailor in the employ of Montgomery & Co. They had not been under the tree long when Eddie Lose began crying and wanted to go on home, but at that instant a blinding flash of lightning struck the tree and the three little fellows fell lifeless to the ground.

No one knows how long they lay there, but Win. Lose regained consciousness first and not knowing what had been the matter, he was dazed and started to run home, but his legs refused to bear him and he fell helpless. Presently his strength began to rally and on looking about he saw the other two boys lying apparently so and as he thought dead. He tried to arouse them, then never thinking of putting out the fire that was burning their clothing and their bodies, he started to crawl to the nearest house, the home of Mr. Charles Schroyer, nearly three quarters of a mile distant. On his hands and knees, rolling part of the way, the little fellow succeeded in reaching the house, where he fainted before he could tell of his companions. He was washed, given dry clothing and his burns dressed, then he came to and told of his brother and little Hunter. Jared Hasel and some other men immediately set out in search of the other two boys who were found in great agony near the tree where they had fallen. They were picked up and carried to the house, where after they had regained consciousness their wounds were dressed and they were brought home to this place.

The children were all very slow to recover, so the shock must have been quite severe. Eddie Lose was burned worse than the others. His head, forehead, left shoulder and arm were badly burned, the current seemed to have crossed over his body and burned its way down to the calf of his right leg, where it burned to the bone. Little Hunter and the other Lose boy were both burned too, but not nearly so seriously as the Eddie. They all mended right rapidly but Eddie Lose, who was burned so bad that he could not take any nourishment.

It seems strange but not a mark can be seen where the lightning might have struck the tree.

During the same storm Wardner Willard, a Daily News carrier, was stunned while running papers on High street. He recovered soon. And the house occupied by a Mr. Michaels, on Ridge street, was struck, the lightning burning a hold in the roof.

At an early hour Wednesday morning Eddie Lose died from his injuries. He had been so badly burned that he was unable to recover and death came to end his agony. He was buried yesterday afternoon. It is feared now that Win. Lose will never regain the full use of his limbs as one of his knees seems so badly injured that he cannot walk. The Hunter boy is getting along nicely.

A FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.—A twenty-five horse power boiler blew up at Bilger Bros. saw mill on the side of Nittany mountain, just south of Pleasant Gap, about half past ten o'clock Monday morning and on Wednesday the remains of Nelson Bilger were buried, he having been a victim of the frightful explosion. The particulars are about as follows:

The scene of the explosion is just west of the pike leading from this place to Centre Hall and not more than a half mile from Pleasant Gap. There the Bilger brothers have been working a lumber job for some time and to run the mill a twenty-five horse power boiler, that was considered old and really unsafe when they purchased it, was being used. On Monday morning operations were begun as usual and work carried on until about 10 o'clock, when the saws were stopped because the steam had gone down. When the gauge showed a pressure sufficient to start up again Nelson E. Bilger, the engineer, started to the engine to open the valve, when a terrific explosion occurred and he was blown clear through a board wall and imbedded, waist deep, in a mud hole fifty feet away. Herbert Bilger, a nephew of Nelson, working near by, was knocked over by the shock, and was badly scalded on the left side from the thigh to the head.

Nelson must have been killed instantly for his neck and back were broken, his left leg almost torn from the body and broken in four places, he was partially disembowled and was mangled in a horrible manner. Bert is supposed to have escaped being injured by the flying fragments of the boiler by falling

at the first shock and the iron missiles passing right over him.

The boiler separated right in the middle, one end of it flying a distance of 300 ft. in one direction, while the other flew 200 ft. in an opposite direction. No cause can be assigned for the accident as the boiler is known to have contained plenty of water and the general supposition is that the plates had worn so thin by constant use that they refused to longer withstand the high steam pressures it was forced to carry.

Nelson E. Bilger was 23 years of age and a brother of John Bilger, the veterinarian. He was unmarried and a man of many good principles. His funeral was held on Wednesday morning from the Lutheran church at Pleasant Gap. It was the largest ever seen in that community.

Herbert Bilger, who so narrowly escaped death and is now recovering from his scalds, is a son of John Bilger and is 21 years of age.

The mill is almost a total wreck and the fortunate departure of the bands for the mountains, just a few minutes before the explosion, possibly saves the publication of a more horrible disaster.

Tyrone and vicinity suffered from a terrific rain storm on Sunday.

The cedar poles from which the trolley wires for the Lock Haven street railway will be suspended arrived in that place on Tuesday.

The second regiment of the uniformed rank of Old Fellows will hold an encampment in Williamsport during the last week in August or the first week in September. The regiment comprises cantons from Lock Haven, Jersey Shore, Milton, Danville, Scranton and Williamsport.

Shaeffer the photographer is making one of the greatest offers that has ever been known in Central Penna.—think of it. A life sized crayon (size 16x20 in) for only 99cts. Remember the regular price of these portraits is \$6 00 and only by a special arrangement with the artists, during the dull season, is he enabled to give such prices. This offer will be good only until July 5th, 1894. Send or bring your photographs to Shaeffer's studio, Bellefonte, Pa.

News Purely Personal.

Mrs. M. DeWitt Burnett and her two children are visiting at her father's, Ex. Gov. Curtin's.

William Wickersham, a Boston, Mass., inventor is visiting his cousin Mrs. Cleaver in Unionville.

Miss Genevieve Mann of Lewistown, who has been visiting Miss Hattie Mann, returned to her home on Tuesday.

Col. W. E. Teller, genial and courtly as ever, is up from Blue Field, W. Va., for a short stay with his daughter, Mrs. John M. Dale, of Linn street.

P. McCaffrey, than whom there is not a truer Democrat or a more agreeable gentleman in Clinton county, was in town to spend last Sunday with his sisters here.

William Kelley, a clerk in the P. R. R. freight depot at this place, left his desk Saturday evening for a few days recreation in Philadelphia, where he is visiting his brother Dave.

Miss Caroline Hunter, who for two years has had charge of the Primary department at the Academy has resigned her position and will in September open a private school at the State College.

Messrs. Lester Shaeffer and John Sobring, Bellefonte bicyclists, attended the bicycle races at Dubois on Wednesday and Thursday. The former was entered for several of the events.

Miss Edith Cook and her brothers Don and Arthur of Philadelphia are visiting friends in town. Edith is the guest of Miss Jennie Crittenden, while the boys are at Wallace Reeder's.

Mrs. Benj. Smeltzer arrived in town last evening from her home in Dakotah, Ill. She was formerly a resident of Madisonburg and is visiting at the home of ex-Treasurer James Gramley in this place.

William Fisher Esq. the venerable proprietor of the Bald Eagle antiques at Unionville has just returned from a visit to friends in New York. While away he took his first glimpse of the Atlantic.

Miss Ella Levy, starts Tuesday for Ocean City, N. J., where she will spend most of the summer, and where she will for the time forget the cares and tribulations of school teaching in ocean bathing and sailing.

Mrs. Mary Davidson has returned from Atlantic City where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Nolan for the last six weeks. She was delighted with her stay and was greatly benefited by the climate.

Miss Elizabeth Good, Owsada; Miss Margaret Stewart, Snow Shoe; Miss May Crawford, Arch Springs and Messrs. Joseph Crowley, Green and Marshall of Philadelphia attended the Crowley-Wright wedding Tuesday.

Col. James Milliken, whose business ventures keep him most of the time in New York, but who is proud to call Millroy his home, spent the fore part of the week in Bellefonte. His sister, Miss Marion, joined him for a visit to her many friends here.

Miss Gussie Stover, who graduated Tuesday at the Misses Tomkinson's school in Harrisburg, was in town Wednesday afternoon on her way to Unionville to visit relatives. Miss Stover is the only child of the late Capt. John Stover and with her mother spends much of her time traveling.

P. W. McDowell, of Mackeyville, came up to town on Tuesday. Besides enjoying his first ride on the new C. R. R. of Pa., he had an opportunity to peep in on the Republican convention to see if they conduct the circus now like they did fifteen years ago when he was an esteemed resident of this county. He says the people down there treat our friend "Squire Porter, who was in town last Thursday, because we called him 'Squire' when it should have been the more honorable title of "Governor."

PARKER-SCHOFFIELD.—June brides are many in this community, but none of them are happier or were wedded under more auspicious circumstances than those surrounding the ceremony that united Mary Charlotte Schoffeld and George Ross Parker, both of this place, last Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride, 23 south Thomas street, Rev. Dr. Laurie, officiating. Only a few friends were present to witness the ceremony. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Lizzie Schoffeld, a sister of the bride, the party entered the parlor. First came Nan Schoffeld a sister of the bride as flower girl, then Ferdinand and Emily Parker, brother and sister of the groom, and finally Mr. Parker with his intended bride. On reaching an immense bank of flowers at the end of the parlor the party turned and stood facing the minister, who made them man and wife by the simple, though impressive ceremony of the Presbyterian church.

After the congratulations an elaborate wedding breakfast was served in the dining room and then the bride and groom departed for a two week's tour in Somerset county, the home of the groom.

George Ross Parker is a passenger conductor on the Bellefonte Central railroad and one of the most popular young men in town. He came here with the Collins men when they were building the Buffalo Run road and has remained ever since. He is a young man who enjoys the respect of all who know him and has the hearty congratulations of a multitude of friends.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Hon. James Schoffeld present Assemblyman from this county, and is a young woman of exceptional accomplishments. She is a graduate of the Bellefonte High school, is a talented musician and best of all knows well the domestic duties that will devolve upon her.

The couple had intended going to housekeeping here, but a change in the running of Mr. Parker's train will necessitate their living at State College.

For engineer's supplies, water-gas and steam fittings, iron pumps, terra cotta pipe, garden hose, hose repairs, spray nozzles, lawn sprinklers, lawn vases, gas and oil heater, stoves and ranges, call on R. J. Schad & Bro., No. 6 North Allegheny street, Bellefonte, Pa. 89 24 St.

Wherever Canada thistles are found growing they should be cut. Persons who see to it that the law against allowing them to grow is enforced will be doing an act that should be commended.

Pat Meany, one of Bellefonte's last season base ball pitchers, was sold by the Harrisburg State league club on Saturday to the Louisville club, of the National league. Harrisburg received \$500 for him. He was considered the best pitcher in the State League. Meany has since refused to sign with Louisville and will probably end the season at Harrisburg.

We have added to our stock of mens goods—a line of ladies' shirt waists—chemisettes and neck wear, and later (in the season approaching) a line of ladies wear—that will be a great boon to the female portion of Bellefonte and country friends. We hope to represent a large firm in something that will be very choice. Watch—for this latest announcement. MONTGOMERY & Co. Clothing & Hats.

Marriage.

SWAB—THOMPSON.—On the 6, inst. at Howard, Pa., by Rev. E. E. Manley, Mr. John A. Swab, of Mt. Eagle, and Miss Harriet Thompson, of Tipon, Ind.

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:)

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price. Includes items like White wheat, Red wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Barley, Ground Flaxseed, Buckwheat, Cloverseed.

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

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The Democratic Watchman.

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