

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., April 19, 1895.

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## THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

—Diphtheria cards are tacked up on several Philipsburg houses.

—It is said that the best music in town was heard at the Episcopal and A. M. E. churches on Sunday.

—The special train for the dance at the College to-night will leave the P. R. R. station at 7:15 o'clock.

—Rev. H. A. Grant will deliver the annual memorial sermon before Gregg post, on Sunday, May 26th.

—The Bellefonte High school will hold its commencement exercises in Garman's opera house on Friday, May 31st.

—Attorney Al Dale has taken to riding a wheel. He wants to fall off a little before the hot summer months come.

—Lyon & Co. have a new advertisement in this issue calling attention to the special offers they are making this spring.

—The announcement of W. F. Smith for the Democratic nomination for Prothonotary appears elsewhere in this issue.

—Mr. Web. Karstetter has opened a bakery and confectionery in the rooms formerly occupied by Achenbach on Bishop street.

—Aged Mrs. Laughlin, of east Lamb street, fell down the stairs in her house on Saturday, fracturing her wrist and two fingers.

—The "Trolley System" a farce comedy that was to have played at Garman's on Tuesday night, disbanded at Carlisle last week.

—The Lutheran church sociable at the home of ex-sheriff W. A. Ishler, on east High street, last evening was quite an enjoyable affair.

—Last week large flocks of wild ducks were seen on the mud dams at the ore mines below town. Quite a number were killed by gunners.

—The law offices of the attorneys, occupying rooms in the "Exchange," have nearly all been completely renovated with new paper, new paint and furnishings.

—Bellefonte conclave independent order of Heptastops is reaching out. Within the past two weeks the membership has been increased from thirty-seven to sixty-one.

—The six months old baby girl of George Garman died at his parents' home in this place on last Thursday morning and was buried Saturday morning.

—There are very few towns that are as clean and healthy looking as Bellefonte. The streets have all been scraped already and their appearance speaks well for the street commissioner.

—The opening of the season for fishing for trout on Monday was marked by the usual rush of eager sportsmen to the streams, long before day-light, then the usual slink off up a back street to their homes.

—The farm of the late Daniel Lesh, in the vicinity of Zion, was offered at orphan's court sale last Saturday and the heirs bought it at \$71.50 per acre. The Walkey estate, at Hecla, offered at the same time, was not sold because a large enough bid could not be secured.

—The fire brick works of R. B. Wigton & Sons, at Philipsburg, has been sold to a Philadelphia syndicate headed by Frank H. Wigton. A charter has been applied for and the name, Cornard coal mining company, the old firm's operating title, will be changed to Morrisdale mining company.

—A number of plates, utensils and other articles that were left at the rooms of Gregg post, in this place, during the festival, Feb. 22nd, are now awaiting owners at the rooms. On Saturday evening, April 20th, the rooms will be open from 7 to 7:30 o'clock when all who have any there can procure them.

—A Howard boy, Jimmy Kane, came into the possession of a little steer about five years ago. He trained it to work in a yoke and now the steer has become an ox and Jimmy has grown to Jim. Every day the old fashioned conveyance can be seen doing all kinds of hauling about Howard.

—Bellefonte women must be contemplating going bare-footed, *ala* Trilby. At the meeting of council, on Monday night, their organization, the Village Improvement Society, presented a long report of various parts of town that need a good cleaning up and a discontinuance of careless practices that have become nuisances. So far as their desire to have the store boxes, ash barrels and sweepings that pollute the streets removed is concerned everyone will second such good work in a very earnest way. Bellefonte is naturally too pretty to be marred by such evidences of sloth on the part of her business men.

**THE SAD DEATH OF AARON WILLIAMS.**—Last week the WATCHMAN announced the serious illness of Aaron Williams Esq., who had gone from his home, on Howard street, in this place, to that of his sister, Mrs. Nancy Eberts, above Martha Furnace, about two weeks previous. But no one had any idea that his obituary would be the next mention of him. The news of his sad death reached his friends here about noon, on Monday, and a sense of profound regret must have been experienced by the many who knew and honored him for the simplicity and integrity of his manly character.

His illness dates back to the campaign of last fall when the great strain upon him in making his canvass of this congressional district, shattered his physical condition to such an extent that the germs of a fatal malady found a fertile soil in his weakened system. It was not known that he was suffering with any particular disease, though the impression went abroad that his defeat for Congress, in the contest that followed, had brought on melancholia. This was true, to a certain extent, for there was indeed reason for Mr. Williams to feel keen disappointment over the result of the election. A cleaner, better man had never honored a party with his candidacy. His condition grew worse during the winter, until several weeks ago it was thought a change of scenes would do him good and he went up to his boyhood's home in the Bald Eagle valley. There, notwithstanding all the tender ministrations of loving hands and the diverting influences of early day reminiscences, he continued to fail and had eaten scarcely anything for a week before the Saturday previous to his death. On that day there was a great discharge from his throat, as if an abscess had broken in his stomach, after that his appetite picked up and he seemed to be better. It gave a clue to a new cause for his illness, as his physicians had not been able to determine what was the matter with him. It was hoped then that his life could be saved, but on Monday there was another discharge of the same sort and a half hour later he was dead, practically from exhaustion. Thus he died with a tumorous growth in the stomach, the presence of which no one knew until it was too late, but its deadliness has left the county to mourn a man whose life will live on in history though his soul has winged its way to its Maker's presence.

We had expected to be able to present an auto-biography of Mr. Williams, but it has been misplaced and in its stead we publish the following, which was compiled by Recorder W. Galer Morrison, with whom he was closely associated.

Aaron Williams was born in Half Moon township, January 21, 1838. The advantages for schooling, in that section, at that time, were limited, but Aaron at a very early age developed an astonishing amount of pluck and determination in overcoming difficulties which would have deterred many a one from acquiring the most meager knowledge of books. The public schools were open for but three months in the year, and the subscription school was considered too expensive, and attendance at it was not to be thought of when there was so much work on the farm during the summer. But when the long day's work was done Aaron would place himself by the old-fashioned fire-pipe, or anon the almost forbidden luxury of a tallow dip, he became absorbed in his books and the ordinary recreations of other youths had no other charms for him. He pursued his studies while doing the farm work, and as he held the plow behind a slowly plodding ox team he studied out many a difficult mathematical problem. When the rains came and the Bald Eagle creek rose, furnishing motive power for his father's old-time "up-and-down" saw mill, Aaron ran the mill and while the saw slowly made its way through the log he was engaged in study. In this way he laid the foundation of a very complete and practical education, and it was this training which made him the self-reliant, well-informed man that he was. When the war clouds gathered in the late rebellion he joined the Eighteenth Regiment, Penn., Cavalry and served his country gallantly and well. He attended the Academy at Pine Grove Mills and then engaged in teaching in the public schools. He taught several terms in Worth and Huston townships, had charge of the first school opened in the town of Port Matilda, during the winter of 1867-68. He was very successful as a teacher, and many a young man and young woman are the better for his kind instructions and advice. He came to Bellefonte, and after a course of study under the late Judge John H. Orvis, was admitted to the bar on Nov. 23, 1865. He served as deputy sheriff, under Sheriff D. W. Woodring, and in 1872 was elected Prothonotary. He made one of the best and most accurate officials Centre county has ever had, being re-elected in 1875 by a largely increased majority. Although, owing to other interests, he never engaged actively in the practice of the law, he was always known as a safe counsellor, and most faithfully discharged every work undertaken by him.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, services having been held in the Baptist church at Martha and interment made in the Williams cemetery near by. A widow and a number of brothers and sisters mourn the death that has so suddenly taken from them so dear an one. A feeling of deepest sorrow will pervade the entire county. Aaron Williams was a man of whose life too little was known. The many benefactions that have come from his hand leave bright memories of him in the hearts of the many whom he helped. He was honest to a fault. Slow to friendship but earnest when once gained.

The centre county bar association met to take action of his death shortly after its announcement and appointed Clement Dale, John Blanchard, J. C. Meyer, Ellis L. Orvis and John F. Potter a committee to present resolutions and D. F. Fortney, J. C. Meyer, John Kline, Ira C. Mitchell, A. A. Dale, H. W. Bickle, W. C. Heinle and S. D. Ray to represent the association at the funeral.

—George Thomas has discontinued the burning of lime at Warriorsmark.

—The re-built Mill Hall brick works, started running again last Friday morning.

—Cal Frank, a Millheimer, shot a forty pound catamount on Middle ridge last Saturday afternoon.

—The Millheim skating rink has been torn down to make room for a new house being built for F. O. Hosterman.

—A small frame house owned by Henry Romig, near Flat Rock, in Nittany valley, was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening.

—The old United Brethren church at Rebersburg is being remodeled for the occupancy of the United Evangelical congregation.

—It is reported that a new paper is to be published in Clinton county. It will be issued from Flemington and enjoy the ownership of two offices. The other will be at Loganton.

—Benjamin H. Arney has been elected treasurer of the Farmer's mutual fire insurance company of Centre county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Jas. C. Boal.

—For the first time in its history Bedford county will not have a term of court in April. The district attorney notified the jurors summoned not to attend as there are no cases to be tried.

—Miss Brew's dancing class closed a most successful quarter on Tuesday evening and she parted with her scholars by entertaining for them. The Undine orchestra furnished the music for the dancing.

—Many teachers and pupils in Pennsylvania are trying for the free Normal School course offered by the Edinboro Publishing Co., Edinboro, Pa. Every school in Centre county should have an agent. You'd better write them.

—Work has begun on the construction of the power house for the Philipsburg electric street railway. The excavations are all made and some of the iron work is on the ground. The plant will occupy a site on cold stream near the driving park.

—Mrs. Jane Robinson Conley, relict of Hugh Conley, died at her home in Mackeyville at noon on Monday. Her death was due to a stroke she had about seven weeks ago when she fell down stairs breaking her hip bone and injuring her spine. Her husband was the first adult to be buried in Cedar hill cemetery.

—Quigley's store at Eagleville was burglarized on Tuesday night. Mrs. Quigley, who was sleeping in the house next door, heard the explosion that blew the safe open, but when she looked out the window she was told she would get her "head blown off if she didn't jerk it in." We couldn't find out what the robbers carried off. Mr. Quigley and most of his family were away attending Henry's wedding at Bradford, N. Y.

—A revival of business has come to McCalmont & Co., who have been receiving large consignments of articles in which they deal. They have paid over seven hundred dollars freight since the 1st of April, on farm and garden seeds, seed potatoes, fertilizers, Nova Scotia land plaster, paragon patent wall plaster, a carload of blasting and rifle powder, a carload of Conklin wagons, etc. Their salesmen and clerks now number seven persons, all of whom are kept busy in distributing these goods on mail orders and waiting on customers who come to their places of business to buy.

—The Demorest base-ball club of Williamsport, went to State College on Wednesday and were defeated after an exciting contest with the collegians by the score of 13 to 14. The visitors were in danger of a bad defeat but took a brace in the latter part of the game that kept captain Stuart's men hustling to keep away from. The college team leaves for Princeton, N. J. to-day to play the Tigers to-morrow. On Monday they will play at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Games have also been arranged with Lehigh and Lafayette.

**ARE WE TO HAVE A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.**—A meeting of the citizens of the borough was held in the court house Tuesday evening to decide on the question of celebrating the centennial anniversary of Bellefonte. It convened in pursuance to a call for a meeting by the burgess and notwithstanding the import of the approaching event there was a very small attendance and, as Gen. Beaver announced, the men who would be most benefited by such a celebration were conspicuous by their absence.

Burgess Gray called the meeting to order and after stating the object called for the nomination of a chairman, whereupon John C. Miller, president of council, was sent to the chair. Representatives of the *News*, *Hornet*, *Gazette* and *WATCHMAN* were made the secretaries. The meeting was then declared open for suggestions as to what would be the best course to pursue. Gen. Beaver was the first to talk. He seemed disinclined to commit himself for fear he would be looked on as a leader of the project and he rightly thought the business men should take hold of it, as they would be the natural beneficiaries. C. F. Montgomery, Al. S. Garman, post-master Fortney, W. S. Lyon, Herman Holz, F. E. Nagney, Ira C. Mitchell Esq., J. C. Meyer Esq. and Clement Dale Esq., were among the men who were sufficiently enthused to volunteer whatever assistance is possible. Mr. Mitchell compared the lethargic appearance of the meeting Tuesday evening with what would have been the case forty years ago, when so much enthusiasm marked every public celebration. Mr. Dale tried to explain away the evident lapse of public spiritedness that characterizes this later generation by pleading that the people have been made poor paying debts contracted by our daddies, back in the sixties, when they were trying to boost the town into public notice. His argument proved rather lame, since it would seem from it that we are content to sit down and be satisfied with the honors our forefathers have won for us, rather than continue the good work of booming for ourselves, even if it does mean the expenditure of more money. A general discussion of the advisability of having such a celebration followed and then it was decided to adjourn the meeting until this evening at 8 o'clock. A committee composed of W. S. Lyon, W. E. Gray, Al. S. Garman, M. A. Kirk and George R. Meek, was appointed to draft a possible program so as to be able to put something tangible before the meeting tonight.

It is the duty of every resident of the town to get to work and try to commemorate the past of our town with some ceremonies in keeping with the proud history of that past. No place in the State has more to look back upon with a sense of gratification than Bellefonte and no people in the State puff themselves up more when they announce to strangers that they live in Bellefonte. It is not vain glory either, this sense of pride that fills every soul in the town. Let there be a big turn out this evening and, above all things, let us have a rousing celebration. It will cost some money, 'tis true, but we will all have rejoined that by the time we are called upon to celebrate another such anniversary.

**PETTY THEIVING AT EAGLEVILLE.**—The arrest of Jacob Aikey, of Eagleville, last week, of which the WATCHMAN gave a full account, had led to the discovery of a regular band of thieves who have been committing petty robberies for a long time in the lower end of Bald Eagle valley.

None of the thefts amounted to much other than Solomon Higgins lost a steer and other people began to notice their poultry disappearing. Then a number of the residents of Howard and Liberty townships offered a reward of \$50.00 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties. Chief Keller, of the Lock Haven police force, went to work and soon arrested Aikey, who is in jail here now awaiting trial. His arrest resulted in the confession of one of his confederates and now most of the gang is known. The party dividing its carcass and burying the hide and entrails so that no trace of their deed would be left.

**ROBBERIES IN CLINTON COUNTY.**—Burglars robbed Rothrock's store at Driewood, on Monday night, and got away with their plunder on an east bound freight train. Renovio policeman Berry, who undertook their arrest, was met with a cold lead reception and telegraphed to Lock Haven to apprehend them, but the police of the latter place were given the slip by the robbers who jumped off the train and took to the woods.

The same night a young lady and gentleman, who were returning from a dance in Lock Haven, discovered five men burglarizing the Junction house at Castanea, but before the policemen could be called they had escaped with \$3.88 in cash, eighteen bottles of whiskey and several hundred cigars.

The Castanea brewery was another place entered the same night. There the safe was cracked and about \$25 in cash secured.

Tuesday night a number of robberies were made at Jersey Shore.

—Woodward gunners bagged many wild ducks on the dam there last Saturday.

—Dr. J. C. McEntire will finish up his work as mercantile appraiser in a few days.

—A valuable colt owned by William Eisenbuth was killed by the cars at Coburn last Saturday.

—Bertha Thomas died at the poor house here on Wednesday morning. She had been an invalid for some time.

—C. F. Deininger, of Centre Hall, Abe Miller, of Pleasant Gap, and Frank Clemson, of Benore, are all after the Republican nomination for Prothonotary, so 'tis said.

—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Harris have sent out invitations for the marriage reception of their daughter, Emily Elliott, and Mr. Frank Warfield. The wedding is to be solemnized Tuesday evening, April thirtieth, at the home of the bride's parents on Linn street. The bride is very popular in social circles and the reception, from seven until nine o'clock, will be largely attended.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Myers of Rochester, N. Y., have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter Grace, and Frank A. Youngs. The wedding, on Thursday evening, April twenty-fifth, is to be a large church affair, with the bride's sister, Miss Mabel Myers, maid of honor, six bridesmaids and six ushers. The wedding is to be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents on Goodman street.

**THE UNDINES AND THEIR EASTER BALL.**—On Monday night the members of the Undine fire company gave their after Easter ball and, as the WATCHMAN predicted, it was a decided success, both from a financial and social point of view.

Those who were present were thoroughly delighted with the manner in which all the arrangements had been carried out. Good music, good refreshments, and the best of order made it a social success, while a profit of \$75.00 tells how largely it was attended.

**COUNCIL MEETING.**—On Monday evening there was a regular session of council and the following business was transacted.

S. S. Lyon explained why his pavement is in bad condition; E. McKibben offered to furnish broken stone to the borough at 45c. per cubic yard; Charles Taylor was granted the right to dig a ditch across Linn street to Ellis L. Orvis' property with the proviso that he leave the street in as good condition as he finds it; the old Lamb street bridge was sold to the only bidder, the C. R. R. of Pa. Co., for \$37.50; H. B. Pontius was appointed water assessor for the year and John Gross and Will Walker were given rights for street sprinkling. After that council approved bills amounting to \$405.36 and adjourned.

**SUCCESSFUL FISHERMEN.**—Though Monday was extremely cold and disagreeable and not at all suitable for good trout fishing there were many baskets filled with the speckled beauties when the fishermen quit the banks of Buffalo Run, Spring Creek and Logan Branch to return to their homes. The water was just a trifle too wild and cold for good sport, but for a while in the morning the gamy little fish bit "for keeps" and plenty of the early risers had good strings by the time the sleepy fellows got to the water.

Charles Heisler, John Wagner, Wm. Walker, Clayt. Brown, Charles R. Kurtz, Will Cassidy, Hard P. Harris and the Saylor boys were among the most successful. Nearly every one had some fish however.

**News Purely Personal.**

—Mr. Jermam Riden and his daughter Ida, of Pine street, are visiting Mifflin county friends.

—James N. Lane and family, of Philadelphia are visiting at Mrs. Lane's home in this place.

—Hon. John T. McCormick was in town on Wednesday. He gets down from his home in Ferguson township quite often.

—Squire Peck came up from his home at Nittany, on Tuesday, to transact a little business pertaining to the settlement of the estate of the late Z. T. Williams, of Walker township.

—Farmer J. Kyle McFarlane came to town yesterday—but not in the big wagon. The train runs right through his place at Hunter's Park and he prefers it to travel on the rough wagon.

—J. C. Hunter has left the home of his childhood at Fillmore to locate at Lemont, where he has formed a partnership with Mr. Brislin in the saddlery business. He will learn the trade at once, so as to be able to boom the business from a practical foundation, and we wish him great success.

—Mr. James Bayard, who was called "Jimmy" when he learned his trade in this office, was in town on Tuesday looking finer than he has for some time. He is connected with the *Hornet* office down at Howard and from the way he sticks to it we are led to believe there is no more attraction than it down there for Jim.

—Our old friend Jacob Shultz was in to see us Wednesday morning, the first in a long while. We were very glad to see him but regretted to hear that he suffered a paralytic stroke last Thanksgiving from which his right side is still considerably crippled. He thinks the summer will bring an entire recovery for him and we hope it will.

**EASTER WEDDINGS.**—On Tuesday, at noon, a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur T. Twitmore, when their daughter Miss Frances and Dr. Henry A. Pickel, of Millersville, were united in marriage by the Rev. J. A. Woodcock.

The bride, who is a tall, fine looking girl, looked especially well in her gown of white silk. The bridesmaids, Miss Ella Twitmore, sister of the bride, and Miss Dora Meyer, of Robberstown, wore gowns of blue silk and chiffon and carried white carnations. Mary Hicklen the little flower girl was dressed in pink and carried pink carnations and she looked a veritable picture in her Green-avenue dress, as she presented the ring on a tiny tray. Curtis Slack and Marley Schock, of Lewisburg, were the ushers. After the wedding breakfast, served by Achenbach, Dr. and Mrs. Pickel left on the 2:15 train for Millersville, where the groom is a popular and successful physician.

—Henry C. Quigley Esq., of this place, was married to Miss Agusta C. Merryman, at Bradford, N. Y., on Wednesday evening. They will go to house-keeping in Governor Hasting's home here.

**NIGH BANK IS NOT WORKED OUT.**—Last week we were led into making the erroneous statement that Nigh bank, an ore operation of the Valentine iron company, had been worked out and closed, possibly forever. It was made on what we considered reliable authority, but since then it has been learned that the bank was closed only temporarily and not forever. The slopes that were being worked were no longer profitable and the bank was closed until it could be gotten in shape for working in other drifts. President J. W. Gephart says there is plenty of ore there and the idea of abandoning such a rich field would be ridiculous.

**WILL SAY HIS FIRST MASS ON SUNDAY.**—Next Sunday morning at half-past ten o'clock Benner Armor, eldest son of Monroe Armor, of east Linn street, will say his first mass in the Catholic church in this place. He was ordained on Tuesday and his first priestly act here will be made the occasion of an exceptional service. The music at the service will be an especially attractive feature, since rehearsals have been going on for weeks.

—Lyon & Co.'s, mammoth store in this place is crowded every day with people who are wise enough to take advantage of the great sacrifice sale now advertised by that firm.

**WANTED.**—Three apprentice girls to learn the millinery trade. Apply at once to Katz & Co. Limited, Bellefonte, Pa.

**WHERE YOU CAN BUY THE CHEAPEST.**—It is a question of dollars and cents after all. No matter what people say it is as natural to save a penny in buying as it is to eat dinner at the dinner hour. Opportunities to make great savings are not often to be had, but Lyon & Co.'s, big advertisement in this issue affords just such a chance. Read it and profit by the bargains it holds out. A dollar saved is a dollar earned.

—The ladies will be highly interested in our new department, *Ladies' Shirt Waists and Chemisettes*. Do not fail to call early as orders given now to the factory cannot be delivered before May 15th to June 1st. We have a good stock on hand now, but it will soon be broken up in size, if the present demand continues. Men's, boys' and children's clothing never so rich in color and designs and never so low in price. If honest efforts should succeed, we ought to double our business this season. "Mothers Friend" Shirt Waists. MONTGOMERY & CO.

**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:

Red wheat.....	55
Rye, per bushel.....	50
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	22 1/2
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	43
Oats—new, per bushel.....	32
Barley, per bushel.....	48
Ground plaster, per ton.....	9 50
Buckwheat per bushel.....	40
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$6 00 to \$7 00

**Bellefonte Produce Markets.**  
Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co

Potatoes per bushel.....	60
Eggs, per dozen.....	12
Lard, per pound.....	8
Country shoulders.....	8
Sides.....	8
Hams.....	12
Fallow, per pound.....	4
Butter, per pound.....	20

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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 this type).....	\$ 5	\$ 8	\$ 10
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	50
One Column (19 inches).....	35	65	100

Advertisements in special column 25 per cent. additional.  
Transient advs. per line, 3 insertions..... 20 cts.  
Each additional insertion, per line..... 5 cts.  
Local notices, per line..... 25 cts.  
Business notices, per line..... 10 cts.  
Job Printing of every kind done with neatness and dispatch. The WATCHMAN office has been refitted with Power Presses and New Type, and everything in the printing line can be executed in the most artistic manner and at the lowest rates. Terms—CASH.

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