

Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., Mar. 13, 1896.

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

—The McCabe class of the Methodist Sunday school held a sociable in the church lecture room last evening.

—Samuel Shaffer, of Salona, is the owner of a piano that was made in 1837. It has only twenty-seven keys.

—The *Patron* is the name of a new monthly publication issued from the *Magnet* office, in this place, in the interest of grangers.

—Messrs. Eddy & Krape, carriage builders of Salona, have dissolved partnership. The former has retired from the firm.

—Oakley Warner, a resident of Lock Haven, was knocked down and robbed, on Bellefonte avenue, in that place, last Thursday night.

—While watering his horses, on Monday evening, one of them suddenly kicked George Brungard, of Salona, in the abdomen, injuring him seriously.

—D. Bates Bell and wife are moving from DuBois to Pittsburg. Mr. Bell is well known here, as he was a resident of this place some years ago.

—The advance in price of wheat started farmers to hauling last week. At Hoffa's elevator at Coburn two thousand bushels were received on Friday.

—All justices elected at the recent elections in this county are required by law to file their acceptances before March 18th. As yet only twelve of the twenty-one new ones have done so.

—The heavy snow that fell here all day Wednesday and Wednesday night drifted considerably yesterday, delaying trains and making it very disagreeable. There is good sleighing as a result, however.

—Samuel Wasson, of Pleasant Gap, was injured while skidding logs near that place last Monday. He was hauling down the mountain and in running he struck a sapling in a way that injured his hip.

—A Salona man recently put a half-pound of red pepper in his horse's mouth in order to make it pull. This is a worse trick than that, practiced by horse dealers, of putting ginger under their tails to make them carry up when trotted out for sale exhibition.

—The law offices of Orvis, Bower & Orvis are being moved from Orider's Exchange into the new Eagle building on the opposite side of the street. Harry Keller Esq., has moved his office from the Larimer building, on High street, to the new Temple Court.

—Lewis Irvin of the hardware firm of Daniel Irvin's sons, whose home is on Curtin street, finds it pretty hard to get down to his place of business these mornings. A new boy came to his house, on Saturday, and he is so delighted that he can hardly get away from home any more.

—Boiler-maker Wm. B. Maitland will move from this place on April 1st. Having sold his plant to William Hogarth and Harper Hoffman he will move to Sunbury to embark in the mercantile business. Mr. Maitland and his family have been esteemed residents of Bellefonte for a number of years.

—The woman dressed in black who appeared in this place, a few days ago, soliciting subscriptions for the poor fund of the Presbyterian church was chased out of Lock Haven, on Tuesday, by a constable. She is a fraud. She did not succeed well in Bellefonte and left for greener pastures. Part of which were found in Lock Haven.

—The *News* is authority for the statement that "Mr. Isaac Miller, buyer for the Milton manufacturing company, was in Bellefonte, on Wednesday, and purchased all the old boiler plate around the Bellefonte boiler works." There are some newspaper officials in this town that would be far better off, if they would have unloaded some of their "boiler plate" on him.

—A frightened horse, an entanglement in the lines and a broken leg were the principal features of an accident at Coleville, Tuesday evening. Samuel Miller, whose home is in that place, and works at Morris' Humes' farm line kilns, was hitching up his horse when it suddenly frightened. Getting tangled in the lines he was dragged quite a distance and thrown against a stump resulting in the breaking of his right leg.

—The family of Morris W. Cowdick intend moving from this place to Niagara Falls in the Spring. Claire William's mother, with her family, will move up from Beech Creek to occupy the Cowdick house on east Linn street. John C. Miller's vacated home on Linn street, will be rented by the family of the late Jacob Thomas; while Robert Hunter will move out of the McFarlane house to make room for J. Wesley Gephart Esq., who is forced to leave the Curtin property, on Curtin street to make room for its new owner.



WILLIAM R. ETTLINGER.—Published through the courtesy of the *Pittsburg Dispatch*.

CLOSING SCENES OF THE WOODWARD TRAGEDY.—The shocking tragedy that occurred in the little town of Woodward, this county, on Thursday and Friday of last week, during the enactment of which William Ettlinger, a desperate character of that place, killed constable John Barner then defied arrest and was finally burned out of his own home only to end his crimes with a pistol shot, is already fast becoming criminal history. Occasionally a group of people are found talking about the awful horrors of those two days, but for the most part the excitement has died away and the usual peaceful air of this county is again pervading every district in it.

The last acts in the tragedy occurred on Saturday and Monday morning, when the bodies of the dead were interred. After the coroner's inquest the body of Ettlinger was turned over to his relatives, who, either from fear of condemnation for giving it decent burial or because his awful crimes had killed the last spark of love they had for him, would have nothing more to do with it. The poor over-seers then made a rough pine box for it and as the setting sun cast a melancholy gloom over the whole valley they carried the body off to a lonely spot on the mountain side, about three fourths of a mile from the town where it was buried without further ceremony. Of course the usual exciting rumors have been afloat since then to the effect that the body had been stolen by vandals, but positive information to the *WATCHMAN*, yesterday, is to the effect that the grave has not been disturbed. It is located on a patch of wooded land owned by Ettlinger. It is probable that in a short time the body will be removed to a better place, as Mrs. Ettlinger says she "would sooner see it on the dissecting table than lying up there among the dead cattle."

Quite in contrast with the manner in which Ettlinger was buried was the funeral of constable John Barner. Instead of being hurriedly chucked into a hole as might have been done with the carcass of some putrid animal, his funeral, on Monday, attracted a large crowd of people to Woodward. The body had been made quite natural looking by the undertakers, who closed up the gaping wound in the throat. Services were held according to the rites of the Evangelical church, of which he was a member, and interment was made in the cemetery at Woodward. Constable Barner was 37 years old and leaves a widow, with four children, the youngest having been born last October. It is said to have been the largest funeral ever held in that valley.

Since the tragedy Mrs. Ettlinger has had time to recover somewhat from her awful experience. She talks freely of it now and is sincerely sorry that the husband, whom she says she loved with all her heart, should have come to such a sad end. According to her stories none could have been kinder and nobler than he when not crossed, but the very demon seemed to possess him when in his occasional fits of passion. He is known in this place very favorably and there are many here who have a good word for the better nature which he should have cultivated more. He was a genius, handsome, and intelligent and while no punishment could have been too severe for him had he been taken, there are none, who, in the calmer moments of reason, will not have some sympathy for him.

Possibly it is well that death came to him when it did for his widow tells of a fiendish plot he had just about ready to carry out. With "paris green and some other white stuff" he had sewed up in a little bag he had intended to poison the spring from which his neighbors drew their water for domestic use. In truth, she said it was his lament, after he had killed Barner, that he had not done the thing the night before, as he had intended doing. This was to punish real or supposed enemies.

It will not surprise many to learn that Mrs. Ettlinger received an offer from a man named Zeno, in Philadelphia, to exhibit herself in dime museums for a six week's season, at \$50 per week. Of course she declined it, saying; she "wouldn't lend herself to such purposes for a million dollars." She will continue to reside in that community, where the people feel the kindest towards her and the two little children. She admits that the story told in last week's *WATCHMAN* about

her appearing at the window in the act of lighting a dynamite fuse was true, but justifies her act by saying it was forced and that the very fact that she leaned far out of the window to strike the match should convince the most skeptical that her intention was to thereby warn the crowd of danger.

Her stories of the awful day and night are enough to give anyone the quakes. During the whole time the family was under fire they had nothing to eat but an alderberry pie and a few crackers. They nearly famished, too, for they could not get out to get water. The children cried all night for something and their thirst was only partially appeased by some stagnant stuff that she found in a crock in the cellar.

Ettlinger did not kill Barner at the first shot and even after the second had been fired into his skull "he made such an ugly noise that he went down and cut his throat." Altogether there were ten or twelve dozen sticks of dynamite in the house; all of them with fuse and caps ready for use.



SHERIFF JOHN P. CONDO OF CENTRE CO.—Published through the courtesy of the *Pittsburg Dispatch*.

Stories have been afloat to the effect that James Cornely received reward for the firing of the house. He did not, nor was there a reward offered for anything that was done, aside from the offer made by sheriff Condo to pay \$300, out of his own pocket, to any one who would induce Ettlinger to surrender peacefully. Isaac Raven, of Millheim, and Henry Snyder, of Woodward, were inclined to take him up but friends dissuaded them from such a hazardous undertaking.

As for the county being liable for the destroyed property, two of the commissioners said, last evening, that they had not even contemplated the matter officially, though they would willingly do anything that the law requires in the case. Under the circumstances the citizens can rest assured that everything that might arise from the tragedy will be settled in a perfectly satisfactory manner and to the honor of the county. But would it not be well for the county to have the body of the out-law raised and given a christian burial, would it not redound to the civilization and enlightenment in which old Centre has so often had occasion to pride herself? After all, Ettlinger's body is but clay and his soul has gone to answer before a greater court than the sentiment of a bitter and excited people constitutes.

While the people of Woodward are raising funds for a monument to the memory of the dead constable we trust that so noble a work will imbue them with a spirit of forgiveness and forgetfulness that will entirely efface any stigma that may have attached to Mrs. Ettlinger and her children, as a result of those sad scenes from which they have and will suffer enough during life.

We had a report, yesterday afternoon, direct from Woodward, that Mr. Guiswhite is getting along nicely and will recover. The danger of blood poisoning from his wounds is past.

With this issue the *WATCHMAN* presents its subscribers with a souvenir supplement of the tragedy. The illustrations are correct counterparts of photographs made during the day and while they are not as clear as we would like to have had them the necessary disadvantage under which the photographer was working, and the gloominess of the day, made it impossible to get any better pictures. They are the only true pictures of the scenes as taken.

The *WATCHMAN* does not pride itself in the manner in which it has handled the stories of the tragedy. It gave its readers the whole thing in its three editions of last Friday and did only what might have been expected of any thoroughly reliable paper. The story, as it appeared in the extra-street read by all, nearly a week ago, is strictly reliable in every detail and none of its statements have been proven ill-grounded by a later investigation.

—Elias Fair, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. William Saltzman, in Lock Haven, is the oldest resident of that place. He was born March 9th, 1799, consequently he was 97 years old last Monday.

—Henry Twitmore, of Pleasant Gap, has lately been granted a pension William Haverack, of Milesburg, has received an increase, and William Eminbizer, of Boggs township, is happy because he has just received a new one.

ANOTHER WEEK OF FATALITIES.

Having been seriously ill for about six weeks Jennie H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eckley, who live on a farm at the foot of the mountain above Coleville, died on Sunday morning. Like the three sisters who preceded her so recently to the grave she was a healthy looking, robust girl, the very picture of perfect physical condition, until a short time ago consumption, the dread disease of this northern clime, developed and effected her dissolution with remarkable dispatch. Deceased was 28 years old and is survived by her parents and one sister, Miss Amanda. Laura M., died Sept. 28th, 1888; Bella M., died Nov. 14th, 1893 and Mrs. Edith Roan died Dec. 31st, 1894, thus making four deaths in that family from the same disease within eight years.

Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Young and Miller, Wednesday afternoon, and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

The remaining members of the family have the sincere sympathy of all those who know of the great sorrow that has been theirs.

—The venerable Andrew Gearhart, aged 72 years, 11 months and 16 days, died at his home in Chester Hill, near Phillipsburg, on Monday. Deceased had not been considered to be in a serious condition and his death was not expected to result from the apparently slight attack of muscular rheumatism with which he had suffered for little more than two weeks. Deceased was a man whose depth of character and sturdy integrity impressed itself in no small way on the community in which he lived. He was a successful farmer and lumberman and was one of a large family, born and raised in that community, all of whom have ever been regarded as representative types of honor. His was a consistent life in Methodistism. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon.

A widow with four children survive, with seven brothers and sisters.

Isaiah Coxey, possibly the best known character in Harris township, was found dead in his bed at his home in Boalsburg, Wednesday morning. Heart disease, superinduced by over-exertion while in this place last Saturday, is assigned as the cause. Isaiah had been down here spending the day and had to take his bed on returning. The members of the family were not much alarmed at his condition as he had often had such attacks before, so the shock was all the greater to Mrs. Coxey, when she went into his room to find him dead. Funeral services will be conducted at his late home this morning, according to the rituals of the Lutheran church.

Deceased had driven the stage between Boalsburg and Oak Hall for years. He was 66 years old and, besides his widow, leaves five sons and two daughters. During the late excitement over the "good-roads" movement agitated by Gen. Coxey, of Ohio, Isaiah gained considerable notoriety as an uncle of the General who could not sympathize with the wild ideas of his nephew.

John Bratton, born at Warriors-mark, July 6th, 1825, died at Franklin Grove, Ill., on the 17th ult.

Mrs. Mary McDonnell widow of Patrick McDonnell, who died at Vail some years ago, died at her home in Altoona last Saturday evening, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis received the Wednesday previous. Deceased was born in Newport, county Mayo, Ireland, on May 8th, 1818, and came to this country with her family in 1857. She was the mother of Patrick J. McDonnell, of Unionville.

Rev. A. J. Myers, who was the first Methodist minister in this place, after it was made a station, died in Philadelphia on the 28th ult.

—WILL MEET HERE.—Bellefonte is not to be without some interesting events during the coming summer. It has been thought that after the number of unusual gatherings here last year that the town would be given the go-by during '96, but such is not to be the case. At the meeting of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Dental society, held in Philadelphia last week, it was decided to change the place of its next annual meeting from Gettysburg to Bellefonte. Accordingly that body, numbering three or four hundred men many of them with their wives, will meet here for three days during the middle of July.

At the last meeting of the society, at Eagle's Mere, Dr. J. E. Ward, of this place, worked very hard to secure the next meeting for Bellefonte. Now that the place has been changed he is very much pleased with the outcome and can rest assured that Bellefonte will accord a warm reception to this representative body of such an important profession in the State.

Most of the sessions will be public, so that the interesting advances that have been made in dentistry during the past year can be observed by all who care to attend.

—Associate judge McKinney, of Clinton county, is lying dangerously ill at his home in Jersey Shore.

—An attempt to burglarize the annex to the Potter house, in Phillipsburg, on Tuesday morning, was frustrated by proprietor Leister who heard the man and fired three shots at him.

—Bert Ammerman was badly burned about the face by the explosion of a powder can in his brother's small coal mine above Cold stream dam, near Phillipsburg, on Monday. He had just fired a "shot" when a spark caused the can to explode.

—William Phillips, of Lock Haven, has not been getting along very amicably with his spouse of late, so he got up early Monday morning and went into a neighbor's wood-shed, where he attempted suicide. As he had the noose around under his arms and began kicking and making a noise as soon as he "swung off" it is thought the attempt was just a little dodge to frighten his wife into loving him more.

—George Weld, an itinerant music teacher, who has had classes in this and Clearfield county, and who lived in Phillipsburg not so very long ago, jumped from a passenger train, near Indianapolis, Ind., last Thursday, and was killed. He was to have been tried in Clearfield, at the December court, for adultery, but he skipped his bail and fled west. After being located a constable was sent after him with requisition papers on which he was returning when he made the fatal attempt to escape. Weld was a large, fine looking man, a good musician, was married and had a family.

G. A. R. SPECIAL.—The first meeting of Gregg Post, No. 95, since the change of time of meeting, from the 1st and 3rd to the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, will be held at 7:30 p. m., on Saturday, March 14th. All comrades are requested to be present at the time of opening. A number of comrades from Post 261 and also a glee club are expected to be present.

F. PEEBLES GREENE, Com.

A LARGE SALE.—Next Wednesday one of the largest sales of the season will be held in this county.

On that day Samuel Vonada will make sale of his fine stock on the Adam Yearick farm, near Jacksonville. Everything he has is in the best of condition and it will pay you to attend.

On Friday, the 10th, there will be a sale of household goods at the residence of Matlock Fry, at Julian, where rare bargains can be had in that line.

PASSENGER RATES REDUCED.—The Central railroad company of Pennsylvania has reduced the passenger rates from Bellefonte and intermediate points to Phillipsburg and stations west of Phillipsburg, including Clearfield. Good service added to the fact that there are no tedious waits at transfer points has made this line between Bellefonte and Phillipsburg the popular route. It is not the most direct road to Phillipsburg, but by reason of close connections it is the shortest in point of time by more than one hour.

AN OPERATION PERFORMED.—On Monday a delicate operation was performed on Mrs. John S. Waite, of this place, who had been taken to St. Joseph's hospital to undergo treatment for troubles natural to women. The operation was successful, but the woman is in such a precarious condition that only the greatest care will enable her to recover. Mr. Waite is there with her and will remain until there is some change, in her condition.

Her many friends here are earnestly hoping for the best.

News Purely Personal.

—Miss Laura Hafer, of this place, and Miss June Garvis, of Port Matilda, have been visiting Miss Crawford at Warriors-mark. While there the young ladies were entertained quite lavishly.

—Daniel Heckman, of Benner township, one of the men who think he would like to be county commissioner, was doing the regular old-fashioned candidate hand-shaking in town on Saturday.

—Mr. Philip Confer and his son Christopher, of Boggs township, were in town Monday making arrangements for the sale that Mr. Confer intends making of his fine farm stock and implements on Monday, March 30th.

—R. C. Gilliland Esq., of Snow Shoe, was an arrival in town Tuesday afternoon. He started down into Penn's valley the next afternoon to look after his chances of being made the Democratic nominee for sheriff.

—Poor over-seer Miller, spent a few moments in our office Saturday afternoon. Though a Republican Mr. Miller has been a very efficient official and has done much, in conjunction with Mr. Hepburn, to straighten the tangled up accounts of the poor department.

Burdine Butler and John Weber, of Howard were in town Tuesday. The former on a political pilgrimage and the latter just for a little change. Burdine would like to be the next sheriff of Centre county and his chances are just the same as those of the dozen or more other fellows who are wondering which way the cat is going to jump.

—George W. Gates is one of the representative men of Nittany valley, who lives in retirement at Nittany, where he is surrounded by a happy family of seven boys and girls. They are all hearty and enjoy life in their comfortable home down there. William W., the eldest son, was in town on Monday, and is a fine looking, robust young fellow who looks every inch the man he is.

FOSTER'S WEATHER TALK.—The following is Mr. Foster's prognostication for the weather for the early part of this month. Under ordinary circumstances it would be quite interesting, but every body has come to respect the ground hog, as a prophet, and we know what to expect for two weeks more at least.

"My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from Feb. 29 to March 4, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about March 5, cross west of Rockies country by the close of the 6th, great central valleys on 7th to 9th and the eastern States on the 10th. The warm wave will cross the west of the Rockies country about March 5, great central valleys on the 7th and the eastern States on the 9th. A cold wave will cross west of Rockies country about March 8, great central valleys on 10th and the eastern States on 12th.

Third disturbance of March will be of unusual force and importance and will probably cause tornadoes in some of the southern States. This disturbance will reach Pacific coast about the 12th, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 13th, the great central valleys 14th to the 16th and the eastern States on the 17th. This storm including the low and its counterpart, high, will take a southern route and in some of the southern States serious results from killing frosts are probable.

HE HAS BEEN HERE.—The Wilkes-barre *Sun* tells the following incident of a young fellow who got into trouble up there:

Eddie Walker the young thief arrested for stealing clothing belonging to the late Dr. Geo. Kirwan is the same chap who confiscated \$4.00 belonging to the proprietor of the *Sun* some time ago. Walker has an uncle of good repute living at Bellefonte, Pa.

Walker has lived in Bellefonte and the uncle referred to above is Mr. John Hockenbury, of this place.

CAN'T LIKE BELLEFONTE.—The Warriors-mark correspondent to the *Tyrone Herald* says:

"Dr. T. Tobin, of Bellefonte, was a visitor in our town last week. He is negotiating for the purchase of Dr. L. C. Peterson's residence and practice and may become a resident of our town in the near future."

Safe Register.

For the benefit of those who contemplate making public sale during the coming season. We will keep a register of all sales within the county as fully as possible, examination of which will be free to all. Persons having their bills printed at the *WATCHMAN* office will secure notice of sale in this column free of charge.

MARCH 18.—At the residence of Samuel Vonada on the Adam Yearick farm near Jacksonville, Va., horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farm implements of all kinds. Sale at 10 o'clock. Joseph L. Neff, auctioneer.

MARCH 20th.—At the residence of Matlock Fry, at Julian, all kinds of household goods and cooking utensils, a new fanning mill and numerous other articles. Sale at 1 o'clock, p. m.

MARCH 21st.—At the residence of M. W. Cor-drack, on east Linn street, Bellefonte, horses, wagons, harness, carts, wheelbarrows, a 25 h. p. portable engine and what not. Sale at 1 o'clock, p. m.

MARCH 24.—At the residence of Cyrus Lucas, on Wallace Run, Boggs township, horses, fresh cows, young cattle and all kinds of farm implements. Sale at 1 p. m. Jos. L. Neff, auctioneer.

MARCH 27.—At the residence of William Stuart, at Axe Mann, good draught horses and a four year old colt, farming implements, harness, cattle, brood sows, shoats, and household goods, Lew Estey, piano. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m. Jos. L. Neff, Auction.

MARCH 28.—At the residence of S. E. Kane-wel opposite the depot, at Lemont, all kinds of household goods. They are in good condition and many bargains will be in store for those in need of such effects. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m.

MARCH 30th.—At the residence of Philip Conter, in Boggs township, 3/4 of a mile west of Walker Settlement, farm stock, sheep, hogs, vehicles and implements. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m. Jos. L. Neff, auctioneer.

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:

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| Red wheat..... | 75 |
| Eye per bushel..... | 45 |
| Corn, shelled per bushel..... | 33 |
| Corn, ears per bushel..... | 15 |
| Barley—new per bushel..... | 20 |
| Barley per bushel..... | 35 |
| Ground flaxseed, per ton..... | 9 50 |
| Suckwheat per bushel..... | 50 |
| Cloverseed, per bushel..... | \$6 00 to \$7 00 |

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

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| Potatoes per bushel..... | 50 |
| Onions..... | 12 1/2 |
| Eggs, per dozen..... | 8 |
| Lard, per pound..... | 8 |
| Country shoulders..... | 8 |
| Sides..... | 12 |
| Hams..... | 13 |
| Fallow, per pound..... | 3 |
| Butter, per pound..... | 20 |

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| Two inches..... | 7 | 10 | 15 |
| Three inches..... | 10 | 16 | 20 |
| Quarter Column (4 1/2 inches)..... | 12 | 20 | 30 |
| Half Column (9 inches)..... | 20 | 35 | 50 |
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