

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., April 3, 1896.

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

THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

The Undine band gave a delightful serenade on Allegheny street, Tuesday night.

It is probable that Rice's "1492" will play at Garman's, some time this month.

Most of the students at The Pennsylvania State College went home on Wednesday, for a week's vacation.

Mrs. James Parks, of this place, fell down the stair-way in her home, on Monday, and broke her right arm near the wrist.

The snow is about all gone and very little is to be seen except on the north sides of the mountains, where it will lay for some time yet.

Sourbeck, the candy man, has two real live white rabbits in his show window on High street. They are busy laying candy eggs for Easter.

The Phillipsburg Ledger began its thirteenth year on Wednesday. But possibly Miss Williams doesn't want anything said about her paper's age.

Editor Thos. Harter of the Gazette, purchased the Darrt property, on Allegheny street, at the executor's sale on Monday. He paid \$4,270 for it.

During the year 1895 the Clearfield novelty works shipped 75,419 toy wagons, and 87,891 children's sleds, besides thousands of other toys for children.

The last two days of her life March tried hard to undo her previous bad record, but all she succeeded in doing was to make people tired. That is, they got spring fever.

The Magnet is complaining because its correspondents deluge it with temperance articles. Can it be that Mr. Bailey is turning from the narrow path he has heretofore been treading.

The families of Mr. Morris Cowdick and Dr. Thomas Tobin moved away from Bellefonte, on Friday; the former, to Niagara Falls; the latter, to Warriors-mark.

"The drummer boy of Shiloh" will be produced in Bellefonte, April 29th, for the benefit of Co. B. It is a war time play, replete with thrilling situations, and the cast will compose some of the best local talent.

The venerable William Jones, who has been seriously ill all winter, is able to be on the streets again. He took advantage of the fine weather, on Tuesday, by walking out with his daughter. It is to be hoped that William's recovery will be sure.

Heart disease caused the death of Elijah Kellerman, at his home in Milesburg, on Tuesday evening. Deceased was 53 years old and leaves a widow with two children. Burial will be made in the Advent cemetery near that place this afternoon.

Special Easter service will be held in all the churches Sunday. The Episcopal and Presbyterian, which have the best music in the town, are preparing elaborate programs for the day. The Methodist Sabbath school will have its special service in the afternoon.

This week the members of the literary society of the Academy sent Charley McClure, their secretary, who had his hand shot off Saturday, a great bunch of Easter lilies. A graceful tribute to Charley's popularity and a very pleasing act for a lot of boys to suggest and carry out, wasn't it?

The Hornet spiked one of its own guns last week when it said, in an article on the burning of the Ettlinger house, "instead of Centre county journals speaking of this act in glowing terms, we think they should hide their heads in shame and say no more about similar crimes committed in Kentucky and Texas."

The return of Rev. J. W. Rue to the charge of the Methodist church in this place has given general satisfaction and a large number of his congregation met at the parsonage, last Thursday evening, to welcome him home. Rev. Rue came to Bellefonte under rather peculiar circumstances and it was thought that possibly some complication in conference would make a convenience of him again, as it had done before, but fortunately for his friends he has been returned to them.

Miss Ohnmacht is up at Mrs. L. A. Shaffer's, on Curtin street, confined to the house with a badly hurt wrist. She is so energetic and that she was out in spite of storm and snow and last week and, while in Lock Haven on business, she slipped and fell injuring her wrist so that she has had to carry it in a sling ever since. She was obliged to give up her music recently on account of her eyes and is now giving her entire time to the piano and organ business, which she is capable of making him.

Quarter-master S. H. Williams, 5th Reg. N. G. P., who by his wife is Bellefonte's busy painter and house decorator, is in luck. Some time ago he took a chance on a rifle that the 8th Reg., at Harrisburg, was "putting off" for the benefit of its ambulance wagon. He did it just to help the soldiers along, never dreaming that he would get it, but he did. On Monday he received word that his ticket, No. 9,528, had drawn the gun and he is now its happy owner. It is a 15 round, 44 calibre Colt's repeating rifle and judges pronounce it a fine one.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—Last Saturday morning Charles McClure, eldest son of James I. McClure, the Bishop street saddler, started out with a party of four companions from the Academy, to hunt for ducks. They went up along Spring creek to the vicinity of Shuey's, where they hunted about for some time. Finally the party became separated and three of the boys returned home, leaving Charles and Bolton Eldridge, a student at the Academy from Cape May, N. J.

Together they continued their search for ducks until it became necessary for them to cross the stream. McClure handed his gun to Eldridge to carry for him while he crawled along a fence that spans the creek at that point and when he had reached the other side he asked his companion for the gun.

In handing the weapon to him it was accidentally discharged, the entire load of shot entering the palm of his left hand near the base of his first finger and tearing its way clear through to a point between the fourth and fifth fingers. As soon as the boys realized what had happened they tore the straps from a hunting bag and bound it tightly about the arm so as to prevent too profuse bleeding and after wrapping the hand in the hunting bag started for the home of Samuel Thomas, a mile distant.

It was an awful walk for young McClure, with his hand in such a condition, for, besides that wound, shot had also struck him in the lower lid of the right eye, on the lower lip and on the right cheek, while the gun had struck him in the left eye. Nearly blind and suffering agonizing pain in his face—reaction had not set in in his hand so it did not bother him much—he finally reached Thomas' where a buggy was procured and he was brought home.

Doctors Seibert and Harris were called to dress the wounds and found it necessary to amputate his hand at the wrist. It was thought, at first, that the fifth finger might be saved, but conditions were not such as to warrant its being left. The young man stood the operation heroically and is now getting along as well as can be expected.

It is a most unfortunate occurrence, but he takes it cheerfully and thinks that while the value of a hand is almost inestimable its loss will not seriously affect his cherished hope of some day being an attorney-at-law.

While he is somewhat reticent as to the actual circumstances attending the accident it is believed he had his gun cocked when he handed it to Eldridge, then when reaching for it he took hold right over the muzzle, the gun having been discharged while passing from one to the other. From the nature of the wounds it is highly probable that had he not grabbed it just where he did he would have saved his hand, only at the expense of receiving the full charge of shot in his face, for as it was the force was spent in the hand and only the few scattering shot reached his face.

WHAT OF NAIL WORKS?—Bellefonte is naturally a little bit excited over the rumor that was circulated last week to the effect that the nail works plant here would soon pass into different hands and be put in operation at once.

Henry Harris, a gentleman from Georgetown, Pa., came here to negotiate the lease of the plant, which at first seemed impossible, owing to the fact that James B. Bailey, of Harrisburg, held a lease that does not expire until next July. If you will remember it was asserted when he secured control of the property that he intended operating it, but in truth it was only to head off possible competition for several larger plants owned by a syndicate that he represented. The matter died out and very little had been thought of it since, until the agitation was revived by the coming of Mr. Harris, who, it appears, has a small nail mill now in operation at his home. He is also the inventor of a patent steel carriage axle which he would like to get manufactured and put on the market.

Mr. Harris left Bellefonters under the impression that all he wanted was merely to get control of the nail works, then he had backing enough to start them up at once. This was quite encouraging and an effort was made to rescind the old lease. On last Thursday General Beaver went down to Harrisburg to attend the funeral of William Hamilton. While there it was his intention to visit Mr. Bailey, with a view to securing his release of the place. What transpired there is not known, however, Mr. Harris was telegraphed for and went down. The next day he wired here that he had secured a lease of the plant.

There the matter rested until Wednesday evening, when Mr. Harris returned, with M. J. Matthews, of Buffalo, N. Y., and D. Fraser, of Elmira, N. Y., who are owners of his patent axle. When they got here it was found that they expected Bellefonte capitalists to put up the money for the manufacture of the axles and pay them a royalty on their patent.

This is the fact; a plain statement of the situation up to last night. No lease of the plant had actually been secured to Mr. Harris and we find it an unpleasant duty to state that it is hardly possible a lease will be consummated.

WHAT IT COST HIM TO BEAT AN EDITOR.

The editor of the Independence, Kan., Star sued a delinquent subscriber for \$11. The delinquent claimed he never subscribed for the paper, and did not propose to pay for it. The judge instructed the jury that if the evidence disclosed the fact that the delinquent had taken the paper from the office, or caused it to be taken, they should find for the plaintiff. It cost the man nearly \$100 to settle what \$11 would have paid. It pays to be honest, even with the printer.

Scarlet fever has caused the quarantine of Porter Gates' home in Tyrone.

Lee Berry, Renovo's chief of police, died, on Sunday, with quinsy and pneumonia.

The Centre Democrat is justly proud of a new Babcock printing machine which is driven by a Jenkins' electro-gas engine.

A watch box has been placed at the Penna. rail-road crossing on Presque Isle street, Phillipsburg. The crossing will be guarded hereafter.

R. N. Shaw, of Clearfield, has purchased the Continental hotel at Phillipsburg. He is an old hotel man, having been connected with the Leonard house for years.

The smoke house on the property of Isaac Buck, at Warriors-mark, caught fire, on Tuesday, and before the flames could be extinguished most of his meat had been burned up.

Johnny Miller, a cripple who lives on Marsh Creek, was recently burned out of his home. He lost everything he had, besides his family having had a narrow escape from the burning building.

While John Lucas, a Beech Creek railroad passenger brakeman, was riding on the top of a box car, on Saturday, a telegraph wire that was out of place caught him under the chin and flung him clear onto the next car.

Clark Ingram, an employee at the Scotia ore mines, was covered up by a cave in, on Tuesday evening. The prompt appearance of fellow workmen saved him from smothering. As it was he was dangerously hurt.

Mr. C. F. Montgomery is now in the eastern markets buying a full line of all the choicest and latest novelties in the clothing and furnishing goods line; including the newest shapes and colors in hats. These goods are arriving daily.

The Tyrone Herald was ten years old, on April first, and a sprightly journal it is after its first decade. It is about the nearest looking evening inland daily we have ever seen and has always been faithful in its efforts to support Tyrone and her people.

At a meeting of the Epworth League, on Monday evening, Rev. J. W. Rue was re-elected president; James H. Rine, 1st vice-president; Bessie Bell, 2nd vice-president; Wilson Scholl, secretary, and Walter Whippo, treasurer. The district convention will convene here in May.

Mrs. James E. Robbins, who died at Westport, above Lock Haven, on Tuesday, was well-known in this place, having been a frequent visitor to the home of Col. Wm. Shortridge, on Thomas street. She was Miss Margaret McMicken, of Mill Hall, and a graduate of the Lock Haven Normal.

Pine Grove Mills' 40 year old goose died last Thursday. This is not a joke for they actually did have a grey goose up there that was two score years old. The climate in Ferguson must be very salubrious, for they had a horse that lived to be something less than a hundred years old not long ago. It is in horse heaven now, however.

Rafting is reported to be late on the river this year. The ice has had something to do with keeping the work back, but it is expected that by next week the boom at Lock Haven will be full of rafts. Last year the first rafts arrived in that place on the afternoon of March 28th. The first raft arrived on a 6 ft. flood on Wednesday.

"Jack" Petriken, of Lock Haven, who has played ball often with Bellefonte teams in the past, has been elected captain of the Atlantic City club for the summer season. He is a Lehigh University student. Byron Woodcock will coach Lehigh this season, and Lee Woodcock has been offered \$75 a month and expenses for the summer season at Asbury Park.

Put away that little bonnet And the winter hat you wear; They are out of date, completely, And should climb the attic stair.

Is what you will say on seeing the stylish new creations at Katz's. Their store is full of beautiful silks and ribbons of Persian and blurred designs, light billowy organ-dies and dimities, grass linen, and every detail that is needed for a fetching summer suit.

Tyrone sports enjoyed a 5 oz. glove contest that was pulled off in the Friendship hook and ladder company's house, in that place, last Friday night. After a number of preliminary bouts, a Tyrone colored lad went up against an unknown from Johnstown. The Tyrone thought he was having things all his own way, when his opponent made a feint that fooled him then with a swinging right hand landed on his chin. The youth fell like a log and it took half an hour to bring him to consciousness. He was in bed several days after his experience.

Our town needs trees more than any thing else to make it beautiful. If the Village Improvement society cannot afford to plant them next the council lend a helping hand. Next Friday, the 10th, is Arbor day and a row of elms along the board walk from Lamb street to the spring would be a more lasting monument than any man or society is now building for the town. The bare rocky hill is only unsightly and ugly because every tree and vine has been taken from its side. Plant it in pines and shrubbery and it will be as beautiful as any hill side in Fairmount park.

AN EXORBITANT DEMAND.—The final settling up of the Woodward tragedy has never been made and, on Friday, Hiram M. Goodman, whose wife owned the Ettlinger house, came to this place and presented a bill for \$2,475 for the burned property. It was not a surprise, for everyone had anticipated the presentation of a claim for some amount. That it should have been for \$2,475 seems exorbitant, especially since Mrs. Goodman bought the place no later than April 22nd, 1895, for \$752, less than one-third what she now asks for it.

The county commissioners at once refused to consider such a proposition for settlement and even declined making Goodman an offer, until he establishes the liability of the county.

The officials claim they did not order the house burned. It was done with the purpose of restoring law and order in a community that could know no safety until Ettlinger was captured. Even if it was done without the sanction of the sheriff, or any of the county officials, the deputized posse made its accomplishment possible and there was no attempt made to put it out when started. The county profited by the burning of the building and in the end will possibly be required to make proper amends.

Of course it is not fair to pay over three times as much as the place was purchased for, but does the fact that Mrs. Goodman happened to get it at administrator's sale for \$750 prove that the buildings were worth only that much. Centre county has no right, whatever, to deprive her of the legitimate profit she might have made on her purchase.

There is one thing the commissioners should try to do and that is arrange this matter with as little litigation as possible. A law suit is an expensive luxury. If it can be avoided it should be and possibly the best manner of procedure would be to have the Goodman's make demand for their insurance on the buildings, then let the county adjust the amount with the insurance company.

NOT QUITE READY.—In the last issue of the WATCHMAN we announced that we would have another problem ready for the mathematically inclined of our readers this week, but the press of other work, consequent upon the enlargement of the paper, has made it impossible to get it ready for this issue.

In order that the friends of this department who have interested themselves in the past be not held in suspense we take this opportunity to assure the following that their solutions of the apple problem were correct:

Leon M. Dillon, 79.....Bradlock, Pa.
Peter S. Ludwig, 190.....Ebensburg, Pa.
C. C. B., 79.....Milesburg, Pa.
Willis S. Mallory, 160.....Stormstown, Pa.
Rose Hoover, 79.....Pillmore, Pa.
Wm. B. Thomas, 79.....Milesburg, Pa.
W. H. Close, 79.....Oak Hall, Pa.

While this problem seems to have been easy for some of our readers a great many were wrong in their solution. Some failed to understand that after each division the odd apple was thrown away and not counted in with the consequent working, while others failed to carry their divisions far enough. In using the number 79 the first robber got 33 apples; the second one, 24; and the third one, 18. There should be four divisions by 3, three multiplications by 2 and four apples thrown away in proving the question. The question is easily worked by allegation which is undoubtedly the best rule to use.

By next week we will try and have our arrangements perfected for the next problem, which will be doubly interesting because of the desirable prize we propose to offer in connection with it.

ALL GUESS WORK.—The interviews with a "Phillipsburg capitalist," published in Monday's Pittsburg and Philadelphia papers, relative to the building of the Bellefonte and Clearfield railroad, are all buncombe. And simply the made up story of guessing correspondents at this place.

Any one who has any acquaintance with the project must have seen the discrepancies in the articles at once. In the first place the proposed line was called the Phillipsburg and Bellefonte railroad when such is not its name. Then it was announced that the line would connect with the Reading at White Deer and in the same sentence it stated that it was to connect with the Wilkesbarre & North Western, two competing systems. And lastly, the story is branded as a fake, because there is not a capitalist in Phillipsburg who has any connection with the Bellefonte & Clearfield railroad project.

ATTRactions FOR COMMENCEMENT.

Commencement at The Pennsylvania State College, June 14th to 17th, will be made very attractive owing to some of the men who will be present. Rev. Russel H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. He is so favorably known in all parts of the country—especially so here—that the very opening exercises are guaranteed to be a treat. Hon. John Wanamaker will deliver the commencement address and thus those who have never heard the ex-postmaster general will have an opportunity never before afforded in Centre county.

NOR KNOWN HERE.—The Bellefonte police were apprised, on Saturday, of the finding of the dead body of an unknown man on Tussey mountain, near Saxton, in Bedford county. From papers on his person it was supposed that he was George A. Keeling, an itinerant sewing machine mender, from Bellefonte. Thorough investigation has failed to disclose anything that would lead to the belief that the man has ever been here.

News Purely Personal.

Miss May Crider is home from Mrs. Shipley's school, at Bryn Mawr, for her Easter vacation. She came Wednesday evening.

Miss Fattie J. Lane, eldest daughter of John N. Lane, of east Lima street, is home from school in Baltimore to spend her Easter vacation.

Clarence Rodgers, a son of the late George Rodgers, of this place, has gone to Shelby, Ohio, where he has secured a lucrative position.

Ed. Campbell, night operator in the telephone exchange here, left for Wilkesbarre, on Tuesday morning. He will clerk in a hotel in that city.

Hon. and Mrs. J. H. Holt left this place, yesterday morning, for their home at Mechucon. They had spent most of the winter boarding here.

Fergus Potter, of Linden Hall, was attracted to town to do some Spring shopping, on Tuesday. The day was fine enough to lure most any one away from home.

W. A. Tobias spent Tuesday night, in Bellefonte. Billy thinks there is no place like Millheim, yet he is like everyone else and enjoys a trip away from home occasionally.

H. D. Rumberger, a son of register Geo. W. Rumberger, who holds a responsible position with W. H. Denlinger & Co., oil brokers, in Phillipsburg, was in town on business, on Monday.

William Walker, one of the cleverest of the younger writers on the Philadelphia Times, is in town for a month's rest and vacation. He is the guest of his brother, John Walker, of McAlmont & Co.

Henry Barr came down from Julian, on Wednesday morning, not for the sole purpose of telling about the fire up there, but to transact some business also. This he found rather difficult for every one wanted to know the particulars of the conflagration.

Isaac F. Behrer, of Stormstown, was in town, on Monday, along with the other heirs of the estate of his father, the late George J. Behrer, of Barto Run. There was quite a party of them and they all came in to finally settle up their father's business.

Miss Anna Mingle, whose father, Wm. B. Mingle, Esq., has withdrawn from the contest for trusteeship honors in the county for the sake of party harmony, spent part of Tuesday in town. No doubt drinking in the wonderful creations exhibited by the milliners for woman's head dress.

Among the recent entries in political race is Daniel C. Grove, of Walker Twp., who came up to Bellefonte, on Monday, to tell his friends that he is ready to let the commissioners' lightning strike him. Mr. Grove is a staunch Democrat and a man fully capable of caring for the office he would like to have.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cowdick and their daughter Mabel, left, Tuesday, for their new home in Niagara, N. Y. Mr. Cowdick and his family have been identified with the town so long and are so well liked that we cannot afford to give him a good luck to him; but may he find out soon that Bellefonte suits him just a little better. Niagara, Mrs. Ed. Cowdick will join her husband there as soon as she is able to travel.

A great many of the WATCHMAN's out of the county readers are people who have once lived in Centre. They appreciated the paper when here and have found it too precious to give up when leaving. Among the number is John H. Gates, of Warriors-mark, who was born and raised in the upper end of this county, but is now a prosperous farmer in Huntington. He was in town last Friday looking up some business that needed his attention.

Since retiring from the mercantile business William Harper, of Thomas street, has been generally supposed to be at a loss to know just how to put in his time. He is not, however, for he keeps time from dragging on his hands while managing the rosy sum he amassed during the hard years of work that finally made it possible for him to retire. While Mr. Harper is not an old man he is doing of the years of ease he will have. He worked hard to attain them and if all would look to the future as he did there would be far more of comfort in the world.

J. H. Eskridge, resident manager of the Central Penna. telephone company at Phillipsburg, had a political mission that brought him to Bellefonte, on Friday. While here his brother worked, on Friday. While here his brother worked, on Friday. While here his brother worked, on Friday.

Among the hard working men in Bellefonte few confine themselves more strictly to business routine. While Mr. Gerberich, head of the large mill-firm of Gerberich, Hale & Co. It has been largely through his efforts that that mill enjoys the paying custom that it does and his long years of study in flour making are what has led up to the excellence that is remarked of the firm's leading brand, "Snow-Flake." Mr. Gerberich dabbles a little in local politics, too, and has remained in council for years, even when the hottest-fights have been made in his ward. He is now chairman of the Water committee and finds it a thankless job to serve the people; for no matter how equitable the adjustments there would still be abuse for the men doing it.

The Hon. P. E. Wonesdorf, of Phillipsburg, was in town, on Wednesday, adjusting some legal business for several coal corporations for which he is agent. While here he tried to get a line on the state with the leaders in his party. It is an open secret that the administration snubbed him while at Harrisburg, then he was blamed for the Quay feeling that sprung up in Phillipsburg in the State chairmanship fight last year. At that time it was hinted that he would be turned down for re-nomination and whether such an attempt is going to be made is what he was trying to find out. It is a fact that John A. Duely, of Curtin township, is up for assembly, but whether he is against Wonesdorf or Curtin is not exactly known. His location would indicate that he is against Curtin, but as the latter did everything the administration wanted him to do he is practically sure of a place on the ticket.

Strange as it may appear: indeed it seems to bear out the old adage that "talk about a man and he is bound to appear." On Tuesday morning one of our subscribers down at Mill Hall, who has the habit of coming up to town about once a year to pay his respects to this office, as well as to attend to any business he happens to have in town. It has been Mr. Bickel's custom for years to come either on the first or a day before the first of April. In fact his visits have become so regular that when we looked at our calendar and saw how near March was at an end we wondered when he would be here. That same afternoon a very pleasant young man dropped into the office and said he would like to have the bills for Mr. William Bickel and Mr. Geo. Berry, of Mill Hall, as well as that of Mr. J. J. McKibben, of Abdera. Now they are the three men whose subscriptions Mr. Bickel has always looked after, and the coincidence seemed so funny that we cannot help remark it here. The agent of this trio of our friends was Mr. George Yearick, of Madisonburg, who is a son-in-law of Mr. Bickel. He happened to be over at Mill Hall to help Mr. Berry, who is another son-in-law, move, on Wednesday, to Roto, so they just appointed him to make the annual pilgrimage for them while they got ready for the fitting. Mr. Yearick added the good work by ordering the paper sent to his address, also to that of Chas. M. Bickel, a brother-in-law at Roto, and thus completed a quintet of WATCHMAN readers that any paper might be proud of.

W. C. Meyer, of State College, had business in town yesterday.

Mary and Winifred Mook are home from a five months stay in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Shortledge and Miss McAlmont went to Westport, yesterday, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knoche, of Harrisburg, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. O. M. Sheets, of east Bishop street.

What a terrible time there must have been in town last night. Candidates Chronister, Gilliland and Runkle, all for sheriff, were on the rounds and Curt Thompson was down to chase his legislative bee a little.

Prof. I. Thornton Osmond, who is head of the department of physics and electro-technics at The Pennsylvania State College, was in town yesterday. Prof. Osmond has lately conducted some very interesting experiments with the X rays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FOR CENTRE COUNTY.—Last Thursday evening the committee of arrangements for a Centre county Sunday school convention met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms in this place to make arrangements for the convention. C. M. Bower Esq., was chairman of the meeting, and Rev. Miller acted as secretary. It was decided that the convention be held on Wednesday, May 20th, and hold three meetings during the day at 10 o'clock, a. m., at 2 and 7:30 p. m. The following committees were appointed:

Invitation.—George L. Potter, chairman; H. H. Harshberger, Darius Waite, W. P. Kuhn, A. Lukenbach, J. P. Condo, Rev. H. A. Grant, N. S. Bailey and Mrs. R. V. Pugh.

Programme.—J. C. Weaver, chairman; Rev. J. W. Rue and Clement Dale Esq. Entertainment.—W. H. Musser, chairman; J. W. Conley, Mrs. W. R. Gainsford, Mrs. M. H. Wilson, and Mrs. W. T. Twitmore.

Executive.—F. H. Cota, chairman; J. B. Strohm and J. W. Gephart.

Among the features of interest will be addressed by Rev. C. J. Kephart, D. D., general secretary of State sabbath school association, also by Mrs. Barnes, primary superintendent.

At this convention it will be decided whether the county will organize and unite with the State association.

New spring and summer dress goods, in the beautiful Dresden colorings, from 75 cts. per yd. to the fine all wool rough materials at 50 cts. per yd.—LYON & Co's.

BLAIR COUNTY'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

The fiftieth anniversary of our neighbor, Blair county, will be celebrated in a magnificent way, if the plans proposed now are brought to maturity. The different towns and townships in the county have been assessed their proportionate share of \$15,000, the amount that is to be raised for the fund. Among the items of the expense account of the anniversary are those attending the unveiling of the soldiers' monument, subsistence etc., of the Fifth regiment, Sheridan troop and Battery B. of the N. G. P., entertainment of the Governor's staff and other distinguished guests, pyrotechnical display, bicycle tournament and illuminated lantern parade, decorations, displays of antiquities and industries, music and the various expenses attending pageants of like character.

Men's good strong working pants from 74 cts. up to \$2 per pair.

FIRE AT JULIAN.—About four o'clock Wednesday morning the store and dwelling owned by Jack Nason, at Julian, caught fire and was totally destroyed. It was the property occupied by ex-county commissioner, John C. Henderson, but he had moved his house-hold effects and store goods nearly all out just the day before.

Mr. Henderson moved back to his farm above the town and had purchased the Holt property for his son Elmer, where the latter is continuing the store business. They had taken the last load of goods out of the building shortly before the fire broke out and it is supposed to have been caused by the burning of a lot of waste paper in the store, the flames from which set the roof on fire.

The building was an old one, though it had a good location for a store, and is fully insured.

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 press.

Red wheat.....	70
Rye, per bushel.....	45
Corn, shelled, per bushel.....	35
Corn, ears, per bushel.....	15
Oats, per bushel.....	20
Barley, per bushel.....	30
Ground plaster, per ton.....	9 50
Buckwheat, per bushel.....	40
Cloverseed, per bushel.....	\$2 00 to \$7 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

Potatoes per bushel.....	50
Onions.....	12 1/2
Eggs, per dozen.....	8
Lard, per pound.....	8
Country Shoulders.....	3
Hams.....	12
Tallow, per pound.....	3
Butter, per pound.....	20

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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	13
Three inches.....	10	15	20
Quarter Column (6 inches).....	12	20	30
Half Column (10 inches).....	20	35	50
One Column (20 inches).....	35	55	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.....	12 1/2 cts.
Business notices, per line.....	10 cts.

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