

# Democratic Watchman

Terms, \$2.00 a Year, in Advance.

Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 23, 1898.

P. GRAY MEEK, Editor.

## The Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
GEORGE A. JENKS,  
of Jefferson.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,  
WILLIAM H. SOWDEN,  
of Lehigh.

FOR SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
PATRICK DELACY, of Lackawanna.

FOR SUPERIOR JUDGE,  
CALVIN M. BOWER, of Centre.

FOR JUDGE OF THE COMMON PLEAS,  
WILLIAM TRICKETT, of Cumberland.

FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE,  
J. M. WELLS, of Carbon.

FRANK P. JAMES, of Allegheny.

## Democratic District Ticket.

For Congress,  
J. L. SPANGLER,  
Subject to the Decision of the District Conference

For Senate,  
W. C. HEINLE.

## Democratic County Convention.

Assembly, ROBT. M. FOSTER, State College.  
J. H. WEITZEL, Bellefonte.

Prothonotary, M. L. GARDNER, Bellefonte.

District Atty., N. B. SPANGLER, Bellefonte.

County Surveyor, H. B. HERRING, Gregg Twp.

## Correct, Every Word of It.

The Bituminous Record, published at Phillipsburg, pays the following deserved tribute to the character, ability and standing of the Democratic candidate for Superior judge, Hon. C. M. BOWER. Every word the Record writes is true, and if the people of this section appreciate real worth, high character, personal integrity, and undoubted fitness, in a candidate, Mr. BOWER will receive such a vote, in this and adjoining counties as few men have to be proud of. Centre county owes it to her own good name, to see that an overwhelming majority is polled for him. The Record says:

"Centre county has an opportunity in this campaign of elevating another of her sons to an illustrious position of dignity and honor in the person of Hon. Calvin M. Bower, of Bellefonte, candidate for Superior court judge. Judge Bower would sound well and his election would be an honor to our county, besides being a fitting tribute to the high professional position he has attained at the bar of Pennsylvania. He is a citizen of Centre county and has been identified with all its modern history; a lawyer of superior ability in the very prime of his intellectual force and power; of large experience in every phase of litigation, and of irrefragable character, he is specially equipped to fill the office to which he aspires. Of the age of ripe experience, clear and decisive, conservative mind, quick in perception, yet conservative in judgment, he possesses all the qualities which enter into the judicial mind, and which would render him not only a valuable associate on the bench, but if elected, add another distinguished son to the many that Centre county has given to our State and Nation. His aspiration to a seat in this high tribunal is in keeping with the steady progress he has made as a lawyer at the bar, which has been all that reasonable ambition could desire in the practice of the law. Although he is a part of the later Democratic political history of Centre county, he has no antagonisms to encounter in this campaign, no old sores to heal, no enemies to be placated. His record as a citizen and as a lawyer is pure and clear, and he requires no whitening incident to so many aspirants for official honors. His candidacy is endorsed in the section by all classes of citizens, irrespective of party affiliation. We bespeak for him one of the largest votes ever given a candidate for high office in this county."

## Will Dr. Swallow Retract, or Will He Stick to the Lie?

In a number of speeches and at different points in the State, Dr. S. C. SWALLOW, the Prohibition candidate for Governor, has made the charge that GEO. A. JENKS is the legal advisor of a number of corporations and the salaried attorney of the Standard oil company. When asked, in this office, on the day he addressed the prohibition gathering down at Hecla park, what he knew about the truth of that statement, he frankly admitted that he had no other evidence than that he had seen it stated that the GORDON Democrats had made such a charge and he presumed they were telling the truth. Upon his re-iteration of this charge, in his speech that day, Hon. C. M. BOWER addressed a note to Mr. JENKS asking as to the truth of the allegations; in answer to which he received the following positive and pointed reply; showing, not only that there is no truth in the charges, but that there was no ground, whatever, for such falsehoods to be based upon:

BROOKVILLE, Sept. 14th, 1898.  
Calvin M. Bower, Esq.,  
Bellefonte, Pa.

My Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of the 13th inst. I am not, NOR EVER IN MY LIFE WAS THE ATTORNEY OF THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY NOR OF ANY OF ITS BRANCHES. I NEVER WAS SALARIED ATTORNEY FOR ANY CORPORATION in my life, except in one instance when the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh R. R. Co. was about to build its road to the Jefferson county coal fields in 1882. I agreed to act as its attorney from the time it crossed the state line until it reached Punkstunway, and as soon as its first train of cars reached that point I resigned.

My practice has been more largely a practice with individual clients than any one I ever knew of. I expect to see you at Bradford. I am  
Yours truly,  
GEO. A. JENKS.

It is to be seen if Dr. SWALLOW has the truthfulness to call in the dirty slander he has been circulating, or the manliness to try to repair the wrong he has done an honorable and worthy citizen of the State.

—Col. J. L. SPANGLER has been named as temporary chairman of the Democratic state finance committee, a most important and responsible position, and he will fill it well.

## Dishonoring the Flag.

Chairman ELKIN, of the Republican state committee, should be careful not to violate the law which prohibits putting the American flag to improper use. He might render himself amenable to that law by such a prostitution of the flag as making it the emblem of boss rule and machine corruption. This is what he proposes to do when he engages to send American flags to the county chairmen who are working to perpetuate the abuses of QUAYISM in our state government. The prostitution is increased by sending along with the flags quantities of campaign boodle through which it is intended to exert the corrupting influence which has so long debauched the elections in the interest of the QUAY machine.

It is proper that there should be law to protect the national flag from such shameful misuse. It is an honorable emblem, and although politicians of the QUAY stripe have used it too often to cover their corrupt designs they never before went quite so far as chairman ELKIN's intention to make it the banner of political pirates.

When it is considered that those who are now engaged in a desperate struggle to maintain the power of the QUAY machine have corrupted every department of the state government and systematically raided its treasury, chairman ELKIN must be regarded as having made a mistake in not sending black flags along with allotments of campaign boodle to the county chairmen who are working to maintain the power of QUAY's political brigands.

—The welfare of the State requires the destruction of the QUAY machine. There can be no healing of the ulcer without the removal of the core.

## Colonel Bryan in Camp.

The Republican papers do not weary of poking what they assume as fun at Colonel Bryan. When their sarcasms are studied it appears that the animating motive is that Colonel Bryan, uncomplainingly and with characteristic earnestness, is devoting himself to his duties. No word of complaint has come from him. He responds neither to malignity nor buffoonery, but goes straight ahead in the patriotic duty to which he pledged himself, as other American soldiers did when they enlisted. His Republican critics would like him to "slip over," but he is not of that kind.

Recently a committee from Macon waited on Colonel Bryan to invite him to attend a carnival to be held next month in that Georgia city. He declined the invitation for the reason that his public appearance would be misconstrued and criticized. "I am criticised for speaking and for remaining silent," said Colonel Bryan to the committee which waited upon him. "I might, however, disregard the criticisms of partisan enemies and attend, if it were not for the fact that my duty is with my regiment. I am not willing to leave even for a day the men who are stricken with fever. If you want the best type of this war," continued Colonel Bryan, "get General Wheeler."

General Lee accepted the invitation, provided his visit did not conflict with his war duties, "but," he said, "you ought to take Bryan. There is only one of me and six thousand of him."

All reports from Jacksonville agree that Colonel Bryan is making a model colonel. He sees to it his men are trained and disciplined and protected from imposition of any kind, either in the way of rations or clothing. Chairman Ellis, of the Macon committee on invitations, thus describes the recent presidential candidate as he appears in camp:

"He spent the Sunday when we were in camp driving about nursing the sick, and visiting them with dainties and relieving the suffering. Ceaselessly, without dinner and supper, he went, until he was worn out by fatigue. This man, suffering with the plagues of his fellows, is leading the life of a hero among the fever-stricken commands. His tent is pitched with them, out in the open; his daily place is by the sick-bed, and his nightly occupation is relieving some man's distress. Though clothed in the raiment of high military authority, he was still the plain American Democrat, loving his men and by them beloved.—Pittsburgh Post."

## Yellow Fever Gaining.

Reports from the South are not of a reassuring nature—Many of the Cases are Proving Fatal.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 19.—Reports from the far South to-night indicate that the yellow fever epidemic is slowly gaining headway. The following synopsis was gleaned from reports emanating in that section to-night:

The Louisiana Board of Health to-night made the official announcement that up to date four cases of fever have been reported in New Orleans and five cases at Harvey Canal, above New Orleans, on the opposite side of the river.

A recapitulation of the epidemic throughout Mississippi shows that out of a total of 109 cases seven deaths have occurred, the death rate being 12 per cent heavier than that of last year. Two new cases appeared at Taylor, but Orwood reports no increase. No new cases have appeared in Jackson.

Alabama has a strict quarantine against anyone from New Orleans and other infected places entering the State, and Montgomery also has quarantine guards on every train.

The department of the Gulf to-day ordered battery D, First Artillery, from New Orleans to Newnan, Ga., on account of the prevalence of yellow fever in the Crescent city.

## General Lawton's Report.

Nearly 1,200 of the American Troops at Santiago on the Sick List.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Nearly 1,200 of the American troops at Santiago are on the sick list, and General Lawton reports eighty-eight new cases of fever to-day. His report sent to the war department is as follows:

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Sept. 20. Adjutant General, Washington:

Sick, 1,187; fever, 679; new cases, 88; returned to duty, 289. Deaths: William Johnson, Eighth Illinois infantry, typhoid fever, Sept. 19th; Felix Boswell, D, Ninth United States cavalry, bilious fever; Albert Richardson, nurse, L, Ninth United States volunteers, pernicious malarial fever, Sept. 17th; John J. Nickoden, K, First Illinois, typhoid fever, Sept. 17th; John S. Blake, private, F, Fifth United States infantry, typhoid fever, Sept. 19th; Robert J. Courson, private, B, Third United States volunteers, yellow fever, Sept. 19th; Walter Gray, private, Third United States volunteers, pernicious remittent fever, Sept. 19th.

[Signed] LAWTON, Major General.

## Republican Rule Has Bankrupted the State.

People of the State Heavily Taxed to Maintain Quayism.

From a speech by Hon. Geo. A. Jenks, at Warren, on Friday last, we take the following extracts which are commended to the careful consideration of every taxpayer, who reads the WATCHMAN:

"I desire to speak to you with reference to our duty to our country. Our country is one to all of us. It is important that we should give some attention to it; it should not be left to take care of itself, unless you desire it to disintegrate and fall in arrears. The impression seems to be pretty generally abroad that statesmanship in its highest sense is different from affairs of life.

"There is no necromancy or magic in the principles of statesmanship which is not contained in the same maxims which produce success in private life. It is only present on a larger scale in the principles that underlie our form of government and which are not different from those which underlie the private business of the individual.

"You want to remember that in the affairs of government you are the principal—the office-holders are simply your agents.

## TREATMENT OF YOUR AGENTS.

"If in private affairs your agents do right you approve of their action and reward them. If they do wrong or injustice, if they rob or defraud you, or bring disgrace upon you, it is but natural that you should discharge them. In fact, it is your duty to do so. Bear in mind that in November you will be called upon to elect your agents to conduct the affairs of the Government.

"You are to elect a Governor and a number of other state officials, including a Legislature and a member of the national Congress. As a sequel to their election there will come the election of a United States Senator.

"Now, in ordinary life, you would inquire very closely into the character of the men you were about to engage to act as your agent in important matters, and you would not hire them. I ask you to take the same care in choosing your state officials.

"I say to you that if there arose a question between party and country I would drop my partisanship and vote for what I considered to be the best interest of my country.

"Political parties have become a necessity in conducting the affairs of our State and nation, but you must remember that the American citizen is the basis of all parties, and that he is, after all, the sovereign power under a republican form of government.

## PLAIN TALK TO CITIZENS.

"I am speaking to you, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as citizens of Pennsylvania, who have a voice in the selection of public agents. It must be born in mind that in law-making the Legislature is the supreme power of the State. The Governor can originate no laws, but he can prevent, by veto, improper legislation, unless there is a two-thirds vote against him.

"The people are to elect a Governor and a number of other state officials, including a Legislature and a member of the national Congress. As a sequel to their election there will come the election of a United States Senator.

"Now, in ordinary life, you would inquire very closely into the character of the men you were about to engage to act as your agent in important matters, and you would not hire them. I ask you to take the same care in choosing your state officials.

"I say to you that if there arose a question between party and country I would drop my partisanship and vote for what I considered to be the best interest of my country.

"Political parties have become a necessity in conducting the affairs of our State and nation, but you must remember that the American citizen is the basis of all parties, and that he is, after all, the sovereign power under a republican form of government.

"Now, in ordinary life, you would inquire very closely into the character of the men you were about to engage to act as your agent in important matters, and you would not hire them. I ask you to take the same care in choosing your state officials.

"I say to you that if there arose a question between party and country I would drop my partisanship and vote for what I considered to be the best interest of my country.

"Political parties have become a necessity in conducting the affairs of our State and nation, but you must remember that the American citizen is the basis of all parties, and that he is, after all, the sovereign power under a republican form of government.

"Now, in ordinary life, you would inquire very closely into the character of the men you were about to engage to act as your agent in important matters, and you would not hire them. I ask you to take the same care in choosing your state officials.

"I say to you that if there arose a question between party and country I would drop my partisanship and vote for what I considered to be the best interest of my country.

machine, with the last four years of Republican misrule. The State is practically insolvent in that it has not the money to pay that which it owes.

"The State Treasurer's report for 1897 shows an alleged surplus of \$3,956,811. As a matter of fact he also reported that at the close of the year he owed a large amount of money, which was due in previous years. The report shows that there was due the counties on state tax \$1,505,255; due common schools for 1897, \$3,439,998; due University of Pennsylvania for 1895, \$75,000; due Western University for 1895, \$45,000 making a total of \$5,064,253.

## OVER TWO MILLIONS NET DEBT.

"There is to be added to this the amount of \$1,034,746, which the state treasurer admits is also due, making a total of \$6,100,000.

"Subtract from this the alleged surplus of \$3,956,811, and the State is left in debt to the extent of \$2,143,188. Republican rule in Pennsylvania has bankrupted the State. Now, why is this alleged balance kept idle? In order that there may be a fund to speculate with, and a dividend to carry on the campaign with.

"It has been testified in open court in Chester county that state funds are taxed, and it is a fair inference that legislation is taxed to speculate with, and a dividend to carry on the campaign with.

"Mr. Jenks concluded by speaking a good word for each of his fellow-candidates, and incidentally declaring that he had two Congressmen-at-Large in Pennsylvania, which helps the cause of Quayism. He asked support for the entire ticket in every congressional, senatorial and legislative district, and said victory could be won if full advantage were taken of the split in the Republican ranks.

"So remarkably perverse is the nature of man that he despises those that court him, and admires whoever will not bend before him.

## Looks Like a Democratic Year.

Flattering Prospects in the Eastern and Middle Western States.—Pennsylvania's Democratic Delegation to the House May be Increased to Nine.

The members of the National Democratic Congressional committee are highly pleased with the results of the elections in the Republican vote, it is held, shows very clearly the way the wind is blowing. Republicans are apathetic. Alger is too heavy a load to be borne, and Republican displeasure is to be shown by staying at home. At committee headquarters every one feels certain that the next House is to be Democratic.

Reports from many districts now represented by Republicans give the most flattering indications for Democratic success. So encouraging is the news that comes from all over the land that the Democratic managers find that their most liberal estimate gives the Republicans but 134 members in the next House, thirty-five less than a majority.

The committee expects heavy gains for the Democrats in the East. In Ohio, Illinois and Indiana alone a Democratic gain of twenty-five is almost certain. These States now have only fourteen Democrats in the present House. Wisconsin is expected to give a certain gain of one, and a possible gain of three are a certainty from Michigan, three from Minnesota, two at least, and probably three from Iowa, one from Nebraska and two from New York.

In the East, New York is expected to elect fourteen Democrats, New Jersey two, and Pennsylvania nine. Maryland will certainly elect two Democrats, and West Virginia one, possibly three. Solid Democratic delegations from Alabama and Texas are counted on, as is a gain of one from Missouri and two from Kentucky.

The committee outlined the result to-day as follows: Democrats, 167; Republicans, 120; Fusion, 26; doubtful, 32. The full membership of the House is 357. Should the Republicans capture all the doubtful districts the women still have only 161 votes, or 15 less than a majority. In this forecast it is asserted that Democratic possibilities have been under-estimated, the committee preferring to rely upon a reasonable compilation rather than trust to speculation.

## Handing Over Porto Rico.

Spaniards Abandoning Their Positions and Making Preparations to Quit the Island.—Mutual Good Will.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 19.—The evacuation of the outlying positions occupied by the Spaniards began to-day. Aguadilla, San Sebastian and Lares were abandoned by them, and Gen. Garretson's brigade and the Eleventh infantry moved in and hoisted the American flag. The Spanish troops from the abandoned positions are being concentrated at Arecibo. On Wednesday the Spaniards will evacuate the island of Vieques, where a company of American troops dispatched from Gen. Grant's brigade has been landed. Spanish control is now confined to within a line drawn from Humacao to Abonito and from there to Arecibo, less than one-third of the island.

The Spanish evacuation commissioners, at the meeting of the Spanish and American commissioners yesterday, officially informed the Americans that they had been notified of the sailing from Spain of two transports intended to embark troops here, and that 400 Spanish soldiers will sail from here to-morrow on a transport expected from Cuba. The meeting of the commissioners was entirely without friction, and it was owing to the good feelings prevailing between our soldiers and those of Spain that it was decided to allow the company of Americans to land at Vieques before the Spaniards left. The condition of the troops is not improving. Almost 2,000 men are reported sick.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 20.—Messrs. Luce and Danares, fiscal agents of the government, who have established the bank of Ponce here, are consulting with Gen. Brooke relative to the currency situation. They report that business is at a standstill just as the time the local currency just as the time the local currency need money for their crops. They are offered mortgage loans at 18 per cent interest, but they can do nothing until the rate of exchange is fixed.

## Cannot Nominate a Judge.

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Sept. 21.—The Democratic judicial conferees of the Twentieth district met here to-day and made an unsuccessful attempt to nominate a candidate for president judge. There are but two candidates in the field, Judge Herring, the present incumbent, and R. R. Little, of this place. Five ballots were taken, each resulting in a tie, after which an adjournment was taken until Friday next.

## Captain Allyn Capron.

His Body Buried With Military Honors Yesterday Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, September 21.—The remains of captain Allyn Capron, one of the notable figures of the Santiago campaign, and father of captain Allyn K. Capron, of the Rough Riders, who fell in the first battle of the Cuban war, were buried at Arlington National cemetery to-day with military honors. The funeral was attended by a large number of prominent army officers, including Major General Miles and members of his staff, Generals Rodgers and Gilmore, and the officers of captain Capron's late regiment, the First United States artillery. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath of orchids and lilies sent by the President and Mrs. McKinley from the White house conservatory. Another handsome wreath came from officers who had participated with captain Capron in Indian campaigns.

The honorary pall bearers were officers of the staff and line with whom he had been intimately associated, while the active pall bearers were drawn from the non-commissioned men of captain Capron's own battery. The casket was borne to the grave on an artillery caisson, an American flag draping the casket. Rev. Alfred Harding conducted the Episcopal burial service, after which the impressive ceremony was closed by the firing of three volleys over the grave by a detachment of artillerymen, and the blowing taps of a bugler.

## Will Loan Spain Money.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The Daily Mail this morning says the Rothschilds will loan Spain £4,000,000 on the security of the Almaden quicksilver mines, when the treaty of peace shall have been signed.

—So remarkably perverse is the nature of man that he despises those that court him, and admires whoever will not bend before him.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Democratic headquarters in Temple Court are to be reopened this week.

—Sam Jones is to be one of the attractions in a lecture course which will be given at Lock Haven this winter.

—Mrs. Garis, of near Pleasant Gap, widow of the late Charles Garis, color Serg. of Co. B, is in a critical condition with typhoid fever.

—The condition of Mr. Thomas Collins is such as to give no hope, whatever, of his recovery. At the time of our going to press, last night, he was still living.

—Roy Gillam, formerly of this place, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home in Tyrone. He is a member of Sheridan troop and was with that cavalry to Porto Rico.

—John M. Keichline Jr., has gone to Chicago, where he expects to enter a medical college and fit himself for the practice of medicine. He left on Tuesday evening and does not expect to return until his first year's work is completed.

—St. John's Episcopal church was the scene of a private wedding Thursday of last week when, at 11:30 o'clock, Rev. Geo. I. Brown officiated at the ceremony which united in the holy bonds of wedlock Mr. Bateman Saddington and Sarah Irene Meyers, both of Philadelphia. Only a half dozen most intimate friends were present as witnesses.

—Wm. R. Jenkins, the inventive genius of the Jenkin's Tool Co., has a new hatchet in his mind's eye and expects to have a patent granted for the model that has been made. There is a cast iron hammer and socket portion, into the latter a steel blade being inserted and riveted. The advantage of the new idea is in producing a cheaper hatchet and one in which new blades can be placed, whenever needed.

PRESBYTERIAN FAIR.—A fair will be held in the chapel of the Presbyterian church in Bellefonte during the first week of December next, by the ladies of the church, for the benefit of the mite society. All the ladies of the church are earnestly requested to prepare fancy articles, as well as any other articles which would be either attractive or useful in the home. All articles are to be sent to Mrs. James H. Potter, Spring street. Let every one feel it a personal duty to contribute to this object. Donations from any source will be gratefully appreciated by the committee.

HAVING A HARD TIME NAMING A CANDIDATE.—The Republican conferees of the Thirtieth senatorial district met at DuBois on Wednesday after having met in Lock Haven last Tuesday and at Clearfield on Tuesday of this week. At 9 o'clock Wednesday evening fifty-one ballots had been taken with no result, when the conferees adjourned to meet on Thursday. Yesterday's meeting brought forth no choice and they adjourned to meet in Phillipsburg next Monday. Each of the three counties in the district has a candidate. Clearfield presents the name of William A. Osbourne; Centre, P. E. Womelsdorf; and Clinton, George P. Miller.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week:

Chas. H. Lee and Sadie Fulton, both of Walker Twp.

George A. Mark, of Centre Hall, and Esther M. Decker, of Coburn.

Joe. Valco and Merel Bunca, both of Wineburne, Pa.

Marcus E. Mark and Elizabeth C. Young, both of Phillipsburg.

Kreider Stover and Bertha Young, both of Coburn.

Cloisire Leecompt, of Hawk Run, and Philomene Urbain, of Troy Mines.

—The state board of agriculture will hold its autumn meeting at Emporium, Cameron county, October 12th and 13th.

—An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Kane died Monday and was buried Tuesday afternoon in the Catholic cemetery.

—The DuBois Evening Express seems to have rather original views as to the duties of a College faculty. In its issue of Tuesday, Sept. 20th, in commenting upon the arrival and departure of Dodge, the Bradford foot-ball player at State College, that journal would lead its readers to believe that college faculties make a business of employing foot-ball players. The Express should acquaint itself with the facts before publishing such misleading articles.

—The noted Shubert glee club of Chicago will give the opening entertainment of the People's Popular course Oct. 31st. You will do well to swell the subscription that is now open at Montgomery & Co's. store. Should the number of tickets sold exceed 600 the management agrees to give two additional entertainments, making the full course ten instead of eight, all for one dollar, truly well spent.

—Mr. Henry D. Lyon, formerly of this place, will be married to Miss Alice Zehnder, of Danville, on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, at 11 o'clock a. m. The ceremony will be performed in St. Paul's Methodist church in that place. Miss Zehnder is said to be one of Danville's most charming girls and Mr. Lyon's many friends here will be delighted at his good fortune in having won her.

—During the four months the Fifth has been in service the regiment has lost fourteen of its members by death. The number of deaths by companies were in company B, three; company C, one; company E, one; company F, one; company G, two; company H, one; company I, one; company K, one; company L, two and company M, one. Company B, thus had the highest death rate of any company in the regiment.

—The new mill of the Phoenix company has been finished and is now one of the most complete in every detail of space, machinery and arrangement of any mill of its size in the United States. Where the old mill had a capacity of about 140 barrels per day the capacity of the new mill is 200 barrels. The company began receiving grain on Tuesday and will have the mill in full operation by the first of next week. Wash Irvin will be head miller for the company.

—Saturday last, September 17th, was the anniversary of the birth of Nancy Jane Barger, Centre county's centenarian, and on that day this lady was just 106 years old. It had been the intention of her friends to commemorate the event with some fitting anniversary demonstration, but owing to the feeble condition of Mrs. Barger because of a broken limb sustained in a fall a couple of weeks ago, no celebration was held. Mrs. Barger, however, was resting easier and appeared brighter Saturday than she had been anytime the previous week.

OPERA HOUSE ATTRACTIONS.—William Garman will manage Garman's opera house for the season of 1898-'99, and the list of his attractions already booked are as follows: Oct. 14th, Vogel's Minstrels; Oct. 18th, Rice & Barton's, Vaudeville; Nov. 14th, Martin's Uncle Tom's Cabin; Dec. 2nd, Roger Bros. "Next Door;" Feb. 13th, Keller, the Magician; Feb. 20, Rickett's Comedians. Applications for dates from some other companies are being considered, and it is probable that a sufficient number will be selected to give Bellefonters amusement during the show season.

—Marked improvements are being made up at the Brockerhoff house, which, when completed, will change the appearance in and about the office, and will do away with the nuisance of having the office a thoroughfare to the bar. The partition between the ladies' entrance and the office has been removed. The gentlemen's reading room, upstairs, has been practically thrown into the office, and a handsome oak and walnut railing has taken the place of the large partition at the head of the stairs. New closets and wash-bowls will be put into the wash room. A well equipped billiard room will be fitted up in the room next to the office and an entrance from this to the bar will be made. New paper, gloss white paint and easy chairs will add to its attractiveness and the comforts of its guests.

LOOKING FOR MORE COAL.—The upper vein of coal in the vicinity of Phillipsburg being almost exhausted, property owners and coal operators are now making investigation as to the possibilities of discovering deeper veins of sufficient thickness to warrant the expense of shafts and machinery necessary to mine it. No less than three test shafts are now being sunk, in that vicinity, two of which already promise splendid results. Phillipsburg people are watching these operations with more than ordinary interest. To that town the results are of the deepest importance. Should the lower veins, now being looked for, be found to contain sufficient coal and of a quality that would pay for mining it will have a boom that will put it away up among the busy and prosperous towns of the State. Should the investigations prove a failure, it will be left as thousands of other towns, and, under the Republican prosperity that we are enjoying, with nothing to do and a large population of deserving but unfortunate people to do it.