

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

J. W. Gephart Esq., is sick at his home on east Linn street.

A pension of \$6 per month has just been granted to Charles Martz, of Pine Grove Mills.

John H. Grimes, formerly a porter at the Brockerhoff house in this place, has been granted a license to marry Mary E. Brown, of Lock Haven. The license was taken out in Clinton county.

Charley Atherton, of State College, who had been sold to Washington by the Wilkesbarre ball team, has been released by the Senators, because of a falling off in his hitting, and is now at his home at the College.

Martin Reese, conductor on the Snow Shoe road, has moved back to his old home in Snow Shoe; the change of schedule on that branch having made it necessary for his train to stay out there all night instead of in Bellefonte as formerly.

A delightful musical was given at the home of Emil Joseph, Tuesday evening, in honor of Miss Marie Reilly, of Muncie, Ind., who was here to witness the marriage of her brother James to Miss Carrie Gross.

Former sheriff and Mrs. D. W. Woodring have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Anna Mabel, to Mr. William Taylor Hunt. The ceremony will be performed at the bride's home, 13 east High street, at noon on Wednesday, September 6th.

A. M. Greninger and family expect to move from Bellefonte to Philadelphia by October 15th. Their son Thomas has a position in the Baldwin Locomotive works there and Mr. Greninger has secured a place with the Griscom & McFeely firm of millwrights.

While trying to keep control of his badly frightened horse Wm. B. Miles, Milesburg's veteran merchant, was quite painfully injured at Morris' pike lime kilns last Thursday afternoon. His injuries were not serious, however.

Olin Struble, a son of Andrew Struble, was married to Miss Emma Gracey at the home of the bride's mother, in Tyrone, last Wednesday evening. The groom is a grand son of C. H. Struble, formerly of Struble's Station, this county, and is a most estimable young man.

During the past week a hearing was held at Bellefonte before Master W. G. Runkle for the compulsory abandonment of the Centre and Kishcoquillas turnpike, from Centre Hall to the county line, a distance of eight miles. Saturday the jury returned a verdict of damages in the sum of \$1,100.

Considerable building has been done in Coleville recently. Four new houses have gone up this summer. Philip Garbrick, Abram Sweitzer, Bert Poorman and James McMurtrie are all owners of new homes out there. Everyone of them is a young man, which speaks well for the industry and thrift of their habits.

A blowing viper snake, three feet long, was killed on one of the principal streets in Tyrone Friday evening. The people up there are at a loss to know where it came from. Some think it came down from the brewery hill, while others are of the opinion that it was the surplus from one of the last orgies of the Indians.

At the opening of court, on Monday, Edmund Blanchard, a son of the late Evan Blanchard, and a brother of John Blanchard Esq., was admitted to the practice of law in Centre county. He is a graduate of Haverford and of the University of Pennsylvania law school and is a young man of much determination and energy that we predict a bright future for him in the law.

The wedding of Miss Mabel Cowdrick, of Niagara Falls, has been announced for Wednesday, Sept. 27th. She will marry a Mr. Romiser, who holds a very responsible position in that city. Miss Cowdrick is still pleasantly remembered by a great many Bellefonte friends who will wish her much happiness in her married life. Miss Edith Otto, a daughter of Hamilton Otto, of this place, and a cousin of the bride elect, will be one of the maids.

Wm. S. Chambers has been appointed an additional mailing clerk in the Bellefonte postoffice. The largely augmented business of the office made an increased mailing force necessary and the department acted promptly on postmaster Montgomery's request for another clerk. Of course Mr. Chambers will have to pass the civil service examination before his appointment will be confirmed. He will doubtless be able to do that, as he has been a school teacher for years and is in every way qualified to make an efficient and courteous clerk.

The timber that has been taken from the old foundry building at the rear of this office is of the kind that builders would be willing to pay dearly for today, if they could get it. It was put into the buildings away back in the forties and is perfect, so far as preservation is concerned. The heaviest timbers, such as sills, joists, etc., "are light as a feather" being perfectly dry, white pine without a knot. The same timber was used when the foundry was rebuilt by Col. George Bayard, in 1867, and it will be used again in the stable which the Stewart estate is going to build there.

"FARAWAY" SWEITZER-SPRITEE AND PUGILIST.—About the funniest spectacle that has been seen on Bellefonte streets for many a day was enacted on the race bridge on High street at noon on Wednesday.

John Sweitzer, better known as "Faraway," loaded to the gunwales with limber juice, came down street and met a Philipsburger named Murphy, who also ought to have had bilge plates on his keel to keep him careening. As is usually the case the two fell out with the first word, but, just as sure as a fall out was looked for at the first meeting, they made it all up with a hand-shake and then were ready to fight.

After using up all the politer terms of endearment they resorted to epithets with blub flounces and "Faraway" was waving a pair of arms that looked brawny and strong enough to knock the Bush house of its foundation. Mr. Phillipsburg Murphy listened with stupefied resignation to "Faraway's" eloquent efforts and showed no signs of wanting to do anything more than argue the question until the Eggertown contingent called him a name that seemed to question his being descended from the *genus homo*. There was trouble. The visitor took a brace and swore he could lick any man, woman or child in the town, and possibly was sincere in his belief until one of "Faraway's" waving arms happened to catch him on the chin. Well, stiffened up, raised on his tip toes, went round in a ring about three times and then suspended business, taking the full limit on the dusty bridge. It reminded us very much of Mart Howard taking a fit in that thrilling war drama, "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh."

Murphy didn't stay down long enough to be counted out. He scrambled to his haunches and everybody thought he was going to imitate the boxing Kangaroo, when "Faraway" gave a right arm swing for him. Now if Murphy had been standing up Sweitzer might have hit something, but as such was not the case the Eggertown pugilist couldn't stop the motive force that was driving his powerful fist into the air and he went on over top of the crouching Phillipsburger.

There must have been something in Murphy's attitude that led Sweitzer to think that they were preparing for a running race, for he jumped up and started to sprint at a pace that was a wonder. The Phillipsburger grew lion hearted when he saw his adversary flee and took up the chase. He needed toe weights, however, and had not chased long until Sweitzer was found half-way down its throat.

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Have you secured your seats for "The Wedding March." ***

There have been a lot of petty cases to take up the time of the court this week.

Heavy rains in the vicinity of Linden Hall and Graysdale on Saturday evening did considerable damage to fields and fences. ***

On Saturday, September 16th, the employees of the Morrison & Cass paper mills, at Tyrone, will picnic at Hecla park. ***

The Susquehanna association of K. G. E. will hold its convention at Hecla park on Labor day, instead of at Mill Hall, as formerly arranged. ***

Proprietor Grieb is making a number of material improvements to his hotel at State College. They are to be completed for the opening of the fall term of school there. ***

Wm. Larimer, the manager of the Bellefonte sale and exchange stables, has just returned from Ft. Wayne, Ind., with a consignment of thoroughbred 2 year olds. Everyone of them is registered and standard bred. ***

"The Wedding March," Gilbert's refined comedy, will be presented at Garman's next Monday night, for the benefit of the public library fund. Seats are now on sale at Parrish's.

The Tyrone shoe factory has secured the contract for manufacturing 30,000 pairs of shoes for the government soldiers' home at Dayton, Ohio. This order will keep the factory running to its fullest capacity for 75 days. ***

The Methodists from Half Moon who attended their circuit picnic at Hunter's park, on Saturday, didn't get back home until 2 o'clock Sunday morning. A washout of the railroad tracks at Graysdale caused the delay. ***

Rev. Hans Arlt has resigned his pastorate of the German Lutheran church, in Lock Haven, to accept a call to the St. Luke's church in Baltimore. He has been in Lock Haven since 1893 and has been unusually successful there. ***

A High valley resident comes to the front with a story of a black snake recently killed down there. It was so gorged that it could neither escape nor fight and when it had been dispatched a young calf was found half-way down its throat. ***

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