

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Francisens, the magician, will be the attraction at Garman's next Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammon Sechler are both ill at their home on east Linn street.

Mrs. John Walker, of the firm of McCalmont & Co., has been confined to her home for several days with a bad cold.

On Monday we had a little snow, then a little sleet, then a little rain, all within the period of one hour in the morning.

Sheriff Brungart had to kill one of his fine driving horses last Friday. It was kicked by another horse and had a leg broken.

Revival services in the United Brethren church, at the corner of High and Thomas streets, are reported as progressing encouragingly.

Phillipsburg has a company organized to drill for oil and gas. They are supposed to have 4,000 acres of land in Bald Eagle valley under lease.

Harry Larimer, son of R. V. Larimer, who has been in such a precarious condition with typhoid fever for several weeks, is said to be on a fair road to recovery.

The Logans gave a smoker at their engine house last evening that was greatly enjoyed by the firemen and the guests present. It was the beginning of a series of such affairs.

The Daily News scholarship contest is arousing considerable interest among a number of the young boys of the town. The News is holding out an opportunity that is well worth contesting for.

Everett B. Thomas, formerly of this place, writes from his home in Peoria, Ill., "your Christmas edition for 1900 is a dandy." Thank you, Mr. Thomas, we tried to make it as fine as we could.

Joe Ard, of Pine Grove Mills, sent "a good Democratic dollar in for a good Democratic paper" on Monday morning and started us off with a silver lining to the cloud that always hangs over the place on wash morning.

A dear little daughter came to the home of Capt. and Mrs. Hugh S. Taylor, on west Curtin street, Monday evening. She is their fourth child and is welcomed with more than ordinary gladness, because she is the first sister the three little boys have had.

Edward G. Parsons, of this place, was given a hearing before Alderman Du-Byne, in Altoona, on Tuesday, on the charge of obtaining money under false pretense. The Altoona Fruit and Produce Co., were the prosecutors, but sufficient evidence was not brought out and Parsons was discharged.

A. Y. Casanova, of Phillipsburg, who was made a customs officer at Matanzas, after the reconstruction by this government, has lately been promoted to an important post at Havana. Mr. Casanova has the reputation of being one of the best and most reliable men in the service.

Jas. I. McClure, the Bishop street harness dealer, is contemplating a change in business in the spring. There is one rumor afloat to the effect that he intends to utilize his entire building for a cafe, devoting the third and fourth floors to lodgings for young men.

Francisus' whose drug store in Lock Haven has so long been known, made his debut as a magician on Wednesday night. He has been practising for years and starts on the road today to make a fortune or lose what he already possesses. Mr. Francisus is said to be exceedingly clever and his daughter is to travel with him, doing a fire dance.

Fire was discovered between the plastering and sheeting of John Lane's home on Linn street, Monday afternoon, and the department was called out. It was quite awhile before the flames could be located and general alarm was felt in that neighborhood until the firemen finally found the fire and stopped it. The damage was slight. No cause has been given for the fire, as there was no fire in that part of the house.

Last Friday evening a most pleasant event took place in the Evangelical parsonage. About thirty of the members and friends of the congregation called upon the pastor and family to enhance their welfare. After about an hour and a half stay, spending the time in conversation, singing and amusement, they retired, feeling that it was a pleasantly spent evening. They left upon the dining room table some of the floury and sweet things, etc. in which Bellefonte abounds, for which they have the pastor's sincere thanks.

Edgar Rarick, who was so badly hurt at Niagara Falls, N. Y., the night before Christmas, is reported as being slightly improved. It is now thought that he will recover, though fears are entertained that he will not be in full possession of all of his faculties. Edgar was knocked off his bicycle by a trolley car and it was a singular coincidence that his brother was going home from work on the car that was following the one that struck him. When the accident occurred of course there was a blockade and the one brother saw the other being picked up but did not recognize him, owing to the blood streaming over his face.

SOMETHING FOR CREAMERY MEN TO EXPLAIN.—For several months a party of agents for creameries have been working Centre county territory and so many unsavory stories about their business are afloat that we feel it our duty to warn the public against them until the men disprove the same.

They drive about the country in wagons, carrying creamery outfits with them which they work off on the farmers where ever they can. Two of these agents made Newcomer's hotel on Bishop street their headquarters for several nights while they were working territory adjacent to Bellefonte and while working about there never left a trace of the company they represent or a card showing their home office.

Each time they returned to the hotel they would register from a different place and the agent in charge of one of the wagons would register under a different name each time he returned. This excited some suspicion and inquiry was made by a WATCHMAN representative who found that many stories are afloat as to the way they are doing business.

They are said to visit a farm and leave a creamer or separator outfit on trial, assuring the farmer that he need not take it at all if it doesn't prove satisfactory and if he does decide to take it he will not be called upon for pay until next March. All the agent cares to have is a receipt to show his company in whose hands the article in question has been left. The receipt, as might be expected, turns out to be a judgment note and when once signed the farmer has no redress but to pay the price of the article left with him; the price being in the neighborhood of \$60.

Harvey Keller, who lives on the Isaac Stover farm back of Zion, is said to have had experience with one of these agents. Mr. Keller is said to have signed one of the receipts, but his alert wife, who was looking over his shoulder at the time, discovered its true nature and warned her husband. He thereupon asked the agent to be shown the note book again in which the note-receipts were kept and having it in his hands went to tear out the one he had given. The agent, who was a big fellow, grabbed Mr. Keller. The latter then picked up a club to defend himself; where upon he was confronted by a revolver leveled at his head.

These are only some of the stories that are afloat concerning the operations of these itinerant creamery agents. We can't vouch for their truth, but we would advise the farmers to have nothing to do with the men in question until they make explanation. The columns of the WATCHMAN are open to them, and if they are doing an honest business they will not be slow to refute these stories to the contrary.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENT PLANNED FOR THE ACADEMY.—The recent marvelous growth of the Bellefonte Academy has been a matter that has brought that institution to the notice, not only of educators but to the business men of the entire community. The school has always enjoyed a reputation for superior scholastic attainments, but has had the ups and downs that have marked the course of so many institutions of its sort. The last few years, however, have seen a great revival, both in the educational advantages and the number of students at the Academy.

In recognition of this marked advancement and noting the business advantages contingent upon a large and prosperous preparatory school, such as the Academy presents, a number of the graduates of the institution have taken up the proposition to enlarge it and put it on a basis to compete with the best schools in the country.

The plan is to erect a new building on the northern end of the grounds, which will be separate and distinct from the main building. The basement will be fitted up for a gymnasium, on the second floor there will be study and class rooms and on the third a large auditorium will fill a much needed want in supplying a suitable room in which to hold school meetings, lectures, entertainments and social functions, thus improving the social side of life at the school.

Such a building would make the Academy equipment most complete and put Mr. Hughes in a position to reach out for more students. The Bellefonte merchants ought to have little trouble in discerning the advantage to them of having such a school here, consequently this latest move ought to meet with hasty encouragement for that quarter especially.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.—The case of Miss Ella McWilliams, daughter of W. E. McWilliams, of Rock Springs, has excited unusual interest in that community because of its serious nature. She retired in her usual health on Wednesday night, but yesterday she could not be aroused. She was unconscious and notwithstanding every effort of the family and physician she still remains in a comatose condition.

At the recent election of officers of the Methodist Episcopal Sabbath school Maurice J. Babl, of the Academy, was elected superintendent, with W. I. Fleming assistant. H. H. Haeberger, who competently and most faithfully filled the position for thirteen years, positively refused to serve another term and his successor was well chosen. Mr. Babl is young, energetic, untiring and intelligent. He is most popular with the Academy students and is, moreover, an enthusiastic Sabbath school worker.

Clinton county citizens will vote on the question of establishing a county home for the poor. They have the township system now.

Renovo is after free mail delivery. The fourth and final dividend of the Houtzdale bank, which failed owing to the Dill pecculations, was paid on Monday.

Mrs. Meade D. Detweiler, of Harrisburg, will give a tea next Thursday afternoon, from 3 until 5, in honor of Mrs. Ross Anderson Hickok, nee Helen Hastings.

A. P. Haskins, of Clearfield, committed suicide in the Eagle hotel in Altoona, on Sunday night, by taking cyanide of potassium. He was in the endless chain photograph business and was in hard luck.

Clearfield is moving to secure a steel mill that will employ 250 men. It is to be installed on the "building lot" plan; that is, residents of Clearfield are to pay \$50,000 for building lots in the vicinity of the proposed mill site.

Johnny Fagan's Immeltown band honored Robert Morris with a serenade one night last week, but unhappily he was out of town. Not even a phonograph was on hand to preserve a record of the dulcet strains that floated along west Linn street that evening.

The Thirty-seventh volunteer infantry sailed from Manila on Tuesday; returning to the United States to be mustered out. Elmer Fox, Frank Candor and Thomas Englert, of Lock Haven, and a man named Myers, from Mill Hall, are members of the regiment.

While skating on the dam at Millheim, last Friday, Wallace Fisher, aged 22, fell and struck his head so violently that he was rendered unconscious and the blood flowed from his mouth, nose and ears. At first it was thought he had been fatally hurt but reports yesterday were to the effect that he was slightly improved.

W. F. Kenney, formerly a resident of the vicinity of Phillipsburg, met an accidental death recently while at work in the fields of his new country home at Welcome, Wash., to which he moved only three years ago. He was kicked over the heart by one of his horses. The blow caused instant death. A widow and five children survive him.

Wm. Harter, of Coburn, had both knees of his right leg broken below the bone on Tuesday afternoon, while working in the mill yard of the Harter Bros in Pine Hollow, above Woodward. Mr. Harter is a member of the firm and was helping to roll some logs when the accident occurred. He had to be hauled to his home on a spring wagon.

Another story about Lewis and Conley's gold is afloat. This time the two famous old highwaymen are credited with having put \$14,000 in gold in a tree where William Garlin, of New Bloomfield, Perry county, is said to have found it a few days ago. By the way of adding a little to the interest of the story the Lock Haven Democrat states that they were captured along the Sinnemahoning, which makes three places at which they were captured, for some of the stories fix it as along the Bald Eagle creek, while others fix it as at the old chain bridge over the Raystown branch of the Juniata near Bedford. The latter is probably nearest it, for Lewis and Conley were both confined in the Bedford jail.

Francisens, the magician, who comes to Garman's next Tuesday night, will be known to many Bellefonters through the fine drug store he has kept in Lock Haven for years. He has been at work on magic for some time and has sold all his interests in Lock Haven so as to go on the road with a neonancing entertainment. His little daughter does three dances, one of the flowers, one a fire dance and the other the fleur de lis. He has a Philadelphia woman for his illusions and is said to have delighted his audiences when he opened in Lock Haven last Wednesday night. At all events standing room could not be secured after 8 o'clock on either Wednesday or Thursday nights.

There is not a property owner in Bellefonte who surpasses and very few who equal Gottlieb Haag in the matter of improving and keeping their possessions always up to the top-notch of order. It seems that Gottlieb never gets done spending money on his Bishop street hotel property, but if such is the case he has the results there to show for it. The latest addition is the introduction of two Krumpke hot air furnaces at the cost of \$800. By them the big hotel is thoroughly heated, fourteen rooms having direct connection and the balance indirect. Now that Gottlieb has this off his hands we suppose he will begin work in that prize garden of his, where one season scarcely ends until another one is begun.

A NOTABLE OLD RAILROADER.—On the last day of the nineteenth century James E. Waddle, better known as "Uncle Jimmie," completed his thirty-seventh year's service on the Pennsylvania railroad. His first run was over the Bald Eagle valley on January 1st, 1863, and through all those years he has continued on the same line. As conductor of the local freight he enjoys, with the veteran passenger conductor Allison Haupt, a very wide acquaintance.

Though his white hair and beard would indicate age you have another guess coming if you imagine your "Uncle Jimmie" isn't about as supple as the youngest man in his crew and though he will have to retire ere long, under the company's pension system, it will not be much to his liking, as he takes to rail-roading as naturally as a duck does to water.

TWO WOMEN HELD UP ON LINN STREET.—The famous \$25,000 kidnaping case of the Cudaby kid in Omaha, the hold-ups in Chicago in broad day-light and the sand-bagging outrages in Philadelphia and New York have had their effect on the vicious element of Bellefonte, for on Wednesday night east Linn street was thrown into a panic of terror over two hold-ups.

Shortly after nine o'clock Maggie Herman, a servant at the home of John M. Dale, was returning from meeting at the United Brethren church. She had turned east Linn street from Allegheny and was just crossing the alley between the Batts property and the home of Jos. L. Montgomery, when a man jumped out and grabbed her saying: "I am going to kiss you." Maggie is rather a stalwart girl and evidently objected to such sudden osculatory overtures, for she fought the man off and ran into the middle of the street screaming for help. He then disappeared up the alley.

Half an hour earlier Mrs. Holloway, wife of Rev. Dr. H. C. Holloway, pastor of the Lutheran church, was assaulted about three blocks further east on Linn street. She was walking along in front of the home of the late Judge Orvis when a young man suddenly stepped up beside her and asked if he could see her home. Mrs. Holloway was frightened and said: "How dare you, do you know who I am." Her assailant replied that he did and insisted on going with her. Then he grabbed her and tried to throw her down, but she struck him in the face and was able to save her purse, which contained a large sum of money, by wrapping it in the folds of her skirt. She cried for Dr. Holloway, then and the man ran away.

The case was brought to burgess Blanchard's attention and he assigned several officers to it. Be it said to their credit that they had taken up the clue and had a suspect under surveillance before 9 o'clock yesterday morning. At 11 o'clock officer Mullen and detective Righnour arrested James Gallagher at his home on Borough street. He was not up yet, but the officers soon had him; they took him before Mr. Holloway, who identified him positively. He was committed to the lock-up and at 2 o'clock taken before the burgess who released him. Immediately detective Righnour confronted him with a warrant and he was taken before justice Harshberger for a hearing. W. E. Gray appeared for him and upon an amicable agreement between all parties the case was postponed until 10 o'clock this morning. Charles Schad went bail for the boy in the sum of \$500.

Gallagher is 17 years old. He is the son of James Gallagher and is not known to have any bad or vicious habits. Until last November he was a core maker at the Jenkins and Lingle foundry, but has not been working since that time. He admits having been on Linn street alone on Wednesday evening, but denies having made either assault.

Maggie Herman was at the hearing, but could not identify him because, as she said, she was too badly frightened to notice anything.

BARNARD CHOSEN AS THE SCULPTOR.—In the last edition of the WATCHMAN briefly stated the fact that George Gray Barnard, the sculptor, was in town to confer with the members of the committee on design for the soldiers monument and Curtin memorial.

The WATCHMAN has already published a sketch of Mr. Barnard's life, including comments on his later works that have brought him more than passing prominence among the sculptors of the day. While here he was the guest of Wm. P. Humes and a dinner was given in his honor Thursday evening. The guests were Mr. Barnard, Dr. Geo. W. Atherton, Gen. Jas. A. Beaver, Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, Jno. M. Dale, Ellis L. Orvis and Chas. M. McCurdy.

Later the party retired to the parlors of the Humes home where they were met by John C. Miller, Capt. Jas. Boal, of Centre Hall, and Capt. S. H. Bannison, of Jacksonville, and a formal meeting of the committee held. Mr. Barnard then talked delightfully for more than an hour on the subject of interest, the monument, and retired. He had been gone but a few moments when the committee unanimously decided to recall him and give into his charge the design for the monument. He left Friday morning for his home in New York, but expects to return later in the spring, when he will have completed designs for the monument.

Mr. Barnard's god "Pan" recently took a gold medal at the Paris Exposition and he is now at work on figures for the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.

GRAY-TRUBY.—Robert J. P. Gray, of Stormstown, and Miss Nellie Truby, of Mechanicsburg, Indiana county, were married at the home of the bride on Saturday, Jan. 5th, by the Rev. Joel Hunt.

The groom is the son of the late W. S. Gray, of Stormstown, and is one of the best known young men in the upper end of the county. The announcement of his marriage is a great surprise to his many friends in this place, who thought him confined in bachelorhood, but they unite in congratulations, for the new Mrs. Gray is said to be a very charming and accomplished woman.

They will be at home at Stormstown after Feb. 1st.

S. B. Shaffer, proprietor of the National hotel at Madisonburg, has purchased the effects of A. L. Armstrong of the Old Fort hotel and will take charge of that historic old inn about the 17th inst.

News Purely Personal

Mrs. M. B. Garman, of Tyrone, was an arrival in town on Tuesday morning.

Miss Annie Peters, who has been spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Chaney Hicklin of east Logan street, returned to her home in Philadelphia Monday.

Mrs. Harry Keller, with her three boys, left for Philadelphia on Wednesday morning. They expect to be away a month, while Mrs. Keller receives treatment from a specialist for her eyes.

John S. Henderson, who was home spending Christmas with his mother and sisters at their country place west of town, returned to Philadelphia Monday to resume his medical studies at the Medico-Chi.

Mrs. Jennie Breese, with her daughter Miss Jennie, is at Newport, R. I., attending the funeral of Thomas Breese, who was for many years connected with the U. S. torpedo station at that point. Deceased was a brother of the late Capt. Breese, U. S. N. Mrs. Breese's lamented husband.

Mills Alexander, whose fine country home just west of Julian, attracts the attention of many travelers along the Bald Eagle valley, was in town last Thursday. Mr. Alexander is a prosperous farmer because he realizes that nothing can succeed without personal supervision and he, therefore, devotes all of his time and energies to his land.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING.—The Centre Co. Pomona Grange No. 13, will meet in the hall of Bald Eagle Grange, at Milesburg, on Friday, Jan. 25th, at 10 a. m.

As this will be the first meeting of the New Year it is respectfully urged that each subordinate Grange send representatives to this meeting. It is confidently hoped that every Grange will give this matter their prompt attention.

D. M. Campbell, Sec. GEO. DALE, Master.

Mrs. Mary Ward, of Pine Grove, mother of Dr. J. E. Ward of this place, narrowly escaped choking to death at noon yesterday. A piece of meat became lodged in her throat and only the most heroic treatment released it. As it was she was blue in the face before relief came.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.—On and after December 15th, we will not take any kind of grain on store at our mill. We will however, be in the market for cash grain constantly and will pay the highest prices.

PHOENIX MILLING CO. Latest Sheet Mould at Half Price.

The following pieces are now being sung and played everywhere in New York and Philadelphia. I will sell any 50c. piece for 25c. any 75c. piece for 50c. By mail, 10c. additional for each piece.

BOOKS FOR SALE.—Vocal.—Beyond The Gates of Paradise (Sacred Song) 75c. Where The Old Potomac Flows 50c. Day By Day 50c. The Rag Time Millionaire 50c. The Girl For Me 50c.

INSTRUMENTAL.—Coom Jim Two Step 50c. The Belle of The Regiment March 40c. Romane Waltzes 50c. Japonica Danse du Vaudeville 50c. Hunky-Dory Two Step 50c. These are all good ones. Address CHAS. H. CRUSE, Bellefonte, Pa.

PUBLIC SALES.—At the residence of Samuel Garner, at State College, draft horses, cows, short horn bulls, young cattle, implements, wagons, harness, etc. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m.

MARCH 10th.—At the residence of J. T. Bayless, on the George Valentine farm 2 1/2 miles east of Bellefonte, horses, cattle and implements. Mr. Bayless also has a lot of good chickens, posts which he is offering at private sale. Sale at 10 o'clock a. m.

MARCH 13th.—At the residence of the late Jas. Henderson two miles west of Bellefonte, farm implements of all kinds, horses, cattle, hogs, household goods. Sale at 10 a. m.

MARCH 15th.—At the residence of Michael Hess, near Shingletown, farm stock, implements, and household goods of every kind. Sale at 10 a. m.

MARCH 28th.—At the residence of W. H. Coldren, 2 miles east of Pleasant Gap, farm stock, farm implements of all kinds.

MARCH 29th.—Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, Pa., will sell at his residence, on the old farm, 1 1/2 miles west of the Old Fort, ninety head of live stock, embracing Morgan and French coach horses and colts, Holstein and Shropshire sheep, Berkshire swine including farm implements. While these animals have not been registered they have been bred from registered sires for three or four generations. A rare opportunity to buy well bred stock. Sale beginning at 10 a. m.

Philadelphia Markets.—The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening.

Wheat—Red 76 1/2 @ 78
No. 2 75 1/2 @ 77
Corn—Yellow 35 1/2 @ 37
Mixed 36 1/2 @ 38
Oats 24 1/2 @ 26
Flour—Winter, Per Bbl. 3 00 @ 3 25
Spring, Per Bbl. 3 00 @ 3 25
Favorite Brand, Per Bbl. 3 00 @ 3 25
Rye Flour Per Bbl. 4 50 @ 4 75
Baled Hay—Choice Timothy No. 1, 14 50 @ 15 50
Mixed 12 50 @ 13 50
Straw 7 00 @ 8 50

Bellefonte Grain Market.—Corrected weekly by the PHOENIX MILLING CO. The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes press:

Red wheat, old 70
Wheat, new 50
Rye, per bushel 50
Corn, shelled, per bushel 40
Corn, ears, per bushel 40
Oats, per bushel, new 25
Barley, per bushel 40
Ground Flaxseed, per ton 100 to 110
Buckwheat, per bushel 25
Cloverseed, per bushel \$1 00 to \$1 50
Timothy seed per bushel 25 to 35

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

Potatoes per bushel 50
Onions 75
Eggs, per dozen 22
Lard, per pound 9
Country Shoulders 7
Sides 10
Hams 10
Butter, per pound 25
Tallow, per pound 3

The Democratic Watchman.—Published every Friday morning in Bellefonte, Pa., at \$1.00 per annum (if paid strictly in advance) \$2.00 when not paid in advance, and \$2.00 if not paid before the expiration of the year; and no paper will be discontinued until all arrearages are paid, except at the option of the publisher.

Papers will not be sent out of Centre county unless paid for in advance. A liberal discount is made to persons advertising by the quarter, half year, or year, as follows:

SPACE OCCUPIED 3m 6m 1y
One inch (12 lines this type) \$ 5 8 10
Two inches 7 10 15
Three inches 10 15 20
Quarter Column (6 inches) 12 20 30
Half Column (10 inches) 20 35 55
One Column (20 inches) 35 55 100

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