

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Col. E. R. Chambers has purchased the law library of the late W. E. Gray.

The station employees of the P. R. Co. here are resplendent in new uniforms.

Architect Robert Cole is able to be about again after a few days conflict with grip.

The epidemic of typhoid fever in the vicinity of Hublersburg is reported to be abating.

Miss Marie L. White has grip and is confined to her apartments at the Brook-erhoff.

Isaac Underwood's home on Spring street is being brightened up with a coat of paint.

County Treasurer Phil D. Foster has his throat tied up on account of badly swollen tonsils.

Milton Kerns has given up barbering and gone back to his home in Millheim, where he expects to try poultry raising.

The Pennsylvania State College Sophomores banqueted at the Broadway house, in Milton, on the evening of March 31st.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is to erect a new \$5,000 chapter house at the corner of Beaver and Allen streets, State College.

The organ motor in the Presbyterian church refused to work on Sunday and it was necessary to carry in a little cabinet organ out of the Sunday school room.

The Young American Republican club of the West ward had a banquet in their room on the fourth floor of the WATCHMAN building on Monday night.

At the county camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, held in this place last week, Dr. W. S. Harter, of State College, was selected as representative to the state camp at Beaver Falls, on May 6th.

Thomas Moore, who has been ill with typhoid fever in a Philadelphia hospital for the past six weeks, has been discharged and is almost recovered now except for a little sore on his head.

The interior of Green's drug store has been handsomely renovated. New paper on the walls and fresh paint on the counters and cases make it as bright and attractive looking as a good store need be.

On Friday it was so warm in Bellefonte that the average person was complaining about his flannels sticking to him, next morning ice an inch and a half thick was frozen here. How is that for a change of temperature.

There will be a special self-denial service in the court house on Sunday evening April 12th. It will be conducted by the Salvation Army and one of the special features will be a commissioning of local officers. All are welcome.

The Coleville band, the prize musical organization which contributes so much to the pleasure of Bellefonters during the summer months, made its first concert appearance on Tuesday evening and, as usual, delighted everyone who heard it.

A fine new bar and fixtures has been put in place in the Brookerhoff house by the Burnswick-Balke-Collender Co. It is a massive looking piece of work in golden oak and is almost a duplicate of the bar in use in the hotel Walton in Philadelphia.

The Howe moving picture show at Garman's Tuesday evening fulfilled all expectations and netted about \$85.00 for the Logan Engine Co. This show seems to be quite as good at drawing houses in Bellefonte as Uncle Tom's Cabin, which always plays to an S. R. O. sign.

Miss "Cassie" Derstine, who for years has done plain sewing for a number of families in town, was stricken with paralysis while walking down town Thursday evening. The stroke effected her arm and hand. She was taken to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment.

Edward McGarvey, the young electrical inventor of this place, has gone to Youngstown, Ohio, to superintend the setting up of the plant for manufacturing the patent electric-vibrator scale of which he is the inventor. Last week the WATCHMAN published the full account of the sale of Mr. McGarvey's patents to the Ohio concern.

Miss Rose Fox has tendered her resignation as a teacher in the Bellefonte public schools. It will be accepted, of course, because Miss Fox will be married soon, but she has been such a faithful, capable teacher and done such good work in the school room that not only the board of directors but the public, in general, will regret the loss of her service.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd A. Musser went up to State College on Saturday to spend Sunday with Mr. Musser's parents. On Monday they departed for York, which city is to be their future home. Mr. Musser has accepted a position with the York bridge works and we trust his experience in the new work will be both pleasant and profitable. Both Mr. and Mrs. Musser will be missed very much in Bellefonte, for they were popular socially and Mr. Musser was quite prominent in the Democratic county organization.

COUNCIL'S REGULAR MEETING.—At the regular meeting of council, Monday evening, there was very little business of importance transacted, though several matters of apparently no consequence may yet turn out to be of great interest to the taxpayers.

Richard Lutz asked for the extension of the water service to the borough line on east Howard street. It was referred to the Water committee.

Dr. Kirk reported the bill board on Thomas street as a nuisance and he, as chairman of the nuisance committee, was instructed to have it abated, if it is on borough property.

The Fitz Water Wheel Co. advised council that it has another pump on the way and will be able to make good its claims. On this same line the water committee was instructed to advertise for sale the wheel and pump put in by E. Keeler Co., which they have failed to remove as directed.

The Street committee recommended a light on east Linn street near Armor's.

The question was discussed by council and referred back to the committee for investigation.

Under this head the bad condition of Bellefonte streets in general and Water street in particular was reported and Mr. Jenkins presented the following resolution:

"That the street committee be hereby instructed to make an estimate of the cost of laying brick paving. Also the durability and cost of maintaining the same, and, also, the advisability of laying brick paving on the streets in such parts of the borough as it may be suitable for. Also, to ascertain what the objections may be to the use of such pavement, consideration being given to local conditions."

This is a step toward paving certain sections of the streets of the borough and putting an end to the bills of expense for repairs we have after every heavy rain.

The Fire and Police committee was authorized to purchase a reel for the hose tower in the Undine engine house.

The general water improvement committee was instructed to enclose the reservoir so that children can be kept out of the danger of falling in.

The Finance committee showed that there are about \$14,000 in unpaid taxes outstanding on old duplicates, yet it was necessary to negotiate a note to raise money enough to pay current bills.

The refusal of Col. Reynolds to approve the bills for coal presented by R. B. Taylor precipitated quite a discussion as to the relative steaming qualities of the coal he has been selling the borough at \$3.25 and the coal the Bellefonte Fuel & Supply Co. sells at \$2.65. Supt. Rine appeared and stated that the Taylor coal gives better satisfaction, but that didn't satisfy council and the bill was held over. The other bills were approved as follows:

Water pay roll.....	\$177.76
Bellefonte Electric Co.....	2.05
Henry Lowry.....	12.34
P. R. freight.....	2.27
Bellefonte Fuel & Supply Co.....	57.97
Ardell Lumber Co.....	26.33
C. A. Turner.....	8.00
Thomas Beaver.....	6.00
T. H. Barter.....	5.75
Ardell Lumber company.....	.20
Bellefonte Electric Co. lighting streets.....	372.15
Street pay roll.....	84.16
Henry Lowry.....	7.07
Burgess Walker.....	.44
Ardell Lumber company.....	4.84
Bellefonte Electric Co.....	14.40
Bellefonte Gas Co., heat for Pub Bldgs.....	51.80
Police pay roll.....	59.57
	\$831.07

A PRELIMINARY CONTEST AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Junior class of the Bellefonte High school had their preliminary oratorical contest on Monday afternoon. It was merely to decide who will represent the class in the Junior contest at commencement time, but the competition for the honor was so keen that the exercises of Monday were extremely interesting.

There were fifteen speakers as follows:

Bessie Brouse, "The Witch's Daughter;" Mabel Garlick, "A Legend of Bregenz;"

Laura Faxon, "Healing of the Daughter of Jairus;" Jesse Derstine, "The Fight of Santiago;" Helen Ceder, "The Painter of Seville;" Gussie Smith, "A White Lily;" Harry Wian, "The Tyrant Peator of Verses Denounced;" Lillian Walker, "Bernard de Carpio;" Florence Lowry, "Told by the Hospital Nurse;" Alpha Hafer, "A Legend of Arabia;" Edith Graham, "A Denominational Garden;" Berenice Shuey, "Naubaugh the Deacon;" Walter Rankin, "The Blue and the Gray;" Florence Tanner, "The Execution of Moutrose;" Charles Donachy, "Horace Greeley."

At the conclusion of the contest editor John C. Miller, of the News, and Dr. Geo. B. Kinnup, who had been previously selected to act as judges, announced their selections as follows:

Bessie Brouse, Laura Faxon, Helen Ceder, Gussie Smith, Harry Wian, Lillian Walker, Florence Lowry, Edith Graham, Berenice Shuey and Charles Donachy.

A DECIDED CHANGE.

Last Friday the mercury kept climbing up and up until it reached 83° here in Bellefonte and everyone was convinced that summer had come for sure. It was actually uncomfortable out-of-doors for those who were wearing winter clothing and the soft breezes fairly fanned the budding trees into blossom. That evening there was a light thunder storm, followed by westerly winds that kept chasing the mercury down and down and down until it reached 28° by midnight Saturday.

The drop of 55° in a little more than twenty four hours was one of the most remarkable changes in temperature this community has ever experienced. What effect it had on the fruit cannot be told at this time. Some of the wise ones think the cherries, peaches and plums are all frozen beyond recovery, while others think the damage was not great.

William Alters, of Millheim, has had his pension increased to \$8 per month.

The grain is said to be looking well in Brush valley.

Reed's horse sale at Millheim last Thursday resulted in the sale of twenty-one horses at an average price of \$153.31.

N. B. Spangler and Thomas Sexton have occupied the law offices of the late W. E. Gray, in the Exchange.

The Bellefonte Academy Easter vacation began yesterday and will continue until next Tuesday, when the school will reopen for the spring term.

While at the P. R. station in this place recently Mrs. Frank McFarlane, of Boalsburg, had her pocket picked and the thief secured quite a large sum of money.

There is quite a cut-price war on among the merchants in Spring Mills and granulated and soft sugars are selling at 5¢ the pound down there. Light brown is 4¢ 4s and coffee at 10 cents.

The store of George Boak, at Pine Glen, was burglarized on Sunday night. An attempt was made to crack the safe but in that the burglars failed. They carried off a lot of watches, jewelry, etc.

Dr. J. Wesley Hill, of Grace Methodist church, Harrisburg, will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Bellefonte High school on the evening of May 28th. His subject will be "Brains."

At the meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church in Huntingdon during the part of the week it was reported that \$4,821.40 had been raised; a decided gain, over last year's contributions.

Edward T. Storm, of Tyrone, a brother of barber William Storm, of this place, had his right arm broken while at work as a brakeman on the Valley. The accident occurred near Snow Shoe Intersection, while he was twisting a brake.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will hold a special business meeting Friday afternoon in their sewing rooms in the Irvin building on High street. A full attendance is desired, as there is important business to bring before the society.

The Salona Methodists are in a quandary over the matter of repairing their old church or building a new one. In the light of Bellefonte experience we would advise them to build a new one—if they feel able to do it. An old church, remodeled, is still an old church.

W. H. Rauch, secretary of the Penna Reserve's organization, is sending out card orders for reduced transportation to the final "Round-up" of the corps, which is to be made at Harrisburg on June 24th and 25th. If you want to attend and desire an order for reduced fare address Mr. Rauch at 1832 North Carmac St., Phila.

E. R. Williams Esq., a Justice of the Peace in Huston township, died at his home two miles north of Julian on Tuesday evening. He was in his 70th year. He leaves to mourn him three sons and one daughter as follows: Orrie Williams, Bertron Williams, Sylvester Williams and Mary Davis. He taught school for many years and was an honorable, upright citizen.

Adj. McEntyre, who as an ensign, opened the Salvation Army barracks in this place, was here to spend Sunday with her comrades and other friends in Bellefonte. She led a meeting in Petrikon hall in the afternoon and in the barracks at night, both of which were largely attended, for the adjutant is not only popular here, but a rousing talker.

The Gowland Manufacturing Co. is the name of a new concern that has lately bought out John Gowland's interest in the foundry and machine shops at Philipsburg. John Gowland and Jacob Swire constitute the new corporation and they are to secure a charter and have \$30,000 capital. They expect to build up the business very materially; making a specialty of mine cars.

About four weeks ago the WATCHMAN published a telegraphic report from Walburn Run, Pa., to the effect that a number of people had been poisoned by eating ice cream at a Free Methodist festival. The principal facts of the story are correct but Mr. J. K. Munro writes from Mill Hall to deny that it was a Free Methodist festival. It was not held by any denomination; being merely a private social gathering.

The Joseph Bros. & Co. millinery opening, which will close today, after an unprecedented record of drawing crowds of ladies to their store, will give way to a special sale of fine shirt waists and tailor made suits for ladies. Those who saw the elaborateness of the millinery lines shown will have a slight idea of what the others will be, but only so slight that we would advise an early call to satisfy yourself fully of the extensiveness of the new display.

The Harter Bros. of Coburn, who have been carrying on extensive lumber operations along Pine creek for years, have pulled up stakes and gone to West Virginia, where they have several large tracts under lease. Monday morning A. M. Harter started for Edray, Pocohontas Co., where he will superintend the erection of a boarding house and a large mill. He took with him quite a crew of men, among whom were F. M. Stevenson, Wm. Fultz, R. E. Hinds, Merl Miller, Fred Schleifer, Charles Bierly, Wm. Bierly, Edw. Gramley, Noah Brungart and Calvin Stover.

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TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR WORKS.—When the Standard scale works move away from Bellefonte the Nittany Furnace Co. will not rent the buildings they now occupy. It is the intention of the Furnace Co. to occupy them themselves and to fit them out as a complete foundry and machine shops where all the new and repair work for the Scotia, Red-bank and Nittany mines, the C. R. R. of Pa., the Bellefonte and Nittany furnaces can be done.

These companies already have several well organized repair departments scattered about their various workings, but the intention to consolidate them means a plant that will employ nearly as many men as the scale works itself. They will need extra machinists, painters and an entire force of foundrymen, so that the hum of industry started in the scale works buildings 12 years ago will not be entirely transported to Beaver Falls.

MESHAC WILLIAMS.—The upper end of Bald Eagle lost a very useful and generally respected citizen on Thursday night, when Meshac Williams passed away. He had suffered for some time with Bright's disease and though his death is fraught with much sorrow, not only for those near and dear to him but his entire home community of Martha Furnace, it was not unexpected.

Deceased was a son of S. Scott and Ellen Williams and was born 56 years ago. August 22nd, 1872, he married Adeline S. Ingram, of Dix Run, who preceded him to the grave leaving the following children: George S. and Frank L. of Altoona; Judson A., and Alice R., at home and D. M. Clemson, at Scotia. September 28th, 1893, he married Miss Susanna Saxton, of Scotia, who survived him. His brothers and sisters are W. Shafrach, Abeduego and Ellis D., all of Martha; Mrs. Sarah Holter, Howard; Mrs. Allie Robinson, Martha; Mrs. Mary E. Fahron, Marne, Iowa; Mrs. Harriet Eckley, Pitcairn, Pa., and Mrs. Rachel Bradford, Upper Cross Roads, Md.

When sixteen years of age he entered Company O, Battalion of Emergency Volunteers on June 17th, 1863, from which company he was honorably discharged on August 8th of the same year. He enlisted in Company A, of the 45th Regiment of Penna. Veteran Infantry, February 27th, 1864, and was honorably discharged July 17th, 1865. In this regiment he was one of eight Williamses (all of whom were related.) He was the seventh of this number to answer the last roll call, the only surviving Williams of this regiment being his brother W. S. Williams. During his service in the war he was captured and held a prisoner in the prisons at Salisbury and Andersonville. While at Homestead during the strike a few years ago he was one of those whose food was poisoned, and who fortunately survived that severe ordeal.

On Sunday afternoon services were held in the Baptist church at Martha, of which he was a member. The bearers were members of the Odd Fellows organization, of Scotia, where the deceased was a member. Rev. A. C. Lathrop, of Milesburg, officiated, assisted by Rev. Berger of the Port Matilda Presbyterian church. Interment was made in the cemetery at Martha.

MRS. SAMUEL A. HOLT.—Mrs. Mary Bing Holt, wife of Samuel A. Holt, died at the old Barbizon Holt home beyond Snow Shoe on Friday morning, after a long illness of consumption. She was born in 1866 and her entire life was spent in the vicinity of Snow Shoe. Previous to her marriage she taught school for several years and was a very capable and excellent woman. Surviving her are her husband and three small children, the oldest of whom is seven years old and the youngest two years of age. Her father, Ezekial Bing, and one brother are living. Her mother and a sister having died in recent years.

Funeral services were held on Monday by the Rev. Carson of the Presbyterian church of which she was an earnest member and interment was made at Gilliland town.

Mrs. Mitchell Bitter, aged about 56, died at her home near Eagleville last Thursday morning from the effects of a second stroke of paralysis, which she had suffered the day previous. Deceased was a conscientious Christian woman and her death will cause a vacancy not only in the home circle, but in the many public movements in which she was interested in her community. Surviving her are her husband and three sons, DeLarma and Doran, of Bitumon; and Corwin at home. Interment was made in the Brown grave yard on Saturday morning.

Last week the WATCHMAN made mention of the finding of a man along the public road in Haines township by Nicodemus Lose. He was in a very exhausted condition and when taken in charge by the overseer of the poor was found