

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., April 8, 1904.

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## THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

There are several cases of diphtheria in Bush Addition.

Next Monday night the State College Thespians will appear at Garman's in "A House of Troubles."

The Brookerhoff house cafe has been redecorated and is now even brighter and more attractive than before.

Papers that are circulating the story that there will be plenty of trout will have time to revise their opinion after the 15th.

Philipsburg's new Volunteer band of twenty-two pieces made its first appearance on Friday evening. It is said to have played very nicely.

Edward L. Hoy entertained Supt. Snyder, of the Lehigh Valley's operations at Snow Shoe, at the Nittany country club Tuesday evening.

The time is here when street commissioner Shaughnessy should see to it that ashes that have been piled in streets and alleys are hauled away.

M. Johnson, the marble man, is placing a twelve ton marker of Indiana sand stone on the Shoemaker lot in St. John's Catholic cemetery.

The ladies aid society of the Bellefonte U. B. church will serve a supper in the hall at the church on Saturday evening at 5:30. The public is invited. Ice cream will be served during the evening.

Steward Heberling, an old Centre county boy, who had been living in Tyrone, has moved to Kipple. D. W. Johnsonbaugh, another ex-Centre countian, has moved to the same place.

The room which Galbraith vacated in the Bush house block has been taken by proprietor Daggett of the hotel. He expects to fit it up in most sumptuous fashion for a lounging room for his guests.

If the Easter dinner in the Bush house was half as good as the dainty hand painted menu that sets it forth looks, the guests of that hotel must have had a feast such as is not often served in Bellefonte.

The Thespians, who are the amateur actors among the students of the Pennsylvania State College, will play at Garman's Monday night under the auspices of Bellefonte chapter, D. A. R. The sale of seats is now open.

The remains of Miss Martha Keller, who died of diphtheria while visiting friends in Danville some years ago, were brought to her old home here last Friday and laid to rest in the family plot in the Union cemetery.

Miss Mary Hamilton opened her new dancing Academy in the old Masonic rooms, in the Reynolds bank building, with a dance on Tuesday evening. It was very well attended and Fiske's orchestra from Williamsport furnished the music.

Elwood Mateer, formerly with the Penna. Telephone Co., in this place, has been made manager of the company's business at Look Haven and Renovo. He succeeds S. A. Bixler, who resigned to take a position with the Harrison-Walker factories.

The annual election of vestrymen for St. John's Episcopal church took place on Easter Monday evening, as follows: W. Fred Reynolds, senior warden; Dr. George F. Harris, Dr. J. L. Seibert, Wilbur F. Reeder, Daniel Garman, W. W. Montgomery, J. Zeller, E. F. Garman, E. H. Richard.

The Young American club of the West ward has changed its name and will hereafter be known as the Roosevelt club. At their last meeting they elected C. L. Rine, president; H. A. Smith, vice-president; W. H. Hamilton, treasurer; G. E. Haupt, secretary, and Alfie Derr, financial secretary.

Thieves broke into Henry Brown's repair shop, under Aikens store, on Sunday night, and stole five revolvers that were there for repairs. Some of the guns were quite valuable and the loss is a heavy one to Henry, as the thieves took none but the best ones. They got in by cutting the glass at the lock, then hoisted the window.

L. C. Bullock, of Milesburg, is walking with a decided limp caused by having his leg caught and badly cut in a shaper at his swing factory a few days ago. On Monday morning John Huff met with an accident on the same machine. He had the fingers of his left hand caught and mangled in such a way that the flesh hung in shreds from the bone.

Thieves pried open a window in Sourbeck's confectionery last Thursday evening and carried off 400 mickie cigars and several boxes of Huyler's candies. They broke into the money drawer, but secured only sixty-five cents there. Mr. Sourbeck has a pretty well grounded suspicion as to who the parties are and is running them down now.

Easter services in the Bellefonte churches were about as usual. The weather was so bad as to make a display of feminine finery out of the question, consequently all the interest centred in the real services of the day. All of the choirs rendered Easter music both morning and evening, and some of the numbers were exceptionally good. The Presbyterians followed their usual custom of having their evening service one entirely of song.

MY, WHAT A FAKE—Uncle Jack Griest is nothing if not original. He has been successful in business, politics and—was going to say religion, but that had better be held up for closer investigation. He has done many things to win public approbation, but it remained for Monday, the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1904, to explode the biggest venture ever undertaken by the Wanamaker of Unionville.

He arrived in town on the 1:25 train that day and was no sooner off the cars than a great hub-bub was created about his losing a bank book containing \$1200.00 in bank notes, checks and notes. Trainmen were telegraphed to all along the line, banks were ordered not to pay checks, the local police force and all the amateur detectives were called into requisition while Uncle Jack acted as if Sam Diehl would have to take care of him hereafter. The manner in which he explained to the inquisitive just how he had buttoned the valuables in the inside pocket of his vest, and felt them several times while on the train just to be sure they were there, was most graphic. In fact so fine did he have it down that he remembered that it was while the train whirled past Blair Alexander's chicken coop he felt first for it; then just as they passed Lehigh Valley car 6610 standing on the siding above the Intersection he felt again and it was there. The last time he felt was just as the train was pulling into Milesburg and the sight of Kullbecker's made him think of the highwaymen who undertook to hold that place up several years ago. It was there even then, but after he arrived in Bellefonte it was gone.

The fact of the matter is the story was beautifully told and acted better than Mansfield could have done it, but for once in their lives Bellefonters were wise. It awakened no sympathy or unusual excitement in this burg, because we all remembered that it was only a short time ago that Uncle Jack sat in a train and rode the opposite way when he wanted to come here on business and a man who would do that would leave his bank book locked up in the safe in his store and come to town thinking he had it in his pocket.

When he got back to Unionville that evening he found the book just where he had put it in the safe.

A LITTLE BOY KILLED AT HUBLERSBURG.—A most distressing accident occurred at Hublersburg shortly before noon on Tuesday in which William, the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hoy, lost his life. To make the affair all the sadder the fatality was due to his brother Nevin, who is just two years older, and who is so prostrated by it that he has been unable to tell exactly how it did occur.

The two little Hoy boys, with a companion, Charles Carner, were out in a field back of Edward Markle's stable, shooting birds. Nevin Hoy, who was handling the gun, had shot one and was reloading for another trial when the weapon was prematurely discharged. The load struck Willie near the thigh, taking an upward course and severing the large artery. With a cry the little fellow sank to the ground and for a moment the other two were panic stricken. It was only a moment, however, for Nevin fell onto his knees and made a pillow of himself for the wounded while Charley Carner ran shouting toward the village for help.

Alias and Edward Markle responded to the call and found the boy literally bathed in his life blood. Every effort was made to staunch the flow but he died shortly after being carried to his home.

The unfortunate little fellow was the son of George F. Hoy, the Hublersburg merchant. He was a bright, attractive boy and his tragic death has thrown a pall over that entire community. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Interment will be made at Hublersburg this morning at 10 o'clock.

THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS MINGLE PRESIDENT.—At a regular meeting of the Bellefonte school board on Monday evening Capt. A. C. Mingle was chosen president. It was really the organization of the new board deferred until that time because of the uncertainty as to who would stand for the position of presiding officer. Mr. Mingle had no opposition, his election having been unanimous, quite a compliment, since the board is Republican and he is a Democrat.

A proposition in which the public will be interested was discussed at some length at the meeting the result being that the president, Col. D. F. Fortney, W. H. Crisman and Hard P. Harris were appointed a committee to investigate and submit plans for remodeling and enlarging the North ward school building. The board deems it necessary to get more room for scholars and has discussed several plans looking to that end. None of them have seemed as practicable as this and it is likely it will be carried into execution. It is 49 years, 6 months and 17 days old and is survived by her husband and ten children.

Mrs. GEORGE SWABB.—At the ripe old age of 74 years and after a long and useful life Mrs. George Swabb passed away at her home in Harris township on Thursday last week. Deceased is survived by her husband and four sons: John, of Erie; Wm. M., and James, of Linden Hall, and Frank, of Pine Grove Mills. Interment was made at Centre Hall.

JOSEPH STROUSE.—After an illness of stomach and bowel troubles that had its beginning early last fall the venerable Joseph Strouse, a well-known Ferguson township farmer, passed away at his home at Pine Hall on Monday afternoon. He had improved somewhat recently, but several weeks ago he became worse again and it seemed that neither the best medical skill nor the tenderest nursing would prevail against the disease.

Deceased was of German descent, a truly christian gentleman of simple, frugal habits, whose life was a daily example of good citizenship and charitableness. While of a very retiring disposition he was always very active in matters of public interest, in church work and in Democratic politics. Though he never sought preferment he had held almost every local office within the gift of the people of his community. Early in life he became connected with the Lutheran church, remaining a useful active member to the last.

In church affiliation he was for many years identified with the Reformers and in politics the family of staunchly Democratic sons he gave to his party is the best testimonial of his fealty.

Mr. Foreman for many years lived on the Curtin farm, east of the Old Fort, but the later years of his life were spent on his own place near Centre Hill.

His widow, five sons and three daughters survive him. Among the former is D. F. Foreman, deputy prothonotary of Centre county.

Interment was made at Centre Hall on Wednesday, after services had been conducted at his late home by the Rev. Gress.

JOHN POWERS.—On Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. all that was mortal of John Powers took on immortality. He passed away at his home at Graysville his death having been caused by uraemic poisoning as a result of an operation he underwent some years ago.

Deceased was a blacksmith by trade and worked at Penna. Furnace, where he was regarded as an expert mechanic, as well as a good citizen, kind neighbor and indulgent father. He was 62 years old and is survived by his widow and three children.

Funeral services were held at his late residence Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, after which the body was taken to Altoona for burial.

Mrs. Jane Harpster was burned so badly while in the act of making a fire in the cook stove at the home of her son William, at Spruce Creek, on Tuesday afternoon, that she died from the effects of it the next day. She was 63 years old and is survived by her husband and five children. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church. Interment will be made at Seven Stars this morning.

Steve Lugar, an Austrian 21 years old, died in the Altoona hospital on Wednesday of last week and on Friday his body was buried in St. John's Catholic cemetery here. The funeral was in charge of his brothers of the order of St. Vid. The Coleville band led the way to the cemetery and the pall-bearers marched beside the hearse carrying lighted candles.

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THE MEETING OF COUNCIL.—All of the members of council were present at Monday night's session though little business of importance was transacted.

Dr. Kirk notified council that at his own expense he had placed a meter on his own residence and would expect to pay for his water at the meter rates. Mr. Fenlon objected to the plan because of the fact that all meters have been taken off private residences and they are assessed under the old schedule that has been in force for years.

Upon motion it was decided to ask Col. Reynolds for an extension of time in which to test the working of the new Phoenix pumping station. Ellis L. Orvis appeared on behalf of the Bellefonte Gas Co. to ask that a lower water rental be charged that corporation. It was referred to the proper committee.

JOHN FOREMAN.—The venerable John Foreman, worn out by many years of active life, passed away at his country home near Centre Hill, in Potter township, last Saturday morning. He was the respected of all who knew him, a man of unimpeachable integrity and steadfast in the pursuit of honorable dealings with his fellows. His life had been one that made for the good of the community and its going out is a matter of more than ordinary moment, even though he had attained the ripe old age of 84 years.

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Burgess Walker submitted an address to council urging the building of a new lock-up, with police headquarters, at some more central part of town.

Solicitor Fortney presented a lengthy communication setting forth the duties of the Finance committee and urging a more careful estimate of the borough expenses before the millage is laid to cover them.

After approving the following bills council adjourned:

Police pay roll.....\$33.00  
P. B. Crider & Son.....278.35  
W. T. Kelly, Boro. clerk for 1 month.....12.50  
Ardell Lumber Co.....5.67  
Bellefonte Electric Co.....341.85  
Bellefonte Electric Co.....14.40  
Bellefonte Gas Co.....48.10  
Street pay roll.....63.14  
Water works pay roll.....139.75  
W. H. Miller.....11.23  
J. L. Montgomery, coal for water works.....78.31  
Thos. Beaver, hauling.....7.64  
Bellefonte Fuel & Supply Co.....1.00  
Bellefonte Electric Co.....50.50  
Bellefonte Electric Co.....5.65  
John Noll.....15.75  
Ardell Lumber Co.....14.17

Total.....\$1091.01

Osar Wetzel was able to be out on the street on Tuesday after being confined to his home for the past three weeks with grip and symptoms of pneumonia. He had quite a serious seige and he is yet not nearly as well as he ought to be.

The Philipsburg trolley line is to be extended to Osceola.

The play which the College boys will present at Garman's, next Monday night, is said to surpass the successful one of last year in its comedy.

Lewisburg freight out of this place Tuesday morning was wrecked between Spring Mills and Coburn. Five cars were smashed up but none of the crew injured.

There will be an examination of teachers for permanent certificates in the public schools of this county in this place on Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th.

The ladies of the Bellefonte Methodist church are arranging to have "Ye Singing Skule of ye Olden Times" on the evening of April 21st. It will probably be held in Petriken hall.

Wm. P. Duncan, the well-known Philipsburg whose recent serious illness was a matter of much concern to his many friends here, has so far recovered as to be able to drive out a little on favorable days.

The thirty-fifth annual convention of the Centre county Sabbath School Association will convene at Boalsburg, April 28th and 29th. The complete program will be published next week.

There has been something the matter with the remittances lately. They are not coming in nearly as fast as they did and we merely write to tell you that we are not mad at all; only a little disappointed. This week there would actually have been nothing to write about had not Edward Womer, of Ashland; R. Kreider, of Gatesburg, and a few others come to the rescue.

Detective Joe Rightmour arrested a quartet of colored men at Scotia on Tuesday night. They had refused to permit constable Hartsock, of Patton township, to have possession of a girl they were detaining there and who is really a charge on Allegheny county. The detective caught three of the fellows when they were in bed and the fourth was nabbed later. They are all in jail here now awaiting trial for resisting the constable.

The Methodist of Snow Shoe gave their departing pastor, Rev. T. S. Fans and his wife, quite a pleasant God-send last Friday evening. It was in the form of a farewell reception, which was largely attended. The ladies aid society of the church had it in charge and made it so successful that it will leave a lasting impression on the hearts of the good man and woman who labored so zealously and so fruitfully in the community. Mrs. Fans was presented with a cut glass fruit dish.

News Parly Personal.

Lawrence McMullen, of Hecla Park, was a Bellefonte visitor on Monday.

Jacob Shaffer Esq. was up from Zion looking around a little in town on Tuesday.

Rev. Father Victor Zarek, of Clarence, was a visitor in town Wednesday evening.

Corry Garman spent a few hours Monday with his brother, A. S. Garman, in Tyrone.

Mrs. Catharine Dinges arrived home Saturday evening from a three week's visit at Halesburg, Philipsburg.

Mrs. C. T. Gerberich went to Philipsburg, on Saturday, for a visit with her daughters, Mrs. Hoffer and Mrs. Wetzel.

Mrs. Benjamin Gentile returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Cole, in Lewisburg, on Wednesday.

Samuel Taylor, of Pittsburg, spent a few days with his friends in this place last week; returning to his work on Saturday.

Oscar Zimmerman, of Pleasant Gap, has gone to Newtonville, Kansas, where he expects to make his future home on a farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bosner, of Glenn's Falls, N. Y., were in Bellefonte for a few hours calling on their friends on Saturday.

John McWilliams, who has lately set up farming for himself on the D. G. Meek farm at Fairbrook, was in town on Monday on business.

Dr. and Mrs. John Clark, with their child, from Wier, visited at the home of Mr. Clark's father, James Clark, of Benner township, on Monday and Tuesday.

Conductor John Hall, of the C. R. R. of Pa. spent Sunday with his family in Atlantic City and seemed so much pleased with it that we wouldn't be surprised to learn of his locating there permanently.

A UNIQUE CONTEST FOR THE FARMERS.—Various newspapers are offering prizes to teachers and people of other vocations, but here is something for the farmers that is not only practical, but valuable to themselves as well as to an institution that is deserving of all the aid it can get.

The scheme is the product of the mind of John G. Dubbs, a local implement dealer, and is such a simple one that it seems strange that no one has thought of it before.

He offers to the farmers of Centre county, free, one improved Evans corn planter of the value of about \$35.00. As to which one will get it is to be decided in the following way:

Each and every farmer who cares to enter the contest is to bring two bushels of corn ears to a designated place in Bellefonte after the crop of 1904 is husked. The one having the largest and best corn is to be given the planter. The three judges who will make the award are to be chosen by the contesting farmers themselves. After the award is made the corn is to be sold at the highest market price and the proceeds to be donated to the Bellefonte hospital.

The plan is a nice one and if the farmers of the county enter into it with the zeal that is expected they will get credit for having made the largest contribution ever received by the Bellefonte hospital. And this without any more outlay to themselves than the two bushels of corn ears that are put in contest. In return for them they have a chance of winning the \$35.00 Evans double row and check row planter.

Mr. Dubbs put no restrictions whatever on the manner of raising the corn to be entered, though it would make it much more interesting to him if it were all planted with the Evans planter. The only requirement there is that the corn must be raised during the season of 1904.

Take up the contest, farmers. Make it a rousing success. There is plenty of time for you to plant and care for your corn now with a view to winning this useful prize, as well as helping the hospital.

WEDDED AT NITTANY.—On Tuesday, April 5th, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. Samuel Tweed, of Nittany. The contracting parties were Mr. Chas. S. Beck and Miss Sadie Harris, of that place. At 12 o'clock they entered the parlor, accompanied by Mr. B. F. Harris and Miss Margaret Tweed. The ceremony was performed in the presence of some thirty immediate friends, by the Rev. H. Willis Hartsock, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Glen Hope, Pa.

After congratulations were extended, the happy couple and guests repaired to the dining room where an excellent wedding dinner was served. The bride and groom are well known people of sterling character, and are well fitted to make home happy and attractive. They were the recipients of many useful presents. Their friends wish them many happy years together.

Removal of Law Offices.

We desire to announce the removal of our law offices from 19 West High street to Temple court, south Allegheny street, Bellefonte, Pa. The offices formerly occupied by the late John M. Dale, deceased.

BLANCHARD & BLANCHARD.  
Sole Register.

April 10th.—At the residence of Mrs. John McDonough, on Water street, Bellefonte, odds and bedding, chairs, carpets, dishes, utensils, carpenter tools, etc. Jas. C. Derr auctioneer.

Philadelphia Markets.

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

Wheat—Red	1.05 1/2 @ 1.06
"—No. 2	99 1/2 @ 1.00
Corn	65 @ 68
"—Mixed new	47 1/2 @ 51
Oats	47 1/2 @ 49
Flour—Winter, Per Bu.	3.65 @ 3.85
"—Penna. Roller	4.00 @ 4.80
"—Favorite Brands	5.50 @ 5.75
Rye Flour Per Bu.	4.25 @ 4.50
Baled hay—Choice Timothy No. 1	11.00 @ 17.00
"—Mixed	11.00 @ 15.00
Straw	10.50 @ 25.50

Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by C. Y. WAGNER.

The following are the quotations to 12 o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes press:	
Red wheat	93
Rye, per bushel	60
Corn, shelled, per bushel	50
Corn, ears, per bushel	45
Oats, old and new, per bushel	45
Barley, per bushel	60
Ground plaster, per ton	40
Buckwheat, per bushel	46
Cloverseed, per bushel	\$7.20 to \$8.10
Timothy seed per bushel	\$2.00 to \$2.25

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Sechler & Co.

Potatoes per bushel	1.00
Onions	90
Eggs, per dozen	18
Lard, per pound	10
Country Shoulders	10
Sides	10
Hams	12
Tallow, per pound	4
Butter, per pound	22

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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	13
Three inches	10	15	20
Quarter Column (6 inches)	13	20	28
Half Column (10 inches)	20	35	50
One Column (20 inches)	35	65	100

Advertisements in special column 25 per cent additional.

Transient adv. per line, 3 insertions.....20 cts.  
Each additional insertion, per line.....5 cts.  
Local notices, per line.....20 cts.  
Business notices, per line.....10 cts.  
Job Printing of every kind done with neatness and dispatch. The Watchman's office has been refitted with Fast Presses and New Type, and everything in the printing line can be executed in the most artistic manner and at the lowest rates. Terms—Cash.

All letters should be addressed to F. GRAY MEER, Proprietor