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Improvement Funds for Academy Grounds.

The WATCHMAN takes pleasure in reporting the following subscriptions to the fund now being raised for improving and beautifying the ground about the Academy:

Table listing donors and amounts: J. F. Ryman, Missoula, Mont., \$100.00; Jas. Harris, \$25.00; Miss Julia L. Reed, Havana, Cuba, 10.00; The Index, 5.00; Geo. R. Meek, 5.00; E. C. Footman, Tyrone, 5.00; Edward C. Caldwell, Marion Centre, 5.00; Chas. S. Hughes, New York, 5.00; Hon. W. C. Lingle, Eaton, 10.00; Jay Woodcock, 2.00; Mrs. W. S. Zeller, 1.00; James Mellor, 1.00; Budd Walker, 1.00; Spencer G. McLaughlin, 1.00; Edward Reifel, 1.00; David Kenton, 1.00; R. Acheson, 1.00; E. Achle-Oh, 1.00; H. Jacobs, 1.00; Milford Dubarry, 1.00; J. Jacob, 1.00; Christopher Connor, 1.00; Harper Lynch, 1.00; An Old Student, Bellefonte, 1.00.

For an Attractive Town.

The WATCHMAN has always advocated every movement that has had the beautifying of Bellefonte as the object and it is therefore heart and soul in the present plan to raise money, by popular subscription, for making the grounds around Bellefonte Academy as attractive as possible.

In connection with this movement for beautifying the Academy grounds the WATCHMAN has just received a letter from Dr. Thos. R. Hayes, who is now in Pasadena, Cal., in which he has offered his check for \$25, as well as expressed his approval of the course of this paper in supporting public improvements of all kinds.

HON. P. GRAY MEEK:

Dear Sir:—I am very glad to make a contribution for the improvement and adornment of the Bellefonte Academy grounds and accordingly subscribe \$25. I am pleased that your valuable paper, the WATCHMAN, is so much interested in such an important matter.

What of the Water Department?

The drawing to a close of another fiscal year in the affairs of Bellefonte prompts us at this time to call the attention of the taxpayers to the condition which the forthcoming auditor's statement will probably show the water department to be in.

For the year ending March 2, 1902, the department expended \$9,083.30, the extra amount of which was expended in the purchase of new pipes.

During the year ending March 2, 1903, the total expenditures of the water department were \$10,470.30; an increase of approximately \$400 over those of the preceding year.

For the year ending March 7, 1904, the total expenses of the department were \$10,178.40; or \$291.90 less than the preceding year.

The year that will close on Monday, March 6th, will reveal a changed condition of affairs. While it is impossible at this time to say what the total expenses will be it can be stated that the coal bills will not exceed \$1000; a new pump at the old plant costing \$1,200 will have been installed and paid for, over \$1,000 worth of meters bought and placed and the deficit not increased a single cent; in fact we imagine the statement will show it to be reduced.

To summarize, let us take the coal bills alone during the three years and compare them with those of last year, during which time the new pumping station has been in operation.

Table comparing coal bills: Coal for the year ending Mar. 2nd, 1902, \$3,187.52; 1903, \$4,870.75; 1904, \$2,415.85; 6th, 1905, \$1,000.00.

To make this comparison fair we

must add to the coal bill of the year just ending \$1,200, which is the annual rental of the new Phoenix plant. With this done it will be seen that a saving of \$987.52 has been effected over the lowest of the three years during which the Phoenix plant was not in operation.

Senator Dryden's Insurance Bill. Another step in the direction of centralization is expressed in the bill introduced by Senator DRYDEN, of New Jersey, placing the regulation of insurance companies under the control of the government at Washington.

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One thing may be accepted as a certainty and that is that such a transfer of the control of the insurance corporations from the States to the government at Washington will not increase the liability of the corporations or benefit the States.

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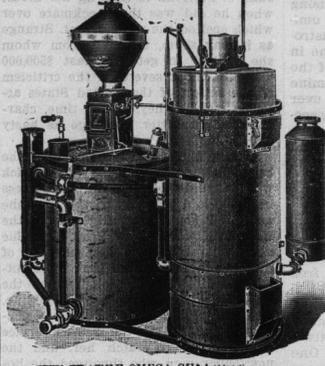
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Acetylene Growing in Popularity.

An Economic Light that Has Now Passed the Experimental Stage and is Coming into Use in All Sections.

A few years ago when it was rumored that A. G. Morris was going to build a plant in Armor's gap for the manufacture of acetylene gas machines and also for the manufacture of the carbide from which the gas is generated nearly every other person who heard of the plan inquired: "What is acetylene?"



THE OMEGA SUNLIGHT.

It costs only about half as much as gas at \$1.50 per thousand feet and about one-third as much as electricity at the rate prevailing in most places.

The great advantage of acetylene, however, is that it can be used in isolated communities where there are no lighting corporations. A farmer may have it in his home, miles from any town, the cross-roads store or village church may be lighted just as brilliantly as the more pretentious ones in the city.

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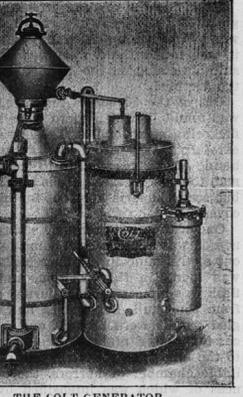
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THE COLT GENERATOR.

The case of Green and Dillen will be taken before the board of pardons at its regular meeting this month.

State's basket-ball team was away on the eastern trip last week, defeating Pennsylvania, Dickinson and Franklin and Marshall and losing to Swarthmore.

Miss Brown, of the Look Haven Ladies Exchange, will be in town until Saturday evening.

The Bellefonte All-Stars baseball club has been organized and as soon as the weather becomes warm enough the members of the team will go into regular out-door training.

Mrs. W. V. Larimer was taken to Dr. Hayes' private hospital, Sunday afternoon where, on Tuesday, she underwent a serious operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnhart are rejoicing over the arrival, last Thursday night, of a baby boy in their household.

Mr. A. Lukenbach, who is ill at the Bellefonte hospital, is very much improved. Contrary to the announcement of the last week he did not develop a case of typhoid fever.

The SPELLING BEE WILL BUZZ—A good old-fashioned spelling bee, with interesting variations, will be held in the High school room, at Pine Grove Mills, on Friday evening, March 10th.

The Millheim knitting mill is now in full operation.

The house of John Eckert, of Union township, was entirely destroyed by fire on Monday. None of the contents were saved and there was no insurance.

Candidates for the various county offices next fall are beginning to loom up. The first republican in the field is Henry Kline, of Spring township, for sheriff.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Howard Canning company the following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: W. P. Davis, Jackson Kline, George Weaver, J. W. Maves, Alf Schenck, D. A. Irwin, William Weber, Joseph Leathers and Joseph Diehl.

Armstrong Twigg, of Look Haven, and Miss Sadie Auman, of Woodward, were married, Tuesday evening, at the home of the groom's father, David Twigg, by Rev. E. O. Irvin.

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Mrs. John Fagan, of Altoona, is visiting the home of her youth here this week.

H. M. and C. D. Krebs transacted business in Clearfield the beginning of the week.

Miss Sadie Keichline spent several days with her cousin, Mrs. Maggie Hess, on the Bouch.

Mrs. Aggie Krebs, of Oak Hall, visited her sister, Mrs. Weaver, the beginning of the week.

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