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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Only fifteen days more until 1906 will be with us. Two more weeks until house-cleaning time in the court house. So far this season there has been no crop for the ice man to harvest. Now that the three weeks of court are over we all again breathe easier. Only one more issue of the WATCHMAN before Christmas and the Holidays. Go to "Fire and Flames," in Petriken hall, December 22nd. For the benefit of the Undine fire company. Sunday and Monday were about as windy-windy days as the average mortal cares to experience. Wednesday evening, December 27th, is the date set for holding the annual charity ball in the armory. Sheriff H. S. Taylor has a force of men at work making quite extensive repairs on his house on East Linn street. Samuel D. Gettig Esq., has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be up and around attending to his business as usual. Mrs. W. H. Coldren recently lost her pocketbook containing between fifty and sixty dollars on the streets of Bellefonte. Rev. R. Head, of Phillipsburg, has been in Bellefonte this week assisting in the revival services at the United Brethren church. At their bazaar and oyster supper, last week, the ladies of the Lutheran church cleared about one hundred and fifty-seven dollars. One day last week when Fred Moschberger was out riding his horse shied and threw him, breaking his arm close to the shoulder. The storm doors at the Bush house were placed in position last week and proved very comfortable during the cold and high wind on Sunday. James Cornally was so unfortunate, last Thursday, as to lose fifteen dollars while on his way from Sheriff Taylor's new house to the steam heat works. On December 5th William Rees, father of G. W. Rees, was eighty-six years old and the event was duly celebrated at his home on Reynolds avenue. The jury commissioners began their work of filling the jury wheel for 1906 on Monday morning. If you want your name on the list attend to the matter early. The members of the Centre county bar entertained themselves with a big dinner at the Country club, Saturday evening; many of them remaining down there until Sunday and Monday. The next meeting of the round table of city and borough superintendents and High school principals of Central Pennsylvania, which was held in Phillipsburg last week, will be held in Bellefonte. Quite an exciting shooting match was held at Curtin, on Saturday, the result of which was that many of the residents thereabouts had either turkey, goose, duck or chicken for dinner, on Sunday. Have you done your Christmas shopping yet? If not, consult the advertising columns of the WATCHMAN and you will make no mistake by dealing with the merchants you find advertising therein. George Harris, son of Mrs. Rachel Harris, of Curtin street, who has been working in Pittsburg, came home the latter part of last week sick with typhoid fever and was taken to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment. Phil D. Foster is making arrangements to move his family back to State College with the first of the new year, where he expects to be appointed postmaster as a reward for his labors in the interest of the Republican party. The exterior of M. I. Gardner's new house on the corner of Howard and Spring streets is now completed and workmen are busily engaged on the inside finishing in order that it may be completed and properly seasoned by moving time on April first next. The members of the Senior class of the Bellefonte High school will deliver their Christmas orations on Wednesday afternoon, December 20th, at 9 o'clock, at the High school. The friends of the school are invited. The closing of the lower grade schools will be held on the same afternoon in the respective schools. Drs. J. J. Kilpatrick and John Sebring would like very much to know who shot their dog Flake. The dog was away from the house about one hour, Monday afternoon, and when he returned it was with part of a load of shot in his legs. The dog is not only a valuable one but quite inoffensive and why anyone should shoot him is a mystery. Mr. James R. Alexander, who has not been in the very best of health at his home northwest of town, has improved so much of late that he was able to come up town a few days ago and greet his old friends as of yore; and, of course, as the deer season had just closed, it is easy to guess the one subject most discussed. Mr. Alexander made us a call and fixed himself up solid for another year for the WATCHMAN.

DEATH OF GEO. A. HARBAUGH.—Geo. A. Harbaugh, an old and well-known resident of this place, died in the Bellefonte hospital, at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening, the result of an operation he underwent last Wednesday. Mr. Harbaugh was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, December 3rd, and it was at once apparent that an operation was the only means of relief. The operation was performed the following Wednesday and for several days the indications were that the patient would recover, but his advanced age was against him and on Saturday he grew worse, declining gradually until the end came Monday evening. Deceased was born in Harbaugh valley, Maryland, seventy-four years ago and was a member of one of the best known and highly respected families in that locality. He was married on June 19th, 1864, to Miss Susan Forest, of Lancaster, the result of the union being two children, both of whom are dead. Early in life Mr. Harbaugh learned the foundryman and machinist's trade and became an expert mechanic. About thirty-five years ago he moved to Bellefonte and for many years thereafter worked for Jenkins & Lingle. Later he went with the Standard Soale and Supply company and when the latter plant was moved to Beaver Falls several years ago he went along, but his health failing he returned to Bellefonte and since had been working in the Bellefonte Central railroad shops. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran church and quite active in all religious work. In addition to his wife he is survived by one brother and two sisters living in California. Rev. W. M. Rearick conducted the funeral services, which were held at his late residence on west Curtin street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and this morning the remains were taken to Lancaster where interment will be made. ALEXANDER McDONALD.—Another of Centre county's veterans of the Civil war has fallen in death. Alexander McDonald was born March 12th, 1830, and died December 7th, 1905, aged 75 years, 8 months and 25 days. His entire life was spent in this county except the 3 years of service on the battlefield in defense of his country. He was enrolled a member of Company F, 12th regiment of Penna Cavalry, under captain John W. Harris, on Feb. 18th, 1862. After three years of faithful service he was honorably discharged. He was a prisoner of war for a brief period. He is survived by four sons and four daughters, namely: Joseph, Sherman and Emma, at home; Alexander, of Blairsville; Abner, of Martha; Mrs. Mary Lane, of Winthrop, Iowa; Mrs. Nora Hall, of Allport, and Mrs. Lizzie Stuart, of Tyrone. Two brothers, John, of Reynoldsville, and James, of Martha, also survive. His wife preceded him in death about eight months ago. The funeral was held last Sabbath. The remains were borne from his late residence at Matternville to the Baptist church at Martha where appropriate services were held at 2:30 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. Lathrop. They were largely attended by relatives and friends. Interment was made in Williams' cemetery. COFFEY.—Mrs. Mary Coffey, widow of the late John Coffey, died at her home in Osceola Mills, Wednesday night of last week, after a protracted illness, aged 70 years. Deceased was born in Look Haven but for many years lived at Blue Ball and later at Osceola Mills. Her husband died three years ago but surviving her are four daughters and two sons, namely: Mrs. J. W. Hollenbach, of Phillipsburg; Mrs. Harry Brown, of Clearfield; Mrs. John Phelan, of DuBois; Mrs. Ralph Gearhart, of Conemaugh, and Jerry and Robert, at home. The funeral was held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, interment being made at Osceola. GEPHART.—Mrs. Philip Gephart, of Zion, died quite suddenly, last Friday morning, of paralysis, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry L. McCloskey, of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, where she was visiting. Deceased was 65 years of age and was in fairly good health. She retired on Thursday evening and was stricken with paralysis about midnight, dying shortly afterwards. She was a native of this county and ever since her marriage to Mr. Gephart had lived in the vicinity of Zion. The remains were brought from Clinton county to her late home near Zion from where the funeral was held on Sunday. Interment was made in the Zion cemetery. APPLE.—Christian Apple, an aged and highly esteemed citizen of Booneville, died quite suddenly on Monday morning, of heart trouble, aged 69 years. Surviving him are his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Ammon Schrack, of Booneville, and Margaret, at home. The funeral was held yesterday morning, services being conducted by Rev. H. T. Searle, of the United Evangelical church, at Greenhurr. NOLAN.—Jeremiah L., the six-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Nolan, of Curwensville, died on Monday. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on the Tuesday evening train, the funeral being held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning from the Catholic church, Rev. Father McArdle officiating. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. MARY RUTH.—The two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Roberts, died at their home in Braddock and was brought to Bellefonte last week for interment.

McCLOSKEY.—N. J. McCloskey, one of the best known residents of Curtin township, died quite suddenly, on Sunday. He was around as usual until Saturday when he was taken violently ill and died the next day. Deceased was aged 69 years. He was born and raised in the locality in which he lived all his life and where he died, a member of one of the pioneer families of that part of the county. Surviving him are the following brothers: David, of Wingate; William R., of Romola; John, Slate Run; Mathias, Lock Haven; Joseph Mill Hall, and Jacob, in the west. The funeral was held on Tuesday, interment being made in the Lucas cemetery. Mrs. Edward Lloyd, one time a resident of Phillipsburg, died recently at her home in Philadelphia. Clyde Condo, recently of Centre Hall, was married in Darragh, last week to a Miss Downey. The various railroad time tables in the WATCHMAN are correct, as they were all gone over this week. Mrs. William Kunes, of Blanchard, met with a bad fall at the back door of her home, a week ago, sustaining a broken wrist. Calvin Runkle, of Potter township, who has been ill with Bright's disease the past couple months, is somewhat improved at this writing. John A. Heckman last week bought the dwelling house and lot of Mrs. Myra A. Kerr, in Centre Hall, the price paid being one thousand dollars. Samuel Kerstetter, of Laurelton, holds the bear-killing record for this season, having killed four bears with the firing of only six shots. G. Frank Weliver, who several years ago moved from Phillipsburg to Clearfield, will be a candidate for borough treasurer of that town next spring. A number of Penn township farmers are making arrangements with Dr. F. P. Barker to pasture their young cattle on his four hundred acre tract of land at Ingleby. Clearfield county hunters aver that only eighteen deer were killed in that county this year. The Centre county estimate is placed at eighty-three, with fifteen bear. Many of the farmers throughout the county are holding the bulk of their wheat, corn and potatoes for a higher price. Hay and straw being about the only farm products that are quite plentiful in the Bellefonte market. Bellefonte is not the only town in the county pestered with chicken thieves. Over in Phillipsburg poultry poachers got away with a big fat turkey and three Plymouth Rock hens belonging to Rev. George D. Pennepacker, and on Saturday night, too. Just imagine what a comfortable frame of mind the reverend must have been in while preaching his Sabbath morning sermon. Rev. Keller, of Maryland, is a candidate for the vacancy on the Pine Grove Mills charge of the Lutheran church caused by the resignation of Rev. C. T. Aiken to accept the presidency of the Susquehanna University, and on Sunday preached trial sermons at Gatesburg, Pine Hall and Pine Grove Mills. One night last week Mrs. William Wolf, of Quaker hill, was awakened by a noise which she mistook for burglars in the house. She got out of bed and attempted to go down stairs when she made a misstep and fell to the bottom of the flight injuring her hip quite badly. Owing to her advanced age her condition is considered serious, though not necessarily fatal. Prof. J. Angel, the celebrated eye specialist, of Williamsport, will be in Bellefonte on Thursday, December 21st, at the Brookerhoff house, where he will be glad to see any and all who are in any way afflicted with defective vision. Prof. Angel has been coming to Bellefonte long enough to have established a reputation which needs no bolstering up from us. Saturday evening as Hugh Crider was coming down High street in his automobile a little dog belonging to Mrs. John Whippo, who lives over the Daily News office, ran out in front of the machine and before he could get away was caught and ran over, sustaining a broken back. Mrs. Whippo ran out and picked the dog up when it hit her on the hand. The dog died almost immediately afterwards. Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Centre Hall, one of the most eloquent ministers in the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church, was last Sunday extended a call to become pastor of the Salem Lutheran charges near York, which includes four appointments, Stayer's, St. Paul's, Doyer and Harmony Grove. Rev. Rearick has been stationed at Centre Hall the past fifteen years and the congregation at that place will regret his departure if he decides to accept the call. The drawings made by the Beezer Bros., architects, of Pittsburg, for the Penn Traffic company's new store at Johnstown, have been returned to them for certain alterations, after which they will be accepted. The plans provide for a building 240 feet long by 100 feet deep and five stories high, to cost from \$250,000 to \$300,000. The entire front of the store will be plate glass supported by red brick piers. The many friends of the Beezer brothers in this place will be glad to hear of their good luck in having their design accepted.

POLECATS AND CHICKEN THIEVES.—Bellefonte is just now in the throes of a twofold nuisance, a horde of polecats and a gang of chicken thieves, and there is very little question as to which is the most to be dreaded. Polecats are bad enough, but then they are not in the same class with a chicken thief. The former will steal only what chickens he needs to sustain life, his greatest objectionable quality being the scent he leaves behind him. On the other hand the chicken thief will take all you've got and look for more. Many of the residents on the outskirts of the town are considerably annoyed by polecats, who not only make nightly visitations in quest of live fowl but have become so bold as to house up for days under porches, stables and hen houses. A number have been caught in traps lately, but this isn't the most agreeable way to get rid of them. As to the chicken thieves, they do not confine their depredations to the outskirts of the town but pursue their nefarious work wherever they can find a coop of nice, fat chickens. Chicken stealing has been going on so persistently of late that owners of turkeys, ducks, etc., have resorted to the scheme of taking them into the cellar where they are locked up for the night. This is a wise precaution, but a sure means of defense for the fowls would be a good load of No. 6 shot, and somebody will get the dose before expected, if there isn't a let up soon. LINN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—The meeting for the annual election of officers of the Linn Historical society will be held in the court house at 11 o'clock, Wednesday, December 27th, to which the public at large is invited. And just now, when new officers are to be chosen for the ensuing year, would be a good time for the people of Bellefonte and Centre county to awaken to the fact that a historical society should be fostered in every community and that so far there has not been the interest shown in the Linn Historical society that there should be. In a county so rich in historical facts and interest as is Centre county there is a wide field for the gathering and preserving of most important data for future generations to dwell upon. While the Linn Historical society has now a fair membership it is not nearly so large as it should be and everybody is not only invited but urged to enroll their names as members; and whether you are a member or not, if you have any facts of historical interest weave them together in a story and send the article to the secretary of the society to be preserved. AT THE ACADEMY.—Profiting from the experience of the recent fire in the basement of the Bellefonte Academy an independent brick case building has been erected, southeast of the main building, in which the heating plant has been installed, thus removing from the Academy proper all danger of fire from this source. The system as now installed is giving excellent service. Don Jordon, a Pannsutawney student at the Academy, is confined to his room with chicken-pox, while Clyde McCarty, another student from Wheeling, West Virginia, is suffering with a bad attack of rheumatism. The prospects for a good basket ball team this season are very good. In addition to such old players as DuBarry, Walker and Acheson, Manager Renton has quite a bunch of new material on hand from which to select the balance of the team. Games have already been arranged with Juniata College, the Three C's, of Tyrone, and a couple other teams, the season to open on January 13th. NEW ALTAR DEDICATED.—The handsome new marble altar, the gift of Dr. J. M. and Miss Mary Brookerhoff in memory of their parents, recently erected in St. John's Catholic church, was dedicated, Tuesday morning, with elaborate services which lasted from 7 to 9 o'clock. The services were in charge of Bishop Eugene A. Garvey, of the Altoona diocese, one of the most distinguished prelates in the church, assisted by Fathers Cordori and Manher, of Lock Haven; Corcoran, of Snow Shoe; Kelley, of Tyrone, and McArdle, of Bellefonte. The altar is a beautiful piece of workmanship, a handsome furnishing for the remodeled interior of the church. CLEAN UP.—This is just the kind of weather and the time of year when every property owner and every renter should clean up around his premises. Empty out and haul away the old ash barrel, clean out drains, sewers and gutters, burn up all old refuse and put your property in good sanitary shape for the winter. There is many a disease germ hatched in filth and dirt and if allowed to lie around may cause sickness in your own household and perhaps impregnate the town. It will cost very little now in time and labor to put the surroundings of your homes in a clean, healthy condition, and you will be well repaid not only in looks but in the general health of yourself and family. The Chinese laundry is being moved from its present location in the MacBride building, corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets, to the room on High street recently occupied by Miss Mary Kelley as a grocery store. The room vacated by the Chinamen will be occupied by the Farmer's clothing store. Miss Jennie S. Furst gave a small dinner party Wednesday evening in honor of her friend, Miss Adele Harrar, of Williamsport, who is visiting her. Covers were laid for twelve people.

News Purely Personal. Miss Grace Rumberger, of Phillipsburg, is visiting friends in Bellefonte. Mr. and Mrs. James I. Thompson, of Lemont, were Bellefonte visitors yesterday. Thomas A. Shoemaker was an arrival home from Philadelphia Wednesday morning. Mrs. A. O. Furst is spending this week with her son, William S. Furst, at Overbrook. Philip L. Beezer spent Sunday in Buffalo, N. Y., while up there on a business trip. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thomas spent the past week visiting friends in Philadelphia. Mrs. J. C. Meyer went down to Philadelphia, on Monday, to do her Christmas shopping. John Van Pelt came over from Spangler, last Saturday, to spend Sunday with friends in Bellefonte. Prof. John Hamilton, of State College and Washington, D. C., was a Bellefonte visitor on Monday. Miss Madge Sholly and Miss Freeman, of Tyrone, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mingo. Mr. Peter Collins came up from Philadelphia on Saturday, to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. Sara Collins. Col. Edward R. Chambers left at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, on a business trip to the western part of the State. Harry Miller, of Erie, is in Bellefonte on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Miller, of East Bishop street. Col. John A. Woodward and Will Weber, were two Howard people who transacted business in Bellefonte yesterday. Herman Miller was one of the Bellefonters who attended the unveiling of the monument at Andersonville last week. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harris have returned from their wedding trip and at present are stopping at her parents home on Bishop street. Thomas Loughrey, who spent last week in Bellefonte owing to the illness of his uncle, James Kelly, returned to Philadelphia, on Sunday. Mrs. Nora McClain and daughter, Miss Ella, have returned from Ridgway since Mr. Austin McClain's condition is very much improved. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Garman were hastily summoned to Hoboken, Long Island, last Friday, on account of the sudden death of Mrs. Garman's father. James A. Fiedler, of Williamsport, who is now engaged in assisting his son Hugh in publishing The Star, was a Bellefonte visitor the fore part of the week. Charles E. Dorworth, of the Philadelphia Press staff, was an arrival home, on Sunday, for a few days visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Dorworth. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Beaver, of New York city, arrived in Bellefonte, on Saturday, to spend the holidays at the home of General and Mrs. Jas. A. Beaver. After spending the past six months visiting her numerous friends in the east Miss Beattie Roberts left, this week, for her home in Pasadena, California. After spending a week or more visiting friends in this place and throughout the county, the venerable Thomas Waddle left for his home in Jersey Shore on Saturday. Hon. P. E. Womelsdorf was one of the Phillipsburgers who was in Bellefonte the early part of this week as a witness in the injunction case proceedings heard before Judge Orris. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shearer have returned from a month's visit with Mr. Shearer's sister, Mrs. Jane Richter, of Blossburg, the first time the two have seen each other in twenty-seven years. Representative McNeely, of Greene county, stopped in Bellefonte, Wednesday evening, on his way home from Philadelphia and spent the night and part of yesterday in town as the guest of Hon. John Noll. Dr. J. M. Brookerhoff returned, last Saturday, from a three weeks sojourn at Atlantic City, looking very much better for his stay by the salt sea waves and those eighteen miles a day promenades on the board walk. One of our most agreeable callers of the week was Mrs. Louisa Bush, who came in to assure herself that a friend or so she always remembers about this time in the year would be served with the WATCHMAN for another twelve months. Physical Director W. N. Golden made one of his usual hurried business trips to Bellefonte, on Wednesday; though his time is not so completely taken up now as it was when he had the care of the foot ball team on his hands. Lewis Daggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daggett, who went through a siege of typhoid fever down at the Tome institute, Port Deposit, Md., is now at home recuperating and will not return to school until after the holidays. Having recovered sufficiently from quite a severe attack of tonsillitis to be able to be out of the house Noah H. Swayne II left for New York city at noon yesterday for a rest of a few days before resuming his onerous duties as head of the Shuany Iron Co. and the Whitcomb quarries corporation. J. B. Long, one of Phillipsburg's enterprising business men was a Bellefonte visitor on Monday and came into the WATCHMAN office to pay his regards as well as to advance the tag on his paper another year. It is such men as Mr. Long that go a long way towards making running a newspaper a pleasant business. Gilbert A. Beaver, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work in the Columbia University, New York city, with Mrs. Beaver and their little daughter are in Bellefonte expecting to spend Xmas with Gen. and Mrs. James A. Beaver. Mrs. Simonton, of Harrisburg, Mrs. Beaver's mother, will join them here for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Foreman left this good farm they are running between Centre Hall and Spring Mills long enough, last Saturday, to drive over to Bellefonte. Of course Mr. Foreman had business to transact but it is very likely his most important business was to bring Mrs. to town to do her Christmas buying. While here they made a brief but pleasant call at the WATCHMAN office. Among the many Phillipsburgers who were in town on Monday attending the trial of a railroad case from over there were James Dumbleton and Wm. Laws. They were both called as witnesses, but neither one of them got on the stand, a fact which was not displeasing to either, as they had a nice little visit without the worry of keeping out of the traps of the shrewd cross-examiner. James Passmore came over from Phillipsburg Monday evening to attend to a little business in Bellefonte and before he went home, on Tuesday, dropped into the WATCHMAN office and gave us some of the long green to help out at Christmas time. He also stated that business was quite brisk in Phillipsburg just now, a condition of affairs that always follows in the wake of the miners being as steadily employed as they have been in that vicinity this winter. To the following friends who during the past week have advanced the figures on the tabs on the papers the WATCHMAN makes acknowledgments and returns thanks. Mr. J. A. Fortney, Boalsburg; James Dumm, Harrisburg; George Simlar, Lewisburg; Jas. Gordon, Milton; F. A. Foreman, Spring Mills; Jacob Gross, Axta Maan; W. B. Turner, Fleming; J. B. Long, Phillipsburg; James Dumbleton, Phillipsburg; James Parson, Phillipsburg; Henry High, DuBois; Jacob Sperm, Brookville; Harry P. Bush, Chile; Mrs. Roberts, Pasadena; James Noonan, Bellefonte; W. F. Leathers, Mt. Eagle; L. R. Lingle, Centre Hall; Dr. Musser, Bellefonte; Jas. R. Goodhart, Lewisburg.

—Mrs. Edward Woods has returned home from a visit with friends in Williamsport. —Miss Eliza M. Thomas went to Wernersville last week where she will be some time at Grand View taking a long needed rest. —Miss Gertrude Deitrick, of Huhlersburg, after a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lowrey returned home on Tuesday. —Col. and Mrs. W. Fred Reynolds and Col. and Mrs. E. R. Chambers are at home again very much pleased with their trip with the Governor's party down south. —Mrs. G. H. Schroeyer, of Altoona, has been spending the week in Bellefonte and State College visiting with Mrs. S. A. Bell and her brother, Frank Cro-Bwaite, who also has been very ill for the past ten days. Gray, Mrs. Schroeyer's oldest son was with his friends here over Sunday. WITH THE K. G. E.—Bellefonte Castle, No. 35 Knights of the Golden Eagle, held an open meeting, Tuesday evening, in their hall in the Eagle Block, the purpose being to interest the ladies in the organization of a Ladies Temple. About one hundred and sixty men and women were present. Mrs. North, of Philadelphia, Grand Templar of the Ladies Temple in Pennsylvania, was present and made an eloquent address explaining the purpose of interesting the women in organizing into the order and the benefits that will accrue to them through it. Other addresses were made by J. Kennedy Johnson Esq. and Mr. A. Lukenbach. Twenty-five or more of the ladies present signified their willingness to join in the movement for the organization of a Ladies Temple and a meeting for this purpose will be held next Monday night. Following the business part of the session choice refreshments were served to all present and this was one of the most enjoyable parts of the evening's meeting. THAT CHARITY BALL.—The annual charity ball for the benefit of the Bellefonte hospital will be held in the armory, Wednesday evening, December 27th. This has always proven a most enjoyable event and as the object is a very meritorious one the attendance should be unusually large. There will be good music and the usual choice refreshments. Don't forget the day and date, and also, don't forget that the public generally is invited. FIRE AND FLAMES.—Col. W. J. Maxwell's famous fire and flame show, is billed to appear in Petriken hall, Friday evening, December 22nd, for the benefit of the Undine fire company. The fire and flames is a moving picture exhibition which is said to be quite clever. Don't forget the day and date and that it will be given under the auspices of the Undines. —Robbers who have been operating at Osceola Mills, Munson and contingent towns got in their work at Morrisdale a few nights ago, when they broke into the store of J. W. Howe and stole about seven dollars worth of goods. They then forced an entrance into the store of Charles Wrye and carried off a quantity of stuff while the pool room of John Hill and the repair shops of the Morrisdale Coal company were also ransacked. —Bellefonte will have two representatives on the State police force, R. B. Montgomery and William Brown, both of whom have received notice of their appointment. Mr. Montgomery left Bellefonte, last evening, for Reading, where he will report for duty today. Brown was also to report for duty in Reading today but is trying to get his orders transferred to Pannsutawney. —Clay Brown's new sign in front of his shooting gallery, next door to the WATCHMAN office, was blown down by Sunday's high wind and broke the large plate glass window in his store front. Philadelphia Markets. The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening. Wheat—No. 1..... 85 1/2 @ 85 3/4 No. 2..... 81 1/2 @ 81 3/4 No. 3..... 78 1/2 @ 78 3/4 Mixed new..... 49 1/2 @ 49 3/4 Oats—No. 1..... 30 1/2 @ 30 3/4 No. 2..... 29 1/2 @ 29 3/4 No. 3..... 28 1/2 @ 28 3/4 Rye—No. 1..... 43 1/2 @ 43 3/4 No. 2..... 42 1/2 @ 42 3/4 No. 3..... 41 1/2 @ 41 3/4 Baled hay—Choice Timothy..... 8 00 @ 15 00 Mixed " 1..... 11 00 @ 12 50 " 2..... 7 10 @ 14 00 Bellefonte Grain Market. Corrected weekly by C. Y. WAGNER. The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes press: New wheat..... 60 Rye, per bushel..... 56 Corn, shelled, per bushel..... 50 Corn, ears, per bushel..... 48 Oats old and new, per bushel..... 30 Barley, per bushel..... 45 Ground plaster, per ton..... 8 00 to 9 00 Buckwheat, per bushel..... 87 00 to 88 00 Cloverseed, per bushel..... \$2.00 to \$2.25 Timothy seed per bushel..... 7.00 to 14.00 Bellefonte Produce Markets. Corrected weekly by Seelcher & Co. Potatoes per bushel..... 60 Onions..... 75 Eggs, per dozen..... 35 Lard, per pound..... 8 Country Shoulders..... 8 Sides..... 8 Hams..... 12 Tallow, per pound..... 3 Butter, per pound..... 23 The Democratic Watchman. Published every Friday morning in Bellefonte, Pa., at \$1.00 per annum (if paid strictly in advance) \$1.50, when not paid in advance, and \$2.50 if not paid before the expiration of the year; and no paper will be discontinued until all arrears 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. 3in 6m 1y One inch (12 lines this type)..... \$ 5 8 8 10 Two inches..... 7 10 15 Three inches..... 10 15 20 Quarter Column (6 inches)..... 12 20 25 Half Column (10 inches)..... 20 35 55 One Column (30 inches)..... 35 55 100 Advertisements in special column 25 per cent additional. Transient ads, 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 office has been refitted with Fast Presses and New Type, and everything in the printing line can be executed