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### Democratic State Ticket.

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### Democratic County Ticket.

For Congress: **W. HARRISON WALKER**, of Bellefonte.

For Assembly: **J. CALVIN MEYER**, of Bellefonte.

For Sheriff: **FRED F. SMITH**, of Rush township.

For Register: **G. F. WEAVER**, of Gregg township.

For Recorder: **F. PIERCE MUSSER**, of Millheim.

For Treasurer: **J. D. MILLER**, of Walker township.

For County Commissioners: **C. A. WEAVER**, of Penn township.

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For Auditors: **J. W. BECK**, of Marion township.

**JOHN L. COLE**, of Walker township.

For Coroner: **DR. P. S. FISHER**, of Walker township.

### Socialism—The Definition.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE WATCHMAN:

There have been many definitions of Socialism, almost as many as of religion, the reason being that the movement has been approached by so many ways.

Socialism, in its broadest sense, is an aim. Modern philosophy, esthetics, ethics, sociology, religion and science are all leading to socialism, but it is on the hard, clear cut lines of materialism that it is making its greatest headway. Its aim is for equality of opportunity.

The Encyclopedia Britannica in a very good article on the subject says:

"The socialist theory is based on the historical assertion that the course of social evolution for centuries has gradually been to exclude the producing classes from the possession of land and capital and to establish a new subject, the subject of workers, who have nothing to depend on but their precarious wage-labor. Socialists maintain that the present system (in which land and capital are the property of private individuals) is really struggling for increase of wealth leads inevitably to social and economic anarchy, to the degradation of the working man among the wealthy classes and their dependents, to bad and inartistic workmanship, and to adulteration in all its forms; and that it is tending to an enormous mass of proletarians—the issue out of which must either be socialism or social ruin.

To avoid all these evils and to secure a more equitable distribution of the means of production and labor, the socialists propose that land and capital, which are the requisites of wealth, should be the property of society, and be managed by it for the general good.

But while its basis is economic, socialism implies and carries with it a change in the political, ethical, technical and artistic arrangements and institutions of society which would constitute a revolution greater probably than has ever taken place in human history, greater than the transition from the ancient to the modern world, or from the latter to the existing order of society.

In the first place, such a change generally assumes as its political complement the most thoroughly democratic organization of society.

In the second place, socialism naturally goes with an unequal or altruistic system of ethics.

In the third place, socialists maintain that under their system and in no other can the highest excellence and beauty be realized in industrial production and in art whereas under the present system beauty and thoroughness are sacrificed to cheapness, which is a necessity of successful competition.

Lastly, the socialists refuse to admit that individual happiness or freedom of character would be sacrificed under the arrangements they propose. They believe that under their system a free and harmonious development of individual capacity and happiness is possible for all, and that the system would constitute a fair opportunity for all.

They believe, in short, that there is no opposition whatever between socialism and individuality rightly understood, that these two are complements the one of the other, that in socialism alone every individual has hope of free development and a full realization of himself.

### The great English Socialist Hyndman says:

Socialism is a conscious endeavor to substitute organized co-operation for existence in place of the present anarchical competition for existence. It is an attempt to lay the foundation of a real science of sociology, which shall enable mankind, by thoroughly understanding their past and present, to comprehend, and thus, within limits, to control the movement and development of their own society in the near future.

At the present day socialism is represented by an international organization and by it is defined as the social organization and control of the means of production. That is, the ownership and control of land, manufactory and transportation by the whole people.

The great call of this movement was sounded in 1848 by Karl Marx, "The working men have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to gain."

Working men of the world unite! The socialists claim that, by the labor of every able-bodied man and woman, wealth enough for all can be produced, and with a just distribution all can have their needs supplied. They base their claims on the scientific study of the earth and its history.

They trace the rise of private property from primitive slavery through feudalism to the present form of capitalism.

They show how the human race, with its inborn thirst for liberty and justice, has through all the ages gradually been struggling toward a state where its well-being and preservation are better assured.

Feudalism gave the self same rights which the chattel slave did not have but it chained him to the land. Capitalism gave the working-man individual freedom but it chained him to his wage.

He has liberty—to starve. The Reformation was a struggle against religious and political tyranny. Socialism is a revolution to throw off the tyranny of capital and establish social justice. Its aim is to carry into the industrial life the spirit of Democracy, which, since the overthrow of Feudalism, has been molding the religious and political worlds.

It is endeavoring to establish the Co-operative—Commonwealth in the true sense of these two words.

It aims to make all work as safe and as beautiful as possible, to give every able-bodied man and woman work to do and to return to them the full exchange for their labor. This means the transformation of private capital in land, manufactory and transportation into public capital. It means the abolition of profit, rent and interest. Commodities to be made for use instead of profit, the exchange value of commodities being established by the amount of social labor expended on their production and delivery.

Man will no longer exploit his fellow-men for gain. Great wealth and the poverty on which it is always built, will disappear; and the race will be free to go on in its physical and intellectual development, to which science, philosophy and art are opening wide the doors.

ELIZABETH BLANCHARD.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

**BRUNGARD.**—George B. Brungard, one of the most prominent farmers in east Nittany valley, died at his home near Lamar last Friday evening of cancer of the stomach. The first symptom of the disease manifested itself sixteen years ago but not wishing to alarm his family Mr. Brungard kept the knowledge of his ailment to himself until his sufferings compelled him to give up about six months ago and it was only then that he placed himself under the care of a physician. From that time on he grew rapidly worse until the end came at the time above stated.

Deceased was born July 9th, 1850, and was thus 58 years, 1 month and 26 days old. He was a member of the well known Brungard family of this section. All his life he followed the occupation of a farmer, in which he was very successful. He was one of the progressive men of his community and at various times served as school director and road supervisor, holding the latter office at the time of his death.

Surviving him are his wife, six sons, Harry, William, John, Joseph, Loden, Charles, and two daughters, Stella and Florence; also by three brothers, Samuel and Henry, of Salona; Jacob, of Avis, and five sisters, Mrs. Michael Miller, of Madisonburg; Mrs. George S. Gramley, of Rote; Mrs. Cyrus Erhardt, of Rebersburg; Mrs. Robert Brown and Mrs. J. Mayberry Herr, of Indianapolis.

The funeral was held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon. Rev. J. M. Reaick officiated at the services and interment was made in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

**HOLTER.**—John J. R. Holter, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Holter, of Howard, died on Thursday morning of last week, aged eight years. Six weeks ago while the family were camping at Hundred Springs, near Tyrone, the boy contracted a case of scarletina. While convalescing from this disease he had an attack of appendicitis and was taken to the Altoona hospital for an operation. His condition was so bad that at the time it was feared the operation would not avail in saving his life. About three weeks ago he was taken home to Howard where he lingered in a pitiful condition until Wednesday night when he was taken so much worse that his death speedily followed.

In addition to his parents he is survived by one little sister, Carrie. The funeral was held at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Rev. W. W. Rhoads conducted the services and interment was made in the Schenck cemetery.

**TAYLOR.**—Henry H. Taylor died at his home in Altoona last Friday morning of tuberculosis, after an illness of about five weeks. He was a son of George E. and Mary Taylor and was born in Phillipsburg twenty-three years ago. He has lived in Altoona since boyhood and at the time he was taken ill was working as a clerk in the store of Kline Bros. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and one sister, W. O. and C. H. Taylor, of Allegheny; Leon and Hannah H., of Altoona. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, interment being made in Fairview cemetery.

**BROWN.**—Rev. Richard Brown, pastor of the A. M. E. church of Phillipsburg, died quite suddenly Wednesday morning at four o'clock. He was seized with a coughing spell which brought on a hemorrhage of the lungs and before medical assistance could be obtained he was dead. He was a native of Charlestown, S. C., and was fifty-eight years old. He had been preaching the gospel since 1883. His wife and one daughter survive. The remains were taken to Brownsville, Pa., yesterday where the funeral will be held today.

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**NEIDIGH.**—Once again death has invaded the precincts of Ferguson township and taken away another of its aged patriots in the person of the venerable Jacob Neidigh. His death was caused by no special disease, but simply a general wearing out of the human system. He suffered no pain and was possessed of his normal faculties almost to the last.

He was born in Haines township over eighty-eight years ago and was the oldest of a large family of children; and it was also his fate to live the longest, as all his brothers and sisters preceded him to the other world. When quite a young man he went to Ferguson township and bought a tract of land which was then covered with a virgin forest. He cut the timber and cleared the land which now comprises the old homestead occupied by his son, J. H. Neidigh.

Forty-years ago he with his family were members of a colony who went to Michigan to engage in farming. He bought a large farm but for some reason the pursuit of agriculture in that State was not at that time a very paying venture and he disposed of his property and returned to his native nest. He was a man of simple tastes and unostentatious manner, but was possessed of a most retentive memory. He could recall the early history of Ferguson and College townships and was very familiar with the founding of State College, at that time the Farmer's High school. It was an acknowledged fact that he could tell the boundary line of almost every farm in Ferguson township to the foot, without the help of a surveyor.

In politics he was a Democrat of the most pronounced type, and yet so modest in his belief that he never aspired to political office. In religion he was a member of the Reformed church and was one of the organizers of the congregation and church at Pine Hall.

Since the death of his wife seven years ago he made his home with his son, J. H., in addition to whom he is survived by another son, Zachariah, and four daughters, in the west. The funeral will be held this (Friday) afternoon. Rev. A. A. Black, of Boalsburg, will conduct the services and interment will be made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

**WATT.**—Many persons in Bellefonte sympathize with Mrs. Watt of Howard, formerly Miss Nellie Burns, in the sudden death of her husband, Edward F. Watt, which sad event occurred in the German hospital, Philadelphia, on Wednesday night of last week. Mr. Watt was a traveling salesman for Watson & Co., of Philadelphia, and was away on a trip when taken sick. He spent the Sunday previous to his death in New York city, going to Philadelphia on Monday. There he was taken sick with gastritis, removed to the German hospital and his wife sent for. She arrived on Wednesday, only about twelve hours before his death.

Deceased was thirty-nine years old and was born in Snyder county. After his marriage to Miss Burns, however, they have made their home in Howard until recently when they moved to Williamsport. Because of this and his frequent trips as a traveling salesman he was quite well known in Centre county. His wife and a five months old baby survive. Funeral services were held at his late home on Saturday afternoon after which the remains were taken to Howard for interment.

**SHONTZ.**—Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Christian E. Shontz, of Chester Hill, near Phillipsburg, attended the funeral of a close friend and at the time was in the best of health. Sunday morning she was taken violently ill and died within an hour, heart disease being ascribed as the cause.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, was born at Entriken, Huntingdon county, and was past sixty-three years of age. She was married in 1867 to Christian B. Shontz and for years they have made their home in the vicinity of Phillipsburg. In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons and two daughters, namely: John, Clara, Edgar and Bertha, all living in and about Phillipsburg. She also leaves four sisters and three brothers living in Huntingdon county.

The funeral was held from her late home on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. S. D. Wilson officiated and interment was made in the new cemetery.

**ALEXANDER.**—Miss Maria Alexander, one of the oldest residents of Boalsburg, died at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. Two years ago she fell and broke her hip and has been an invalid ever since. She was born in Penn township seventy-eight years ago and was a daughter of Henry and Amanda Kimpfort. She never married and for years has made her home in Boalsburg with her only sister, Susan Alexander. She also leaves one brother, Daniel, of Freeport, Ill. She was a kind, christian lady, and will be lovingly remembered for her many little acts of charity and her constant thoughtfulness for the welfare of others. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and Rev. W. K. Harshiff officiated at the funeral which was held at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

**FOCKLER.**—John B. Fockler died at noon on Sunday, at his home in Phillipsburg, as the result of a stroke of paralysis with which he was stricken two weeks ago. He was a native of Dauphin county and was 68 years, 9 months and 14 days old. He was a coach-maker by trade though of late had not been engaged in active work. In 1860 he was married to Miss Mary J. Ryan, of Lebanon, who survives him with

the following children: Dr. G. W., of Delaware, Ill.; Mrs. C. D. Russell, of Everett, and Herbert S., who was married only last week, at home. He also leaves two sisters. He was a member of the Lutheran church and Rev. W. G. Fulton officiated at the funeral which was held on Wednesday morning.

Miss Eva Crissman has resumed her dancing class in the hall in Bush Arcade.

—If he lives until next March William Wismer, of Besser township, will celebrate his eighty-seventh birthday.

—Albert Schah has broken ground for a new house he intends erecting on the lot on the corner of Spring and Lamb streets recently purchased from the Hames estate. He also has men at work putting down a concrete pavement along the entire property on both streets.

—The ministers of Bellefonte have all returned from their summer vacations and on Sunday the usual services will be held in all the churches of the town; and thus Satan, who for one month had full opportunity to roam undisturbed throughout the community, will once again be relegated to his own domain.

—It will be two years next week since the Bellefonte Tent, No 100, Knights of the Macabees, was instituted in this place and in celebration of the event they will hold a big smoker in their hall in the McClain block next Wednesday evening. The Tent now has a membership of one hundred and sixty and is in a most flourishing condition.

—On Wednesday Milt R. Johnston began work on the job of putting down the new concrete pavement in front of the court house. The first thing they did was to remove the old stone curb and that proved no little job. The stone were twenty inches deep and quite massive. They were put down over forty years ago when the old tar pavement was put down by a Philadelphia company and have never been changed in any way since. The putting down of a concrete pavement will do away with the stone curb.

—The family of Rev. W. H. Patterson, pastor of the Disciple church at Blanchard, is sorely afflicted. Mrs. Patterson and three children are so seriously ill with typhoid fever that they require the constant attention of two nurses. It is believed that the condition of the well on the parsonage property is responsible for the disease, as it had not been cleaned out for years until the first case of the disease developed and then a big accumulation of foreign matter was removed. Rev. Patterson and family have been residents of Blanchard only about six months and their present affliction draws to them the sympathy of all who know them.

—Mrs. Louisa Bush returned on Tuesday evening from her ten days' sojourn at Ocean Grove, coming by way of the Philadelphia and Erie and Lewisburg and Tyrone railroads. Several miles below Sunbury and about one mile this side of Delmaria she had her hand bag lying on the window when the train gave a lurch and the window flew up of its own accord, while the hand bag rolled out of the window and was lost. In the bag were her pocket book and money, her railroad ticket, bracelets and other jewelry, handkerchief and several other articles. Though the conductor and trainmen were notified as soon as possible and have endeavored to recover the bag and enclosed articles nothing has been heard of them since.

—When a man talks politics to court house officials, or discusses the merits and demerits of candidates he wants to be pretty conservative in his declarations if he doesn't want to get into trouble, as was evidenced on Monday. Burdine Butler got into an argument with recorder John C. Rowe on the record of one of the Democratic candidates and the longer the argument the angrier both men became until finally fighting words were passed between the two and when Butler shook his finger in Rowe's face the latter struck him just below the right eye. The blow so surprised Butler that it took him several minutes to know what had happened and then when he made an attempt to fight bystanders interferred and the scrap was at an end. Though he got a little the worst of it this time Burdine declares he is not satisfied, but he is undecided whether to go to law or settle the matter himself at some future time.

—Phillipsburg and vicinity were much wrought up last week over a lost child sensation but fortunately there was a happy ending by the little tot reappearing on her own accord. On Friday afternoon Isabelle, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tackett, who live near Bear Walls on the road to Fort Matilda, wandered into the woods and became lost. The fact that wagon tracks were found where the child was last seen led to the suspicion that she might have been abducted and searching parties were organized that evening to go on a hunt for the missing child. Fully one hundred people searched the woods and nearby country Friday evening, and night and Saturday morning without avail, and just when everybody was about to give up in despair the little girl came striding home herself about three o'clock Saturday afternoon, after being out in the woods twenty-two hours, which included Friday night. She had simply taken a wrong path and become bewildered and lost her way. Except being hungry and pretty well exhausted, with torn clothing and scratched legs, she was unharmed and none the worse for her adventure.

### THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

—The autumn semester of the College, which opens September 17th, 1908, promises to bring a Freshman class in excess of four hundred, which will bring the total attendance during the year above twelve hundred.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, the following members were added to the faculty:

Dr. A. S. McAllister, of New York city, to be professorial lecturer in electrical engineering.

Frank D. Gardner, of Washington, D. C., to be professor of agronomy.

James B. Whitmore, of Columbus, Ohio, to be associate professor of drawing and descriptive geometry.

W. M. Weigel, of Kingston, Ontario, to be assistant professor of mining and ore dressing.

T. B. Breneman, of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, to be associate professor of mechanics and materials of construction.

J. A. Ferguson, of the United States forest service, to be instructor in forestry.

F. C. Miller, of Warren, Ohio, to be instructor in physics.

Miss Elizabeth Bemis, of the Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, Michigan, to be instructor in domestic science.

Robert S. Prichard, of Colgate University, to be instructor in chemistry.

A. Bradley Burgess, of Worcester, Massachusetts, to be instructor in mechanical engineering.

Charles Armsby, a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College, with several years of engineering experience, to be instructor in drawing.

Paul S. Worth, of Whitchendon, Massachusetts, to be instructor in mathematics.

Arthur L. Wright, of West Newton, Massachusetts, to be instructor in mathematics.

B. H. Goldsmith, a graduate of the Royal Bavarian Real Gymnasium at Munich, Bavaria, to be instructor in German.

D. H. Braymer, of New York, to be assistant instructor in electrical engineering.

S. W. Doty, of New York city, to be assistant in animal husbandry.

S. Barry Shatzer, to be assistant in the engineering shops.

W. B. Plank, to be assistant in the mining laboratories.

James W. Stevenson, of Philadelphia, to be physics laboratory assistant.

### GRANGER'S BIG ENCAMPMENT NEXT WEEK.

—Next week the thirty-fifth annual encampment of the Grangers of Central Pennsylvania will be held at Grange Park, near Centre Hall, and every indication is for a most successful gathering, if the weather continues as nice as it has been. By this (Friday) evening everything will be in readiness for the opening of the encampment, and the program as arranged for the week is as follows:

Saturday, the 12th, opening day of the encampment, when all tents will be in readiness for camping parties, and Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the grand opening entertainment will be given by the Lee Brothers company, of Harrisburg.

Sunday, 13th, 2:30 p. m., Harvest Home celebration services will be conducted by Dr. W. H. Schryver, of the Presbyterian denomination.

Monday, 14th, general opening of the fair, and placing of exhibits. 7:30 p. m., entertainment by Lee Bros.

Tuesday, 15th, completion of placing exhibits. At 1:30 p. m., it is probable that addresses on prohibition and local option will be made. Due announcement later. 7:30, entertainment by Lee Bros.

Wednesday, 16th, 10 a. m., Addresses on agriculture and the organization of farmers. 1:30 p. m. The Republicans of Centre county have been invited to take charge of the meeting. The speakers will be announced later. 7:30 p. m. Entertainment in auditorium by Lee Bros.

Thursday, 17th, 10:30 a. m. Addresses on agriculture and the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. 1:30 p. m. The Democrats of Centre county have been invited to conduct the meetings. Speakers will be duly announced.

Thursday evening. Entertainment in auditorium by Lee Brothers. The program of the Lee Brothers entertainments will be changed every evening, and announcements made from day to day.

Friday, 18th, will be general bargain day, when exhibits will be sold at the bargain counter. This will be the time to buy, and generally attracts a large number of buyers.

Friday afternoon will be devoted to general parting entertainments before breaking camp Saturday morning.

### Trial List.

The September term of court, commencing Monday, September 25th, and continuing for two weeks:

#### FIRST WEEK.

Ed. M. Confer vs. Nathan Haugh.  
Robert Cook vs. W. T. Leathers & Son.  
Catharine Crawford, admr., vs. Thomas Merriman.  
Harry Washburn vs. Ross L. Pierce.  
B. H. Enters vs. A. J. Garbrick.  
South Bend Chilled Plow Co. vs. McCalmont & Co.

#### SECOND WEEK.

John Boyden vs. The New York and Pa. Co.  
T. R. Harter vs. Nathan Haugh, et al.  
Mary Minerick vs. American Lime and Stone Co.  
Benj. Kelley vs. John and Wilbur Winning.  
Effie E. Ripka vs. H. H. Harshberger, et al.  
Morris A. Burkholder vs. H. H. Harshberger, et al.  
Wilbur, Harry and Ammon Burkholder vs. H. H. Harshberger.  
Walter C. Stephens exr., vs. Mrs. Sadie Davis.  
Paul Gearhart vs. William Forcy.  
John W. Deitz vs. College Hardware Co.  
Penn Chemical Co. vs. Henry Kline, sheriff.  
Harry R. Royer vs. W. G. Runkle.  
Peter Meudis vs. Dr. R. G. H. Hayes.  
F. W. Cridler et al vs. Joseph Green est.  
John Lyle vs. D. F. Houser.

#### W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Centre county was held in Blanchard September 3rd and 4th. Delegates were present from Bellefonte, Phillipsburg, Milesburg, Howard and Beech Creek. Mrs. A. W. Clee, of Phillipsburg, president of the county organization, presided over the sessions which were held in the Disciple church. The principal address of the convention was made by Mrs. Sylvia Norrish, the new state recording secretary. It proved a very interesting talk and was much enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. Particular stress was laid upon the gain of the local option movement all over the country.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

—The following marriage licenses were issued the past week by Register Earl C. Tuten.  
John S. Myers, Phillipsburg, and Susie W. Hoffman, South Phillipsburg.  
Herbert H. Sicheloo, Silver Creek, and Sara H. Lucas, Howard.  
S. Charles Gramley, Rebersburg, and Sarah T. Confer, Greentown.  
D. Howard Zerber and Clara Riesel, of State College.

#### —Andro Petro and Lizzie Lorenz, of Clarence.

#### Spring Mills.

School commenced on Monday last and many of our little folks have long faces.

John Meyers and wife, after an absence of ten days visiting New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City, returned home on Friday last.

All our merchants report as a whole a satisfactory business during last month. There was considerable volume of trade, but the profits were slightly off.

S. J. Condo, of the Spring Mills carriage works, is preparing to make an unusually large display of vehicles and harness at the Grange encampment next week. Mr. Condo has the stock and no doubt will make a fine showing.

C. J. Krape has put down a concrete pavement from the postoffice down to his residence. The pavement in front of the office was leveled, previously it leaned strongly toward the street making very unpleasant, if not uncertain walking, now it looks like huge blocks of stone. The whole pavement is a very decided improvement on the old gravel and ash walk, which in wet weather was simply a nuisance.

Allison Bros. are repairing the road with crushed stone from below the mill up to where it connects with the road and bridge over Penns creek. But this is nothing new, as they have been repairing this road for years and of course charge it to their expense account. When Spring Mills was first planned and only a hamlet of half a dozen houses the creek road ended where the flooring mill now stands, excepting what might be called a cow path just below and winding along the creek, but no provision was made for the road proper. So when the mill was erected a private road was made of possibly an eighth of a mile passing directly in front of the mill, and connecting with the main road, formerly the pike. Yet this small patch of road is neglected and never repaired by the supervisors, they contending that it is not a public road and yet it is the only road for public use. Suppose, for instance, that Allison Bros. were to close it by extending the front of the mill, what then? Of course the public would protest most emphatically and claim that time gave them the right of way, the road having been used for over twenty years. All very true, but then again it is claimed to be no public road and the supervisors refuse to repair and keep it in order. If the road should be closed a new outlet would be absolutely necessary. Would it not be less expensive, as well as just, for the supervisors to repair this little piece of road than to cut a new one somewhere else to connect with the main thoroughfare? Unquestionably it would. Is it to be supposed that this road should be forever kept in order by Allison Bros. for public use without compensation? A road, too, claimed to be no public avenue, but it must be used as such as there is no other outlet, unless by taking a long circuitous route by driving down through the village, crossing Penns creek, then up to the railroad station and down again to the road and bridge over Sinking creek, in order to connect with the main artery leading up the valley. Let the town authorities take this matter in hand, or appeal to the court to instruct the supervisor as there is no other direct outlet, it must be regarded as a public road to repair and be kept in order.