

Democratic Watchman

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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

—Irvin G. Gray, of Stormstown, went into involuntary bankruptcy last week.

—The Presbyterians at their fair last week cleared about one hundred dollars.

—Hereafter all the stores in Bellefonte will be kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Chaney, of Port Matilda, celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday.

—This week Sim Baum improved his two large show windows by installing a hard wood and leaded glass back.

—Col. and Mrs. E. R. Chambers have vacated their home on east Linn street and moved into apartments in Petrikens hall.

—The officers of the Woman's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. were entertained by Miss Linn at her home, Wednesday afternoon.

—A representative of Keeler & Co., of Williamsport, was in Bellefonte this week demonstrating one of the new Apperson automobiles.

—The A. M. E. congregation are looking for a new site on which to rebuild their church and are considering one east Howard street.

—"The Girl from Rectors," one of the best comedies on the road, will be the attraction at the Garman house on Monday evening, March 28th.

—The Ben Greet players will be at State College on or about April 9th and will render "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on the college campus.

—The ambulance for the Bellefonte hospital has been thoroughly overhauled, painted and varnished and will be turned out of the shop next week for use.

—The Undine fire company celebrated St. Patrick's day with a smoker at their building on Bishop street last evening; to which a small number of friends were invited.

—Preaching in the Presbyterian church at Milesburg morning and evening on Sunday, March 20, by Rev. Hyde, a senior student at Princeton Theological seminary.

—Mrs. Hugh N. Crider has recovered sufficiently from an operation for appendicitis to be removed from the Bellefonte hospital to her home on east Linn street on Monday.

—Mrs. James Matthews, wife of Bellefonte's high constable, was taken to the Bellefonte hospital on Monday morning for treatment for a threatened attack of appendicitis.

—On Monday the loss on W. C. Cassidy's job printing office, which was gutted by fire last week, was adjusted at \$480. Mr. Cassidy expects to resume business at the old stand just as soon as can be fixed up.

—The members of the Catholic church celebrated St. Patrick's day by holding a eucarist in their hall last evening, and the Maccabees celebrated with a eucarist and five hundred in their hall in the McClain block.

—After an idleness of over two months on account of the severe winter Thomas A. Shoemaker this week resumed the shipment of slag from the Bellefonte furnace to Northumberland and the big steam shovel is again in operation.

—On Sunday evening Dr. J. Allison Platts will preach the third of his series of sermons to young people, which will be to young men. These sermons are quite interesting and are attracting considerable attention. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

—A mothers meeting will be held in the W. C. T. U. room in Petrikens hall this (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The subject will be "The early training of children," and the principal speaker will be Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt. All mothers are cordially invited.

—The choir of St. John's Episcopal church assisted by the choirs of the other churches will sing "Stainer's Crucifixion" on Good Friday evening, March 25th, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Episcopal church. The soloists will be Mr. H. P. Armstrong, of State College, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Russell Blair, of this place.

—Jacob Smith has resigned his position as foreman in the planing mill of the Bellefonte Lumber company and left on Wednesday of last week to accept a similar position with a large lumber company in Williamsport. He expects to move his family there about April first.

—The projectors behind the proposed Bellefonte Cement Brick company say they have ordered the machinery for the plant and will begin the construction of the buildings in a very short time. This will be good news to the many Bellefonters who have taken stock in the concern.

—On Wednesday afternoon of last week while Ruth Bartley, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bartley, of Lock Haven, but formerly of Bellefonte, was roller skating on the pavement in front of her home, she collided with another girl, was thrown down and broke her left leg just above the ankle.

BELLEFONTE LODGE, NO. 206, LOYAL ORDER OF THE MOOSE INSTITUTED.—There were more Moose in Bellefonte last Friday than ever were here at one time before and if they had only been the kind with the wide-spreading horns, and the open season the Panthers would have had hunting enough to do them for several years to come. But unfortunately for the Panthers they were not that kind of Moose, though about as much excitement prevailed all day Friday and most of Friday night as would have been the case if a half dozen of the real big bull fellows had been turned loose at once in a ten acre lot. Of course all this was occasioned by the fact that Friday afternoon and evening was the time for the formal institution of the Lodge, the installation of the officers and invitation of members into the mysteries of Moose-dom; and as there were just two hundred and twelve members there to take turns in riding the Billygoat it naturally meant considerable hard work on the part of the visiting team.

This team, by the way, was composed of Walter S. Greevy, R. C. Valentine, R. F. Bankert and Scott Shawl, from the Altoona Lodge, and they are all well up in the degree work of the order. While the Bellefonte Lodge started out on the night of its institution with two hundred and twelve members, who come from all parts of the county, by the way, there are in addition a number who enrolled as charter members and who were not present for initiation last Friday night. Most of those will probably come in later and as the time of dispensation was extended until May 15th by a vote of the members of the Lodge the probability is that the membership will reach three hundred when the charter list is finally closed. In the meantime state organizer R. C. Valentine and deputy supreme organizer Walter S. Greevy will be at the Brockhoff house several days each week to receive applicants for membership at the unusual small membership fee of five dollars. The institution of the Lodge and initiation of members took place in the armory and the officers installed are as follows:

Past dictator, Hugh S. Taylor; dictator, John L. Dunlap; vice dictator, E. J. Williams; prelate, Frank Shugert; sergeant at arms, Edward Schofield; inner guard, John W. Gross; secretary, J. Homer Decker; treasurer, John M. Fisher; physicians, Drs. W. W. Feidt and David Dale, Bellefonte; Dr. G. S. Woods, Boalsburg, and Dr. W. O. McEntire, Howard; trustees, James Schofield, W. H. Hamilton and Harry Otto.

A smoker and social followed the ceremonies and speeches were made by Robert Bankert, commissioner of Blair county, Col. H. S. Taylor, John M. Fisher, James Schofield and others.

The Loyal Order of Moose, while new in this section, is not a young organization by any means. The first Moose Lodge was founded in Louisville, Ky., April 12th, 1888, by Dr. J. H. Wilson, a man of great scientific ability, and vast wealth and renowned philanthropy. The organization now covers every city and town of importance in the United States and Canada, and some idea of its beneficial and fraternal value can be gained by the statement that the local organization came into existence after but six weeks work on the part of the organizers, Walter S. Greevy and R. C. Valentine.

STATE COLLEGE "THESPIANS" COMING.—Those who saw "The Thespians," in "Popocatpillar VII" last year will welcome the news that this organization will produce a new musical comedy novelty entitled "The Gay Soubrette" in Bellefonte on Friday, April 1st, at Garman's opera house. Lines songs, dances, costumes, everything is new. The book is the adaptation by W. H. Foster, '10, of his own and "The Thespians" coach and director, Mr. Downing's ideas. The songs are the latest popular ones selected from the most successful shows of the season. The dances are far beyond any attempted last year. The costumes are direct from Tams of New York, and Van Horn, of Philadelphia, and are being made solely for "The Thespians."

Among old favorites are W. H. Foster, as Mimi, the Gay Soubrette, whose dancing needs no word of praise to those who have seen him; Jas. A. Hassler, the most real German impressario that ever breathed; H. P. Armstrong, who as "Jack Hyman," a young American, has the very best opportunity to make use of his excellent baritone voice; Alex. Gray will make a life size hit as Mimi's little brother Algernon; Guthrie takes the part of "Yankee Mike," a young pupil; Tangany, as Kid Knapp, makes one think of an English cockney jockey; A. Gray 3rd, as "Pansy Corker," exhibits his really fine tenor voice to the very best advantage; Steidle, as "Reggie Corker" makes a "chappie" part seem his real vocation; Ludwick, as "Richard Corker," a racing man is par excellent and Mattern, as "Frau Zeigler" plays to Joe Hassler in a most natural German housewife style.

The chorus numbers fourteen, seven men and seven girls, and their dancing leaves nothing to be desired. The singing will delight anyone who enjoys time music sung by a bunch of good male voices. Bellefonte is going to have an opportunity to see "The Gay Soubrette" and company in all their glory on All Fool's day, and it is to be hoped that everyone will take advantage of it.

Charles E. Snyder and James H. Holmes, of State College, are arranging to open a garage near the railroad station in that place on or about April first.

—George H. Smull has resigned as postmaster at Smulton and a civil service examination will be held at Rebersburg on April 9th for candidates to fill the position. The office last year paid eighty-five dollars.

—For the past five or six months Miss Sarah Collins has suffered considerably with pain in her head as the result of a diseased eye. Specialists in Williamsport and Pittsburg were consulted but without avail and on Sunday she submitted to an operation in which the diseased eye was removed. Since then she has been resting fairly comfortable and it is hoped she may experience permanent relief.

—The widely famed Lock Haven minstrels have pre-empted three nights, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 29th, 30th and 31st, as the dates for their annual performances in that city for the benefit of the Lock Haven hospital. The Lock Haven minstrels have for years been noted for their high class performance and this year the management avers they will be bigger and better than ever.

—William Shreffler, a Bellefonte painter, while at work on a job at Curwenville last Friday morning, lost his balance and fell from a ladder to the ground, breaking his right leg just above the ankle. He was taken to the Altoona hospital where the fracture was reduced and on Saturday morning was brought to his home in this place. Shreffler is about forty years old and the injury will keep him confined for some weeks.

—Only a very few of the road super-visors in the county attended the meeting of the supervisor's association held in this place last Saturday morning; and it is to be regretted that such a state of apathy exists among such a very important body of men throughout the county. The time of year will soon be here when work on the roads will have to be done to put them in shape for the summer and the more supervisors can discuss the best methods of road making the better they will be informed and able to instruct their road masters what to do.

—Having sold the old Lyon homestead at Pennsylvania Furnace, known as "Heartsease," to the Tyrone County club, and in order to give them possession April first, Mr. and Mrs. John Porter Lyon on Wednesday had a public sale of all their household furniture which has been stored there ever since they came to Bellefonte. A good portion of the furniture belonged originally to Mr. Lyon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lyon, and was antique and quite valuable. Several automobile loads of Bellfonters went up to attend the sale.

—William Weaver, of Port Matilda, employed as a trackman on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, met with an accident on Wednesday of last week in which he was quite badly injured. He was wheeling a truck along the railroad track and got too close to a passing train with the result that the truck was struck and overturned. Weaver was caught between the train and truck and badly squeezed about the body. He was taken to the Altoona hospital where it was found that his worst injuries were contusions of the spine and he is now on a fair way to recovery.

—On Wednesday afternoon William McFarlane, a lineman in the employ of the Bellefonte Electric company, fell twenty feet from a pole he was descending at the corner of the Methodist church onto the brick pavement. Though he lit on his feet he fell over on the pavement on his back with such force that it was at first thought his back was broken. He was taken into the Presbyterian parsonage where an examination showed that no bones were broken but his back is badly wrenched and one wrist sprained. Later he was taken to the Bellefonte hospital and yesterday reported as getting along all right, though he will likely be laid up for some time.

—The Bucknell basketball team came up to State College on Saturday and went down to defeat before the State "Varsity" by the score of 53 to 14. Coach George Hoskins had the team in charge and he looks very little older and just about as rugged as he did in the early nineties when he not only acted as physical director and head coach of all athletes at State College but himself played on the football team, and was one of the star players at that. He has been at Bucknell eleven years and during that time has turned out some very good athletes, with winning teams on both the diamond and the gridiron. And even now, though he is not a youngster by any means, he thoroughly enjoys diving into a football scrimmage.

—Clearfield citizens have already organized for holding an Old Home week there some time next fall. And in the meantime what is Bellefonte going to do? Are we to have an Old Home week this year, when there will be every reason for such a gathering, or will the time be allowed to pass without an effort on the part of Bellefonters to have a home coming of former residents? All that is needed is for some one to take the initiative and there is no doubt but that a big success could be made of the affair. The WATCHMAN has received several letters from old Centre countians in other States who express the hope that an Old Home week will be held this summer as it would afford them such a good opportunity for a visit to the place of their birth.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT JULIAN.—Early last Saturday morning fire entirely destroyed the large barn of J. C. Nason, at Julian, as well as the store of Irvin G. Gray, which was close to the barn. The fire broke out between two and three o'clock in the morning and when first discovered, it is claimed both the barn and store were enveloped in flames and it is not known positively where or how the fire originated. The farm is occupied by James Andrews, a grandson of Mr. Nason, and they owned the stock and crops jointly. Four horses and one cow, last season's crops and a large lot of farming utensils were entirely destroyed. Mr. Nason's and Mr. Andrews' loss was heavy and was only partially covered by insurance. Mr. Gray's store with all its contents was burned to the ground but his loss was mostly covered by insurance, he having \$2,300 on the building and contents.

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—Mrs. James W. Boal spent two days in Wilkes-Barre this week.

—Dr. H. W. Tate returned on Monday from a brief business trip to Wilkes-Barre.

—Mrs. Margaret Harper, of Centre Hall, was in Bellefonte over Sunday visiting her many friends.

—Miss Jane Hafer returned on Sunday evening from a three week's visit with her sister in Tyrone.

—Miss Maria Young, of Nittany, was in Bellefonte the fore part of the week visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Klinger.

—Mrs. Emil Joseph returned on Sunday evening after being with friends in New York since the first of January.

—John E. Fryberger and two children of Phillipsburg, spent Sunday at the home of W. R. Brachill, on Spring street.

—After quite an extended visit with her parents in this place, Mrs. Ray Acheson left for her home in Niagara Falls on Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Furst and daughter Louise, of Williamsport, spent Sunday with Mrs. A. O. Furst and family in this place.

—Miss Esther Shearer, of Curwenville, spent several days the past week as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eberhart.

—J. B. Mayes, the enterprising marble dealer and tombstone man of Lenmont and Howard, was a visitor in Bellefonte on Sunday.

—Homer Barnes went out to Pittsburg on Sunday evening to spend a day or two with his brother William, and also attend to a little business.

—Judge and Mrs. John G. Love left on Sunday for Atlantic City where the former hopes an indefinite stay will eventually prove beneficial to his health.

—George Taylor, who has been in a Philadelphia hospital undergoing treatment for some months, returned home on Tuesday accompanied by his sister.

—Alvin G. Haupt, of Philadelphia, has been in Bellefonte the past week visiting his mother, Mrs. Simon Haunt, and his sister, Mrs. G. Fred Musser.

—Miss Mary Hoy, who has been since the first of January with friends near Hartford, Conn., in Providence and in Harrisburg, returned to Bellefonte on Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher accompanied by their niece, Miss Ulrich, of Penn Hall, came over to Bellefonte on Wednesday in their automobile and spent the day.

—John Dubbles Jr., route agent for the Adams Express company, with present headquarters at Hagerstown, Md., spent several days last week attending to business in Bellefonte.

—J. J. Tanner Esq., one of Pine Grove Mills' most active and progressive citizens, who never fails to read the WATCHMAN, spent Saturday attending to business in Bellefonte.

—Mrs. Thomas Moore, of Philadelphia, arrived in Bellefonte on Tuesday evening and will spend some time here recuperating her health, she having only recently recovered from a siege of sickness.

—Winfield S. Brisbin, of St. Paul, Minn., and Miss Daisy Brisbin, of the Chester Springs soldiers' orphan school, have been guests the past week or so at the home of Col. and Mrs. J. L. Spangler.

—G. Fred Musser, manager of the Bellefonte house of the Launderbach Barber Co., wholesale grocer, was in Phillipsburg Tuesday night, attending the annual meeting of the stockholders of that corporation.

—G. W. Ward, of Pittsburg, but who was born and raised in Centre county and a brother of our townsmen, Dr. J. E. Ward, left for his home last evening after a two weeks' business trip here at Pine Grove Mills.

—Philip D. Foster, of State College, transacted business in Bellefonte on Monday. Though he has only been in charge as postmaster at the College several weeks he already feels very much at home and will without doubt make a good official.

—J. J. Arney Esq., of Central Hall, than whom the county has but few better Democrats and who knows the value of a good paper, boosted his expiration date away on Saturday as if it was a pleasure to him to keep this office continually in his debt.

—Mrs. H. R. Curtin returned on Tuesday evening from a two week's sojourn at Atlantic City. Her son, Squire H. Laird Curtin, who was at the sea coast with her, stopped off in Reading to attend to a little business and returned Wednesday evening.

—Mrs. John Hinman Gibson and little daughter Margaret arrived in Bellefonte on Wednesday and will be with a month with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook, while Mr. Gibson is househunting for a new home in Plainfield, N. J., where they will reside in the future.

—Earl Leathers, of Mt. Eagle, and Baisey Webster, of Howard, spent Saturday night and Sunday at State College and they stoutly maintain that it was merely a social visit to their Alma Mater and fraternity friends without any thought of an inferior attraction "a la feminine."

—Squire W. J. Carlin, of Rebersburg, was in Bellefonte on Monday, a witness in preparing the will of the late Joseph Moyer, who died at Centre Mills last week. He left an estate estimated at from twenty to thirty thousand dollars and appointed his three sons as executors.

—Harry Fitzgerald, of Columbus, Ohio, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzgerald, in this place. Harry conducts a large dental supply house in Columbus and the last Sunday he was here his store and practically all the contents were burned but he is back in business again.

—Mr. John Carver, of State College, a WATCHMAN stand-by who never allows the tab on his paper to show arrears, was in on Saturday to advance his subscription and say a kind word for the "best paper in the country." Mr. Carver knows a good thing when he sees it, a fact that would be well could it be said of many others.

—Mr. E. C. Beezer, who is making such a success by his management of the Phillipsburg Brewing company's plant, spent Wednesday and Thursday with relatives and old friends about Bellefonte. Mr. Beezer tells us that everything about Phillipsburg is running to its full limit and that they have great hopes now that the threatened strike in the coal business will be ward off by arbitration.