

# Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., March 10, 1911.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

## THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

—John Hull has gone to the Mont Alto sanatorium for the benefit of his health.

—Dr. George Rishel is ill at his home at Philadelphia, suffering from a nervous collapse.

—A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, of Wilson street, Monday night.

—After a severe illness of several weeks, Miss Hattie Hart has been able to resume her work.

—The tea given by Miss Thomazine Potter, Tuesday afternoon, was in honor of Miss McCabe, of Baltimore.

—Sunday night and Monday morning brought another four inches of snow but the Monday's sun made water of the most of it.

—Only six more days and the groundhog will come out of his six weeks snooze. Let us hope the result will be nice weather and an early spring.

—William E. Royer is so well satisfied with his job in Tyrone that he will move his family there on Wednesday of next week, March 15th.

—Samuel Osman has rented the James K. Barnhart house on Thomas street and will move his family there from Beaver street on April first.

—The Bellefonte Academy basketball team won their most exciting game of the season in Williamsport last Friday evening by defeating the High school five 37 to 35.

—A boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burlingame, of Syracuse, N. Y., on Monday. Mrs. Burlingame will be remembered as Miss Margaret Burnet, formerly of Bellefonte.

—The greatest attraction throughout the county just now is the public sale; and there are enough of them this season to keep the people on the go to attend even the best of them.

—Cyrus Showers living on the Karstetter farm east of town, after selling at public sale Saturday, his stock and farming implements, will move to his house on East Beaver street in Bellefonte.

—Edward Graham Jr., the six year old son of E. L. Graham, of State College, has been so ill with an attack of appendicitis that it is feared it will be necessary to bring him to the Bellefonte hospital for an operation.

—Dr. Thomas S. Wilcox, pastor of the Methodist church, has been confined to bed several days this week, threatened with pneumonia; his condition being such that it is deemed necessary to put a trained nurse in charge.

—The Legislature on Tuesday passed the judge's salary bill, which provides for a marked increase in salaries of all the judges in the State. In Centre county the judge's salary would be increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year.

—The cry is already coming from Harrisburg that appropriations for all charities and educational institutions will have to be cut in order to make the revenues and expenses meet. Let us hope it will not strike the Bellefonte hospital.

—The Woman's Foreign missionary society of the Huntingdon Presbytery will hold its thirty-fifth annual meeting in the Tyrone Presbyterian church on Wednesday and Thursday, March 22nd and 23rd. A good program has been prepared and a number of able speakers will be present.

—The revival meeting in the United Brethren church is growing in interest with each succeeding evening. Rev. C. W. Winey, the pastor, is being assisted in the services by Rev. E. G. Sawyer, of Youngwood, Pa., an evangelist of great force and vigor. The attendance is exceptionally good.

—The extensive repairs on the Johnston house on West Linn street, which have been made since the purchase of it, by Mr. and Mrs. John Blanchard a year ago, are so fast nearing completion that they started Wednesday in placing their furniture in anticipation of occupying the house very soon.

—Go to the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium this (Friday) evening and see the Bellefonte Academy basketball team close the season in a game with the Bucknell reserves. You know the kind of game the Academy boys have been putting up this year, the gilt edge kind, and we can assure you they will do their best to close the season with a victory.

—The House appropriation committee with chairman Woodward, speaker Cox, twenty-five or thirty members in all, will arrive at State College Thursday evening, March 23rd. They will spend the night at the College and come to Bellefonte Friday afternoon to inspect the hospital here and probably be entertained at the Country club for supper.

—All the moving pictures gotten out by the different firms are not high class, and all pictures put on exhibition are not of the best, but the standard of excellence at the scenic is kept just about thirty per cent. higher than at any other motion picture show in the State. That is the reason everybody goes there and don't miss an evening if they can help it.

### HARTER NAMED FOR BELLEFONTE POSTMASTER.

—On Thursday of last week President Taft sent to the Senate the name of Thomas H. Harter for postmaster at Bellefonte to succeed himself, and while Congress adjourned without having confirmed the appointment Mr. Harter does not seem to be worrying himself over the matter. He is still holding the fort and drawing his salary regularly and the President, having issued a call for the convening of the new Congress in special session April 4th, he feels confident that his appointment will be confirmed at that time.

The Bellefonte postoffice fight has been a peculiar one from start up to the present time. Shortly after last fall's election, when Charles E. Patton, of Curwensville, was chosen to represent this district in Congress, friends of Capt. S. H. Williams got busy and had, as they believed, practically landed the plum for their candidate before Harter had an inkling of what was being done. The latter got busy and secured the proper endorsement of his friends. In the meantime the appointment of Mr. Williams was delayed from time to time until his friends got persistent and demanded that something be done.

Two weeks ago yesterday it was announced that Mr. Williams' name had been sent to the Senate. Naturally his backers were jubilant and his friends pleased but several days passed and the appointment was not confirmed. Then it was that those who were making his fight began to grow anxious and finally on Tuesday of last week it was learned that Mr. Williams' name had been withdrawn by Congressman Barclay, who was supposed to be his strongest advocate. Mr. Williams' champions immediately made another trip to Washington and when they returned on Thursday morning they still felt that there was a chance of Mr. Williams' appointment. Thursday evening, however, after the WATCHMAN had gone to press, a telegram was received in Bellefonte stating that the President had sent Mr. Harter's name to the Senate. As stated above the appointment was not confirmed, and as the extra session will not convene until April 4th, and the President is going south for a fortnight's rest, the situation will remain unchanged for a month at least.

Gossip has it that Mr. Williams' name was withdrawn because Congressman Barclay had a change of heart. Barclay and Congressman-elect Patton had both endorsed Williams, but Senator Penrose was against him. Then Barclay got cold feet and withdrew his endorsement. Barclay is no longer a Congressman as Mr. Patton will go in at the extra session and how he will make out as an advocate for Mr. Williams against Senator Penrose remains to be seen, though it is a certainty that the President will need Senators more than Members in the extra session to support his plans.

A FEW ITEMS SIFTED OUT OF THE COUNTY STATEMENT.—In this issue is published the statement of the auditors who have been at work on the books of the various county officials for the past two months. While it is a matter that every tax payer should be vitally interested in we fear very few of them will actually be concerned enough about it to even look at the statement, not to mention analyzing it.

For the indifferent we have collated a few items of interest and set them out here so that you may know something about your own business without personally figuring it out.

The treasurer of the county had a balance of \$3860.95 in his hands on January 2nd, 1910, but the county now has a bonded debt of \$100,000. These bonds bear interest at 4 per cent. and can't be redeemed for thirty years.

The county had about \$44000.00 in notes outstanding and unpaid on January 2nd, 1911.

The new clock in the tower of the building together with the office clocks, cost \$825.00.

Electric light and fixtures for the jail for the year cost \$928.37.

The metal filing cases, desks, etc., put into the remodeled building cost \$5,038.45.

Newman and Harris, the architects, got \$3250.00 for their services.

\$6,600.00 was paid the Chapman Decorating Co., for the decoration work.

It cost \$40 for pens notwithstanding the fact that typewriters are now used for the book work and correspondence in all the offices. This bought twenty-seven gross or a new pen every working day in the year for every official and clerk in the court house. We are not criticising, bear in mind. We are merely publishing facts that are interesting.

60 gallons of insect exterminator at a cost of \$114.04 were used at the jail, and we have heard that the sheriff complains because he hasn't had boarders enough.

Up to January 2nd, 1911, it had cost just \$1147.48 to bring Bert Delury to justice. In this is not counted jury pay, witness costs, nor guarding the prisoner from January 2nd to date, nor the expenses of the party the sheriff expects to give him in April.

The statement shows that there was paid out last year toward the remodeling of the court house \$89,990.93.

The front porch and steps cost \$2600.00. The concreting and grading around the outside cost \$4,033.

—One week from today will be St. Patrick's day, so get your shamrock ready.

—Last Saturday Roland T. Miller exhibited on the streets of Bellefonte one of the nicest teams of mated black horses seen here in many a day. They were purchased from a farmer over in Pennsylvania and the same day were sold to Hon. A. G. Morris for service at the Huntingdon reformatory. Mr. Miller took the horses over to Huntingdon on Wednesday.

—Mrs. Salina Montgomery and Miss Grace Witmer, both of this place, were admitted to the hospital for treatment during the week. Mrs. Anna Curry and Esther Shawley underwent operations and Mrs. William Doll and Mrs. Elizabeth Culp were discharged. There are now twenty-four patients in the hospital. Misses Emma Klepper and Rebecca Calhoun have entered the training school for nurses.

—The five McAllister Scholarships awarded each year in The Pennsylvania State College to the five counties showing the highest ratio of students to the population of the county have been assigned to the following counties: Cameron, Centre, Dauphin, Mifflin and Wyoming. The county superintendent and High school principals in each county will make the appointments by competitive examination before June first.

—There was a very pleasant gathering of young folks last Friday night at the home of Rev. W. H. Ellis, pastor of the Port Matilda and Bald Eagle churches. The party was given by Miss Rae Ellis in honor of her friend and former schoolmate, Miss Hattie Miller, of Scottsdale, Pa. The evening was spent socially with music and games. Refreshments were served and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and went home happy.

—Speaking about first class fruit, we doubt if there is any one in this county, or in any other county or State, for that matter, who can beat the apples Mr. H. F. Keene, of Bellefonte, left at this office last Saturday—either for beauty, flavor or condition. The individual who can raise and keep fruit as Mr. Keene evidently can don't need to go to either California, Oregon or Colorado to go into the fruit business or to grow prize apples. He does it right here at home.

—The annual Central Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church closed its sessions at York on Tuesday with the announcement of the list of appointments. Rev. J. F. Hower has been returned to Bellefonte and the only changes in Centre county assignments is at Howard where Rev. W. S. Snyder succeeds Rev. W. W. Rhoads, and at Nittany, where Rev. R. S. Daubert succeeds Rev. J. F. Bingham. Rev. Henry A. Benfer was reappointed presiding elder of this (Centre) district.

—The crusade against the dreaded white plague is being carried on with increased vigor with each succeeding day. During the past week conspicuous posters have been put up on various bill boards around town calling attention to the fact that "Bad air leads to consumption" and giving such good advice as "Don't crowd the sleeping or work room." The posters were printed free by the Penn Shop Print company, of Philadelphia, were sent here by the Anti-Tuberculosis society of Pennsylvania and were posted on the opera house bill boards by city bill poster James Derr, all the work being done free of cost.

—When "The Thief" was produced at the Lyceum theatre, New York, two years ago Margaret Illington was selected to portray the leading role. She soon tired of theatrical life and announced that she would rather live in "a cottage and darn socks." Since then she has reversed her decision and has agreed to leave the darning of socks to others. In the production which comes to Garman's Saturday evening, March 18th, Lucille Spinney, a young actress of beauty and ability, will take up the role laid aside by Miss Illington. In point of equipment "The Thief" will be the same as when produced at the Lyceum theatre.

—Prof. H. E. Van Norman, of State College, who for two years was secretary and general manager of the National Dairy Show, has been elected president of that organization. The time and place for the holding of the next show will be fixed at a meeting to be held in Chicago on Friday, April 7th. Last year the show was held in Chicago and two years ago in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and there is a strong desire among some of the board of directors to hold the show in the east this year but the one thing against doing so is that not an eastern city has a building large enough to hold it. However the matter will be definitely settled on April 7th.

—On April first Mr. and Mrs. Herman K. Miller and family will move from north Thomas street into their own home on East Bishop street, recently purchased from Edward Gehret; and as a farewell to the family their neighbors and friends gave them a surprise party on Saturday night. About thirty-five people were present, which included the young friends of the Misses Miller and the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Refreshments were prepared and served by the guests and the evening was one of unalloyed happiness for all present. During the few years the Millers have lived on Thomas street they have made many friends, all of whom will be sorry to see them go, even such a short distance as Bishop street.

## REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF TRADE.

—Two weeks ago the WATCHMAN published an article relative to what an active board of trade might do for the advancement of the business interests of the town, and while the same was discussed favorably by a number of our leading residents no steps have been taken towards reorganizing the old board or organizing a new one. In advocating the reorganization of the board the argument was put forth that there were plenty of small industries throughout the country seeking a change in location some of which might be secured for Bellefonte if the proper amount of effort was put forth.

As an evidence of the above Emporium, in Cameron county, has practically landed an industry that will employ from seventy-five to one hundred men the promoters of which first communicated with persons in Bellefonte relative to locating here, but as we have no board of trade or chamber of commerce no action was taken in the matter and the industry has gone elsewhere. Tyrone is in a fair way of securing another industry which first sought a location in Bellefonte but with the same result as the one going to Emporium. But these are not all. Two and three propositions come to Bellefonte every week for chances of this kind and among them are a number of good ones, whose location here would be most advantageous because of the raw materials available here, and there is no person or organization in a position to take the matter under consideration.

The last census shows that Bellefonte is going backwards instead of forward and the only reason for this condition of affairs is the lack of interest of the business people and moneyed men of the town in trying to build it up. Therefore our advocacy of organizing a live board of trade. A number of years ago Bellefonte organized a board but it never benefited the town in any way so far as securing new industries or fostering those then here was concerned. The old board is defunct according to the provisions of its own by-laws, therefore why not get together and organize a new board, with live, energetic men at the head of it who would look into every proposition made for the building up of the town, and then it will be possible to do something worthwhile. Bellefonte needs industries and a number of medium-sized or even small industries are of far greater benefit to any town than one or two big ones.

The business condition of Bellefonte at the present time is one which concerns every business man here, and their success depends entirely on the success of the town in general. Therefore this article advocating a move that cannot fail to be of benefit to all.

—During the prolonged drought of 1910 the Tyrone borough council petitioned the Attorney General for relief on the ground that the reservoir of the Tyrone water company was not big enough to supply the town with an adequate amount of water. The company then awarded a contract to the Vipond Construction company for the enlarging of the reservoir and last month, it is alleged, the partially completed walls of the basin gave way. The residents of that town fear a catastrophe similar to the Johnston flood and the council has applied to the Blair county court for an injunction restraining the company from doing any more work.

## NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Elliott Vandevanter came from Baltimore the latter part of last week for a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. George Elliott.

—Miss Laura Rumberger, of Unionville, has been for the entire week with Mrs. J. A. Wood, at her home on Spring street.

—Mrs. C. M. Bower, of East Curtin street, has been for the month of February the guest of her sister, Mrs. Shook, of Williamsport.

—J. W. Hess, of Altoona, was in Bellefonte Thursday, for the day, for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Michael Hess, of Willowbank street.

—Miss Annie Gray returned Tuesday to her home at Benore, after visiting two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Thompson, at Pittsburgh.

—Mrs. Robert Cole, who has been under the care of eye specialists for several years, was in Williamsport Thursday for treatment with Dr. Haskins.

—Miss Bess Hart, after spending two weeks with her brother in New York city and with Miss Anne Keckline at Cornell, returned to Bellefonte Monday night.

—Miss Anna Miller, who has charge of the office of Dr. R. G. H. Hayes, spent a short vacation the forepart of the week, with her parents at their home at Salona.

—Mrs. Jacob Bortoff and her daughter, Miss Ruth Bortoff, of Lemont, left last Saturday for Asheville, N. C., where they will visit for two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Linn S. Bortoff.

—Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Katz returned last Thursday evening from a ten days pleasure trip to New York and other eastern points and this week will Katz has been in New York on a business trip.

—Mrs. Homer Crisman and her daughter, Miss Helen, will spend the week-end with relatives at Sunbury; Miss Helen being under treatment with Dr. Haskins at Williamsport, will go from there, joining her mother Saturday.

—Miss Emma Aiken will return to Bellefonte today after spending three weeks in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Atlantic City. She will be accompanied by Miss Britz, of Philadelphia, who must she has been during the greater part of her absence.

—Ralph Mallory and Miss Mary McGarvey, Bellefonte, two photographers, left on Sunday evening for Philadelphia, where they have this week been in attendance at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Photographers' association; both of them having prizes on exhibition.

—Mrs. W. A. White, of this place, spent Sunday with relatives at Lamar.

—A. J. Thompson, of Martha, was a business visitor in Bellefonte on Monday.

—Harold Hollabaugh and Trood Parker spent Sunday in Jersey Shore visiting friends.

—Mrs. Olive Little, with her two children, of Altoona, is visiting her sisters in this place.

—Miss Lucy Shooter, of Williamsport, is visiting with Miss Sallie Fitzgerald on Spring street.

—Mrs. Maxson and Miss Elizabeth Platts left on Monday noon for their new home in Wilkesburg.

—Oscar Yergler, who has a good position in the Renovo shops, spent Sunday with his family in this place.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, of Williamsport, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Ingram, of Spring street.

—Mrs. Sarah Kelly went to Philadelphia on Saturday, where she remained over Sunday with her niece, Miss Betty Heinle, thence going to New York for a visit with friends.

—George C. Harris, of Wheeling, W. Va., was a pleasant caller at the WATCHMAN office on Monday; he having come to Bellefonte to be present at the marriage of his sister Mary to John McCoy on Wednesday evening.

—Rev. H. N. Hepler, of the Free Methodist church at the Forge, left on Tuesday for Van Scoyoc to assist the resident pastor in very interesting revival services. He will return tomorrow in time to hold services on Sunday.

—Dr. S. H. Gilliland has returned to his home in Marietta, Pa., after spending the greater part of the winter in California. Dr. Gilliland resigned his position as State Veterinarian and went to California last fall on account of ill health.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Casebeer went to Somerset last Saturday to be with Mr. Casebeer's mother who was seventy-nine years old that day. Mr. Casebeer returned on Wednesday while Mrs. Casebeer will remain with relatives there for an indefinite time.

—A prominent visitor in Bellefonte on Monday was Congressman Peter M. Speer, of Oil City, who was here in the interest of the settlement of the estate of the late Daniel Wolf, of Gettysburg; the latter at his death having left several tracts of valuable coal lands in McKean and adjacent counties.

—James W. Conley, who was at his old home near Centre Hall for a several week's visit and to be present at his parents' golden wedding was a caller at the WATCHMAN office on Saturday; he being on his way west to his home in Freeport, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Conley accompanied him this far on his journey and spent the time between trains with their other son, J. Will Conley and family.

—Harry Goss left on Sunday morning for Williamsport to take charge of his new position with the Ketcher company in that city. Mr. Goss has been a resident of Bellefonte for more than two years and in that time made many friends here who were sorry to see him leave; but they all join in commending him to his new employers as a man who can be depended upon in every emergency.

—Col. and Mrs. H. S. Taylor returned home last Saturday from their journey to New Orleans to visit the Mardi Gras. They report a delightful trip and were much impressed with the big yearly celebration held in that southern city. Col. Taylor, however, was not so favorably impressed with some of the country traversed through the southern States, as it looked barren and desolate compared to the north.

## Receipts and Expenditures of Centre County for 1910.

Continued from page 7, column 6.

Am't due from poor districts	821 00	538 76
Liabilities over assets	\$11856 05	
estimate of funds needed 1911		10000 00
General expenses	\$5200 00	
Improvements county buildings	10000 00	
State highways	20000 00	
Recapitulation of licenses for the year	\$10600 00	
To retail mercantile licenses	2967 20	
To wholesale mercantile licenses	415 98	
To retail liquor licenses	1125 00	
To wholesale liquor licenses	5000 00	
To brewers licenses	470 00	
To billiards and pool licenses	470 00	
To pawn brokers licenses	40 00	
To peddlers licenses	120 00	
To restaurant licenses	65 99	
To fish basket licenses	7 00	870 17
By amt. paid for advertising	484 65	
By amt. of conventions	205 64	
By amt. of postage	11 57	
By amt. other expenses	7 80	
By amt. Treasurer's commission	280 93	
By amt. Commonwealth vouchers	735 18	
By balance	1 00	870 17
To balance		\$ 1 00

By salary as County Commissioner	\$ 1000 00
By necessary traveling expenses, delivering ballots, tax duplicates and viewing bridges <td>32 11</td>	32 11
To sundry county orders <td>1092 11</td>	1092 11
To balance <td>\$ 1092 11</td>	\$ 1092 11

H. E. Zimmerman, County Commissioner, in account with Centre County.	
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## Commissioners Statement of Cost of Court House.

Cost of court house, court house grounds, retaining walls and pavements, heating system for court house and jail and filing equipment, safes, furniture, clocks, blinds and inoleum, bills paid or rendered	14,388.77
Pavements, retaining walls, sewers, water ways and pipes court house grounds <td>6,268.00</td>	6,268.00
Total <td>\$20,656.77</td>	\$20,656.77
Total cost of court house building including 1/2 of heating plant <td>\$ 95,580.79</td>	\$ 95,580.79

JACOB WOODRING, H. E. ZIMMERMAN, JOHN L. DUNLAP, Commissioners of Centre County.

We, the undersigned Auditors of Centre County, having carefully examined the accounts of the County Commissioners, Sheriff and Treasurer of said county, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of receipts and expenditures, and of their respective accounts for the year 1910.

H. B. PONTIUS, R. D. MUSBER, C. U. HOFFER, Auditors of Centre County.

Commissioners Statement of Cost of Court House.

Cost of court house, court house grounds, retaining walls and pavements, heating system for court house and jail and filing equipment, safes, furniture, clocks, blinds and inoleum, bills paid or rendered

Court house building, new addition, electric wiring and fixtures, gas pipes and fixtures, repairs to outside and inside of old part of court house including front porch

Heating plant for court house and jail (1/2 of which benefits the jail alone)

Filing equipment, vaults.

(In County Treasurer Fink's recapitulation the amount of Constable Pay Account should read \$795.20 instead of \$825.20. In Treasurer's account with sheep funds, the debit total should read \$4915.38, instead of \$4715.59, making the amount to balance, January 2, 1911, \$-443.22 instead of \$343.22.)